



Promoting Excellence in Planning Education and Research

Materials for the CoRep meeting

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AESOP Council Meeting
July 7th 2008, 8:00 – 12:00
Chicago, Illinois
Congress venue, Michigan/Michigan State Rooms

			<i>Supporting materials</i>
8:00	Introduction Welcome, President's report, outline of key activities	P. Ache	<i>Pr Report</i>
8:15	Organisation matters Secretary General's Report Treasurer's report Website Schools directory : cross-check of the new info sheet	A. Geppert A. Voigt G. Cotella All	<i>SG Report Tr report Identum final bid Milestones New info sheet</i>
9:00	Planning education Excellence in teaching Prize AOB Planning Education	F. Lo Piccolo	<i>2008 Prize announcement</i>
9:05	Planning policy / links with other organisations Planning organisations : Isocarp, ECTP, UN Habitat Planning journals : EPS, DisP Sister associations : GPEAN	P.Ac, A..Ge, A.Fr P. Ache A. Frank	<i>MoU Isocarp ECTP common study on planners mobility EPS Draft agreement</i>
9:20	Planning research Best Published paper prize Thematic groups AOB planning research	P. Naess R. Verhage	<i>Candidates BPP TG report</i>
9:30	Young academics	B. Haselsberger	<i>YA report</i>
9:35	AESOP events Debriefing : Lodz HoS, Hindsæter PhD workshop Coming Congress : Liverpool 2009, candidates 2010	P. Ache D.Shaw	<i>Liverpool presentation</i>
9:40	ExCo Elections Special Project officers		<i>Candidates SPO</i>
10:00	Coffee break		

10:15	Hearing of candidates to host AESOP 2010 Congress		<i>Supporting materials</i>
	TKK Helsinki, Finland :	M. Ilmonen	<i>Application</i>
	« <i>Space is luxury!</i> »		
	Polis University, Tirana, Albania	ExCo	<i>Application</i>
	« <i>Planning and paradoxes :</i>		
	<i>New directions, challenges and opportunities »</i>		
	TU Dortmund, Germany	B. Davy	<i>Application</i>
	« <i>Negotiating the commons of Europe :</i>		
	<i>Culture, Conflict, Consensus »</i>		
	U. Tours, France	C. Demazière	<i>Application</i>
	« <i>Planning and climate change : learning and adaptating »</i>		
	TU Delft, Netherlands	D. Stead	<i>Application</i>
	« <i>Cohesive territory – integrated governance »</i>		
11:30	Hearing of candidates to host AESOP 2009 Heads of Schools meeting		
	Lille, France	D. Paris	<i>Application</i>
	Polis University, Tirana, Albania	ExCo	<i>Application</i>
11:45	Hearing of candidates to host AESOP 2010 Heads of Schools meeting		
	HafenCity University, Hamburg, Germany (2010/2012)	J. Knieling	<i>Application</i>
	Yildiz, Istanbul, Turkey (tbc)	Z. Enlil	<i>Application</i>
12:00	Closure		

Presidents Report

Dear AESOP Community,

Last year, our 21st conference was held in Naples, with about 600 participants coming from forty countries inside and outside Europe. More than 400 presentations were given in fourteen tracks subsumed under the main theme of the risk society. Overall, a very successful conference for our association.

Obviously, AESOP has grown strong over its twenty years of existence. In 2008, we have 111 full and 43 associate members coming from 25 countries - i.e. schools in which planning education follows our requirements and have therefore become a member of the association. What is more, these are schools which share our ideas and the quality criteria, which we promote for a planning education in Europe. In addition, more schools are coming now from the new European Union Member states expressing an interest in closer cooperation with AESOP.

This is a huge and growing international structure - up until now working entirely on a voluntary basis, which limited our capacities. What is very positive therefore was the decision made by the Council of Representatives in Naples to raise the membership fee from 2008 and to progress towards a professional secretariat for AESOP, strengthening a core function in our organizational structures – the Secretary General.

The basis for this needs also to be mentioned here: AESOP decided about its core objectives as a professional association and defined a strategic agenda until 2010, with a midterm review beginning 2009 (see further down).

This confirmed support is of particular importance for AESOP: In 2008 we will see a major overhaul of our web-pages with improved communication functions for our members. Our negotiations with two academic journals will open new additional communication channels for AESOP and its members, improving our representation inside and outside Europe. We are reaching out towards other associations to jointly promote the planning profession and provide for our members positive working conditions.

The year 2008 will provide many excellent opportunities for our work to continue. A new Heads of Schools meeting in March in Łódź continued the discussions about standards, qualities and professional recognition. In June, the AESOP PhD workshop on 'Doing Planning Research' will be hosted by our colleagues from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences. The forthcoming joint ACSP/ AESOP conference 'Bridging the divide – Celebrating the city', 6-11 July in Chicago will provide an excellent opportunity for scholarly debate.

This is not least also the success of all of those actively shaping and using AESOP as an organization. Special and also personal thanks go here to our Secretary General Anna Geppert. Anna Geppert is an excellent SG and has worked hard over the past year towards a more professional conduct, with results visible to the entire community. Her support is now Sébastien Piantoni, who also deserves appreciation for his job.

Many changes happened as well over the past year, with new colleagues taking over positions and other long standing officers stepping back from their often very laborious jobs. I would like to thank in particular Gert de Roo as the previous Secretary General and his support Mark Beeftink, Karel Maier who was responsible for our conferences, and also Alan Reeve, previous editor of the yearbooks. New in our ExCo and warmly welcomed are Pantoleon Skayannis (Volos, now responsible for conferences), Andrea Frank (Cardiff, GPEAN representative), and Beatrix Haselsberger (Vienna, Young Academics).

One new person coming in soon, after the Chicago conference 2008, needs to be mentioned in particular: Willem Salet (Amsterdam) will be the new President of AESOP and started already in his position as Senior Vice President. We all look forward to be closely cooperating with him over the next years.

Objectives 2010

AESOP's agenda at current can be captured in one overarching objective: **AESOP is the only representation body which brings together the Planning Schools of Europe. Given this unique position AESOP will strengthen its profile as a professional body (1). AESOP will mobilize its resources taking a leading role and entering its expertise into ongoing debates and initiatives regarding planning education and planning qualification of future professionals (2). AESOP will promote its agenda with politicians and all other key stakeholders (or actors) in place development and management across Europe (3).**

According to our work results, the following has been achieved over the past year.

- (1) Last years decision to raise the membership fee from 2008 onwards gave us the huge opportunity to progress towards a professional secretariat, with better support for the work of the Secretary General and the President. AESOP has acted on this already with employing a part-time support for the SG. We also put out a tender for the improvement of our WWW presence and related issues like digital dissemination. The intention here is to turn our as yet one-way communication web-system into a two way system, which can actively be used by our members. The new web-pages should be operational by the end of the year with a first test version to be presented e.g. in Chicago. This overhaul of the web-pages will be linked at the same time to an improvement of our data bases and a closer coordination of information exchange between treasurer and SG.
- (2) AESOP clearly has a task to guarantee educational quality. This has both, an internal perspective relating to accreditation (in teaching but also research), and the external perspective of a potential common platform for the definition of professional standards. AESOP has set up a Bologna 2 survey though the responses to that seem to be lagging. But regular up-dates of the process of the Bologna reforms will become a standard for AESOP. The process of defining core (minimum) requirements for planners is again a discussion of the Łódź Heads of School meeting. Regarding the common platform, AESOP has started a survey together with ECTP about professional issues. Last, we have been watching closely developments at partner countries and responded e.g. to the suggested abolition of diplomas in the field of urban planning in France.
- (3) AESOP needs to develop a strategy or a policy which helps strengthening the profile of planning and communicating the value of planning. We should attempt a better 'spatial literacy' of all actors and stakeholders to achieve a higher spatial quality. This point has still many open items. We came to an agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with ISOCARP for closer cooperation. Together with ECTP we are running the already mentioned survey on professional issues.

As you can see, we step by step work on our agenda until 2010. Later this year, we will start working on the required review of our activities and the impact for further organizational reforms.

There have been many more initiatives, amongst others we gave out five grants for PhD-students to participate in the ACSP/AESOP Conference in Chicago this year. The five candidates are all participating in standard tracks and will have the opportunity to share views with other academics. The Chicago conference seems to fall in the range of close to one thousand participants, quite large in our terms but also demonstrating how important the profession is globally.

Future conferences will be held in 2009 in Liverpool. For 2010 an invitation for tender has been distributed, but we already have good candidates volunteering to organize the conference. 2011 will be the year for the next World Planning Conference, the host for this to be announced soon.

Exciting times ahead, for which I again would like to thank all member schools for their support – and for which I wish all of us the best of success

Secretary General's Report

1. AESOP membership and AESOP people : a confirmed attractiveness

➤ Membership in progress :

Since July 2007, AESOP has been happy to welcome new members :

➔ 4 Full Members:

- the Faculty of Architecture of TU Delft (Netherlands)
- the University College of Cork (Ireland)
- School of Surveying, Kingston University London, UK, which runs a Master in Planning and Sustainability
- International School of Architecture and Urban Policies, POLIS University, Albania.

➔ 2 Associate Members:

- ✓ Cemagref de Grenoble (France)
- ✓ University of King Saud in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)

➔ and 1 new individual members.

Unfortunately, we also have one revocation : Scuola di Specializzazione in Pianificazione Urbanistica, Università di Roma – Sapienza, whose activities have been suspended.

This brings our membership to 118 full members, 46 associate members (of which some are actually affiliate), 42 individual members. Also, we have 2 schools who have manifested their interest and we are waiting for them to send the required information. The attractiveness of AESOP is confirmed!

– Elections for the Council of Representatives

Elections to our Council of representatives took place in May and June. This is a matter of highest importance for AESOP. The Council is our decisional body ... but also a vital resource, both as main contact channel with our members and as a group of people with strong commitment to our Association where support has often been sought – and found – for various activities.

We are happy to report that the process, driven by the national representatives, went smoothly. **The mandate of the new representatives starts after the Chicago conference and lasts until the 2010 congress.**

The composition of the Council is renewed : Several long-term representatives are leaving, new colleagues are entering, which we shall welcome at our next Council meeting in Spring 2009.

The Council is also strengthened : Several countries made use of the possibility to designate **substitutes. Substitutes are welcome to attend the meetings of the Council. In voting matters, a representative and his substitute together hold 1 vote.**

– ExCo and committee elections :

We are also happy to say that excellent candidates showed interest for all AESOP vacancies. Their statements of interest are in the booklet of materials and the elections will take place at the Council meeting of July 7th, Chicago.

– Hosts for AESOP events :

We are also happy to say that AESOP coming events raised a wide interest with :

- 5 candidates willing to host AESOP's 2010 Congress
- 2 candidates willing to host AESOP's 2009 Heads of Schools meeting
- 2 candidates willing to host AESOP's 2010 Heads of Schools meeting

Again, this appears the sign of AESOP's attractiveness.

2. Towards professionalization of AESOP

2.1. Organisation matters:

➤ AESOP has become an employer

Our new assistant Sébastien Piantoni is at work since July. AESOP is now acting as his employer (formerly, the University of Groningen used to do this on behalf of AESOP). Sébastien is a Planning student in Reims and he works ½ time. Our 2010 Objective is to reach a full time permanent employee. However, to achieve this, AESOP's organisation has first to be improved.

– Schools directory update

The update of our Schools directory has started since December 2008. So far, some 40 out of 152 member schools have updated their information. **It is a matter of highest importance** for AESOP, as a wide part of the informations are no longer accurate.

However, the first steps have shown that the form provided to schools needs an update. Andra Frank and Andreas Voigt have proposed the model present in the booklet. We kindly ask all Council members to comment it.

The Schools directory update will start again after the new information sheet is confirmed. Together with the renovation of our website, it will provide AESOP a safe database for the knowledge of its members.

– **AESOP events – guidelines for organisers**

The first months of our activity have enlightened the need for establishing/refreshing our and guidelines application and organisation of AESOP events :

- Congresses : the model of Memorandum of Understanding has been refreshed thanks to Pantelis Skayannis, applicant guidelines have been established.
- Heads of Schools : applicant guidelines have been established, a model of MoU will be established
- PhD workshops : organisation guidelines and MoU will be established with the help of Sigmund Asmervik, Peter Ache, Giancarlo Cotella, Eva Falleth.

– **AESOP Website :**

The Austrian company *Identum* provided the best proposal to the bid issued in February. They are now working on project definition. The new website be, not only a mean of communication, but also a tool for our management.

2.2 Communication and publications:

– **AESOP News**

The number of announcements made by AESOP and by our members has increased strongly in 2008/2009. To avoid overload of the mailboxes of our 2500 relations, the Secretariat has implemented the format of a Newsletter to spread information. The future website will help this function by providing the possibility of generating half-automatically such newsletter.

– **AESOP Yearbook 2007**

The yearbook has become a tradition of AESOP. It was until 2006 edited by Alan Reeve (Oxford Brooks) in collaboration with Gert de Roo. He has never let AESOP down, and we owe him many thanks . From 2007, the secretariat of the SG will take over the edition of our yearbook. This appears both coherent with the role of the secretariat and cost-saving (2006 yearbook costed 5274 € ; 2007 Yearbook shall cost half of this price).

The 2007 Yearbook will keep the overall format of the former ones with a few evolutions:

- the contents will be slightly revised to allow a presentation of our new activities, as some of them need to be announced and/or reported.
- the size of our Yearbook will be A5 to make printing / copying easier. The layout will be adjusted in order to follow AESOP visual guidelines which have been defined, meanwhile, by our Communication Team.

The 2007 Yearbook will be sent to the Schools in July. A pdf version will be available for online download on our website (free of charge).

× **Planning Education**

Financed by the savings on the yearbook, it appears possible to start a new series : *Planning Education*. It is registered **ISSN 1998-216X**, printed in 400 units, and will be sent to the schools together with the yearbook to keep shipping costs stable. A pdf is available for free download on our website.

The first issue, *Towards a European recognition of the Planning Profession*, is based upon the outcomes of the Second meeting of AESOP Heads of Schools which took place in Leuven in April 2007. It also presents AESOP's core requirements for planning education. Adopted by AESOP in 1995, these common principles and values are shared by our 152 member schools from all Europe.

The second issue, *Facing quality assessment of Planning curricula*, will be based upon the outcomes of the Third meeting of Heads of Schools in Łódź in March 2008. It is also open to other papers on this matter.

– **AESOP flyer**

A new support for our communication:

- ✓ to encourage our members to participate to all of our activities and to use our services
- ✓ will be updated yearly (autumn) and/or if major changes occur
- ✓ will be distributed at AESOP events, available online and inserted in the *Proceedings*, partner Journals, etc.
- ✓ also available for download on our website.

Treasurer's Report for 2007

Income

The annual income for 2007 was € 39.843. This sum was realised through membership fee payments and a pleasing income from advertisement business. Several members did not fulfil their financial obligations in due time.

Expenses

During 2007 € 38.896 were spent. The expenses can be summarised as follows (for details please see the table attached): publishing and printing, communication team & web, general secretariat, business meetings, Young Academics, thematic groups, prizes and awards, PhD-workshop grants, unforeseen & miscellaneous (update of treasurer's database) and bank & VISA charges.

Balance

This year's balance shows a surplus of € 947. This is primarily the result of lower than expected expenditures for some items.

Conclusion & remarks

The aim of AESOP treasury policy is to achieve a balanced annual budget (annual expenditure should not exceed income). Given the spending praxis of the last few years it has proved possible to achieve this aim. Membership fees and congress contributions remain AESOP's main sources of income.

The standard of AESOP-services (e.g. organizing and co-organizing conferences, workshops and meetings, provision of reports and information via website and e-mail, job advertisements) and strategic activities (e.g. young academics, communication, thematic groups, quality assurance) has been raised continuously over the last few years, which has necessitated additional budgets. Additional costs have been claimed by the Secretary General for 2007. New strategic activities (e.g. the further integration of databases and web) need specific consideration and will incur additional costs. What is very positive therefore was the decision made by the Council of Representatives in Naples to raise the membership fee from 2008 and to provide a full secretarial support to the Secretary General.

In order to maintain the quality of current services and improve them still further additional income sources and the revision of some budget items have to be discussed.

April 2008 / Andreas Voigt, AESOP Treasurer

INCOME
Membership Fees
Congress Contribution to AESOP
Income out of Advertisement Business
Total Income
EXPENSES
Publishing & Printing
Yearbook
CT & Web: Communication Team & Website
SG: Secretariate Costs
Exco Business Meetings
Exco: Additional Business Trips
StaCo: Standing Committee for Congresses
CoRep seminars
YA: Young Academic's Working Group
Thematic Groups
AESOP Joint Seminars
GPEAN
«AESOP Prize Paper» award
«AESOP Prize Paper» additional costs
«AESOP Best Conference Paper» award
«AESOP Excellence in Teaching for Practice» award
AESOP PhD Workshop Grant:
Hardship Support
Unforeseen / Miscellaneous
Bank & VISA Charges
Total Expenses
<i>Difference Income/Expenses</i>

2007 Budget	2007 actual
41.000	38.654
6.650	0
2.000	1.189
49.650	39.843
2007 Budget	2007 actual
1.000	229
5.000	0
3.500	2.287
16.000	12.554
13.000	11.255
1.000	2.537
2.200	0
2.000	0
2.000	1.277
2.500	804
2.000	0
1.000	466
500	500
500	0
500	500
2.000	1.000
2.500	2.500
2.000	0
2.000	2.227
1.500	760
62.700	38.896
- 13.050	947

A New Website for AESOP – State of Art

Giancarlo Cotella (Giancarlo.cotella@polito.it)

AESOP is a representation body which brings together the Planning Schools of Europe. Given its unique position, AESOP aims to strengthen its profile as a professional body, mobilizing its resources in order to take a leading role in ongoing debates and initiatives regarding the education and qualification of future planning professionals.

The most crucial of AESOP communication techniques is the website. AESOP currently operates a web site (www.aesop-planning.com) which provides basic functionality (news, downloads, general information) to the public, mainly through static pages which are maintained using web design tools, such as Microsoft Frontpage, Macromedia Dreamweaver etc. While such a website at the moment is fulfilling the unidirectional role it was designed for, technological improvements could make this role much easier to fulfill and expand it into a more interactive tool. Enhanced interactivity is considered to be absolutely crucial for AESOP to move to a more client based approach focused on service provision.

In order to further enhance its connection to current members as well as the public, and in the light of the above considerations, AESOP intends to introduce a new website to the public, and invited Web designers to bid for the realization of its new website (budget up to 30.000 €).

Two applications, prepared in accordance to all the requirements presented in the Website specifications listed in a special tender documents prepared by an *ad hoc* instituted web-team (Peter Ache, Giancarlo Cotella, Anna Geppert, Nikos Karadimitriou, Wilem Salet, Andreas Voigt) were received by the deadline (20 march 2008).

The web-team, with the help of a technical advisor (Christos Kopanos - QV-Web), evaluated the two proposals in relation to different parameters (Addressing the tender document's requirements: 0-25; Hosting and Technical features (incl. Security): 0-10; User Friendliness and Flexibility/Adaptability of solutions: 0-10; Proposed solution(s) costs compared to estimated costs: 0-15; Usage of open-source technology: 0-10; Experience&profile of the applicant team: 0-15; Time frame for delivery: 0-15. Total: 0-100).

