



Promoting Excellence in Planning Education and Research

"All About AESOP"

General Assembly
Liverpool, July 16th 2009



Members



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Membership in progress

- 113 Full Member Schools (112)
- 44 Affiliate Member Schools (42)
- 42 Individual Members (41)
- 4 Honorary Members (4)

Members



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New full member :



- Glasgow University, Department of Urban studies : full member

New affiliate members :



- Institut za arhitekturu I urbanizm srbije – Belgrade – Serbia



Leibniz-Institut
für ökologische
Raumentwicklung

- IOER - Dresden – research institute

Secretariat



Anna Geppert
Secretary General

New E-mail :
secretariat@aesopsg.eu



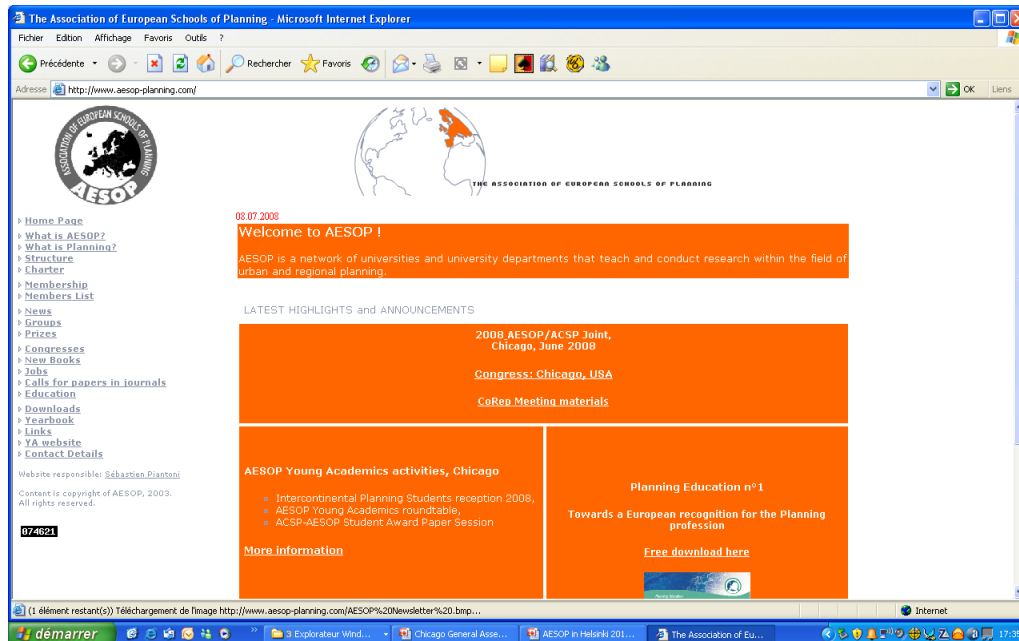
Chloé Champenois
Assistant of the Secretary General

