

Are you considering nominating for appointment to the

Scientific Committee?

Information for candidates

Role of the Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee plays a critical role in enabling the Society to represent city and regional planners in internal and international debates and policymaking, for some of the greatest challenges of our times. The Committee advises the Board, the Executive Committee (ExCom), the World Planning Congress teams and other working bodies in the Society on major technical planning issues, with professional and academic integrity and competence.

Appointment of the Scientific Committee

The Chair and members of the Scientific Committee are appointed by the President with the advice of the Board, for a three-year term, Congress to Congress. The current Scientific Committee (2023-2026) has fourteen members.

Appointments will be based on the following criteria.

Professional competence: Committee members will hold recognised qualifications and substantial professional experience in line with their years in practice in urban and regional planning or a related field, demonstrating leadership and strategic relevance to ISOCARP's mission.

Commitment, integrity and conflict of interest: Committee members will have demonstrated a record of engagement with ISOCARP and a commitment to upholding its vision, mission and values. They will adhere to high ethical standards, show integrity in personal and professional conduct, and act in the organisation's best interest. Committee members will commit to accountable decision-making and actions. Candidates should disclose any potential conflict of interest, and commit to independence and impartiality in their advisory role

Time commitment: Committee members will dedicate sufficient time to committee duties, including preparation for meetings, active participation to discussions, working groups and publications, and contribution to organizational initiatives. Prolonged inactivity or non-engagement may result in a review of committee membership to maintain the committee's effectiveness.

Term limitation: Committee members may be appointed for a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms, and must be members of the Society during their term of office.

Interdisciplinary and international outlook: Given the Scientific Committee's advisory role in global debates, candidates should show an ability to work across disciplines, regions, and sectors, bringing diverse perspectives to planning and policy issues. International experience or engagement in global initiatives is highly valued.

Strategic and forward-looking vision: Candidates should bring a future-oriented perspective, supporting innovation, partnerships, and initiatives that strengthen ISOCARP's global relevance and impact.

Candidates will be asked to read the terms of reference given to the Committee by the Board, and to commit to ISOCARP's Ethical Standards for Board and SciCom members.

Nominations

All members are encouraged to consider nominating for appointment to the Scientific Committee, to serve the members of the Society and to advance *Knowledge for Better Cities*.

You may nominate other members with their agreement, and you may nominate yourself, by completing and submitting the online [nomination form](#). You will also be asked to provide:

- your name, affiliations, contact details and a short cv;
- a short statement with your reasons for wishing to join the Scientific Committee;
- acknowledgement of the appointment criteria, the terms of reference and the Code of Ethics;
- a photo to be used on the Committee page of the ISOCARP website and other publications.

Please send this information to elections@isocarp.org before nominations close on 14 November 2025.