The web-team concluded the evaluation process, judging the proposal of the company *Identum Communications gmbh* (Sandleitengasse 32/1, A-1160 Wien) as the closest to AESOP requirements. Therefore, Identum was contacted in order to further clarify different issues.

After several email exchanges and a skype conference, Identum and AESOP set up a meeting that eventually took place in Vienna on June the 9th, 2008.

Giancarlo Cotella, Anna Geppert, Nikos Karadimitriou and Andreas Voigt attended the meeting, that was aimed at the further definition of the common project (see the Agenda below).

AESOP meets IDENTUM – Meeting Agenda
01. Get together: Get together with AESOP Keyplayers and project team. Introduction of the team, which will work on the project.
02. proposed scope of work: Explanation of the website concept, planned scope of work
03. Demonstration Conovio: Introduction and Demonstration of the System Conovio - the basic core system of the CMS
04. Technical CMS-details/Hosting: Discussing technical CMS details, Website hosting
05. Module Definition: Basic Module; Content Management System; Member Management; Search Module; Mailing Tool; Sub-Webpages; Advertisement Module; Payment Module; Extended functions
06. Schedule: basic schedule of the development of the website, estimated timeline, milestones, next steps,
07. Content Acquisition : supply data, responsible for any content, images Vision of the Screendesign, colours, look and feel of the website

After the meeting, Identum started to work on a preliminary proposal for the development of AESOP website, that has been sent for comments to AESOP web-team on June the 13th.

After receiving the web-team comments, Identum will provide the final binding offer before the Chicago Congress

The web-team will examine once again the offer and express its opinion in favor or not of the approval of the latter.

If the offer will be approved, Identum will start to develop Aesop website

For more information and for clarifications concerning the whole process, please contact:

Annex I

Milestones of Identum draft proposal

aesop website | project objectives

- Establish a new online portal
- Provide a clear online message and easy navigation.
- Offer AESOP information specific to its members, workgroups and users.
- Promote workshops, programmes and provide news
- Keep members and partners better informed.
- Create informative interactive elements.
- Increase members convenience.
- Promote the exchange of information and sharing of ideas
- Optimize the Management of members, fees, payments and invoices.
- Integrate existing information, modules or Databases

aesop website | project suggestions

- Web Site Development in various steps.
- modular Content Management System
- flexible modular system with a wide range of components
- basic core and implement and add the other required components.
- consistent navigation format
- dynamic, interactive and easily navigable site
- ongoing meetings during the whole project phase.

aesop website | project team

- Werner Stenzel, project manager, concept
- Thomas Brus, project manager, concept
- Richard Wimmer, screen designer, graphics
- Anna Faber, screen designer, graphics
- Michael Kunz, concept, programming
- Roman Sedlecky, programming, database design, coding
- Nicolas Bösch, Frontend coding
- Robert Beinsteiner, Backend coding, database design

aesop website | web site functionality

Step I

- Basic Module
- Content Management System
- Member Management
- Search Module
- Mailing Tool
- Sub-Webpages

Step II

- Payment Module, Extended functions

Step III

- Advertisement Module

aesop website | core system conovio

- User & rights administration
- Apply freely your individual structure of menus and submenus
- Generation of graphic menus.
- Administration of articles and services
- Dynamic and automatic generation of pdf-files fully server driven.
- Server generated galleries.
- Calendar with reminder, tell a friend, etc...
- Links categorized
- Additional languages
- Organograms, Sitemaps

aesop website | technical cms-details / hosting

- CMS is built upon open source technology
- It runs in a LAMP environment

The following requirements are necessary:

- Apache, mod_rewrite activated and .htaccess-permission
- PHP (at least version 4.1.2) with Zlib support
- GDlib or ImageMagick
- PDFlib
- MySQL (at least version 3.23)
- Ioncube

aesop website | module definition

- Basic Module
- Content Management System
- Member Management
- Search Module
- Mailing Tool
- Sub-Webpages
- Payment Module
- Extended functions
- Advertisement Module

1. Basic Module

- General Pages (Passive Information, History, What, News, Jobs,...)
- Templates
- CSS, XML,
- Screendesign
- Programming the base module
- site navigation, ...

2. Content Management System

- Upload, edit, change and delete content to the website, create links, ...

3. Member Management

- User Registration
- Access Levels
- Permission System
- Roles
- User Profiles
- User List

4. Search Module

- Searchfunction for content, members, publication...
- search for phrases or advanced search criterias

5. Mailing Tool

- Newsletter
- Mass Mailer
- Bulletin
- Mailing Lists

6. Sub-Webpages

- Congress
- Workshops
- Awards

7. Payment Module

- Financial Management
- Member Fees
- Invoices
- Reports
- Import existing DB

8. Advertisement-Module

- Banner Management
- upload, change, statistics

9. Extended Networking Functions, future steps

- Group Blogs, extended Networkin Functions, future modules

aesop website | basic schedule of the development

- Stage 1 – Concept Development
- Stage 2 – Planning
- Stage 3 – Implementation Modules I
Basic Module - Content Management System - Member Management - Search Module - Mailing Tool -Sub-Webpages
- Stage 4 – Testing I
- Stage 5 – Launch and Phase Out I
- Stage 6 – Implementation Modules II
Advertisement-Module - Payment Module - extended Networking Functions
- Stage 7 – Testing II
- Stage 8 – Launch and Phase Out II

Timeline

	KW10	KW11	KW12	KW13	KW14	KW15	KW16	KW17	KW18	KW19	KW20	KW21	KW22	KW23	KW24	KW25	KW26
stage 1: Concept Development																	
Request for Proposal																	
Proposal																	
Contract/Budget Approval																	
stage 2: Planning																	
Product Requirement																	
Project Definition Meeting																	
Project Specification																	
stage 3: Implementation, Development																	
Content Acquisition																	
Screenesign																	
Programming Step I																	
Programming Basic Module																	
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stage 4: Testing																	
Alpha Testing Step I																	
Beta Testing Step I																	
Alpha Testing Step II																	
Beta Testing Step II																	
stage 5: Launch & Phase Out																	
Training																	
Accivation																	
Project Review																	

	KW27	KW28	KW29	KW30	KW31	KW32	KW33	KW34	KW35	KW36	KW37	KW38	KW39	KW40
stage 1: Concept Development														
Request for Proposal														
Proposal														
Contract/Budget Approval														
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Programming Payment Module														
Programming extended Network functions														
Data Integration														
Server Set up														
stage 4: Testing														
Alpha Testing Step I														
Beta Testing Step I														
Alpha Testing Step II														
Beta Testing Step II														
stage 5: Launch & Phase Out														
Training														
Accivation														
Project Review														

AESOP Database

Part I. Institutional Information

University Name (native language)	
University Name (English name used for your university)	
School/Department name (Native language)	
School Department name (English equivalent)	
Postal Address:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
URL:	
Country:	
AESOP member number:	

AESOP Member Status: Full/ Associate/ Affiliate/ Individual/Honorary (this should be inserted by AESOP)

Part II. Contact persons/School Information

a. Head of School/Department	
Surname, First name	
Email	
telephone	
Fax	

b. AESOP School contact (needs to be an alternative/additional contact to HoS)	
Surname, First Name	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

c. School Structure	
How many full time equivalent academic staff work in the planning school/faculty	
How many of the staff members are full-time	
How many are part-time	
How many are actively engaged in research (i.e., obtaining and working research grants)	
How many are engaged in professional activities in addition to teaching	

d. Research Centres hosted by/affiliated with your school	
Name of Research Centre	
Brief description of activities in this Research centre	
Contact person and details	

To enter additional research centres (further boxes like the above appear)

e. Individuals in the School/department occupying an organisational role with AESOP (to be provided through AESOP secretariat)

Part III: Degree Programmes and Educational Provision

A. Undergraduate/first cycle degree(s) offered at School/Department (please answer questions separately for each degree)				
Planning Degree title/name	-			
Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	-			
Is there are part-time option to complete this degree?	-			
If there is, please state the number of years usually required for completing the degree part-time (PT)	-			
Delivery mode (on campus/ distance learning)	-			
How many ECTS:	-			
Teaching Language(s)	-			
	Students from your country	Students from the EU	Non-EU students	Total
Number of Students graduated 2006 (total, national, EU, non-EU)	-	-	-	-
Number of students graduated 2007 (total, national, EU, non-EU)	-	-	-	-
Is there a specialisation within this Degree/the curriculum (eg. housing, transport planning, land use etc.), pls explain				
Does the degree require an assessed period of work in practice, i.e. Internship/placement year (yes/no), If yes, how long is the period ?				
Is this programme accredited by a professional body/other institution? Pls name the relevant body(s)				
Please provide a short description of the curriculum/approach				

Here needs to be the possibility to add in more tables for additional programmes

B. (Post)Graduate/masters or second cycle degree(s) offered at School/department (please answer questions separately for each degree)				
Planning Degree title/name	-			
Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	-			
Is there are part-time option to complete this degree?	-			
If there is, please state the number of years usually required for completing the degree part-time (PT)	-			
Delivery mode (on campus/ distance learning)	-			
How many ECTS:	-			
Teaching Language(s)	-			
	Students from your country	Students from the EU	Non-EU students	Total
Number of Students graduated 2006 (total, national, EU, non-EU)	-	-	-	-
Number of students graduated 2007 (total, national, EU, non-EU)	-	-	-	-
Is there a specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum (eg. housing, transport planning, land use etc., planning in less developed countries), pls explain				
Does the degree require an assessed period of work in practice, i.e. Internship/placement year (yes/no), If yes, how long?				
Is this programme accredited by a professional body/other institution? Pls name the relevant body(s)				
Is this an Erasmus mundus programme?				
Please provide a short description of the curriculum/approach;				

Here needs to be the possibility to add in more tables for additional programmes

C. Doctoral/PhD education; does your school offer

B. (Post)Graduate/masters or second cycle degree(s) offered at School/department (please answer questions separately for each degree)				
Planning Degree title/name	-			
Number of years normally used to complete this degree(FT)	-			
Is there are part-time option to complete this degree?	-			
If there is, please state the number of years usually required for completing the degree part-time (PT)	-			
Delivery mode (on campus/ distance learning)	-			
How many ECTS:	-			
Teaching Language(s)	-			
	Students from your country	Students from the EU	Non-EU students	Total
Number of Students graduated 2006 (total, national, EU, non-EU)	-	-	-	-
Number of students graduated 2007 (total, national, EU, non-EU)	-	-	-	-
Is there a specialisation within in this Degree/the curriculum (eg. housing, transport planning, land use etc., Lesser developed countries), pls explain				
Please provide a short description of the curriculum/approach;				

Glossary of Terms (to be continued?)

Academic Staff

Staff members involved in both teaching and research activities.

Accreditation

Doctoral/PhD education

Full-time (FT) academic staff Staff members who hold a 100% post in the School

Language(s) of programme delivery The language in which the programme/classes are taught

Mode of Delivery There are different ways to provide education. The traditional mode of education is campusbased meaning students are expected to attend lectures, tutorial etc. in a designated location on campus. Other modes of delivery are online (e.g. using virtual learning environments, elearning) where students work through materials by accessing module content online/remotely and at a time that suits them.

Part-time (PT) academic staff Staff members who are employed on an hourly or fractional basis in the school

Post-Graduate/Graduate/masters or second cycle degree(s)

School/Department The entity or unit in the university offering the planning education degree(s).

Undergraduate/first cycle degree(s)

*2008 announcement:
Bridging the Gap, Building the Bridge:
The Mediating Role of Planning
Theory and Practice*

The AESOP-ACSP 2008 conference theme “Bridging the Divide: Celebrating the City” focuses on the mediating role of cities. Many cities are, to some degree, divided or contested. The complex inter-weaving of the multiple experiences, processes and people involved in making up the urban dimension is an established fact: differences (in age, ethnicity, gender, class, religion and culture) are evident in cities on various scales and levels of intensity. And cities themselves may play roles in reproducing identities that promote conflict between groups.

In fact, cities are places where underlying social, economic and political processes can EITHER enhance social divisions and conflict OR create a more equitable, less divided society, through, for example, place-shaping, infrastructure development, governance, fostering or bridging social capital, capacity building, promoting environmental justice, reducing health disparities, and creating mechanisms for conflict resolution. In the perspective of a more equitable society, planning is about designing socio-spatial interventions designed to promote greater social equality. This is the ethical dimension of planning.

Can we reflectively teach students how to think about designing socio-spatial interventions in this ethical way? What are the problems of analysis which need to be addressed?

The 2008 prize for excellence in teaching asks for planning courses that have clearly and consciously integrated elements linking the spatial dimensions of planning with matters of social equity and diversity in a way which seeks to promote social inclusion and cohesion amongst diverse groups.

The 2008 prize is looking for courses which explicitly raise these ethical issues alongside – or as part of – developing students’ technical skills in designing socio-spatial interventions, with the aim of healing social divisions and conflict. All aspects of diversity can be considered. We now ask for planning courses where these socio-spatial elements are integrated, with particular emphasis on the ethical dimension of the planning discipline which we would like to be taught within planning courses.

AIM OF THE PRIZE

Teaching in the broad field of planning is one of the main activities of our member schools. To highlight this AESOP 2002 introduced a new prize in order to recognise and encourage Excellence in Teaching for Practice. Through this award, AESOP would like to celebrate and disseminate the good practice in teaching to be found in our member schools. The aim of the award is to stimulate the development of planning courses or groups of courses in order to better prepare students for their forthcoming practice and also to further educate practitioners.

The award's purpose is to promote and encourage planning schools to apply new pedagogy, theories and/ or technologies/ techniques in ways that enhance the theories, knowledge and skills necessary for planning. The award will provide an important opportunity to disseminate effective practice and innovation, for it also aims to promote the development of courses for those who have already been in practice for some years. Hopefully it will encourage such persons to return to school to exchange ideas about new theories and methods. Each year the prize will focus on one specific theme, presented on AESOP website.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Planning is seen in a wide perspective. We expect that nominations will be a critical and constructive contribution to teaching. They will inspire and foster curiosity, rigor, creativity, critical thinking, and the building of lifelong learning habits.

Planning courses, or modules, or an integrated series of course or modules, of maximum length of two semesters can be nominated - BUT NOT A WHOLE PROGRAMME IN ANY ONE YEAR OF THE COURSE OF STUDY. The nominated course should:

- Define the course perspective of the concept of planning
- Be taught in an innovative pedagogical way;
- Prepare students to be excellent theorists and practitioners.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only AESOP member schools can be nominated for this prize. The course must have been successfully implemented for at least one year. Applicants can either be:

- A planning school;
- A planning department within a university; or
- A group of teaching staff.

Young academics are warmly encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Use the electronic application form available from the AESOP web site http://www.aesop-planning.com/Documents/PrT_applForm.doc. All material must be submitted electronically to the chair of the jury, Francesco Lo Piccolo in Italy.

An expression of interest (name of teaching staff, planning school, title of the course and a short (50-100 word) description of its content) must be received by 1st of March 2008. Final nominations must be received by 1st of May 2008. Please send the nomination electronically to <fpiccolo@unipa.it>

Final nominations must include a full description of the course or module, specifying:

- The content of the course;
- The context/ instructional setting (country, educational system, institution, etc);
- The learners (type, members on course, stage in education);
- Justification of why this course/pedagogy/technique is important for planning;
- Learning objectives for the students;
- In what way is the pedagogy innovative;
- The perspective of the concept of 'planning' in the actual course;
- Explanation of why the approach is innovative;
- How any difficulties were overcome;
- How the successful elements of the course can be reproduced and applied at other institutions;
- How does the course meet the specific criteria for the prize.

THE JURY

A panel of six academics and practitioners will judge the nominees. The panel will consist mainly of AESOP members, reinforced with an active practitioner.

According to the annual topic of the prize competition, the panel of judges will establish the criteria for submission and evaluation, according to the following points:

- How is the annual topic of the prize defined and integrated into the teaching?
- In what ways is the pedagogy innovative?
- Why and how is the nominated course/module and/or pedagogy important for planning practice?
- How is theory and practice integrated in the course/module or in the pedagogy?
- How are students prepared for a life of "reflective practice"?
- What difficulties were met in developing the course and/or pedagogy and how were they overcome?
- How can the successful elements of the course be reproduced and applied at other institutions?

AWARDING THE PRIZE

A prize of 1000 EUROS will be presented to a representative of the winning programme during the annual AESOP congress. The winner will be expected to make an audio-visual presentation of the programme at the subsequent year's congress. He/she/they will also be expected to allow the programme to be presented on AESOP's website.

Memorandum of Understanding – ISOCARP

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING – MOU

Given the complementary interests of the membership of the:
International Society of City and Regional Planners
Association of European Schools of Planning

ISOCARP
AESOP

The Executive Committee of ISOCARP and the Executive Committee of AESOP see mutual benefit to become each other's Associate members. In consequence:

- ISOCARP will become Affiliate member of AESOP, in accordance with the Art. 6 of AESOP's charter;
- AESOP will become Institutional member of ISOCARP

Besides the usual benefits of an Associate Membership,
ISOCARP and AESOP agree to:

1. Have an open attitude to explore possibilities for collaboration. Specific agreements of collaboration can be drawn up when appropriate opportunities arise.
2. Maintain open channels of communication between the Executive Committees of both organisations.
3. Inform the counterpart organisation of the events and activities being undertaken by the organisation.
4. Establish a link on the web-sites of the respective organisations.
5. Where appropriate, to invite the counterpart organisation to be officially represented at the Main Events of the organisation.
6. Waving the fee for one individual member for the annual conference.

This MOU shall remain in effect until either organisation communicates in writing to the counterpart organisation the termination of the MOU.

Signature:

Pierre Laconte,
President ISOCARP



City: *Bonn*
Date: *6 June 2008*

Signature:

Peter ACHE,
President AESOP



City: *Helsinki*
Date: *9 June 2008*



Call for proposals VP/2008/014

Letter of commitment

This letter is to confirm that *the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)*, represented by *Anna Geppert, Secretary General*, is committed to participate in and/or contribute to the financing of [delete as appropriate] the project entitled « *Nouveaux horizons pour les urbanistes européens (NHUE) / New Horizons for European Spatial Planners* ».

In terms of contribution to the costs of the project, *he Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)*, will provide a cash contribution to the project of 3000€ (three thousand euro).

