

# Planning for Better Cities & Regions

*with*

**The International  
Society of City and  
Regional Planners**



**ISOCARP**  
Knowledge for Better Cities

# About

Founded in 1965, the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) is a global association of professional urban and regional planners. Our network brings together 750+ individual and institutional members from more than 90 countries, who work in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

In 2025 we celebrate the 60th anniversary of our Society and will look back at what we achieved to improve the planning practice through creating a global network of planning practitioners and encourage the professional exchange of knowledge for better cities and regions.

This upcoming anniversary was recently preceded by the Diamond Anniversary Series of our World Planning Congress flagship-activity, starting with the inaugural First International Conference for New Cities “Planning New Regenerative Cities” in The Philippines; and ending with the traditional annual World Planning Congress in Siena, Italy, one month apart.

Our 60th Diamond Anniversary will provide members and partners of the Society with an opportunity to re-think how to better enhance public and political awareness and understanding of major planning challenges and opportunities at the global level, and how better to promote the planning profession and excellence in practice in all its forms.

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*ISOCARP Constitution*

**SOCIETY OF MEMBERS  
Individuals and Institutions**

*Annual General Meeting*

**Board  
Executive Committee**

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**Secretariat** →

 **Scientific  
Committee**



**World Planning  
Congresses**



**Planning  
Awards**



**Planning  
Services: YPP/  
UPAT/Trainings**



**Communities of  
Practice**



**Women in  
Planning**



**World Planning  
Practice Review**



**Cyber Agora**



**Communication  
Social Media**



# VISION

*Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable through integrative participatory urban and territorial planning.*

# MISSION

*Mobilise professional urban and regional planners to co-implement the vision enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda by:*

- promoting the planning profession, education and research, accessible for all
- representing and providing networks and communication channels for its members and partners
- developing urban and regional planning services and resources
- creating and sharing knowledge through meetings, projects and publications
- investing and contributing in high level applied research on spatial and territorial planning



## How do we contribute to the Global Agenda?

- ISOCARP promotes good health and well-being in policies, plans and designs (SDG 13)
- ISOCARP contributes to quality education and gender equality through training programmes and young planners' workshops in both Global South and Global North (SDGs 4 and 5)
- ISOCARP promotes clean water, renewable energy, sustainable innovation and infrastructure, reduced inequalities, responsible consumption, climate action and protection of life on land and below water in the city and regional planning, through its planning services, projects, publications, and World Planning Congresses (SDGs 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15)
- ISOCARP invests in partnerships for the goals, e.g. by joining UN-Habitat's Planners for Climate Action and co-implementing European projects, e.g. +CityxChange, ThinkNature (SDG 17)
- ISOCARP's main focus, however, is the implementation of SDG 11 on creating 'Sustainable Cities and Communities', through the application of the United Nations New Urban Agenda (NUA) and UN-Habitat's International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning (IG-UTP), by providing a unique platform to turn inspiring planning practices into science and put theories into practice.





# Activities

## World Planning Congresses (1965-2024)

Siena, Toronto, Brussels, Doha, Jakarta, Bodø, Portland, Durban, Rotterdam, Gdynia, Brisbane, Perm, Wuhan, Nairobi, Porto, Dalian, Antwerp, Istanbul, Bilbao, Geneva, Cairo, Giffada, Athens, Utrecht, Cancun, Gelsenkirchen, Azores, Ogaki, Jerusalem, Sydney, Prague, Glasgow, Cordoba, Guadalajara, Warsaw, Basel, Taormina, Delhi, Paris, Berlin, Braga, Amsterdam, Istanbul, Stockholm, Tunis, Strasbourg, Montreal, Athens, Helsinki, Edinburgh, Munich, Zurich, Gothenburg, Antwerp, Aix-en-Provence, Dusseldorf, Torino, Lyon, Coimbra, Amsterdam