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New Website



New provider: QV-WeB

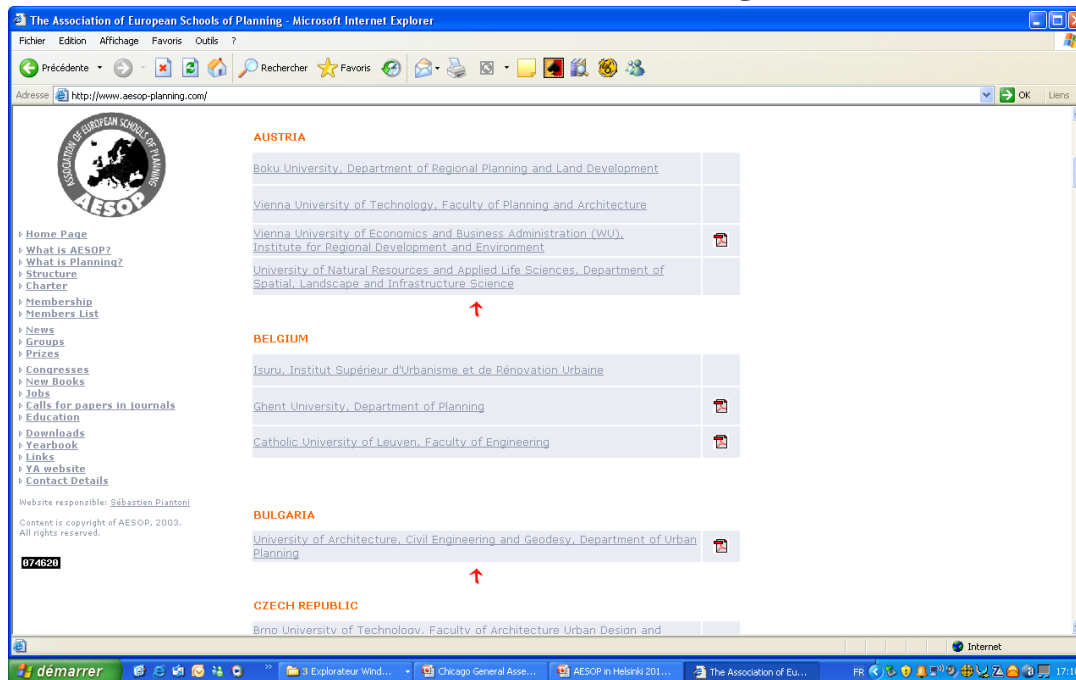
- Interactive communication
- Management tool
- Free space available for you

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Schools directory



Now tested
Update : Autumn 2009

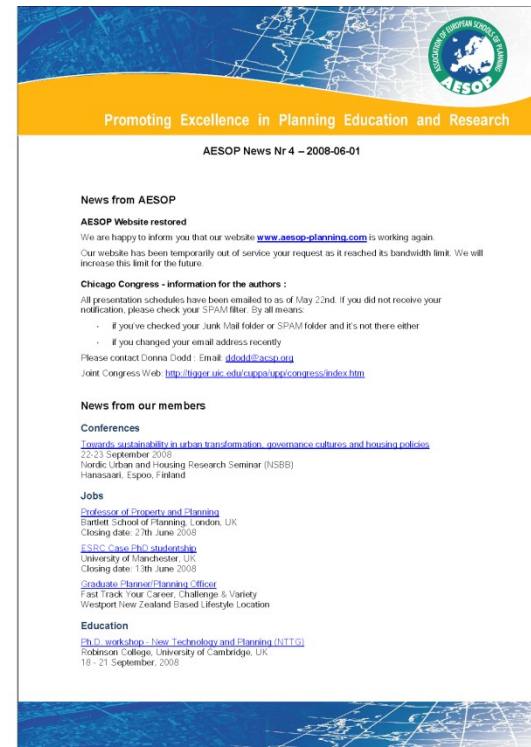
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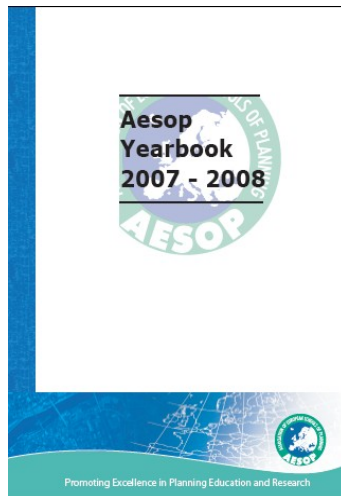
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Newsletter

- News from AESOP
- News from our members
- 2500 recipients
- Advertisement on our website
- **FREE FOR OUR MEMBERS**