As a partner in this project, my organisation is undertaking to perform the following roles and tasks as set out in the work programme (*description of the roles and tasks*):

- Action 1 : Job and internship portal : contribution in the fields of Academic positions and Student internships
- Action 2 : Study on the professional mobility : contribution in the field of Scholar and student mobility
- Action 3 : Identification and assessment of possible responses : participation in the reflections, in particular to a joint seminary
- Action 4 : Pilot professional training scheme : contributions providing the perspective of overall competencies, national legislations, current trends in Planning
- Action 5 : Communication : participation to the event to present the project outcome, spreading the news through the AESOP network (2500 academic relations)
- Action 6 : Management/monitoring : participation in the project steering process, including the steering committee meetings

June 19th, 2008

Anna Geppert
Secretary General of AESOP

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT EUROPEAN PLANNING STUDIES

(proposal by EPS)

1. This Agreement which shall run for five years in the first instance and shall be reviewed at the end of this fiveyear period is made on _____ 2008 between **TAYLOR & FRANCIS GROUP, a division of INFORMA UK LTD** whose registered office is **Mortimer House, 3741 Mortimer Street, London W1T 3JH**, in the United Kingdom (hereinafter called 'The Publisher', which expression shall, where the context admits, include the Publisher's assigns or successors in business as the case may be), and the Association of European Schools of Planning (hereinafter called the 'Association') whereby **European Planning Studies** ('hereinafter called the Journal') is published in cooperation with the Association.
2. The Publisher undertakes to supply to individual members of the Association for their private use a copy of each issue of the Journal at the individual members' privilege rate of £7.50 per issue (i.e. £75 per volume for 10 issues). This rate shall be reviewed annually by the Publisher in consultation with the Association.
3. It is understood and agreed that, for the purpose of this provision, individual members shall be defined as bona fide individuals, which definition shall exclude institutions, corporate bodies, official or government bodies or agencies, and libraries; that the full cost of publishing and distributing the Journal can only be met by making library and institutional sales at full commercial rates
4. The Publisher shall offer a privilege introductory subscription rate (which shall include online access) for Full, Associate and Affiliate members of the Association who do not currently subscribe to the Journal. This rate will be £75 per issue (i.e. £750 per volume for 10 issues). This rate will be available only for the first year of the subscription, and in subsequent years the Publisher shall charge Full, Associate and Affiliate members at the full institutional subscription rate. The privilege introductory subscription rate will be reviewed annually by the Publisher in consultation with the Association.
5. The Association shall supply to the Publisher each year a list of its members. The Publisher shall use this list to promote the Journal and the privilege subscription rates.
6. The invoicing and collection of monies for the Association member copies shall be undertaken by the Publisher.
7. The Publisher shall allocate a maximum of 16 pages of the Journal's annual page budget for the presentation of Association news. This material will be supplied by the Association direct to the Editors of the Journal in a format agreed between the Publisher, the Editor and the Association.
8. The Association will select a representative to sit on the Editorial Board of the Journal. The representative will report to the Association on the Journal's progress at the annual AESOP Meetings of Heads of Schools.

9. The Association will promote the Journal on the Association's website and provide a link to the Journal's homepage. The Publisher will provide a reciprocal link from the Journal's homepage to the Association's website.

10. The Association's logo will be displayed on the outside front cover of each printed issue of the Journal.

Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)

For the Association: Dated:

Peter Ache, President

Taylor & Francis Group

For the Publisher: Dated:

Jonathan Manley, Publisher

ExCo Comments : Email comments regarding the MoU with European Planning Studies/PA, June 2008

Dear jonathan,

First of all, again my apologies for any inconvenience due to my fault to directly reply to your earlier memorandum of agreement proposal.

I take the opportunity to discuss again the issue with anna geppert (cc). the results of this and the comments made during our last exco meeting in march in lodz sum up as follows:
overall we are quite happy with the proposed memorandum of agreement.

only minor changes are required, like

- in very practical terms we suggest to have prices both in GBP and EUR
- I also recommend to add a sentence to section 8/editorial board: 'The AESOP member to the
- Editorial Board has the full obligations and rights as other board members. ...' or sth. like this pointing out, that we have more than a guest status, which is how it sounds like at the moment. we are interested in a proactive contribution to the journal.
- a slightly large matter is of course related to finance!
- We would actually like to receive a **permanent** discount of 15% for our members, again expressing our long standing partnership.
- The latter aspect has one additional dimension, as we would of course also like to have access to the electronic version of the journal.

such are our interests and proposals.

AESOP 2009 Congress: Why Can't the future be more like the past?

AESOP Annual Congress

Hosted by the Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool

15th -18th July 2009

We are delighted to be able to host the 2009 AESOP Congress at the Department of Civic Design University of Liverpool.

In the autumn of 1909, the first five students joined the University of Liverpool to study Civic Design. At this time Lord Leverhulme had the highest sum in libel damages ever awarded up to that time and given his longstanding interest in architecture and planning he made a gift to the University to create the Lever Chair in Town Planning. One hundred years later we are honoured and delighted to be hosting the annual AESOP Congress and we look forward to welcoming the international planning community to the city of Liverpool to help join in the celebrations for our centenary.

The key them for the Congress helps us to reflect back on the past 100 years of planning and planning education, not in a nostalgic manner, but more importantly what, if anything, does the past teach us in response to today's or tomorrows planning issues and agendas. Planning has a chameleon like quality which responds to meet specific culture, political, socio-economic conditions both across time and space. It is a highly contested activity whereby often difficult decisions have to be made about the use of a scarce resource, namely land, often in what is described as the 'public interest'. How do various forms of planning respond to current and future challenges? Over what timescales should planners be thinking when making decisions? What type of planner do we require for the future and what implications does this have for planning education (seen as a lifelong learning experience)? These are just some of the many questions to be considered in the wide variety of tracks which characterise an AESOP congress.

Chosen as European Capital of Culture in 2008 Liverpool as a city has been experiencing a renaissance in recent years. Regeneration is continuing apace with over £3billions worth of development ongoing. For Liverpool 2008 marks the beginning of a new chapter in its revival. Whilst there are significant areas of redevelopment and enterprise it is still the most deprived city in England. This raises interesting questions in terms of social inclusion. One year on, what has Capital of Culture achieved or facilitated. A programme of mobile workshops and study tours will enable participants to explore the rapidly changing face of Liverpool and challenges for the future.

The Congress will be based in the University of Liverpool in close proximity to the city centre and a range of variably priced hotels.

PhD Workshop

Immediately prior to the main AESOP Congress our colleagues at Manchester University will be hosting the 2008 AESOP PhD workshop. This will offer research students an opportunity to participate in an intensive interactive and international course to support their PhDs, supported by senior planning academics from around the world.

David Shaw (Conference Chair)

Thematic groups

News from thematic groups

The AESOP thematic groups function as international academic forums on particular topics. Each group defines its own objectives and activities, but the overall aim is to facilitate and stimulate interaction between academics with common interests. Currently, nine thematic groups have been created under the flag of AESOP. These groups are in different stages of maturity, and have different levels of activities.

Three new groups have been established in 2007: on “resilience and risk mitigation strategies”, on “strategic planning” and on “Franco-British planning”. This last group was an existing network of researchers doing comparative studies on planning in France and the UK. The group has regular meetings and has recently published a book – in French and in English – on spatial planning in Britain and France. The group on resilience and risk mitigation strategies and the one on strategic planning are entirely new as they have started their activities at the 2007 Naples congress. In the course of the year, a lot of work has been done on defining the topics and activities of the groups and on extending the network. A first meeting of the resilience and risk mitigation group has been organised in Milan in December. Further meetings are upcoming, in particular a round table session at the ACSP-AESOP congress in Chicago. The first meeting of the strategic planning group that was planned in March 2008 has had to be delayed because its dates coincided with the AESOP Council of Representatives and Heads of Schools meeting.

The existing groups – you can find more information about them on the AESOP website – have continued to meet and to organise roundtables at the AESOP congress. In addition to this, some groups developed other activities. For example, the “complexity and planning” group has organised seminars and has almost finalised a book publication. The “planning law and property rights” group has been very active, organising in particular an important seminar in collaboration with the Dutch ministry of spatial planning in Amsterdam. The group on planning research and ethics is working on a book publication.

Some groups on important issues have experienced some difficulties to start or continue their activities. Two of them need to be mentioned in particular. At the Naples congress, a very interesting initiative for a group on “planning and energy” was launched, but did not get the attendance it had hoped for. This is regrettable because the issue of planning and energy definitely deserves special attention. We hope that there will be a follow up of the Naples initiative. The group on “transnational and cross-border planning” also deals with a crucial issue, especially for an international organisation like AESOP. This group has been active for some time, but has run out of steam. If some persons would be interested in cranking up this group, they would be very welcome!

If you have a particular interest for one of these groups, you can find more information on the AESOP website. The creation of new groups is always possible. Again, you can find more information on the AESOP website.

Roelof Verhage

AESOP junior vice president

Contact person for the working groups

AESOP Young Academics Network

A creative and open-minded AESOP Working-Group of young researchers, academics and students from all over the world, developing and disseminating their ideas and research results, supported by AESOP.

KEY ASPECTS OF OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

I) ACSP-AESOP JOINT CONFERENCE CHICAGO, 2008 – YA ACTIVITIES

A) AESOP EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING PRIZE 2008

For the first time, the AESOP YA Network has been involved in the AESOP Excellence in Teaching Prize. The YA Coordination Team co-operated with Francesco Lo Piccolo in designing the call for applications, in order to make the prize more appealing for young planning scholars. Moreover Giancarlo Cotella (YA CT) has been co-opted onto the Evaluation Committee that is currently evaluating the proposals. The outcomes of the evaluation and the winner of the award will be announced during the AESOP General Assembly in Chicago.

B) AESOP AWARDS FOR YOUNG ACADEMICS

Throughout its history, AESOP always aimed at providing young planning scholars with the opportunity to participate in the activities of the organisation as well as other important events. On the occasion of the ACSP-AESOP joint conference in Chicago, AESOP and the AESOP Young Academics Network decided to issue five bursaries for young planning scholars.

The five bursaries, each to the value of €500, were assigned in a selection process jointly organised between AESOP and the AESOP Young Academics Network. Applicants were evaluated on the academic quality of their draft papers, and priority has been given to students coming from institutes located in the countries falling under AESOP reduced fee threshold.

The bursary winners are:

CERMAKOVA Eva (Brno University of Technology)

KUKELY Gyorgy (Hungarian Academy of Science)

PILL Madeleine (Cardiff University)

WEBB Brian (Manchester University)

XU Miao (Cardiff University)

All of the bursary winners will present their papers in an ordinary paper-session. They have also been invited - jointly by the AESOP Young Academics together with Donna Dodd (Chicago congress organiser) - to present their papers in a special 'honour-session', the ACSP-AESOP student award paper session, together with the award winner from ACSP.

In the programme book they will appear as AESOP award winners, will also be presented as such at the various activities organised by or together with the YA during the course of the Chicago congress. Official AESOP Award Certificates will be handed out to the five winners during the General Assembly.

C) ACSP-AESOP STUDENT AWARD PAPER SESSION

Date: Thursday, July 10, 9:45am - 11:15am

Moderator: HASELSBERGER, Beatrix (YA CT)

Participants:

ABUKAHTER, Ahmed [University of Texas at Austin]

Assessment of Equity in Middle Eastern Water Allocation: The Case of the Israeli-Jordanian Peace Treaty

CERMAKOVA, Eva [Brno University of Technology]

Urban Festivities, Cultural Events and Sustainable Urban Development

PILL, Madeleine [Cardiff University]

Who is governing neighbourhoods? An investigation in Baltimore

WEBB, Brian [Manchester University]

The Articulation and Co-ordination of National-level Planning Policy in Western Europe: Lessons for Canada

XU, Maio [Cardiff University]

Theoretical Debate on Gated Communities (GCs): Genesis, Controversies, and the Way Forward

This special pre-organised session has been established in the course of long discussions with Donna Dodd and the Young Academics Co-Ordination Team. It is a very attractive and important platform for the AESOP award winners for getting their voices heard as well as to raise awareness of their own research. The YA will announce this event already before the conference. Doing so the YA will also try to attract the participating publishers and editors to attend this special session.

D) AESOP [YA] YOUNG ACADEMICS ROUNDTABLE

Topic: Getting The Most Out Of The 'Paper Presenting Experience'

Moderator: BENNEWORTH, Paul (YA CT), Discussant: HASELBERGER, Beatrix (YA CT)

Roundtable-Speakers:

DE VRIES, Jochem [University of Amsterdam]
HEBBERT, Michael [University of Manchester]
HIRSCHLER, Petra [Vienna University of Technology]
NADIN, Vincent [Delft University of Technology]
PROSPERI, David [Florida Atlantic University]
SHAW, David [University of Liverpool]
VERHAGE, Roelof [Institut d'Urbanisme de Lyon]

The AESOP Young Academics have recognised that young planning scholars often find it difficult to position themselves at big scientific conferences. One of the reasons for this includes fear of presenting to an experienced audience, which may be exacerbated by a lack of the know-how of good presenting.

Therefore, for their 2008 Roundtable, the AESOP Young Academics are planning a session at the ACSP/AESOP Chicago Conference to help young planning scholars overcoming their personal uncertainties and to encourage them to become more active at scientific conferences.

The focus of the Roundtable is to look at the different benefits that academics can derive from presenting at conferences. This provides a mean to look at the different approaches that can be taken to giving a paper, and to highlight the practicalities involved in ensuring that young academics really do benefit from conference participation.

- *presentations as a road map to academic publishing;*
- *presentations as a 'dry run' for the oral examination or viva voce exam;*
- *presentations as a transferable skill for the academic career; and*
- *presentations to catch the eye of a potential partner;*

E) INTERCONTINENTAL PLANNING STUDENTS RECEPTION

II) 3RD AESOP YA MEETING, VIENNA (FEB.2009)

VIENNA

3rd YA Meeting
<http://www.aesop-youngacademics.net>
February 9-12, 2009

**Planning as
REAR VIEW MIRROR or
CRYSTAL BALL?**

Diversities of Planning Cultures, Traditions, Identities

AESOP
ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN SCHOOLS OF PLANNING

TU VIENNA

VENUE 3rd AESOP YA Meeting

Vienna University of Technology, AUSTRIA, Faculty of Planning and Architecture

DATE 3rd AESOP YA Meeting

Registration and Welcome Reception: Monday, Feb. 09, 2009

Conference: Tuesday, Feb. 10 – Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009
After Conference Programme (facultative): Friday, Feb. 13, 2009

AFTER CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

All participants are invited to join one of the Mobile Workshops on Friday, Feb. 13, 2009.

CONFERENCE FEE

NO conference fee will be charged for this event! Accommodation, refreshments and meals throughout the event are provided thanks to sponsorship from the Vienna University of Technology.

TRACKS and TRACK CHAIRS

Track 1: The future of planning, **MAZZA, Luigi** (Italy)

Track 2: Public participation in planning, **DAVOUDI, Simin** (UK)

Track 3: Bridging planning cultures, traditions and identities, **HIRSCHLER, Petra** (Austria)

Track 4: Cities of the past – Cities of the future, **ENLIL, Zeynep** (Turkey)

GUEST SPEKERS

SALET, Willem (Netherlands) and **HOSPERS, Gert-Jan** (Netherlands)

DEADLINES

Abstract Submission: 19.09.2008

Notification – Acceptance: 26.10.2008

Full-Paper Submission: 09.01.2009

32 papers (8 papers per track) will be selected for the 3rd AESOP YA Meeting. The selection will take place jointly with the AESOP YA and the Track-Chairs.

The AESOP YA Network will award a **PRIZE** for the **Best Paper**.

SPONSORS

The event is mainly sponsored by the Vienna University of Technology, AUSTRIA, Faculty of Planning and Architecture



III) YA WEBSITE REVISION

The YA Website revision process will be completed at some point in this calendar year. Christos [QV-Web] has agreed to complete the work by September, offering the YA a newly retrofitted website for the launch and administration of its annual conference in Vienna (9th-12th February 2009).

The first phase of the revision already is complete and the YA CT has responded with constructive feedback. This feedback will be incorporated in the second phase of the revision throughout this summer. This will include the introduction of new features such as a YA blog and an interactive YA members map. The YA CT will liaise with Christos in the coming months to provide and discuss feedback on the revisions. Further details will be made in the report to the Autumn Exco Meeting in Amsterdam.

IV) AESOP Ph.D. Workshop, Norway (June 2008)

The AESOP Ph.D. Workshop 2008 took place in the Jotunheimen National Park (Norway) in the period 15-18th June 2008. During previous editions, YA's involvement was limited to logistical support to the local organisers in terms of distribution of abstract and collection of papers. For the first time since the event's inception, the YA Network was fully involved in the organisation of the event. This has allowed the YA Network to play a much more active role than in previous years, in terms of management of the participants' contributions, alongside contributing to the organisation of the scientific and leisure programme, and also linking up between the local hosts, participants and mentors.

The co-operation between the Norwegian University of Life Science (Sigmund Asmervik, Eva Falleth and Inger-Lise Saglie) and the YA Coordination Team proceeded very smoothly, and culminated in the gathering of the 25 participants in the heart of Norwegian mountains, allowing them to share their research ideas, findings, and concerns in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Following the event, the YA CT has continued to help participants networking through exchange of presentations and pictures, and opening a special section of the YA forum for workshop participants.

The collective experience of YA in helping to organise this event, from the work together with local organisers, to the feedback collected during the evaluation session, will be written up as a "White Book" for the organisation of similar events in the years to come. The first draft of this will be ready for the Autumn 2008 ExCo meeting.

A brief report from the workshop will be presented to AESOP Community during the AESOP General Assembly in Chicago.

V) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – THE YA CT 2009

Vojtěch Novotný (Czech Republic) will become the next AESOP YA Executive Officer (2009).

Paul Benneworth (UK) – his term covers the 2009 period.

Beatrix Haselsberger (Austria) will overtake the role of the YA Senior Adviser for 2009.

Laura Basco, Giancarlo Cotella and Oliver Frey, will skip out of the YA CT by the end of 2008 – many thanks are due to these three for all their personal efforts and engagements for the YA network!

Thus there are **three vacancies** within the YA CT! Elections to fill these posts will be held in December 2008, and arrangements for the elections will be made at the autumn co-ordination team meeting in Vienna.

Further information is available via the AESOP YA website <http://www.aesop-youngacademics.net>
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Candidates for Best Published Paper Prize

Dr. Aspa Gospodini

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2. **Education**
 - **Dipl. Architect** (1983),
 - **MSc** in *syntactic analysis of space*, Bartlett School of Architecture & Planning, UCL, (1984),
 - **PhD** in *Urban Morphology, Design and Planning*, Bartlett School of Architecture & Planning, UCL (1988)
3. **Current research interests:**
 - urban renewal, redevelopment and regeneration,
 - new economies and urban landscape transformations
 - urban tourism, urban morphology and place identity.
4. **Academic Distinctions**
 - **AESOP Prize for Best Published Paper 2005** - for the paper Beriatos E., Gospodini, A. (2004) "Glocalizing Urban Landscapes - Athens and the 2004 Olympics", *Cities* 21(3): 187-202.
 - **AESOP Distinction for Best Published Paper 2007** - for the paper Gospodini, A. (2006), 'Portraying, Classifying and Understanding the emerging landscapes in the Post-industrial city', in *Cities* 23(5): 311-331.
 - **Member of the Editorial Board** of
 1. *Journal of Urban Design*, Carfax Publishing, Taylor and Francis Group,
 2. *International journal of Sustainable Development and Planning*, WIT Publications, UK.
 3. *The Open Urban Studies Journal*, Bentham Scientific Publications.
 - **Referee** in the following journals:
Cities, *Journal of Urban Design*, *Regional Studies*, *International journal of Sustainable Development and Planning*, *ICE-Municipal Engineer* and other Greek journals.
 - **180 citations** in international refereed planning journals, books and conference proceedings.
 - Member of the **AESOP CoRep** (Council of Representatives) (2008 -).
 - Candidate member of the **AESOP Prize Committee for Best Published paper** (2008-).