## Young Planning Professionals Programme (1991-2024)

Siena, New Clark City, Hong Kong, Almería, Toronto, Gdansk, Brussels, Kocaeli, Doha, Merano, Jakarta, Ningbo, Bodø, Kristiansand, Xi'an, Wrocław, Portland, Yekaterinburg, Gdynia, Durban, Rotterdam, Gdynia, Shenzhen, Moscow, Wrocław, Brisbane, Ulyanovsk, Perm, Puschino, Wuhan, Nairobi, Porto, Dalian, Antwerp, Istanbul, Bilbao, Geneva, Cairo, Athens, Enschede, Cancun, Gelsenkirchen, Azores, Ogaki, Jerusalem, Sydney, Prague, Glasgow, Cordoba, Guadalajara

## Urban Planning Advisory Team (2005-2020)

Wuhan, Suzhou, Guangzhou, Durban, Ningbo, Bodø, Wuhan, Gaza, West Bank, Nanjing, Tlalampantla, Shantou, Perm, Sitges, Singapore, Szczecin, Zürich, Limmat Valley, Guadalajara, Lincoln City, Cuenca, Schwechat, Rijswijk, Schiphol Region, Cancun, La Rioja

## ISOCARP International Conference (2024)

New Clark City

## ISOCARP Regional Events (2021-2024)

Vienna, Gdansk



# ISOCARP World Planning Congress

A progressive international forum where  
planning theory meets practice



“ISOCARP World Planning Congress has more than half a century of tradition in bringing together the top international experts in the planning field. Hosted every year in a different part of the world, we discuss the most current issues that cities and regions are facing, and we look beyond. A global event not to be missed.”

– Sławomir Ledwoń, ISOCARP Congress Director 2013-2019



**The Society’s main event  
is the annual ISOCARP  
World Planning Congress,  
which focuses on a globally  
significant planning theme  
each year.**

*Since 1965, the Congress has always promoted the creation and sharing of knowledge in the planning profession, combining a unique, triple perspective on theory, policy and practice. Held in a different city each year, the Congress is attended by some 500-700 local and international delegates for an action-packed programme from plenary sessions to technical tours, to networking events, to mentoring and focused seminars. ISOCARP has pioneered the focus of the planning profession on issues such as regional urban planning (1966), urban regeneration (1981), planning for land and water (1998), the creative economy (2005), low carbon cities (2009), climate change planning (2018), planning unlocked (2021). The Congress is open to both members and non-members.*

**Join us for the 61st ISOCARP  
World Planning Congress**

Find out more at:  
<https://riyadh2025.isocarp.org>



**ISOCARP  
World Planning  
Congress**

RIYADH | الرياض  
1 - 4 DECEMBER 2025



# Urban Planning Advisory Teams (UPATs)



**Placemaking Week**  
Wuhan - CHINA

The goal of UPATs is to mobilise the extensive planning expertise of ISOCARP members in order to assist cities and regions with their projects, programmes, and policies on spatial planning, urban design and placemaking. UPATs are organised on demand, comprising both senior and junior planners, and they present their advice in a dedicated report and/or Plan Magazine.



**Revitalisation of the heritage area**  
Guangzhou - CHINA



**Financial cooperation models for urban transformation**  
Durban - SOUTH AFRICA

**PRACTICE AND RESEARCH:**  
Design Charrettes,  
Consultancy Projects,  
Studio Workshops

**CAPACITY BUILDING:**  
Training, Field Workshops

**RESEARCH AND  
CAPACITY BUILDING:**  
Makeathon Workshops

**REPORTS AND MAGAZINES:**  
Publications  
and visibility

# Awards

## ● Awards for Excellence

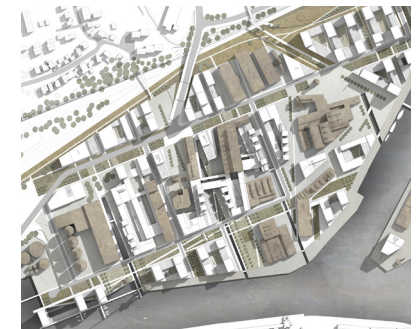
The Awards for Excellence are conferred in recognition of exceptionally innovative urban and regional plans in the design, project or implementation phase.

## ● Student Award

The Student Award is addressed to a student or student-group with outstanding results in urban and regional planning, or in a related field.



