

Dear ISOCARP members,

I am deeply honored to accept the nomination and stand for election as Board member of the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

My continuous involvement in the Society's activities reflects my strong belief in its potential to lead transformative change. From contributing with research at ISOCARP World Planning Congresses, serving as jury president for the [2022 Awards of Excellence](#), actively presenting the Society at the [World Urban Forum 11](#), organizing international symposia under ISOCARP endorsement and serving as member of the Scientific Committee to being part of the congress team for the upcoming UEF5 + WPC59 - I have demonstrated my deep commitment to the Society's mission.

I am an architect, researcher and sustainable urban development specialist, holding a doctorate from the Cracow University of Technology, Poland. Versatility and interdisciplinarity are intrinsic to my work. This is underscored through my status as a licensed architect in BiH, visiting lecturer at Cracow University of Technology and principal of a multidisciplinary design and research company in Chicago, USA. Over more than 15 years I have worked in various capacities encompassing design practice, teaching at international universities in Sarajevo and Cracow, consulting on planning policy, publishing scientific research, conducting editorial work and leading initiatives in sustainable urban development with national and international institutions.

From the streets of Sarajevo to the urban fabric of Chicago, my journey exposed me to the immense vulnerabilities that urban areas face in the aftermath of conflict, segregation politics, changing climate, housing affordability, and the intricate balance between economic growth with environmental sustainability. The initiatives that resonate most with me are centered around leveraging the power of global collaboration to drive sustainable urban development forward. **My aspiration within the Society is to work towards strengthening institutional collaboration with other planning associations and enhancing our collective capacity in addressing urgent challenges of sustainability, climate resilience, disaster planning and risk management. Through these partnerships, we can utilize our expertise and resources to tackle complex challenges and amplify the voices of planners on the global stage.**

Furthermore, I am committed to advocating for the enhancement of research and scientific-based approaches to urban development while embracing innovation and technological advancement. I have effectively spearheaded numerous scientific symposia and established institutional collaborations centered around the vision of an inclusive, resilient and sustainable urban future. Additionally, my commitment to research extends through my appointment as chair of the Sustainable Development program at the Bosnian-Herzegovinian American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The program provides a platform for collaboration among various stakeholders and creates the opportunity for scientific publishing within an interdisciplinary approach to sustainability, largely focusing on the Western Balkans region. Furthermore, I am an international member of the American Institute of Architects, having served in its Committee for the Environment for Northeast Illinois in 2022, and a member of the American Planning Association.

With your support, I am committed to channeling my expertise and energy in making a lasting contribution to ISOCARP and our urban environments.

Sincerely,

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