5. Publications

5.1 Papers in international planning journals (in English).

1. Gospodini, A., 'Post-industrial trajectories of Mediterranean European cities. Learning from post-Olympics Athens and the Greek experience', an invited paper to the special theme-issue *Trajectories of the New Economy: An International Investigation of Inner City Regeneration and Dislocation*, guest-edited by Prof. Th. A. Hutton, University of British Columbia, in **Urban Studies** [forthcoming 2008].
2. Gospodini, A., 'Urban Structure Matters. Residential Location, car dependence and travel behaviour' (by Peter Næss, Routledge, 2006, pp328), an invited book review, in **Planning Theory and Practice**, (forthcoming 2008).
3. Gospodini, A. (2007), 'Cultural and Leisure Clusters in Greek Cities; spontaneous formation and laissez-faire development', in *International journal of Sustainable Development and Planning*, 2(2): 119-133, a special theme-issue *Urban Landscape Transformations*, guest-edited by A. Gospodini.
4. Gospodini, A. (2006), 'Portraying, Classifying and Understanding the emerging landscapes in the Postmodern city', in **Cities** 23(5): 311-331.
5. Gospodini, A., Galani, V., (2005), 'Streets as Playground: Investigating children's choices', in *International journal of Sustainable Development and Planning* 1(3):
6. Gospodini, A. (2005), 'The Seduction of Place. The history and Future of the City' (by Joseph Rykwert, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2000), an invited book review, in **Journal of Urban Design**, 10 (3): 390-393.
7. Gospodini, A. (2005), 'Urban Development, Redevelopment and Regeneration encouraged by Transport Infrastructure Projects: The case study of 12 European cities', in **European Planning Studies** 13(7): 1083-1111.
8. Gospodini, A. and Skayannis, P. (2005), 'Towards an 'Integration Model' of Planning Education Programmes in a European and international context: The contribution of recent Greek experience', in *Planning Theory and Practice* 6(3): 355-382.
9. Gospodini, A. (2004), "Urban Space Morphology and Place Identity in European Cities; Built Heritage and Innovative Design" in **Journal of Urban Design** 9(2): 225-248.
10. Beriatos E., Gospodini, A. (2004) "Glocalizing Urban Landscapes - Athens and the 2004 Olympics", in **Cities** 21(3): 187-202.
11. Gospodini, A. (2002), "European cities in competition and the new uses of urban design", in **Journal of Urban Design**, 7(1): 59-74.
12. Gospodini, A. (2001), 'URBAN WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT IN GREEK CITIES; A framework for redesigning space', in **Cities**, 18(5): 285-296.
13. Gospodini, A. (2001), 'URBAN DESIGN, URBAN SPACE MORPHOLOGY, URBAN TOURISM; An emerging new paradigm concerning their relationship', in **European Planning Studies**, 9(7): 925-935.

5.2 Chapters in books (in English).

1. Gospodini, A. (2008), 'Portraying, Classifying and Understanding the new landscapes in the post-industrial city', in Tom Harper, Heloisa Costa, Tony Yeh (eds), *Dialogues in Urban and Regional Planning III*, Routledge (forthcoming 2008)
2. Gospodini, A., Sirigos, S. (2008), 'Combining Space Syntax and Land Uses in understanding and predicting pedestrian movement in urban space', an invited chapter in Gert De Roo (2008) (ed), *Complexity and Planning*, Ashgate (forthcoming 2008).
3. Beriatos E., Gospodini, A. (2006) "Glocalizing Urban Landscapes - Athens and the 2004 Olympics", in B. Stiftel, V. Watson, H. Acselrad (eds), *Dialogues in Urban and Regional Planning II*, London: Routledge: 69-95.
4. Gospodini, A. (2003), 'URBAN WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT; The case of Greek cities', in Deffner, A., Konstadakopoulos, D., Psycharis, Y. (eds.), *Cultural and Regional Economic Development - Cultural, Political and Social Perspectives*, Volos: University of Thessaly Publications: 407-420.

5.3 Editor, or, co-editor of Books (in Greek and English).

Gospodini, A. (2008) (ed.), *Dialogues in Planning and Development*, Athens: Kritiki Publications (in Greek) [forthcoming Sept. 2008].

C. A. Brebbia, A. Gospodini, E. Tiezzi (2008) (eds), *The Sustainable City: Urban Regeneration and Sustainability*, UK: WIT Press, (750 p). (forthcoming, Sept 2008).

Gospodini, A. and Beriatos, E. (2006) (eds), *New Urban Landscapes & the greek city*, Athens: Kritiki Publications (in Greek).

Psycharis, Y., Gospodini, A., and Christopoulou, O. (2000) (eds), *Seventeen papers on cities, planning and development*, Volos: University of Thessaly Publications (in Greek).

5.3 Guest editor of special issues of planning journals

Gospodini, A (2007) (ed.), *Urban Landscape Transformations*, a theme-issue of **International Journal of Sustainable Development and Planning** 2(2), Sept 2007.

Gospodini (2008) (ed.), *Urban Landscape Transformations*, a theme-issue of **Aeichoros**, the refereed planning journal of Department of Planning & Regional Development, University of Thessaly, Greece. [forthcoming] [in Greek and English].

6. International Conferences

6.1 Organising, co-chairing and being a member of the scientific board.

1. Member of the Scientific Board of the 5th international conference on Sustainable Development & Planning, Nicosia, Cyprus, 9-11 May 2009.
2. Co-chairing (with Prof. Gert de Roo) the 2nd in 2008 AESOP Workshop on Complexity & Planning, Thessaloniki, 17-19 Oct. 2008.
3. Co-chairing (with Prof. C. A. Brebbia and Prof. E. Tiezzi) the 5th international conference on The Sustainable City: Urban Regeneration and Sustainability, Skiathos, Greece, 24-26 September 2008.
4. Member of the Scientific Board of the 4th international conference on Sustainable Development & Planning, 25-27 April 2007, Algrave, Portugal.
5. Member of the Scientific Board of the 3th international conference Sustainable Development & Planning, Bologna, Italy, 12-14 Sept. 2005.
6. Organising and chairing a special session on Urban Landscape Transformations in the 3th international conference on Sustainable Development & Planning, Sustainable Planning & Development, Bologna, Italy, 12-14 Sept. 2005.
7. Member of the Scientific Board of the international conference on Tourism and Cultural Environment, Chephalonia, Greece 17-20 June 2004.
8. Member of the Scientific and Organising Board of the 2002 international congress of AESOP on 'Planning in border areas', Volos, Greece, 10-15 July 2002.
9. Co-chairing (with Prof. Taner Oc, University of Nottingham) the session on Urban Design and Physical Form in the AESOP congress on 'Planning in border areas', Volos, Greece, 10-15 July 2002.

6.2 Presentations in international planning conferences.

1. Gospodini, A., Sirigos, S. (2008), 'Combining Space Syntax and Land Uses in understanding and predicting pedestrian movement in urban space' in the AESOP Workshop on 'Complexity and Planning', Milan 22-23 Feb. 2008.
2. Gospodini, A. (2007), 'New Urban Economies and the Greek cities: The case study of post-Olympics Athens', in the AESOP congress on 'Planning for a Risk Society', Naples 11-16 July 2007.

3. Gospodini, A. (2007), 'Cultural Clusters in the post-industrial city; the Greek experience', the 3rd international conference on Sustainable Development and Planning, Algarve Portugal, 25-28 April 2007.
4. Gospodini, A. (2005), 'Landscape Transformations in the Postmodern Inner City', (an invited presentation) in the 2nd international conference on Sustainable Planning & Development, Bologna 12-14 Sept. 2005.
5. Gospodini, A. (2005), 'Urban Morphology enhancing Place Identity: The case study of three European cities', the AESOP congress on The Dream of a Greater Europe, Vienna 13-17 July 2005.
6. Gospodini, A., Galani, V. (2005), 'STREETS AND CHILDREN; Analysing and reclaiming street space as children's playground', in the international conference on Life in the Urban Landscape, Gothenburg 29 May -3 June 2005.
7. Gospodini, A. (2004), 'URBAN DEVELOPMENT EFFECTS OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS: A case study of 12 European cities', in the AESOP congress on Metropolitan Planning and Environmental Issues, Grenoble, France 1-4 July 2004.
8. Beriatos E., Gospodini, A., (2003), "Urban Landscape Transformations; the case of Athens 2004", in 'Planning in a more Globalised and Competitive World', in the 39th international congress of Isocarp, 17-22 October 2003, Cairo, Egypt.
9. Gospodini, A. (2003), 'Urban Space Morphology and Place Identity; Testing Built Heritage and Innovative design in Bilbao', in the AESOP congress on The network society; The new context of planning, 8-13 July 2003, Leuven, Belgium.
10. Gospodini, A., Skayannis, P. (2002), 'Planning Studies in Greek Universities', a post-congress presentation in the 38th international conference of Isocarp on 'THE PULSAR EFFECT: Planning with Peaks. Athens, Greece, 21-26 Sept. 2002.
11. Gospodini, A., Skayannis, P. (2002), 'Educational Curricula in Greek Schools of Planning; Transformations and perspectives', in the AESOP congress on Planning in Border Regions, Volos, Greece, 10-15 July 2002.
12. Gospodini, A. (2002), 'European Cities globalizing their landscape; Place-identity, innovative design and new 'locale'', in the AESOP congress on Planning in Border Regions, Volos, Greece, 10-15 July 2002.
13. Gospodini, A. (2000), 'URBAN DESIGN, URBAN SPACE MORPHOLOGY, URBAN TOURISM; An emerging new paradigm concerning their relationship', in the international conference on Tourism on Islands and Specific Destinations, Aegean University, Chios, Greece 14-17 Dec. 2000.
14. Gospodini, A. (2000), 'URBAN WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT; the case of Greek cities', in the ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) conference on Cultural and Regional Economic Development – Cultural, Political and Social Perspectives, University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece, 28-30 Sept. 2000.
15. Gospodini, A. (2000), 'European cities in competition and the new 'uses' of urban design', in the AESOP congress on Planning at a Turning Point, Brno, Czech Republic, 18-23 July 2000.
16. Gospodini, A., Loukissas, Ph. (1998), 'SUSTAINABLE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT OF CHORA OF MYCONOS: Controlling the abuse of public open space and the aesthetic pollution of the edifices' in the international conference on SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISLANDS - The roles of research and higher education, Aegean University, National Technical University of Athens, and Democritus University of Thrace, Rhodes, Greece 1-5 May 1998.
17. Gospodini, A. (1992), 'Socio-spatial Metamorphoses of the urban grid in Classical Antiquity', 120 international conference of IAPS (International Association for People-Environment Studies) on Socio-environmental Metamorphoses, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Chalkidiki, Greece, 12-17 July 1992.

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Position: Professor in the Department of Civil and Transport Engineering,
Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Education:

M.Sc. Economics, University of Oslo, 1970.
Doctoral courses, Nordic Institute for Studies in Urban and Regional Planning, Stockholm, 1983-87.
Dr. techn. 1990

Work experience:

1970-71 Research scholar, Institute of Transport Economics, Oslo.
1971-76 Researcher, same place.
1976-77 Research scholar, Institute of Economics, University of Oslo.
1977-78 Researcher, SINTEF Transport Engineering.
1978-82 Research Economist, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research.
1982-83 Head of Department, same place.
1983-85 Associate Professor, Department of Transport Engineering, Norwegian Institute of Technology, University of Trondheim. Head of Department 1983-1986.
1985-2002 Professor, same place (renamed: Norwegian University of Science and Technology). Head of Department 1998-2001.
2003- Professor, Department of Civil and Transport Engineering, NTNU. Head of the group for Road and Transport 2006-07.

Counsellor agreement with the research group SINTEF Road and Transport Planning.

Teaching: Master level courses in "Freight Transport Systems" and "Public Transport". PhD course in "Transport Economics".

Doctoral students and PhD committees:

For the time being, I have three PhD students. Eight of my former students have received their PhD degrees. I have been a member of seven other PhD committees at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, one committee at the University of Lund, Sweden, one at the Queensland University of Technology, and one at Murdoch University, Western Australia. At the University of Bergen, Norway, I have acted as examiner.

Promotion Committees:

Chair of the Promotion Committee at the Institute of Transport Economics in Oslo since 1997. I have evaluated academics for professorship at University of California at Berkeley, Cornell, University of Oregon, and University of Southern California, as well as several Scandinavian universities.

Longer stays abroad:

- Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art. Dundee, Scotland.: Three months in 1975.
- Florida State University. Tallahassee, Florida.: One year from June 1994.
- University of California at Berkeley: Three months from September 2001.
- Murdoch University, Western Australia: Three months from May 2002.
- University of Auckland: Three months from September 2007.

Prizes:

- Best paper prize for 1992, Scandinavian Journal of Housing and Planning
- AESOP prize for best paper in European planning journals in 2006.

Fields of activity:

- 1 Productivity in transport, 1970-71
- 2 Transport costs in macro, 1971-73
- 3 Problems of valuation - land, energy, interest, 1974-75
- 4 Policy towards the use of private cars, 1974-75
- 5 Theory of science and planning, 1975-76
- 6 Land use in towns, 1978-83
- 7 Transport economics 1970-

8 Evaluation techniques and impact assessment, 1975-
 9 Planning theory and method, 1976-
 (including the planning process, communicative planning, and problems of social choice)
 10 Theoretical studies of mobility
 Most of my recent publications are in field 9.

Editorial board member:

Served on the editorial board of the following journals:

- "Sosialøkonomen"
- "Planning Theory"
- "Planning Theory and Practice"
- "European Journal of Spatial Development"
- "Journal of Architectural and Planning Research"

Publications: I have published three books, about forty research reports, nearly sixty journal articles, and about forty printed speeches and shorter notes. Only publications in English are listed here.

Books

- 'Communicate or Calculate. Planning Theory and Social Science Concepts in a Contingency Perspective', Dissertation no. 11, Nordplan, Stockholm, 1990, 657 pages.
- 'Communicative Planning Theory', Avebury, London, 1994, 288 pages.
- 'Democratic Planning and Social Choice Dilemmas', Ashgate, Aldershot, UK, 2002, 330 pages.

Articles

- 'Citizen participation and cost-benefit analysis', Transportation Planning and Technology, 1979, 5(3)161-8.
- 'Evaluation methods in local participatory planning'. Town Planning Review, 1981, 52(4)417-32.
- 'The family of goals-achievement matrix methods: respectable enough for citizen participation in planning?'. Environment and Planning A, 1981, 13(Sept.)1151-61.
- 'Formal evaluation in participatory planning. Conclusions from a literature survey'. Scandinavian Housing and Planning Research, 1984, 1(4)215-34.
- 'Why plan? A multi-rationality foundation for planning'. Scandinavian Housing and Planning Research, 1992, 9(3)129-47.
- 'Paradigms for planning: a rationality-based classification'. Planning Theory, 1993, No 9, 79-118.
- 'Dialogical incrementalism. Competing rationalities and the cultivation of the synoptic/incremental distinction'. Journal of Architectural and Planning Research, 1995, 12(2)121-40.
- 'Teaching planning theory as order or fragments?'. Journal of Planning Education and Research, 1995, 14(3)166-73.
- 'From impact assessment to recommendation: How are the impact assessment results presented and used?'. Environmental Impact Assessment Review, 1995, 15(4)377-97.
- 'Implementing the improbable urban road pricing scheme'. Journal of Advanced Transportation, 1997, 31(2)139-58.
- 'Planning and the liberal paradox: a democratic dilemma in social choice'. Journal of Planning Literature, 1997, 12(1)16-29.
- 'Incremental planning for a pluralistic democracy'. Planning Theory, 1997, No. 18, 36-62.
- 'Privacy as a planning problem: some transport-related examples'. Scandinavian Housing and Planning Research, 1998, 15(1)37-52.
- 'Meaningful collective choice? Public planning and Arrow's theorem'. Progress in Planning, 1998, 50(2)70-140.
- 'Social choice implications of structured group processes', Oxford Brooks University Planning Theory Conference, 1998, Papers, Volume 1, 215-28.
- 'Loyalty and the impossibility of Paretian advocacy planning'. Journal of Planning Education and Research, 1998, 18(2)103-12.
- 'The rationality issue in land-use planning', Journal of Management History, 1999, 5(1)87-107.
- 'Rhetoric of economic rationality: the foundation of Norwegian transport planning', European Planning Studies, 1999, 7(4)501-18.
- 'Manipulation in planning: the social choice perspective', Journal of Planning Education and Research, 1999, 19(2)123-34.
- 'A planning theory perspective on the EIA'. In: Hilding-Rydevik, T. (Ed.): "EIA, Large Development Projects and Decision-making in the Nordic Countries", Stockholm: Nordregio, 2001, pp 197-222.
- 'Planning style and agency properties'. Environment and Planning A, 2001, 33(3)509-32.
- 'Positive theory of planning: the social choice approach', Environment and Planning A, 2001, 33(4)629-47.

- 'Manipulative features of planning styles', *Environment and Planning A*, 2001, 33(5)765-81.
- 'Deliberative planning and decision making: an impossibility result', *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 2002, 21(4)367-78.
- 'Rationality types in evaluation techniques. The planning balance sheet and the goals achievement matrix', *European Journal of Spatial Development*, 2003, No. 2, 30 pages.
- 'Inter-agency transport planning: Co-ordination and governance structures' (with Inger-Anne Ravlum), *Planning Theory and Practice*, 2004, 5(2)171-195.
- 'The political relevance of planners' analysis: the case of a parliamentary standing committee' (with Inger-Anne Ravlum), *Planning Theory*, 2005, 4(1)33-65.
- 'From projects to strategies: a transaction cost approach to politicians' problems with strategic transport planning' (with Inger-Anne Ravlum), *Planning Theory and Practice*, 2005, 6(2)213-232.
- 'Footloose and forecast-free: Hypermobility and the planning of society', *European Journal of Spatial Development*, <http://www.nordregio.se/EJSD/> Article 17.
- 'Planning through inclusive dialogue: no escape from social choice dilemmas', *Economic Affairs*, 2005, 25(4)32-35.
- 'Communicative planners as naïve mandarins of the neo-liberal state?', *European Journal of Spatial Development*, 2005, December.
- 'Freedom as mobility: implications of the distinction between actual and potential travelling', *Mobilities*, 2006, 1(3)465-88.
- 'The logic of critical communicative planning: transaction cost alteration', *Planning Theory*, 2006, 5(3)223-54.
- 'Dialogical values in public goods provision', *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 2007, 26(4)497-512.

Contributions to books

- 'A planning theory perspective on the EIA', In: Hilding-Rydevik, T. (Ed.): "EIA, Large Development Projects and Decision making in the Nordic Countries", Stockholm: Nordregio, 2001, pp 197-222.
- 'Inter-agency transport planning: cooperation in a loose policy network' (with Inger-Anne Ravlum), pp 246-270 in L. Albrechts and S. Mandelbaum (eds): *The Network Society: A New Context for Planning*. London: Routledge.