2007 & 2008 Yearbook



**Sent to all schools
early 2009 : check if
you've received it!**

AESOP Vice-President

He leaves



Peter Ache
TU Helsinki

She joins



Kristina Nilsson
TU Lulea

Gratitude



Peter Ache

TU Helsinki

AESOP Vice-President and President
2005 – 2009

AESOP Treasurer

He leaves



Andreas Voigt

Technical University
of Vienna

He joins



Thomas Matta

Hochschule für Technik
Rapperswil

Gratitude



Andreas Voigt
TU Vienna

AESOP Treasurer 2005 – 2009

The Uniqueness of Planning and its Valorisation



The President's View

Liverpool, 16 July 2009

Scheme of presentation



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- Planning: a complex science of practice
- The unique object of planning studies
- Dynamic governance context of planning
- Facing the challenge of double valorisation
- The agenda of AESOP

Planning as complex science of practice



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What we learned from the interaction with practices:

- Responsive style of planning
- Normative and interpretative substance
- No search for certainty but dealing with complexity and uncertainty
- Multi layered forms of knowledge
- Planning as process of learning

The unique object of planning studies



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- The planning object has 5 dimensions
- Unique in their strong coherence
- Different from all other disciplines
- Through the whole spectrum of planning studies: from the applied level to epistemological concepts
- Different paradigms
- Pragmatic approach resulting in a genuine and very sophisticated object of study

THE OBJECT OF PLANNING THEORY

SENSE OF SPATIAL DIRECTION

- *Change*
- *Preservation*

EXISTING PRACTICES

- *Historic*
- *Social structures*
- *Situational logic*

Knowledge

- *Thought*
- *Knowledge*
- *Experience*
- *Emotion*

EMERGENT PRACTICES

- *Validations of norms*
- *Enforcement of laws*
- *Practical results*

ACTION

- *Mobilisation of resources*
- *Alliances*

- Bologna marks new context of governance
- Paradoxical processes of rescaling:
- Reduction of scale planning studies
- But also enlargement of scale in large local schools
- Enrichment via interdisciplinary cross pollination
- Interdisciplinary systems of quality assurance

Double valorisation



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- Valorisation in practice
- And: scientific valorisation
- Completely different ways (different languages, different platforms, different journals)
- Not a strategy of isolation: we don't run a competition on our own
- Self-confident strategy based on the unique object of planning

Agenda AESOP



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- All forms of quality assurance focus on education and research
- Promoting research methodology
- Bringing planning knowledge to the highest floors of scientific performance
- The changing culture of congresses, research networks in thematic groups, Young Academics
- Suggestions are welcome

Activities



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Thematic Groups: Objectives and activities

Objectives:

- Offer increased possibilities to AESOP members for networking
- Improve quality of AESOP activities

Activities:

- Seminars
- Publications
- Collective submission of bids for research projects

AESOP support:

- Support for meetings at AESOP congress
- Webpage / communication
- Financial support

Activities



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Existing Groups:

- Complexity and Planning
- Planning Law and Property Rights
- Urban Design in Planning
- Research Ethics and Planning
- French and British Planning Studies
- New Technologies and Planning
- Transnational and Cross-Border Planning
- Transport Planning and Policy: European Experiences
- Resilience and Risks Mitigation Strategies

Activities



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New Groups:

- Evaluation in Planning
chair: Prof. Angela Hull (Heriot-Watt University)
- Monitoring of the European Landscape Convention
chair: Prof. Francesco D. Moccia (University of Naples)
meeting: Saturday 18th July, 12.30-14.00, Civic Design seminar room 2
- Sustainable Food Planning
chair: Prof. Kevin Morgan (Cardiff University)

Activities



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Sustainable Food Planning Group launch conference:

9 – 10 October 2009

Stadslandgoed De Kemphaan
Almere, The Netherlands

2009 Best Paper Prize



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The AESOP Prize for the Best Paper published in a European planning journal in 2008

Among 17 nominated papers, the jury selected the following five as 'highly qualified':

- **Michael Hebbert:** 'Re-enclosure of the Urban Picturesque. Green-space Transformations in Postmodern Urbanism', in *Town Planning Review*
- **Jochem de Vries:** 'Breaking the Deadlock: Lessons from Cross-Border Spatial Projects in Flanders and the Netherlands', in *disP*

2009 Best Paper Prize



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- **Brendan Murtagh, Brian Graham & Peter Shirlow:** 'Authenticity and Stakeholder Planning in the Segregated City', in *Progress in Planning*
- **Vincent Nadin and Dominic Stead:** 'European Spatial Planning Systems, Social Models and Learning', in *disP*
- **Mee Kam Ng:** 'From Government to Governance? Politics of Planning in the First Decade of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region', in *Planning Theory & Practice*



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And the winning paper is.....