AfE 2019 Award Winner:  
Strategy masterplan of urban transition of Turkistan City, by Urban Sustain Architects, Ukraine, and Frame Art, Kazakhstan



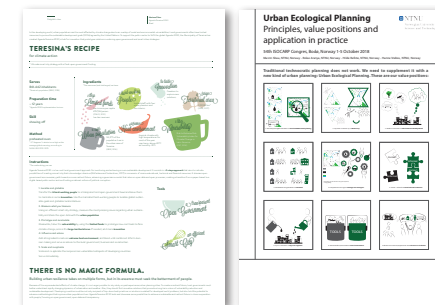
SA 2017 Winner:  
Dockville by Jan Hoyer

## ● ISOCARP Poster Prize

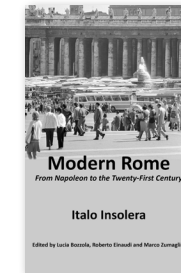
The ISOCARP Poster Prize is given for the best poster design by a YPP participant during the annual Congress.

## ● Gerd Albers Award

The Gerd Albers Award is given for the best publications by ISOCARP members, including books, chapters, journal articles and project reports.



Routledge Poster Prize 2018:  
Mariana Fluzu (left) and Marcin Sliwa (right)



GAA 2019 Best Book  
Modern Rome: From Napoleon to the Twenty-First Century edited by Marco Zumaglini, Roberto Einaudi and Lucia Bozzola



# Young Planning Professionals Programme

- Workshop to share knowledge, skills, and experience in a multi-disciplinary approach
- Training to apply theory in practice to a complex planning challenge
- Network to meet leading professionals and grow a career



**YPP Workshop at the 60th ISOCARP World Planning Congress**  
Siena - Italy

A particular focus and commitment of ISOCARP is on young generations through facilitating knowledge for better cities with the youth. Since 1991 the Young Planning Professionals' Programme has been a crucial component of ISOCARP's dedication to promote and enhance the planning profession. The objective is to contribute to the knowledge base and improve the skills of young professionals, the future leaders of our profession.

**Award to motivate and encourage future planners**

**Legacy to mentor and sponsor young professionals**

**Publication to disseminate knowledge in an effective and creative ways**



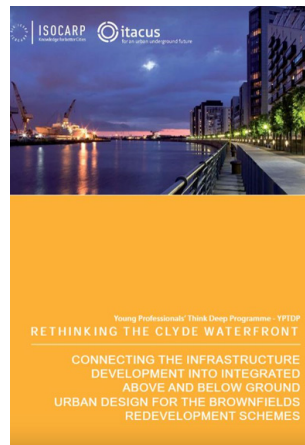
# Publications

ISOCARP thematic publications support the Society's goal to create and disseminate knowledge for better cities and territories. The ISOCARP Review, prepared for the annual World Planning Congress, and the International Manual of Planning Practice are the flagship publications. Other publications include:

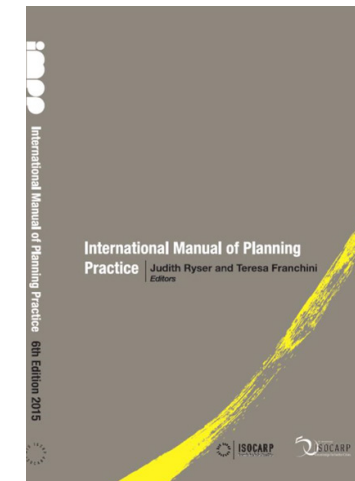
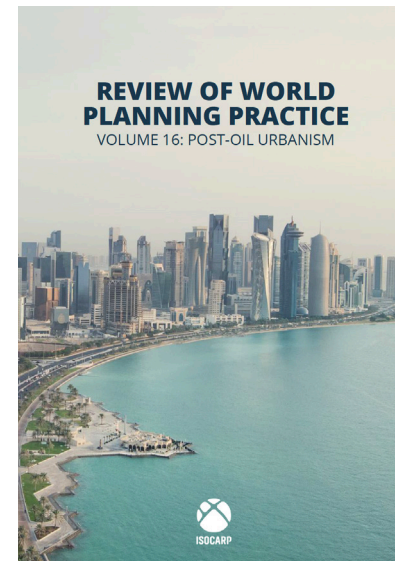
## Young Planning Professionals' Publications

## Project and Partnership-related Reports

## Cities & Health Publications



## PLAN Magazine, Urban Planning Advisory Team Reports



## International Manual of Planning Practice

## Annual World Planning Congress Review







## Become a Member!

Join ISOCARP's global association of 750+ members.