Bibliographies

- 'Bibliography of Cooperative Economics 1920-1975', Vance Bibliographies, Public Administration Series P-350 Part I and II, October 1979, 342 pages.
- 'Participation and Formal Evaluation in Local Planning: An Annotated Bibliography', Vance Bibliographies, Public Administration Series P-888, January 1982, 123 pages.

Book reviews

- Review of Johan Woltjer's *Consensus Planning: The Relevance of Communicative Planning Theory in Dutch Infrastructure Development*, *International Planning Studies* 2002, 7(3)243-45.
- Review of Thomas Harper and Stanley Stein's *Dialogical Planning in a Fragmented Society*, *Urban Affairs* (forthcoming).

Fields of interests and present research activities:

Main fields of interest are transport economics, evaluation technique, and planning theory. I often borrow theories and concepts from economics and political science and apply them to planning theory. Currently, I study institutions and planning processes in the transport sector in light of planning theory and new institutional economics.

I was the Project Manager of a transdisciplinary project on the "Technological Spaces of Mobility", connecting very different academic disciplines at the NTNU. The project received funding from 2003 to 2006 and had a budget of about \$300 thousand each year. The research network of 15-20 participants comprises economics, transport engineering, architecture, product design, psychology, urban planning, ethics, and studies of religion. We are currently in the final stages of publishing books and articles from the project.

ExCo Elections

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Education

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| 1990 | MSc. dissertation on 'Managing Spatial Conflicts in Switzerland' at Faculty of Economy and Sociology, University of Lodz |
| 1999 | PhD. dissertation on 'Ecological Aspects of Management In Housing Districts' at Faculty of Management, University of Lodz |

Affiliation

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| 1989 | Assistant at Department of City Economics, Faculty of Economy and Sociology, University of Lodz |
| 1994 | Assistant Professor at Department of City and Regional Management, Faculty of Management, University of Lodz |
| 1999 | Associate Professor at Department of City and Regional Management, Faculty of Management, University of Lodz |

Field of interest

- Spatial economy
- Spatial planning
- City and regional management and development
- Metropolitan area management
- Public policy and management

Activities

- Lecturer at Faculty of Management and Faculty of Geography, University of Lodz
- Member of faculty team for implementation course on 'Integrated Company Management' based on IFS System since 2004
- Faculty Erasmus/Socrates Coordinator – 2006/2007
- Member of teams conducting researches on: Regional Innovation Strategy in Lodz Region, infrastructure as development factor in postindustrial cities, revitalization in metropolitan context, management in metropolitan areas, etc.
- Member of international external experts group for Polish-Norwegian Research Fund
- Member of external experts group for National Foresight Program 2020
- Member of Association for Studies in Public Economics ASPE
- Member of Polish Town Planners Association
- Author of about 30 publication

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Statement of interest

Within the wider considerations of the realignment in the scope of AESOP that have been discussed during the past year, the capacity of the main communications techniques to deliver what AESOP is aiming at plays certainly a pivotal role.

The most crucial element to contribute to the described process is indeed the AESOP website. The process of technological improvement of this feature, currently fulfilling only the unidirectional role it was designed for, but potentially a powerful tool of enhanced interactivity, is absolutely crucial if AESOP is to move to a more client based approach focused on service provision.

Following this direction, the dominant task for the agenda of future AESOP Communication Team will be the supervision of the process of revision of AESOP website, that was undertaken in Naples in 2007 and since then has been developed in a continuous dialogue between the different AESOP stakeholders, an external provider and a webteam especially created for this task.

In the light of the above consideration, and thanks to the experience accumulated during my services as AESOP Young Academic Outreach officer and as the coordinator of the Aesop webteam, hereby I express my interest to candidate for the position of ExCo Communication officer.

In looking after AESOP communication policy and means, my aim will be to continue the process already started under the previous CT officer, Nikos Karadimitriou, toward a Corporate Communications Strategy that should constitute a guide to managing relationships more effectively when AESOP comes in contact with the variety of people and organizations it needs to relate to in order to grow and succeed in its goals.

In this sense, beside the launch of the new website for AESOP, the main goal will be a consolidation of the Communication Team through different coordination meeting between the people that are currently responsible for AESOP communications in various guises (YA outreach officer etc, webteam, etc.).

This process of institutionalization, together with the attempt to reach wider stakeholder participation, will be focused on the creation of a communication strategy based on new technical and organizational infrastructures combined with the main approach that has been taken towards communications and promotion in general until now.

Biography

Giancarlo Cotella works as a research fellow at Turin Polytechnic. Since 2005, he is also PhD research fellow in Spatial Planning and Local Development at Dipartimento Interateneo Territorio (DITER) of Turin Polytechnic, where he obtained a Master degree in Architecture in 2004 with a thesis titled *Urban requalification interventions in Cracow*, almost entirely prepared during more than 12 months spent at the Cracow University of Technology as a visiting researcher.

In recent years he collaborated to different international research projects together with the DITER research team, among which ESPON 2.3.1 *Application of the ESDP*, and ESPON 2.3.2 *Governance*. Furthermore he participated to the programme INTERACT and to the project Interreg E-Motion. He is a member of the editorial board of Europa XXI, published by the Polish Academy of Science.

Since January 2006, he actively take part to the activities of AESOP, at first being elected in the Coordination Team of the Young Academics network – where he covered the role of Communication&Outreach Officer, of Executive Committee Officer and eventually of Senior Adviser – and since 2007 inside the Executive Committee of AESOP itself..

Within the AESOP environment his main commitments has been concerned with the organization of several different scientific events - the 1st and 2nd YA meetings (Bratislava 2007 and St. Petersburg 2008), AESOP Phd workshop 2008 (Norway) - the management of the YA website and of YA communications, and the participation since the beginning to the web-team that is currently dealing with the realization of a new website for AESOP (where he eventually took the role of coordinator in spring 2008).

Main Research themes

1. European Spatial Planning: formulation and evolution of EU territorial policies, multi-level governance, European territorial governance, Europeanization of spatial planning systems in the EU member states, enlargement of the European Union and Territorial cooperation.
2. Spatial planning and territorial governance in central and eastern European countries: socialist central planning, transition and economic restructuring in central and eastern Europe, new models of governance and emerging spatial planning approaches in Visegrad nations.

Main recent publications

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COTELLA, G. (2006), *Strutture spaziali in transizione in Europa centro orientale. La strategia di sviluppo nazionale in Polonia in cerca del difficile equilibrio fra coesione territoriale e sviluppo economico*. In XXVII Conferenza Italiana di Scienze Regionali Impresa, Mercato, Lealtà Territoriale, AISRE, Pisa, 12-14 October 2006. ISBN 88-87788-07-3.

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6(a)	1981-86	Slovak University of Technology, Faculty of architecture, SR	M.Arch in Spatial Planning, Urban Design and Architecture	
6(b)	1986-90	Slovak University of Technology, Faculty of architecture, SR	PhD. In Spatial Planning and Urban Design	
	1989	University Bremen, Germany	Intercultural studies and language certificate	
7	Language skills Grade skill 1-5 (1 = basic, 5 = excellent, * = mother tongue)			
	Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
	English	4	5	4
	German	4	5	4
	Slovak	*	*	*
	Czech	5	5	4
	Russian	4	5	4
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10	Name of organisation currently working for and Present position in	<p>Name of Organisation:</p> <p>Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Faculty of</p>		

	the organisation	Architecture Present position in the organisation: Vice-Rector of the University University professor Director of SPECTRA Centre of Excellence EU – Central European Research and Planning Centre in Spatial Planning
11	Years with the organisation	21
12	Key Qualifications (relevant projects which he/she has directed or in which he/she has been involved)	
	The Central European Training and Research Centre in Spatial Planning (SPECTRA) – Establishment of the SPECTRA Centre /TEMPUS	Project leader 1998/2001
	European Policy in Regional and Local Planning. Dissemination of best practice in regional and local planning, training activities for local and regional self government and state government institutions /TEMPUS	WP leader 1998/1999
	Spatial Planning Instruments for Safeguarding the Sustainable Spatial Development at the local and regional level.	Team leader in SR 1998/2001
	FOCUS – Future of Old Industrialized Cities and regions, Analysis of the post industrial spatial development in Europe and proposal of the methodology and instruments for the regeneration of the cities and regions affected by structural changes. 5RP	Team leader in SR 1999/2001
	Dissemination of Spatial Planning Know-How. Comparative analysis of spatial planning systems, available know how, possibilities and pre-conditions for the innovations flows in enlarged EU.	Team leader in SR 1998/2001
	SEA documentation, Technical assistance for the planning and construction of the Industrial Park in the city of Rožňava, Environmental study and EIA documentation for the revitalization of the mining brownfields /PHARE	Local expert and WP leader 2001
	“Environmental Impact Assessment for Selected Industrial Companies” EIA documentation and environmental audit with special focus on hazardous waste management, waste classification, collection and storage and reporting of hazardous waste, increasing of waste recycling, substitution of dangerous and health harming compound using in production, waste treatment and disposal services / Phare	Project leader 2002
	Permanent Research in Spatial Planning in the context of European Enlargement and Information Society Advancement (SPECTRA-PERSEUS) Optimization of the processes of spatial development in order to meet sustainable spatial environmental, social and economic, development. 5RP	Project leader 2003/2005
	Urban Development towards Appropriate Structures for Sustainable Transport (ECOCITY) The development of the sustainable ecologically oriented development strategy for the model city Trnava with the stress on sustainable transport concepts and infrastructure, 5 RP	Team member 2002/2005
	Improving the Quality of Life in Large Urban Distressed Areas (LUDA) Sustainable land use and development management for large distressed urban areas, 5 RP	WP co-leader, team leader in SR 2003/2005
	Transport Planning, Land Use and Sustainability (TRANSPLUS) Sustainable transport strategy implementation and environmental impact assessment , 5 RP	Team member 200/2003
	Rehabilitation and Development in Mining Regions Large-scale environmental impacts and urban development problems. Strategy of the redevelopment in the environmentally affected areas of Velky Krtis, Prievidza and Ziar nad Hronom / INTERREG	Team leader in SR 2004/2005
	Life-Long Educational Programme on Brownfields The objective of the project is to prepare a comprehensive programme for effective implementation of continuing education and the life-long acquisition of skills and competencies to consolidate technological and organizational changes in the country for the brownfields regeneration.	WP leader 2004/2006
	INTELCITY – Intelligent Cities ,INTELCITIES addresses the EU policy objective of the “Knowledge Society” by 2010 in the context of cities, through the implementation of the FP5 INTELCITY roadmap project (IST-2002- 37373), by developing the intelligent city - an integrated citywide ICT information system continuously accessible to all, 6 RP	Team leader in SR 2004/2005 (2008)
	SEA and Expertise on the Land Use Plan Proposal for the Slovak capital Bratislava . Development of the SEA methodology in the specific conditions of the integration of land-use planning and SEA processes, implementation of SEA methodology	Project leader 2003/2004

	Sustainable land use management of the river basins areas Problems, instruments and methods of the land-use management in the river basins areas affected by the floods disasters, proposal for the implementation of new environmentally oriented strategies for land-use development			Team leader in SR 2003/2005
	Participative Planning in Spatial Development. Development and implementation of the methods and instruments for the involvement of broader public in the spatial planning processes and decision making in the civil society			Team member 2002/2004
	Sustainable local development in the rural areas – ecologically oriented land-use and development plan for Tesarske Mlynany			Team member 2004/2005
13	Experience in not European countries/territories			
	Country	Date	Details	
	Sri Lanka	2004	Field study on the investment in ecologically oriented tourism	
14	Professional experience record (mainly in one of the Areas of Activity)			
14a	Location	Date	Organisation	
	Bratislava	1991-1999	Slovak University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture	
	Position	Vice-head of the Department of Theory		
	Responsibilities	Research and education in the field of theory of spatial planning and urban design, management of research work of the Department		
14b	Location	Date	Organisation	
	Bratislava	1990-2000	EURAS, co.	
	Position	Executive director		
	Responsibilities	spatial planning at the local and regional level, project management, management of the company		
14c	Location	Date	Organisation	
	Bratislava	2000-2003	Slovak University of Technology	
	Position	Vice-Rector for foreign affairs of the University Head of the Department of Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture		
	Responsibilities	Management at the level of the University, education and research		
14d	Location	Date	Organisation	
	Bratislava	2003-2007	Slovak University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture	
	Position	University Professor, Head of the Institute of Spatial Planning and Urban Design Director of the SPECTRA Centre of Excellence		
	Responsibilities	Research, education and planning practice in the field of spatial planning, urban design, landscape planning and landscape architecture, Institute/Centre management,		
14d	Location	Date		
	Bratislava	2007	Slovak University of Technology	
	Position	Vice-Rector of the University		
	Responsibilities	Management at the level of the University, education and research		
15	Publications (most important) – books and chapters in the books			
	Publisher	Date	Title	
	ICLEI	1996	ICLEI's Guide to Environmental Management for Local Authorities in Central and Eastern Europe, volumes 1-18 for country-specific edition in the Slovak Republic	
	Verlag der ARL Hannover	1997	Finka,M., Přikryl, Z., Scholich, D., Turowsky G.: German-Slovak-Czech Manual on Planning Terminology ISBN 3-88838-521-0	
	Verlag der ARL Hannover	1999	Gleichwertige Lebensbedingungen in Mitteleuropa – ein tragfähiges Konzept fuer die Raumordnung?	
	Verlag der ARL Hannover	2000	Finka, M., Semsroth, K, Přikryl,Z.: Austrian-Slovak-Czech Manual on Planning Terminology, ISBN 3-88838-528-8	
	ARL/ROAD/IUG	2000	Finka, M., Petříková, D.(Eds.): Spatial Development and Planning in European Integration, ISBN 80-88999-02-2	
	ARL/ROAD/IUG	2000	Strategic Environmental Assessment if land-use/spatial plans in EU and SR, In : Gal, P., Belcakova,I. : Current Legislation and Standards of Spatial Planning in Social Transformation and European Integration, ISBN 80-88999-03-0	
	AR/ROAD/IUG	2001	Restructuring of Industrial Cities and Regions as Impact	

			of Industrial Society Transformation, In : Petrikova,D., Spacek, R. : Information Society and Spatial Development. ISBN 80-88999-08-01
	ARL/ROAD/IUG	2001	Finka,M.: Interdisciplinary Aspects of Spatial Quality Development in Settlement Systems. Euroepan Training Centre in Spatial Planning Bratislava/ Hannover/ Newcastle/Grenoble ISBN 80-88999-09-X
	ROAD	2002	The Role of Planning in Increasing Ethical Behaviour. In : Petrikova, D.(Ed) : Planning, Ethics and Religion. ISBN 80-88999-16-2
	Springer Verlag	2005	Mueller, B., Linz, G., Finka, M.: Rise and Decline of Industry in Central and eastern Europe
	Road/TU Wien/ARL Hannover	2005	Viena-Bratislava Region –between Cooperation and Competiton, In: Competition between Cities in Central Europe: Opportunities and Risks of Cooperation', ISBN 80-8059-031-1
	Road/TU Wien/ARL Hannover	2005	Classification of instruments of cooperation and competition, In: Competition between Cities in Central Europe: Opportunities and Risks of Cooperation', ISBN 80-8059-031-1
	Road/IoeR/ARL	2005	<i>Integration of the Needs for Cross-Border Land-Use Management Cooperation in the River Basisn, In: Borderfree River Basins. ISBN 80-88999-28-6, EAN 9788088999287,</i>
	Verlag der Bauhaus Universität Weimar	2006	Mediacity – Theoretical and Conceptual Contexts, In: ECKARD, F., ZSOCKE, M.: Mediacity, 2006, ISBN-10: 3-860689-279-0, ISBN-13:978-3-860068-279-5, str. 65-89
	Univ.Belgrade	2006	Cooperation potentials of the metropolitan regions in CADSES area, the case of Vienna/Bratislava Region, In.:STOIKOV,B.(Ed): Metropolitan networking in CADSES, ISBN86 823657-62-67, str.101-108
	Road - Spectra	2006	Spatial Development Trajectories, FA STU-ROAD Bratislava 2006, ISBN 978-80-88999-31-7, FINKA,M., PETRÍKOVÁ,D.-editors



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‘Space is Luxury!’

Proposal to host the AESOP Annual Conference 2010 at Helsinki University of Technology, Espoo, July 7-10



1 The Organizing School

The Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (YTK)¹ at the Helsinki University of Technology (TKK)² offers to organise the AESOP Annual Conference 2010 in the Helsinki Metropolitan Region, Finland.

¹ <http://www.tkk.fi/Units/Separate/YTK/>

² <http://www.tkk.fi/Units/Separate/YTK/>

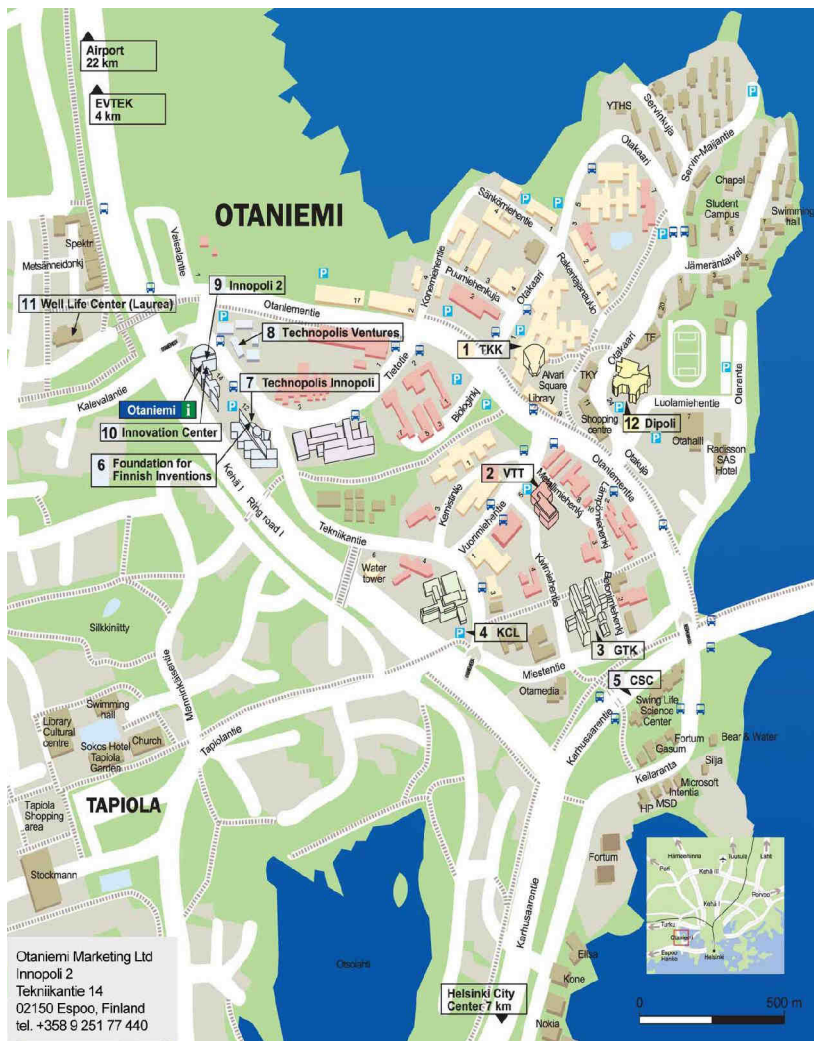
YTK is a multidisciplinary research and training institute, located at the Helsinki University of Technology. It was founded in 1968 as a common unit for all Finnish universities. TKK again, is the oldest and largest Finnish technology university, celebrating its 100th year as a university in 2008.

