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On the basis of the Track Chairs' pre-selection, the Best Congress Paper Committee selected the paper titled :

*"Strategic Planning for Long-Term Flood Risk Management"*

by

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The winning paper discusses flood risk management and the experience of the big floods that hit Central Europe in August 2002. It refers to spatial planning as one of the most promising policy instruments in this respect and offers normative conclusions for long-term flood risk management based on a solid theoretical background of spatial planning and risk management.

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