About the Congress

ISOCARP's 60th World Planning Congress Diamond Anniversary Series is not a typical congress, but rather a SPREAD-OUT CONGRESS:

- spatially (global north and global south),
- temporally (throughout the year with multiple events), and
- thematically (from classic urban planning and design to contemporary and future planning issues).

The WPC60 Diamond Anniversary Series will feature several events, including the 1st International Conference for New Cities: Planning New Regenerative Cities, in New Clark City, Philippines (10-13 September 2024), and the ‘grand finale’ 60th World Planning Congress: Reinventing the (In)Visible Cities in the historic city of Siena, Italy (9-12 October). Before, between, and after these major events, ISOCARP will host complementary events to celebrate the WPC60 Diamond Anniversary.

The Provincial Government of Tarlac, the Local Organising Committee and the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) are organising the 1st International Conference for New Cities, in New Clark City, Philippines, 10-13 September 2024, with the theme “Planning New Regenerative Cities”.

The 1st International Conference for New Cities in September will reflect on the issues new cities need to address, bringing those discussions to the 60th World Planning Congress in Siena in October, to give a broader picture on how current and future cities look like, and what kind of gaps need to be addressed.

This year’s Series also incorporates a Virtual Pre-congress. The Virtual Pre-Congress will include papers submitted for the 60th World Planning Congress in Siena, Italy (9-12 October) only.

In-person tickets for the 1st International Conference for New Cities include access to the Virtual Pre-Congress, for audience only.

Post-Congress Publications

Publicising the work of our authors and presenters has always been a central part of the ISOCARP Congresses. All papers submitted and accepted for each WPC60 event are published in the digital Congress Proceedings. They are also published electronically with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) following the Congress. Papers will be included in ISOCARP’s searchable paper platform and a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) will be provided for each submitted research paper.

Authors of research papers presented at the Conference are encouraged to subsequently submit their paper for publication in scholarly journals, magazines, reports and other publications, provided that this is accompanied by a statement to the effect that the paper was first delivered to ISOCARP’s 1st International Conference for New Cities.
Registrations and Conference Tickets

Please note that all Presenters, including any co-presenters, must purchase their Conference tickets by the indicated deadline, in order for their Final Submission to be received and for their work to be included in the Conference Proceedings and online ISOCARP paper platform. Only contributions from registered presenters will be published.

Authors are allowed to submit a maximum of 2 (two) abstracts and their registration will cover both. In case one wants to submit extra abstracts, there will be an extra cost (please see ticketing page on our website).

Submission Process

1. Follow Final Submission Guidelines

Review and follow the guidelines indicated in the document “Submission Guidelines: Conference Contributions 2024” found on our website. Not following these guidelines is grounds for removal of Contributions from the Conference Programme and all ISOCARP publications.

By submitting a contribution for an ISOCARP event, you pledge not to commit any acts of plagiarism and to reference the work obtained from other resources.

2. Complete your Final Submission

Submit your Final Submission in the online ISOCARP Conference Platform by the Final Submission Deadline. Submitters will receive a confirmation email of Final Submission for their records. Final Submissions will not be considered complete and received if the Final Submission Deadline is not met, or the Submission Guidelines are not followed. In that case, presenters will be removed from the Conference Programme, and contributions will not be included in the Proceedings.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Conference fees will be forfeited unless cancellation request is received by cancellation deadline.

Cancellation of registration must be sent through your account directly on our platform. We will start processing your refund within 5-10 business days after the receipt of your request, in accordance to the Refund policy below:

- Cancellations received before and on 31st July 2024: 100% refund, minus transfer/handling costs (EUR 25,-)
- Cancellations received from and on 1st August 2024 to and including 31 August 2024: 50% refund, minus transfer/handling costs (EUR 25,-)
- Cancellations received from and including 1 September 2024 onwards: no refund.
- There will be no refunds for cancellations of registrations for the Virtual Pre-congress.

In the event that registered delegates would be unable to attend any WPC60 event in-person due to last-minute changes in their government imposed travel restrictions, the registration will be automatically converted to Pre-Congress Virtual registration, in accordance to the original registration category. The difference in registration fees will be refunded.

Should ISOCARP and/or the Host be forced to cancel the in-person event, ISOCARP and the Host will elaborate an alternative proposal for either fully or semi-virtual conference or for the postponement to a new date.

ISOCARP and the Host will not assume responsibility for any additional costs or charges, including but not limited to, payments made for travel and accommodation.

Conference fees will not be refunded after the cancellation deadline.

Force Majeure and Cancellation

ISOCARP and the Host cannot be held liable by attendees for either the partial or total non-execution of the event due to circumstances beyond the control of ISOCARP and the Host (force majeure), including but not limited to, credible threats of natural disaster in the geographic vicinity, war, eruption, lockdown of transportation facilities, governmental travel advisory, civil disturbance or any other comparable events beyond the parties’ control.

Under these circumstances, ISOCARP and the Host reserves the right to either retain the entire registration fee and to use it for a future congress, or to reimburse the attendees after deducting the costs already incurred for the organisation of the event and which could not be recovered from third parties.

Modification of the Programme

ISOCARP and the Host reserve the right to modify the programme for the in-person Conference. No refunds will be granted for reasons related to the programme (including change of speakers).

Acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions

By submitting their work for the Conference, authors agree for their information to be published by ISOCARP, and grant a nonexclusive license to ISOCARP to make use of and publish the subsequent Conference paper/report and presentation. Authors and invited speakers also agree with the terms of these Guidelines.

The General Terms and Conditions indicated on the ISOCARP Platform shall manage your use of our platform and the participation in the Conference and Pre-congress. These General Terms and Conditions as well as ISOCARP’s Privacy Policy will be applied fully and affect your use of the Conference platform. By using the platform, you agreed to accept these General Terms and Conditions. You shall not use the ISOCARP Conference platform if you disagree with any of these General Terms and Conditions.