The research personnel of YTK is multidisciplinary, consisting mostly of social scientists, architects and geographers. There are altogether some 30 persons working in the Centre. The research covers a wide area of urban issues. The current spearheads of the research are sustainable urban structure, urban space and housing, place experience and participatory planning methods, European metropolises and regions, partnerships and conflicts, planning and policy evaluation.

YTK is the only Finnish institution which offers continuing education for planners. The Centre has also postgraduate students and is actively co-operating and co-ordinating Graduate Schools.

YTK has a long experience of international co-operation. It has been a full member of AESOP already since 1989. It has hosted several international visiting professors and organised international events like the 9th International Planning History Conference (IPHS) in 2000, which gathered some 300 participants. YTK has also hosted several times the Nordic NSBB conference and is the organiser of two international summer schools, the IFHP (International Federation for Housing and Planning) summer and the HSS (Helsinki Summer School). The CIB (Conseil International du Bâtiment - International council for research and innovation in building and construction) WG 69 Housing Sociology conference in 2005 was organised by YTK.

YTK believes that organising the conference is an excellent opportunity to increase the networking and research links of Finnish researchers, planners and cities with the international planning community. It is also a chance for YTK to further strengthen its relations with AESOP. For the international planning community, Finland and the other Nordic countries are an interesting target with their specific planning innovations and solutions.



Otaniemi campus detail plan by Alvar Aalto

2 Location

TKK is a campus university, located in the municipality of Espoo, right at the shores of the Baltic Sea, some 15 minutes away by bus from the Helsinki city centre. The university is close to the famous 1950's garden city Tapiola. TKK and Tapiola are both famous architectural sights showing master pieces by Alvar Aalto, Aarne Ervi, Reima and Raili Pietilä, Heikki and Kaija Siren etc. and offer the conference aesthetically and practically a good setting.



Dipoli conference centre

The conference venue will be the Dipoli conference centre in Otaniemi campus. Dipoli offers a range of meeting rooms satisfying the need to run fourteen parallel tracks and general assemblies of up to 600 persons. Business meetings can be arranged as well. An exhibition space for book stalls and other exhibits is also available. Extra meeting rooms, e.g. for YA are readily available in a neighbouring building of TKK's student association. Dipoli also has a restaurant capacity (refectory) serving during term time the entire main campus.



Dipoli conference rooms

The Helsinki Metropolitan Region is an interesting area what comes to latest urban development. There are several possibilities for conference excursions, extending from new housing areas in harbour conversion sites on the waterfront to nearby wooden towns following concepts of new urbanism. As Helsinki is located between Stockholm, Tallinn and St. Petersburg and well connected to these cities, post-conference tours to any of these can easily be organised. Also excursions to the northern (Lapland) and eastern (Carelia) Finland can be arranged, as well as to the Finnish western archipelago (Åland).

Accessibility

Helsinki has an international airport with more than 40 flight companies flying regularly to Helsinki. There are direct flights to/from some 100 destinations abroad and to/from some 20 national destinations. The conference participants can easily fly to/from Helsinki from/to their home countries. The airport is connected to the city centre and the university with frequent public transport connections (30 minutes). Commuting inside Helsinki and to the conference venue is easy due to the excellent public transport connections.

Hotel capacity of the location

The whole Helsinki Metropolitan Region has 67 hotels, 10 200 rooms and 18 900 beds. The hotel capacity is growing yearly. There are plenty of hotels in different price ranges for lodging the conference participants. Also, the student accommodation at the campus (capacity of some 1250 rooms), which is uninhabited during the summer months, can be used for accommodating the conference guests with economy price. The university has negotiated discount rates with most hotels in Helsinki, which will also be available for the conference.

3 Proposed congress theme

„Space is Luxury!“

Space in general is scarce resource. Quality space, defined by a range of requirements nowadays is even more a scarce resource. Does having good space available equal commanding a 'luxury'? Planning and urban design are key factors in attempting to shape and manage space and generate quality spaces.

The theme of this conference is clearly challenging from many perspectives³. In 2007 the Greater Helsinki Region invited for an ideas competition to develop visions for 2050 (see www.greaterhelsinkivision.fi) – many of the submissions revealed that it is actually quite difficult to conceptualize and plan 'spatial demand' in an appropriate way when looking out into the future, despite our increasing knowledge base about space and place.

Clearly, the need to reduce cities' ecological footprint and emissions through densification and miniaturisation is an important question in this respect. How to find new models of urban structure, design and life that provide spatial luxury in increasingly dense settings? What is the future of free mobility and network city? YTK currently coordinates a national initiative to establish internationally top-level research on sustainable city thematic, a resource feeding sessions of AESOP 2010.

YTK – TKK and co-operators invite planning schools to come to Finland and to discuss the manifold issues. In addition, we take the opportunity of the World Expo in Shanghai with its motto 'Better City, Better Life' for a cross-continental cooperation. The Shanghai Expo runs from May until October 2010 and expects to have 70.000.000 visitors. Finland offers the shortest EU flight connections with China and places much emphasis on a fruitful cooperation – and so do we: Together with the China Planning Network and with colleagues from Shanghai, we will identify inter-cultural and trans-continental dimensions of 'space is luxury' and 'better city, better life'.

³ *life style – sustainability – global networks – urban design – architecture – theory – practice – planning – education – friction – centres – peripheries – footprints – distance – affiliation – hesitation – negotiation – transition – transport – individual – communal – social – commercial – consumptional landscapes – metro-scapes – archipelagos – boundaries – transitions - ... – third spaces – strategies – policy for – policy in – policy of places - ...*

4 Congress Budgeting and Organisation

YTK is aware of the fact that organizing a conference for an audience of 400-700 people is economically and logistically a demanding task and that, in addition, the financial risk is entirely with the local organizer.

TKK and its administration are fully supporting the Centre in this effort. Both TKK and YTK are financially solid institutions. The turnover of TKK was 245 272 000 EUR in 2007, and the turnover of YTK 2 000 000 EUR. The university is able to cover the up-front expenses, bearing in mind that despite the fact that Congresses are by and large financed by the Congress fees, certain payments may have to be made before the local organizing committee collects the fees.

Based on the experiences of previous conferences, and looking at cost structures in Finland, for a congress with 600 participants the total budget will most likely be around 300.000 €. From this, roughly 180.000 € will be covered with congress fees.

Therefore, sponsorship for the conference is needed and YTK is going to contact several public and private organisations for support the event. The possible sponsors include Ministry of Environment, Helsinki Metropolitan Regional Council, Cities of Espoo, Helsinki and Vantaa, Kone company and Nokia company. TKK and YTK have good working relations with all before mentioned institutions and is confident to raise a considerable amount of sponsoring.

YTK will form both a Scientific Committee and a Local Organizing committee. The tentative members of these committees are...

Scientific Committee

AESOP President Professor Willem Salet, Amsterdam

YTK Director Professor for Strategic Urban Planning Raine Mäntysalo, TKK/YTK, Espoo

Professor Peter Ache, European Metropolitan Planning, Espoo

Professor Kimmo Lapintie, TKK/A/YKS

Anthony Yeh (Honkong), China Planning Network and Shanghai Tongji University (tbc)

Local Organizing Committee

Chair: Professor Peter Ache, EMP, YTK

Deputy Chair: Mervi Ilmonen, YTK

Secretariat: Hanna Mattila & Kaisa Schmidt-Thome, YTK

A professional conference organisation will be hired to take care of the practical organisation. In the Helsinki region, there are several possible organisers from which a tender will be asked:

<http://www.dipoli.tkk.fi/kongressipalvelut/index.html>

<http://www.konffa.fi/fi/etusivu>

<http://www.congcreator.com/cc.html>

<http://www.congreszon.fi/>

<http://www.congrex.fi/>

<http://www.hrgworldwide.com/Default.aspx?alias=www.hrgworldwide.com/fi>

5 PhD Workshop

The PhD workshop which will be before the main conference for 4-5 days will be arranged with teaming up with another Finnish/Nordic University who would take the main responsibility. There are several options which will be explored. The other Finnish universities as organisers could be e.g. Turku, Tampere or Jyväskylä. One possibility is also to team up with our Nordic colleagues, e.g. Stockholm. The theme will follow from the main theme 'space is luxury' and provide the opportunity to develop critical and methodological tuition into topical debates. Highly competent scholars will give tuition in the PhD workshop.

APPLICATION FOR ORGANIZING AESOP 2010 CONFERENCE, AND 2009 MEETING OF THE HEADS OF SCHOOLS OF PLANNING

1. Information about the school and its profile:

Polis University, International School of Architecture and Urban Development Policies (www.universitetipolis.edu.al) is a new private school established in 2006, with two separate faculties: Architecture and Urban Planning. Indeed the origin of university dates back in 1995 with *Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development* (www.co-plan.org) a non-government pioneering planning institute in Albania and South East Europe, that became a driving force for new planning attitudes in Albania, including experimenting planning under the conditions of rapid urbanization, and/or formalization of informal settlements, enforcing it up to policy-making level, etc. The experience of Co-PLAN is appreciated as international best practice by UN Habitat 1998 and World Bank 1999.

At U-POLIS actually we are developing a qualitative academic environment and true nuclei for scientific and practical research. We intend to introduce a new way of thinking to the society and new standards in the field of education. We strongly believe that success stands at that type of education that foresees the future. Inspiration, exploration, positive thinking and challenging the reality - are some of the key principles where we rely in the education process. In few words, we intend to create *a new thinking on Architecture and the new profession of Urban Planner* in Albania.

Nowadays, POLIS University together with Co-PLAN (also functioning as its practice and research institute of the university) are introducing a new perspective regarding these two professions, being in such way the first university in Albania and in Balkans that opens a faculty of Urban Planning, with bachelor studies from first year, clearly separated from architecture and design school.

Both institutions POLIS and Co-PLAN have also contributed with several publications regarding Urban Planning and Management issues such as:

- The sixth mystery! Which is the trap that keeps Albania out of global economy, 2008.
- City of Fier Development Strategy & Participatory Budgeting, 2007.
- City of Elbasan Development Strategy & Municipal Plan, 2007.
- Urban Development and Environmental Requalification, 2006.
- Informal Settlement of Bathore: Neighborhood Development Agenda, 2005.
- Making cities work, 2004.
- Tirana: The Challenge of Urban Development, 2003
- City made by people, Volume I & II, 1998 & 2000, etc.

Actually U-POLIS is on the brink of publishing its own scientific periodical that refers specifically to urban planning issues, architecture, environment, etc (the first as such in Albania) namely FORUM A + P. In addition, Polis has established its own architecture and urban design studio Metro_POLIS.

Meanwhile Polis University has undersigned Partnership and Cooperation Agreements with two EU universities (Darmstadt University Germany, and Trieste University of Studies, Italy). There are in process of elaboration 3 other memorandums for cooperation and joint projects, such as with Universities of Bari Italy, Bilgi University Istanbul Turkey, and NTUA Athens Greece

Polis University has a good network of partners in the country and holds two national agreements, including Ministry of Environment and Ministry of EU Integration of Albania, to share efforts and staff adopting new planning and environmental legislations and strategies that meets EU standards and directives, towards Albanians process of stabilization and association, as well as reforms taking place in the country.

Lately Polis is merging in a coalition with “Luarasi” University of Tirana, specialized in Law and Public Administration. Of course, Polis is a new growing institution, but full of ideas, optimism and energies that will hopefully constitute in a solid academic and research institution in Albania.

2. The school's reasons for hosting the event

After opening the Faculty of Architecture, Polis University started the academic year 2007-2008 with a novelty, with a new profession in Albania – the Faculty of Urban Planning. So far in Albania has existed only the concept of the architect and the urban designer. Thus, the approach of the urban problems in the country has been mainly visual /graphical. This caused a lot of debate, especially among the professional lobbies that were controlling before urban planning not to the interests of public and society, but to their own economic interest. Polis tries to break through such conflict of interest and create a profession and new way of thinking on how the territory and assets must be planned, used and managed for a sustainable future. This decision caused a kind of secessionist movement out of traditional ways of thinking, and created a pioneering institution. That is another reason why international debate for the importance of urban planning and its contemporary way of thinking is evolving worldwide.

Indeed Albania (especially Tirana) is a very interesting urban laboratory for the moment. From one of the most self-isolated and rural societies in Europe (35% by late 80-s), for almost 2 decades it became a quite aggressive urban society where you can see in 24 hours things that have happened over centuries in other countries. There are more than 270 housing units build in the last 2 decades by private sector, and 270,000 informal constructions developed as well. Urbanization and migration are dramatic, while authorities are pressed by pressure coming from individual business and initiatives. Imagine a society that after 50 years self-isolation and strictly planed centralized economy, where religion and private property were almost totally denied, now has exploded towards freedom of movement, market economy, and democracy, in a mentality where there is almost no space for planning. In few words it has undergone unbelievable changes during the last 18 years of post-communist transition, which are still to be studied and analyzed.

Because of these characteristics, its own sleepy self-isolated past, and its fast and frenetic actual development, the capital Tirana offers a unique perspective in terms of urban planning and urban development, as it carries traces and influences of different regimes and holds an enormous energy within, to be explored by all visitors, especially by experts of planning and urban development. During less than 2 decades the surface of capital city has at least doubled, and population at least tripled.

However as authorities were not prepared for such radical social-economic and political change, there are already 12.7 billion Euro invested in informal economy/construction in Albania, which is 4 times more than international aid given to Albania during transition, 9 times more than foreign direct investments, and 9 times more than national reserves minus gold. Clearly after 2 decades of “total freedom” there is a need for a new concept of realistic planning, and that is exactly a space for POLIS/Co-PLAN and AESOP for an international debate, where participants do not only learn but also contribute and advise for the local society.

We strongly believe that our experience with Co-PLAN/POLIS which has impacted strongly in the local context is also quite valuable for AESOP to open a debate on the way Planning is taught, and its role for the transitional societies towards market economy and democracy. We strongly believe that we have the necessary capacities, infrastructure and network to host such event, despite the fact that we are fully aware of the responsibilities. Polis/Co-PLAN have qualified staff, experienced and internationally trained experts (EU and USA), and dispose or may provide with all the facilities required to host such event, which for sure is going to be the main headline for a small country in Balkans which is struggling to set up an inclusive society on the way towards EU & NATO.

Under such circumstances we recommend that we move ahead in such direction by first testing our own capacities hosting the **AESOP 2009 Heads of Schools Meeting**.

3. Former experiences in hosting conferences and (financial) capacities:

The actual staff of POLIS/Co-PLAN organized in Tirana 2003 the International Conference of ENHR, European Conference of Housing Researchers: *Making Cities Work!* (in total more then 300 participants), addressed also by Albanian Prime Minister and Major of Tirana.

In addition, POLIS/Co-PLAN staff have initiated and organized the so called CSD-net initiative, a network on the role of civil society on urban planning and development from SEE countries. So far 3 regional workshops (each 40-50 participants) have been organized in Albania, Budapest and Kosovo.

POLIS/Co-PLAN organized since 1998 up to today regularly and periodically the so called: "Open Public Forum" where local/international experts, citizens and politicians debate about city problems. At least 20 national workshops, 50 TV-programs, and 20 local/regional capacity building programs are undertaken during last 10 years, not to talk for the national platform on Territorial Planning Reform in Albania handled to all political parties in 2005, and partly adopted by the ruling coalition in the country.

In addition, POLIS/Co-PLAN initiated and organizes each year the Albanian Leadership Award (kind of Albanian Nobel Prize) to identify and promote civic and intellectual achievements on Civil Society, Governance, Media and Private Business in Albania.

After the application last year we have been accepted as member of AESOP for which we are highly interested to learn and exchange views. It might look too ambitious but we believe that it can be a real win-win experience. U-Polis/Co-PLAN have all human capacities and necessary experiences to organize such events. The core team of experts of Polis and Co-Plan are trained internationally, and came back to contribute to the needs of the country. In the past 12 years our staff has extensive experience with international institutions like UNDP, World Bank, Habitat Program, USAID, GTZ, and bilateral collaborations such as Austrian, Dutch, Swiss, USA, and EU governments. We have been working closely with local and central authorities in Albania and in Kosovo.

We will not ask for any **meeting** fee as far as participants cover their costs of international travel, hotel accommodation and personal expenses. Polis/Co-PLAN will facilitate visa/entry, will organize transport from airport to hotel and reverse. We will offer 2 lunch buffets, and 2 (welcome and Farwell) dinners for the guests. We also will be responsible for the venue of the conference and will appoint staff in such project. Also the organization of study tour it is our own full responsibility.

As regarding the **Congress** this is to be done with certain fee, but however the fee will be reduced in maximum and co-sponsored by Polis and local sponsors. As regarding, entry/visa, study tours and local transport, this again will be taken care by Polis. We will be offering one Welcome and Farwell receptions. Other costs bear on participants.

Some rough offer and calculations on Congress:

Our previous experiences quick calculation shows us that the congress might cost around 200-300 thousands Euro.

The congress fee will include approximately:

- Participation in all plenary sessions and workshops
- The conference folder
- Midday meals
- Coffee breaks

It does not include international travel expenses and accommodation costs, and optional post-conference study/tourism tour.

We hope to be able mobilize sponsorships to provide discounts for limited number of participants from non-EU countries and some PhD Students.

The lines of expenditures will be covered approximately under such logic.

- Visa (when needed): **Individual PARTICIPANTS** - (POLIS/Co-PLAN will try to facilitate easy entry and/or visa exclusion for all)
- International travel: **Individual PARTICIPANTS**
- Local travel (airport & study tours): **POLIS/CO-PLAN**
- Hotel accommodation: **Individual PARTICIPANTS**.
- Meals/Reception: (2 receptions Wellcome and Farwell by **POLIS/Co-PLAN**) - Other meals **PARTICIPANTS (Breakfast/dinner-Individual + lunch FEE)**
- Coffee breaks: **PARTICIPANTS FEE**
- Venue rent: Plenary Sessions - **PARTICIPANTS FEE** - (Workshop sessions: **POLIS/Co-PLAN**)
- Conference preparation/coordination: **POLIS/Co-PLAN**
- Marketing, Multimedia, Publication: - **POLIS/Co-PLAN**
- Cultural events (transport & tickets) - **POLIS/Co-PLAN**
- Mail: **PARTICIPANTS FEE**
- Professional study tours ahead conference - **POLIS/Co-PLAN**
- Optional professional/touristic Post-Conference Tour (South Albania): **PARTICIPANTS FEE**
- 10% of Participants fee goes to **AESOP**.

Financial capacity of Polis and Co-PLAN is based on students' fee, founders' contributions, donations and sponsorships, projects and consultancies. The actual turnover of Co-PLAN and U-Polis annually is around 2 million Euro. Previous experiences in organizing such international events make us confident that we can mobilize support from local authorities and businesses.