Michael Hebbert

‘Re-enclosure of the Urban Picturesque.
Green-space Transformations in
Postmodern Urbanism’,
in Town Planning Review

2009 Excellence in Teaching Prize for Practice



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All teaching prize applications 2009

- **University of Amsterdam**, Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, Innovative Planning Practices (sLIM Lecture Series: *The Vital Legacy of Cities. The Meaning of Urban Heritage in the Transformation of the City*)
- **School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering, Queen's University, Belfast** EVP1004 – Introduction to Planning Research Skills - 'Developing an embedded model of Personal Development Planning'
- **University of Architecture, Civil Engineering & Geodesy, Faculty of Architecture**, Department of Urban Planning



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- **Bulgarian Black Sea Coast:** Integrating Preservation and Development,
- **Institut de Géoarchitecture** – Université de Bretagne occidentale (University of Brest) Local Development : the practice of policies of regulation and economic development (Brest, Liverpool, and Brussels)
- **Land Use Planning Group, Wageningen University,** Spatial Planning Theory & Methodology



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- **IUAV University of Venice History of the City and of Urban Government**
- **University of Technology Vienna**, Faculty of Architecture and Planning (Institute of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture/Department of Urban Design and Center of Regional Planning and Regional Development/Department of Spatial Planning, Infrastructure and Environmental Planning)

2009 Excellence in Teaching Prize for practice



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And the winning excellence in Teaching Prize is...

**Institut de Géoarchitecture.
Université de Bretagne Occidentale**

Lionel Prigent

For his course

**Local Development : the practice of policies of regulation and
economic development (Brest, Liverpool and Brussels.)**

People



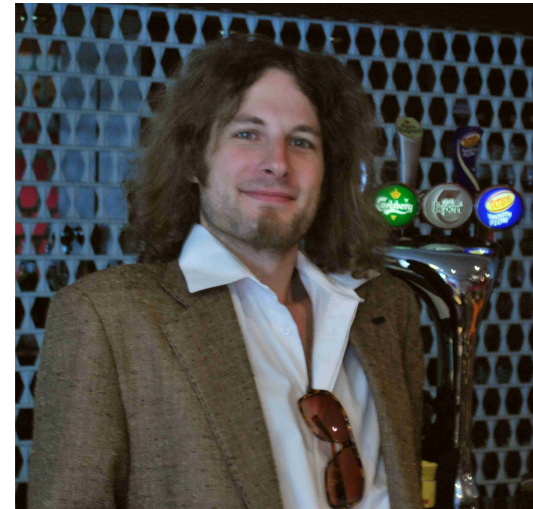
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YA representative

She leaves



Beatrix Haselsberger
Representative Young Academics



He joins

Vojtech Novotny
Representative Young Academics

AESOP PhD Workshop 2009

Development, use and application of theoretical frameworks in planning research.

Designing robust research strategies and choosing appropriate research methods.

Developing a successful research career: communicating your research.

The University of Manchester

11-14 July 2009,

Manchester, UK



ACTIVITIES

AESOP CONFERENCE LIVERPOOL, 2009

I.

AESOP – tpR JOINT Award CEREMONY

Date: Thursday, July 16, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

II.

AESOP Young Academics DRINKS RECEPTION

Topic: An Evening of Culture in the City of Culture

Date: Thursday, July 16, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Hannah's Bar

III.