Apply via [www.isocarp.org/join](http://www.isocarp.org/join)



# Membership

## **Individual Membership:**

*for everyone professionally involved in city and regional planning*

*Membership: €75 annual fee*

*3-year Membership: €195*

*5-year Membership: €310*

*Life Membership: €1060*

- Global networking, career development and knowledge exchange
- Strengthen professional expertise by members-only opportunities and activities
- Access high-quality publications and receive exclusive discounts
- Actively participate and shape the professional planning community

## **Institutional Membership:**

*for planning and housing agencies and associations, cities, universities, and planning consultancies*

*Platinum: €1.875 annual fee*

*Including ten individual memberships; three delegates to the annual World Planning Congress; a session at the World Planning Congress; and a reduced fee for Awards for Excellence.*

*Gold: €1.250 annual fee*

*Including six individual memberships; two delegates to the annual World Planning Congress; a reduced fee for Awards for Excellence.*

*Silver: €625 annual fee*

*Including two individual memberships; one delegate to the annual World Planning Congress; and a reduced fee for Awards for Excellence.*

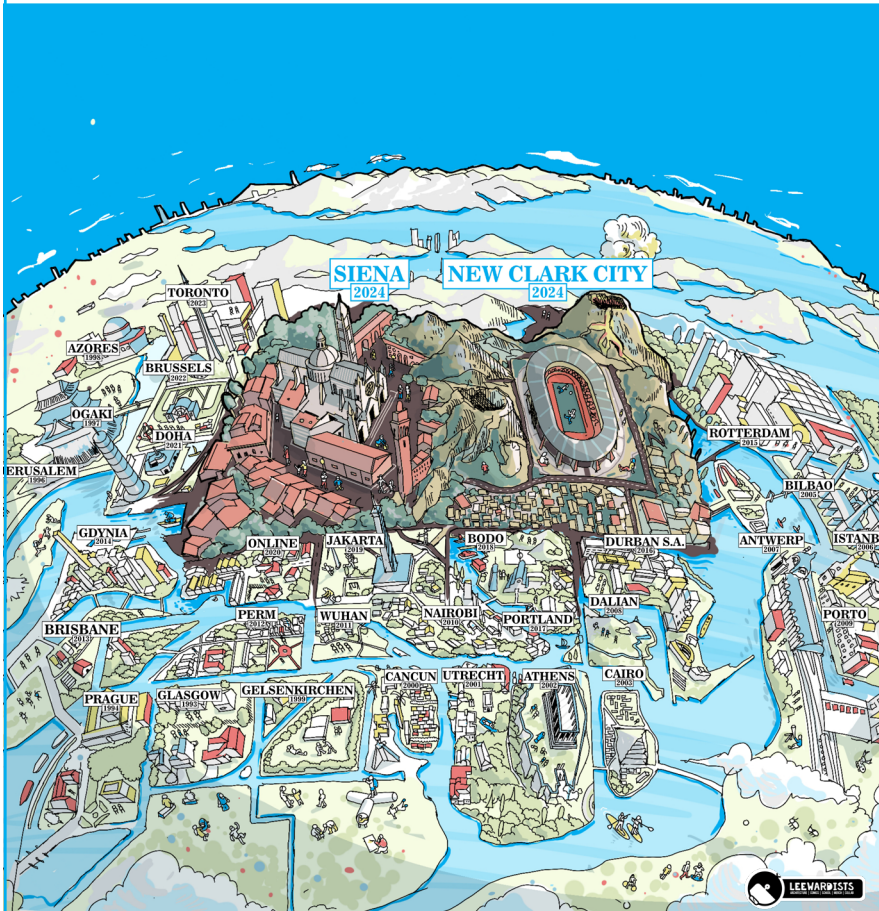
**Active members**

**Strong association**

**Global community**

**Regional cooperation**

# ISOCARP's 60th World Planning Congress Diamond Anniversary Series



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