4. Information about the location and attractiveness:

As regarding access to Albania, all western/EU countries have priority access and in most of cases no visa requirements are needed. In any case we have previous experiences of coordination with Albanian authorities for such events, establishing a special/preferential entry regime for conference participants, including possible visa exclusion upon registration within certain deadline.

Most of hotels and conference/congress venue are within the walk-able distance of 1 km. The Heads of Schools of Planning Conference will take place at very central Sheraton Hotel, while the Congress will take place at the Palace of Congresses, the biggest and main international event center in Albania less than 50 m distant from the hotel. Both conference/congress venues and most of hotels are between 100 meters distance from Polis University and Co-PLAN institute which are just in the city center.

In terms of hotel accommodation we can offer a variety of hotels starting from Sheraton (5 stars), Rogner and Tirana International (4 stars) up to a series of 3 star hotels with quality and competitive prices. Those looking for maximum reduction of the costs will have to apply well in advance. Hotels in Albania/Tirana are new and very good. Food is amazing, and weather typically sunny Mediterranean. Tirana is almost in the brink of a high mountain, and less than 30km from sea. Dramatic and interesting landscape: in 30 minutes you can be either at the top of mountain or at the beach.

Attractiveness of the location for Planners is quite rich. U-Polis/Co-PLAN will organize visits in the Municipality of Tirana (recognized as an international best practice for local governance), tour at the communist period housing blocks, at informal settlements, and at rapidly growing areas for tourism purposes. Revitalized areas and historic sites will also be visited, including National Historical Museum in Tirana, ancient roman amphitheater and archeology museum in Durres, and the ancient capital city of Kruja with its own middle-age castle and bazaar. Some of the most important country authorities will be addressing the conference (Minister of Education and/or Planning) and the Congress (President or Prime-minister, Mayor of Tirana).

5. Proposed title for the Conference:

Title: *"Planning and Paradoxes":*

Subtitle: *New Directions, Challenges and Opportunities!*

Sub-themes / workshops:

- Design and Planning: Complementing or controversial?
- Creativity in Planning versus Compromising!
- Tourism Development or Sustainable Development?
- Land management and Application of Technology
- Planning from Basic needs to Greater opportunities!
- Formalization of Extralegal Economy

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Architect and designer, graduated in 1971 at University of Tirana. A highly experienced architect, widely known in Albania and Kosovo and in the region. Former Director of National Institute of Architecture in Albania. Some of his works are main architectural performances in Albania. Lecturer of architecture design at Polytechnic University of Tirana. Actually leading of "Enigma Architecture Studio" Tirana.

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AESOP 2010 Conference

Dear Madam Secretary General,

with this letter, the TU Dortmund's School of Spatial Planning extends its warm invitation to host the 2010 AESOP conference in Dortmund. The conference will last for five days in July 2010. About 700 participants from the European and international planning community are expected to share their experiences and knowledge.

In 2009, the School of Spatial Planning will celebrate its 40th anniversary. It is one of AESOP's founding members. Although much has changed since the early days of AESOP, the commitment of the Dortmund school to excellence in planning research and planning education has not only persisted, but is still growing.

The Ruhr, one of Europe's largest post-industrial areas, offers stimulating examples of planning challenges, yet also a rich variety of surprising solutions to structural change and the spatial development of fragmented urban landscapes. In 2010, the Ruhr will be one of Europe's Capitals of Culture.

The Faculty Council of the School of Spatial Planning fully supports the application to host the 2010 AESOP conference in Dortmund. In particular, the Faculty Council assures to make available all financial and other resources which the local organizing committee will require for the preparation of the 2010 conference.

We, the faculty of the Dortmund School of Spatial Planning, are dedicated to make the 2010 AESOP conference in Dortmund an extraordinary event for everybody. Following a number of particularly

exciting and successful conferences, we understand that AESOP member schools and conference participants expect a high level of academic engagement as well as a wide variety of amenities. We shall make the best use of the creative environment of the Ruhr and the School of Spatial Planning to meet these expectations.

Please find enclosed all required information.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Hans-Peter Tietz (Dean)

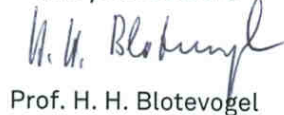


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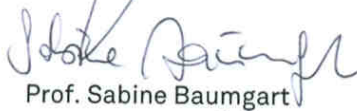
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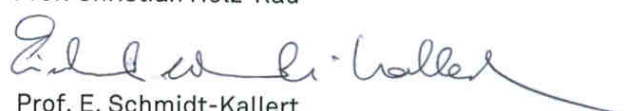
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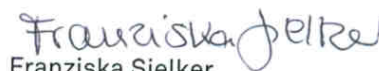


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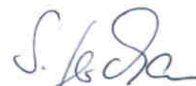


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INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE 2010 AESOP CONFERENCE BID OF THE DORTMUND SCHOOL OF SPATIAL PLANNING

Through the hosting of the AESOP conference, the TU Dortmund School of Spatial Planning wishes to celebrate its 40th anniversary with colleagues from all over Europe and beyond.

The Conference Theme

NEGOTIATING THE COMMONS OF EUROPE: Culture, Conflict, Consensus

“What is owned by all, is neglected by all”: By this slogan, common pastures have been enclosed in the 17th and 18th century to avoid the tragedy of the commons. And so, in the name of modernization, many commons were destroyed. Enclosures are not limited to traditional farming. Markets have been closed in fear of competition, city spaces have been enclosed to avoid conflicts between the poor and the affluent, countries have closed their borders to keep out unwanted migrants. In today's globalized and fragmented world, however, enclosure no longer is a viable strategy to resolve conflicts and maintain values. We need some commons back. Planners, by negotiating the commons, search for alternatives to walls and fences.

The Dortmund AESOP conference 2010 will focus on the commons of Europe. The idea of a common market obviously has been very important to European developments. However, European countries and European citizens have much more in common than markets. The political spaces of the European Union are an example of this wide variety of commons, and so are the European Court of Human Rights, the Eurovision Song Contest, or the UEFA Community.

The commons of Europe include physical spaces, like transboundary landscapes and river basins, as well as shared values, like the idea of the European City. Yet, many European cities also share the experience of city-region developments transgressing municipal boundaries and creating puzzling spaces of possibility. In each of these examples, walls and fences "literally or metaphorically" are challenged by the power of the commons. But perhaps walls and fences are still essential to have better neighbors and to preserve local identities...

Are the commons of Europe merely weak symbols, barely concealing the neo-liberal repossession of spaces and resources? Or do the commons of Europe add to cohesion and nurture a culture of difference? Will the cultural, political, social, and economic spaces of the future have hard or liquid boundaries? Can commons help find consensus in the face of dire conflicts and contested spaces? The Dortmund School of Planning invites you to the Ruhr to bring fresh thoughts to a vigorous debate!

The Dortmund School of Spatial Planning

From the beginning, the Dortmund School of Spatial Planning pursued an interdisciplinary approach to planning integrating all spatial levels. This planning strategy has gained an exemplary national and international reputation. When the School of Spatial Planning was founded in 1969, it was the first institution of this type in Germany.

In terms of number of students and the wide range of subjects and disciplines, it is currently the biggest educational facility for spatial planners in Europe. Since 1975, more than 2.500 students have graduated from the School and found work in the public, semipublic, and private sector. Most are occupied in the fields of urban design, regulation, or spatial development.

Since its early days, the Dortmund School of Spatial Planning has been committed to excellence in planning research and teaching. In education, it combines practice orientation with a strong academic basis. The distinct feature of Dortmund's planning curriculum are the studio courses where small teams of students are working independently on current planning issues over a period of two semesters. Currently, the Dortmund School of Spatial Planning awards a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in "Spatial Planning" as well as Master's degree in "Spatial Planning for Regions in Growing Economies (SPRING)". From 2009 on, the Master program "Spatial Planning in Europe" will complete the academic study profile.

Former experiences in hosting conferences

The Dortmund School of Spatial Planning routinely organizes professional meetings at local, regional, national and international level - from small one-day workshops to medium and large conferences of several days' duration.

The last very big international event was the hosting of the ERSA 2002 conference "From Industry to Advances Services – Perspectives of European Metropolitan regions" with 450 participants.

Conference venue and hotel availability

The conference will take place at Technische Universität Dortmund. Its two campuses, three stops from the main station by interurban train, offer a charming and stimulating conference environment.

As Dortmund is one of Germany's established locations for trade fairs and exhibitions, accommodation facilities are available in sufficient numbers.

Financial capacity to host the congress

The Faculty Council unanimously decided to make available all financial and other resources which the local organizing committee will require for the preparation of the 2010 conference. The Dortmund School will ask participants for a reasonable conference fee in accordance with AESOP guidelines.

Dortmund and the Ruhr

Dortmund is one of the centres of the metropolitan region Ruhr, which is also one of the largest conurbations in Europe. The Ruhr with a population of almost 8 million is characterized by a polynuclear structure with several big cities (e.g. Bochum, Essen, Oberhausen and Duisburg) adjacent to each other along the two rivers Ruhr and Emscher.

Dortmund and the Ruhr are usually associated with heavy industry, such as coal and steel, as well as with its traditional breweries. However, since quite some time, the whole region is undergoing a monumental process of structural transformation – socially, demographically, culturally, economically, and spatially. As a result, politics and planning can't help but try out creative ways to deal with the resulting challenges – such as shrinking cities, cultural changes brought about by immigration, growing numbers of senior citizens, or the urgent need to attract new investors and residents. This forced experimentation makes the Ruhr a vibrant laboratory of new models that could be used throughout Europe.

In this spirit, the Ruhr has been awarded the title “European Capital of Culture” in 2010. Taking up the urban and regional challenges, the project envisions not less than to create a new metropolis out of 53 individual cities that will not be shaped by work, but by culture.

This event in particular makes the unique regional cityscape of the Ruhr a highly attractive location for the AESOP congress in 2010.

Université François Rablais, Tours, France



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Application to the organisation of the AESOP 2010 Congress Polytechnic School of the University of Tours, France

This application is made by the Département Aménagement, a member of AESOP since 1987, in the name of the University of Tours and especially of: (i) a higher education component, the Polytechnic School ; and (ii) a research centre: Cités, Territoires, Environnement, Sociétés (CITERES). The team involved in this application belongs to both units.

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1 Information about the school

11 The school's profile and its reasons for hosting the event

40 years of experimentation and experience in higher education and research in sustainable planning

The University of Tours is a multidisciplinary university which ranks 30th out of 85 universities in France. It has 23,000 registered students in 2007. In the late 1960s, a small team of scholars from various disciplines (ecology, geography, computer science...) gathered to create a scheme in planning that would address the interrelations between human needs and environmental issues. Four decades later, Tours is one of the three largest planning schools in France¹, through its staff (25), its number of students (300 at a postgraduate level, including more than 30 PhD students), or its number of graduates (2,000). Moreover, the pedagogical experience accumulated in Tours is widely acknowledged by the planning profession all over France and increasingly abroad².

In 2002, the creation of the Polytechnic School³ within the University of Tours was a great opportunity to consolidate the pedagogical experience by establishing a planning curriculum that provides an engineering diploma – a unique case in France. The three year long scheme (leading to a Master level) includes courses belonging to ecology, physics as well as geography, law and other social sciences. It promotes pluridisciplinarity and includes nearly a year of training placement, research and the international mobility of every student. So far, in France it is the only planning scheme which is accredited by the *Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur*, a member of ENQA. In brief, the ambition of the School during the last years has been to meet international standards in planning education and research as well as satisfying the needs of the planning profession.

¹ The two others are *l'Institut d'Urbanisme de Paris* (created in 1919) and *l'Institut Français d'Urbanisme* (created in the early 1970s).

² The Department has regular contacts with around half of its former students (1,000) and with more than 5,000 employers in the planning field. More and more graduates start their career abroad or are involved in EU or UNESCO programmes in France.

³ Since the early 2000s, 12 polytechnic schools have been created in France, within Universities, on a voluntary basis but with the strong support of the Ministry for Higher Education and Research. By the number of students, the French Polytechnic Schools now represent the first network of engineering schools, the more well-known Ecoles Centrales, Ecoles des Mines, and INSA coming behind.

References of the Planning Département staff and of the research unit

The *Département Aménagement* of the Polytechnic School⁴ is headed by Prof. Christophe Demazière, who was trained in regional science in Lille (France) and in planning research at the *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven* and the University of Wales-Cardiff. He was a member of the CoRep for France from 1998 to 2002 and has been a substitute to Prof. Jan Tuncy in the CoRep since 2006. He is a member of the editorial board of several journals, including *Planning Theory and Practice* (2005-2010). Other senior staff members of the Department include Prof. Michel Lussault, past president of the University of Tours (2003-2008) and an authoritative scholar in urban analysis⁵ ; Prof. Jean-Paul Carrière, closely involved in several research networks at the EU scale (and also with Brazil), visiting professor at U. Hamburg, U. Aveiro, FEUP and UWE, past president of the planning section of the *Conseil National des Universités* (2003-2007) ; and Prof. Serge Thibault, former director of the *Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Villes et Territoires* (1998-2004) and of CITERES (2004-2007), which is one of the largest French research units devoted to spatial dynamics analysis and planning (90 staff and 120 PhD students). Other full-time or part-time staff have a diverse origin (planning, architecture, ecology, agronomy, law, geography, sociology...), which is very fruitful for the students and also for research.

Headed by Prof. Corinne Larrue, a specialist in environmental public policy analysis, CITERES is recognised both by the French Ministry of Research and by the *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique*. CITERES has an important research activity in the field of urban and regional planning, obviously in France but also in cooperation with other countries through various bilateral or multilateral research programmes. During the last five years, research has been carried out by Tours with planning schools or research institutions in the United Kingdom (UWE), the Netherlands (Radboud U.), Germany (Hafencity Hamburg), Portugal (FEUP), Switzerland (EPF Lausanne), Romania (U. Oradea), Canada (U. Rimouski), Brazil (U. Campina Grande, U. Florianopolis), etc. At the EU scale, it is worth mentioning that Tours has been ESPON I Lead Partner of programme 121 ; it contributed to ESPON 141 and is at present involved in several transnational bids within the context of ESPON II. Tours was also the scientific coordinator in the making of the Atlantic Spatial Development Perspective (2003-2005). This shows that CITERES has the scientific capacity to assist the Polytechnic School and its Planning Department in the organisation of the 2010 AESOP Congress.

A long-lasting commitment to international exchanges in planning education and research

Tours has always sought to be proactive in networking planning schools. At the French scale, it cofounded in 1984 the *Association pour la Promotion de l'Enseignement et de la Recherche en Aménagement-Urbanisme* (APERAU). Prof. René Perrin, at that time HoD of Tours, was the first president of APERAU. Later on, APERAU expanded to French-speaking schools outside France (mainly to Canada and to Africa, but also increasingly to South America). It now has 34 members. The president of APERAU International, Prof. Didier Paris (U. Lille) and the president of the French section, Prof. Franck Scherrer (U. Lyon 2), strongly back up this candidacy. APERAU is ready to help Tours to organise the Congress, as was the case for the Congress held in Grenoble in 2004. The support of APERAU is important to get fundings for the Congress from branches of the French government, namely the *Ministère de l'Ecologie, du Développement et de l'Aménagement Durables* and the DIACT (formerly DATAR).

Regarding the relationship with AESOP, it is worth mentioning that Tours was actually one of its founding members. In 1989 it organised the 3rd AESOP Congress. Two decades have passed since then, institutional membership has multiplied by 5 or 6, and the challenges faced by AESOP are more intense, especially with regard to the European integration manifold processes. By proposing to organise the 2010 AESOP Congress, Tours intends to pay a sort of tribute to the many people and institutions that have taken part in AESOP during the last 20 years, but also to contribute to further development. More specifically our motivations are threefold:

⁴ The Polytechnic School of Tours has five departments : Planning, Computer Science, Electronics and Energy, Mechanics, and Mundus.

⁵ Prof. Lussault is the editor of several reference books in the French-speaking academic world, including *Dictionnaire de la géographie et de l'espace des sociétés* (2003), *La ville et l'urbain: l'état des savoirs* (2000).

- as a founding member of AESOP, Tours feels it is its duty to help AESOP to reaffirm the values that were at the origin of the association ;
- as a constant innovator in the pedagogical field for four decades, Tours is ready to help to strengthen exchanges between planning schools with a varied curriculum
- as an international research centre (CITERES) and an active member of APERAU-International, Tours can help to expand the audience of AESOP beyond its members, before, during and after the Congress.

Finally, by proposing an innovative theme for the Congress - Planning and Climate Change: Learning and Adapting -, Tours wishes that AESOP continue to be at the centre of current and future debates on planning in Europe.

12 The school's organisational and financial capacity to host the event

Financial capacities and other resources

The University of Tours has a consolidated budget of 145M€ (in 2007). Its teaching staff is 1,140 and its administrative staff is 635. Its facilities are 189,000 square meters. The Polytechnic School of the University of Tours has a budget of 8.2M€ (in 2007). Its teaching staff is 76 and its administrative staff is 34. Its facilities are 13,000 square meters⁶. The CITERES research centre had a budget of 0.85 M€ (in 2007). Both the Polytechnic School and CITERES are located in the *Quartier des Deux Lions*, 500 meters from the Law Faculty which has several amphitheatres (with a capacity of 800 people for the largest one), which may be used for the plenary sessions.

From its own budget, the University of Tours is very likely to subsidize the AESOP Congress (in the case of a positive decision in July 2008, a file has to be submitted to the scientific Council of the University in September). Moreover, the University of Tours will help to secure specific subsidies from local authorities. The theme of the Congress is especially appealing to the regional authorities, which seek to establish the *Région Centre* as a centre of excellence on energy efficiency. The *Conseil Général* may also subsidize the Congress and the Communauté d'agglomération and the *Ville de Tours* will easily host the social events of the Congress. Finally, it is common practice for the University of Tours, as for most French Universities, to make certain payments before funds are raised - in the case of a Congress, before the fees are collected.

Former experience in hosting conferences

During the years 2005-2007, the Polytechnic School and/or CITERES organised a dozen congresses which targeted an international audience. Several of them attracted hundreds of participants, as is the case with AESOP Congresses. Below we mention only the events where an (inter)national research network or a *société savante* commissioned Tours regarding the material, financial and scientific aspects of the organisation:

- February 2005: ROADEF 05 - Annual Congress of the Operational Research European Association - 315 participants
- January 2006: RFIA'06 - Annual Congress of Reconnaissance des Formes et Intelligence Artificielle - 120 participants
- July 2006: Colloque de l'Association Internationale de Sociologie de Langue Française - 800 participants
- November 2006: Colloque Politiques territoriales et développement durable, Ministère de l'Ecologie et du Développement Durable et Ministère de l'Equipeement - 150 participants
- March 2007: Premières Journées du GDR Recherche Opérationnelle - 100 participants
- June 2007: International Thematic School « Les dynamiques spatio-temporelles » - 100 participants
- August 2007 (with the Federal U. of Santa Catarina, Brazil): First International Congress on Sustainable Territorial Development – 600 participants

Forthcoming is the Celebration of the 40 years of planning education and research in Tours (2009). 250 to 400 participants (academics, former students or staff members, current students) are expected and the preparation of the event has started.