AESOP Young Academics Roundtable

Topic: Getting the most out of the 'Funding Winning Experience'

Date: Friday, July 17, 11:00am – 12:30am

Activities



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Call for papers:
4th YA Meeting Prague 2010

LANDSCAPES OF PLANNING

deadline for abstract submission Sept. 17th 2009

Heads of Schools (HoS) meetings

2006

Bratislava, Slovakia

“Surveying the Bologna Process”

2007

Leuven, Belgium

“Towards a European recognition for the Planning profession”

2008

Lodz, Poland

“The new challenges of quality assessment and accreditation of Planning curricula”

4th Heads of Schools meeting, Lille, March 2009

Planning between sovereignty, pluridisciplinarity, loss of identity ?



Gratitude

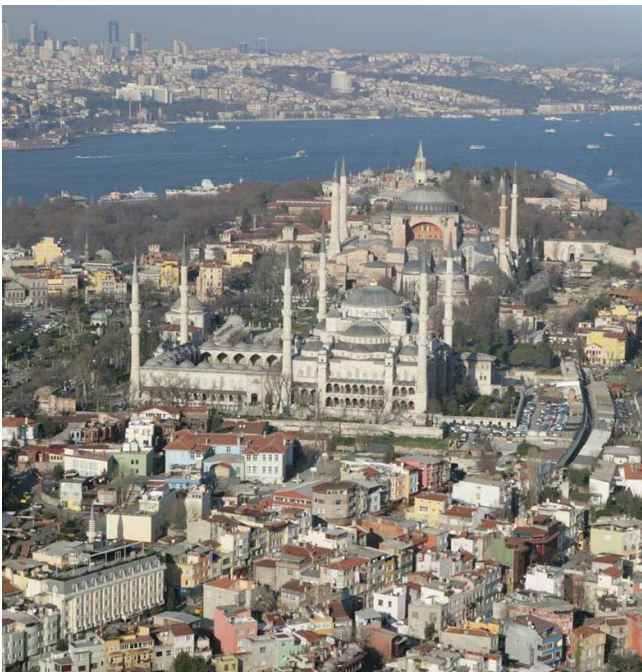
Prof. Didier Paris
and his team
**Institut d'Aménagement et
d'Urbanisme de Lille**

Events



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Heads of Schools (HoS) meetings



16th and 17th April 2010
5th Heads of Schools meeting :
Planning education and practice
Istanbul, Turkey

2011
Tirana, Albania

2012
Hamburg, Germany



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Space is Luxury!

AESOP in Helsinki July 7 – 10, 2010

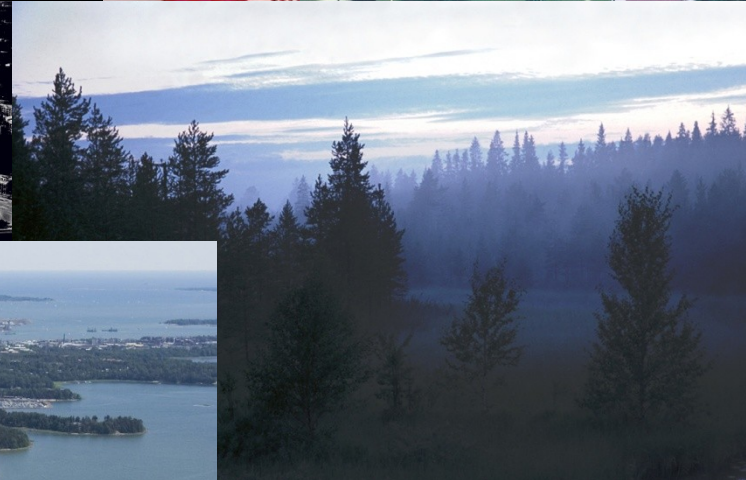
HOST: *Helsinki University of Technology*

THEME: *Quality space / scarce resources*

*Models of urban structure, design
and life that provide spatial luxury in
increasingly dense settings*

CHINA: *EXPO 2010*

*new urban areas
sustainable mobility
knowledge export*





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