Through these repeated exercises, working packages as well as procedures have been established:

⁶ A 3D virtual visit of its premises is possible on www.polytech.univ-tours.fr/visite/

- estimation of the overall costs and of the fees ; follow-up of the budget
- creation and updating of a website so as to disseminate information on the Congress and to receive and validate the abstract submission and the registration
- scientific part (calendar, setting up of a scientific committee and of a local organisation committee, selection of abstracts, etc.),
- logistic...

On the latter point, the University of Tours has established relationships with the *Office du Tourisme de Tours*, which can take charge of the accommodation of the participants of the Congress (for accommodation facilities, please refer to section 2).

A transfer of experience with former organisers of AESOP Congresses is encouraged. All senior members of the future local organisation committee have been often invited to be part of the scientific or organisation committees of Congresses abroad, which sets a basis for benchmarking.

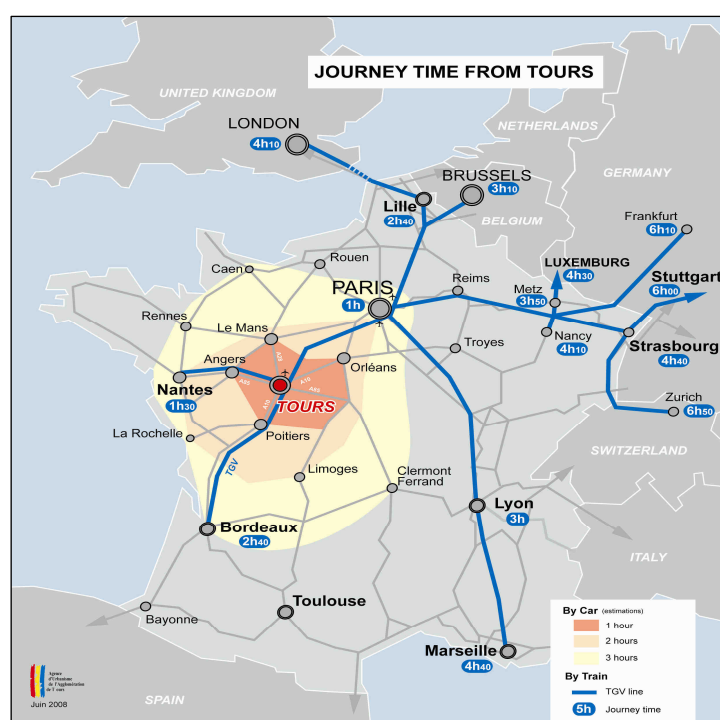
Regarding human resources, it is expected that administrative staff will have to be hired specifically for the organisation of the event. Advanced students (tutored by the School staff) will be happy to facilitate the life of the congressmen/women. They are all fluent in English⁷.

An estimated budget will be presented to the CoRep at the Chicago meeting.

2. Information about the location

Tours is located in the Loire valley, acknowledged for its outstanding cultural landscape of great beauty in the Unesco World Heritage List. The region is also known as a French patrimony capital (castles and gardens): Chenonceau, Azay-le-Rideau, Chambord, Chinon, Amboise, Villandry and Chaumont all within 15 to 70 km. Tours has about 265.000 residents, among them 26.000 students.

2.1. Accessibility and hotel capacity of the location



1) Easy access to Tours

Tours offers excellent accessibility:

- by car - 5 motorways connect the city to France and Europe,
- by train - the TGV (the French high-speed train) offers another alternative to come to Tours,
- by plane with Tours international airport (daily flights to London and Dublin) and more importantly with the 1h TGV connection to Parisian international airports Roissy CDG and Orly.

2) Hotel capacity

2.600 rooms in Tours (35% of them are 3 or 4 star hotels, 30% are 2 star hotels).

⁷ In France, within engineering schools, it is compulsory for any student to reach the B2 level before graduating. In the case of Tours, it is also necessary to reach the B1 level in another language (German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish etc.).

2.2. Attractiveness of the location for Planners

I. Heritage and planning

Tours is situated in the Loire Valley. In 2000, the UNESCO inscribed the Loire Valley (260km) on the world heritage list, due to the architectural heritage it has in historic towns such as Blois, Chinon, Orléans, Saumur, and Tours, but also in world-famous castles. The Loire Valley is also considered to be an outstanding cultural landscape along a major river which bears witness to interactions between human beings and their environment over two millennia.

What is there to be seen, especially regarding Planning issues

Such a beautiful cultural and environmental context raises many significant issues for planners: how to combine preservation and valorisation of such a patrimony with economical and social development? In which ways may planning allow the preservation of the local identity? More specifically, apart from excursions to the most beautiful *Châteaux et jardins* (Villandry, Chambord, Chaumont sur Loire, Chenonceau...), mobile workshops may easily be organised on the following themes:

- Heritage and urban development : the *sauvegarde* perimeters of Tours and Chinon
- Vulnerability and urbanisation in the Loire Valley : the case of Saint-Pierre des Corps
- Challenges for urban development along the Loire : landscape, flow risk...
- Impact of the high speed train line on the environment
- City in the making : the districts of Deux Lions and Gloriette in Tours
- Architecture and planning, a panorama of social housing in Tours
- Touristic strategies for medium-sized towns

3. The proposed congress theme

The proposed congress theme is "Planning and Climate Change: Learning and Adapting".

There is much debate over the onset and seriousness of climate change. Nevertheless, we feel it is important that planning schools and AESOP as a whole ask today about concrete consequences for the functioning of urban regions, rural areas... The 2010 AESOP Congress will offer an opportunity to exchange ideas on the challenges that climate change will raise for planners over the next decades: characterizing efficient urban forms and structures that promote shorter travel distance, reformulating the concepts of density and compactness, acting to influence location choices, and more generally changing the way the city is produced. It seems crucial for AESOP to identify the evolutions in planning education, both expected and already introduced. The proposed theme typically requires exchanges between different countries with distinctive planning traditions even though there is a shared will in Europe to develop responses to climate change (as compared to other continents).

The theme of climate change cuts across issues emerging in many sectors of planning: transport, urban design, strategic spatial planning, public participation, economic development and so on. It also addresses the planetary, European, national, regional and local scales – all levels at which planners work. Thus, the Congress topic will leave room for specialised tracks as well as more general ones as it is necessarily the case in such large events.

The location of the Congress may also offer an opportunity for the AESOP community to interact with researchers, regional and national authorities and representatives of the private sector, in a country that has, with the *Grenelle de l'Environnement* (launched in autumn 2007), set ambitious goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Joining climate change experts, the building sector and transport network firms, European planners can contribute to broaden the current debates, from technological innovation to the acceptability of any new solution, from the energy efficiency of buildings to sustainable planning for urban regions.

AESOP 2010
Proposal for hosting the 24th
Annual AESOP Conference

Delft, 10 June 2008

1 The hosting organisation

1.1 Delft University of Technology

Delft University of Technology (TUDelft) is the largest university of engineering and sciences in the Netherlands, with some 13,000 students and an academic staff of 2,100 (of which 200 are professors). Research and education are closely interlinked.

OTB Research Institute for Housing, Mobility and Urban Studies (OTB) is an interfaculty research institute with a strong background in the social sciences. It employs some 150 staff, of which 120 are research staff and 14 are professors. OTB's staff has substantial experience of international collaborative research, as well as nationally and locally funded research. The institute has a substantial role in planning education both in the Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management and in the Faculty of Architecture. Recent planning research carried out within OTB includes projects funded by ESPON, EU Framework Programmes, INTERREG and INTERACT as well as national, regional and local government in the Netherlands.

The **Faculty of Architecture** at TUDelft is a leading multidisciplinary centre for education and research in the built and natural environment with more than 3,000 students, 600 staff and a strong international reputation. Spatial planning is located in the Department of Urbanism, a department with a truly international and multidisciplinary body of staff and students. Four professors and 20 staff engage in work across social science and design disciplines. The group is well known for its research on the networked city, changing centralities, comparative planning studies and the effects of globalisation on the spatial development of metropolitan areas.

Both OTB and the Faculty of Architecture have been AESOP members¹ for many years and a number of their staff regularly attends AESOP's annual conferences.

1.2 Rationale for hosting the 2010 conference

The main reasons for this application to host the 2010 Annual AESOP Conference in Delft include the following:

- To highlight spatial planning in the Netherlands, a country with a long and well-established tradition of planning
- To profile the innovative work in planning being carried out in Delft University of Technology and the Netherlands more generally
- To re-launch the Faculty of Architecture after the disastrous fire in May 2008²

¹ OTB is an associate member of AESOP and the Faculty of Architecture is a full member.

² A devastating fire destroyed the Faculty of Architecture at TUDelft on 13 May 2008. No one was injured but the Faculty's staff and students lost much work. Teaching and research activity resumed within a week in temporary buildings.

- To celebrate the 25th anniversary of OTB
- To welcome back long-standing AESOP members to the Netherlands, where planning practice, research and teaching have changed substantially since the last AESOP conference held in the Netherlands (Nijmegen, 1997)

1.3 Organizational and financial capacity

One of the core activities of OTB is knowledge transfer. As a consequence, OTB has substantial experience in organizing conferences, workshops, training events and colloquia for both academics and professionals. OTB has a dedicated office for Education and Training responsible for these events. This office is staffed by extremely competent and experienced personnel. Together with the Local Organizing Committee (see below), the Education and Training office will be responsible for the organization of the 2010 AESOP Conference.

Proposed organising committee:

- Peter Boelhouwer, Professor of Housing Systems, OTB and Faculty of Architecture
- Ana Maria Fernandez-Maldonado, Senior Researcher, Department of Urbanism, Faculty of Architecture
- Daniëlle Groetelaers, Senior Researcher, Department of Urban Land Development, OTB
- Willem Korthals-Altes, Professor of Geo-information and Land Development, OTB and Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management
- Amber Leeuwenburgh, Project Manager, Department of Urbanism, Faculty of Architecture
- Vincent Nadin, Professor of Spatial Planning and Strategy, Department of Urbanism, Faculty of Architecture
- Dominic Stead, Senior Researcher, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, OTB
- Eveline Vogels, Coordinator of the Educational and Training Office, OTB
- Wil Zonneveld, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, OTB and Faculty of Architecture

OTB and the Faculty of Architecture have sufficient financial resources and standing in order to provide financial security for the event. In addition, we expect to attract sponsorship from the Dutch government and private investors.

1.4 Experience in hosting conferences

OTB has substantial experience in hosting conferences, courses and workshops. OTB's Education and Training office organizes around 6 courses, 4 national conferences and 2 international workshops/conferences per year on various topics in the field of planning, housing, construction and the built environment. A few recent examples are given below.

OTB recently successfully organized the 2007 European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) Annual Conference, which attracted some 500 participants (see www.enhr2007rotterdam.nl). Various members of the proposed organising committee for the 2010 AESOP Conference (Peter Boelhouwer, Daniëlle Groetelaers and Eveline Vogels) were members of the 2007 ENHR Organizing Committee and

can therefore bring valuable experience in organising the AESOP Conference. More recently, OTB also organised the Second International workshop on 3D Geo-Information (www.3d-geoinfo-07.nl), which attracted 150 participants and took place in Delft in December 2007.

The Faculty of Architecture recently organised the international colloquium entitled 'Corporations and Cities: Envisioning Corporate Real Estate in the Urban Future' (www.corporationsandcities.org), which attracted 200 participants. The colloquium was an initiative of the Faculty of Architecture in collaboration with the Berlage Institute in Rotterdam and formed one of a series of events being held in 2008. These events aim to bring together international professionals, policy makers, researchers and scholars to consider the relations between urban planning and the accommodation of large-scale organizations, such as corporate headquarters, governmental institutions and educational facilities. More recently still, the Faculty of Architecture organised the international conference entitled 'The Urban Project' (www.bk.tudelft.nl/EAAE_TheUrbanProject) focusing on the productive role and critical potential of architectural projects in the transformation processes of contemporary urban areas.

OTB's Education and Training office has its own software package for conference registration and abstract/paper handling. It also has substantial experience in creating and hosting conference websites.

2 Location: city of Delft

2.1 City of Delft

Delft is an historic town located in the province of South Holland between The Hague (Den Haag) and Rotterdam. Delft's ancient canals lined with merchant's houses, old churches and the splendid town hall are part of the city's rich history which is still very much alive. It is also a modern and vibrant city. Around ten percent of its 100,000 inhabitants are students and the university has helped to attract a large number of hi-tech companies to the city.

2.2 Accessibility

The Netherlands is a relatively small country and travelling times between many cities are short. The city is less than a 15 minute train journey away from The Hague and Rotterdam. Delft can be reached from Amsterdam by train in less than 1 hour. Delft is well served by local and regional public transport: train, bus and tram. The centre of the city is very pleasant for cycling and walking.

There is a regular train connection from Schiphol Airport (Amsterdam) to Delft which takes around 40 minutes. Rotterdam also has an international airport with flights to and from many European cities. Connections between Delft and Rotterdam Airport take around 30 minutes by public transport, or approximately 10 minutes by taxi. Eindhoven Airport and Brussels International Airport can be reached within a 2 hour train journey from Delft.

2.3 Hotel capacity

Delft and the surrounding cities of The Hague and Rotterdam offer a wide range of choice of hotels. There are around 5,000 hotel rooms within a 15 minute train journey from Delft.

2.4 Attractiveness for Planners

Important planning issues in The Netherlands include:

- Large-scale housing development – VINEX locations
- Regional transport planning – Stedenbaan 2020
- International airport development – Schiphol
- Urban regeneration projects
- Urban-rural relations (Randstad and the Green Heart)
- Polycentric urban development and governance

2.5 The venue

The conference will take place in the University's Aula Congress Centre, a purpose-built facility, and in a neighbouring Faculty building (most probably the Faculty of Mechanical, Maritime and Materials Engineering). A provisional booking has already been made at Aula Congress Centre for the 2010 AESOP Conference. The Aula Congress Centre has an auditorium which can seat up to 1200 people, a senate hall, a lecture theatre and various committee rooms. It also has a large canteen. Lecture theatres in one of the neighbouring faculty buildings will also be used for the event.

3 Congress theme and tracks

3.1 Congress theme: "Cohesive territory – integrated governance"

Rhodes (1996) summarises changes which include the separation of free-standing agencies from government departments, contracting-out and the by-passing of local government through special-purpose bodies. This has created problems for government since the implementation of policy and control of resources are more difficult in decentralised systems. According to the general perspectives offered by theorists of 'new governance', we should expect therefore both fragmentation and attempts by the centre to retain control (Rhodes, 1996). A further expectation in the new landscape of fragmentation is the emergence of new inter-organisational networks striving to overcome problems of service delivery and co-ordination.

We no longer expect all decisions to be made by the state. Understanding contemporary urban governance therefore involves both grasping the fragmentation of institutions, the changing role of central government and the emergence of new networks – both public and private – which attempt to co-ordinate policy areas. The literature on governance and regimes leads us to expect both institutional fragmentation and strong central government intervention accompanied by the emergence of new networks. Rhodes (1996) argues that fragmentation and the multiplication of networks limit the ability of government to retain control over policy objectives. In his view, a new 'self-organising network' can enjoy considerable autonomy. The public sector is becoming both smaller and fragmented which erodes the capacity of government to co-ordinate and plan.

The days of the well confined city are over. Instead we see processes of fragmentation and urban sprawl. The classic inner city centres are taken up in a system of competing centres focused on motorways, airports and airport corridors. The proximity of urban areas although side by side no longer means there is any sort of relationship. Wealth and poverty are next to each other. Open space is under pressure and divided up into spatial fragments. Substantial parts of the agricultural sector cater for the global market and are applying industrial modes of production fundamentally changing the landscape. Overlaying this intricate and fragmented 'metropolis' is a complex web of spatial relationship connecting and intersecting various spatial scales forming a new space-time continuum (to borrow a phrase from Star Trek).

There is no longer one single centre where power is concentrated, which has at its sole or almost sole disposal the main resources needed to develop and implement policies for social cohesion (beyond financial and legal resources, these are information, expertise, the capacity for mobilization, and legitimacy). Supporters of the polycentric governance model (particularly Hooghe, 1996) contend that sub-national levels of government are important, that their strategies/resources are fewer but of the same order as those of states or of the European Union; and that we should expect, on the one hand, that these intermediate levels will increase in strength and, on the other hand, that there will be a

growing number of networks and interactions in which intermediate levels will be payees of the state or other sources. We are thus witnessing a movement in the redistribution of spending power away from EU member states, to the advantage of sub-national governments in particular.

Even having accepted the idea of polycentric governance, we are still left with all the other issues: how should power relations be reorganized, how should the principal interests be brought together? How should conflicts be structured? What forms of domination have simply been reinforced? What are the differences between sectors or countries, what are the points of restructuring of the political aspect in this European polity? This metaphor does not properly describe all the domains of public action: some, for example, remain strictly controlled by the nation-states. Like some of the networks literature, it tends to play down linkages and power relations, favouring a view of a vast system of interaction and exchanges, even in certain cases interpersonal relations. Certain groups of actors, such as certain political elites, try to act within this system to link networks together, organize debates and implement policies to structure this European politics.

This 'polycentric governance' context does not however imply any convergence of modes of government within each country, or convergence of mobilizations. On the contrary, policies on Europe in these national and sub-national contexts have been extraordinarily varied and have not contributed to homogenization. In any given small town, city, region or country, actors have been organized or not, mobilized or not, and have or have not interacted in complex cooperation/competition relations with other levels of government or with the central actors or with private-sector actors. As a consequence, it is particularly difficult to assess the effects of European integration as yet. Nevertheless, the core-periphery paradigm which relies on setting sub-national territories and the state in opposition has had its day.

The process of European integration is having an impact on current territorial restructuring and on the construction of modes of governance of sub-national territories in Europe. It seems very inadequate to examine these questions only from the point of view of the new distribution of powers, spheres of competence and organization of interactions in the European public space. We should also take into account processes of globalization and forms of economic development – all the more so because the states still play a major role in polycentric governance.

3.2 Congress tracks

The following themes provide an indication of the proposed tracks of the conference:

- Understanding spatial fragmentation and integrated governance
- Spatial development patterns: centrality and dispersion
- European territorial cooperation for cohesive territory and integrated governance
- Bridging design, social and scientific understandings in teaching and research
- Urban and regional design
- Comparative planning methods, approaches and findings
- Planning law, institutions, and property rights

- Planning in Delta regions
- Housing: diversity, integration and segregation
- Planning, climate change, water and energy issues
- Transport, accessibility and infrastructure planning
- Landscape planning and urban-rural relationships
- Integrated rural development and sectoral policy integration
- Culture, heritage and planning
- Planning theory and history
- Planning education and practice



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Dear colleagues of AESOP,

The « Institut d'Aménagement et Urbanisme de Lille » will be honoured to host the COREP and Head of Schools meetings in 2009.

1. Our school :

Our school is a department of the Faculty of Geography and Planning (*Géographie et Aménagement*), at the University of Sciences and Technology of Lille (USTL, Lille 1).

It offers one Master degree : the Master degree in territorial and urban planning “*Aménagement, Urbanisme et Développement des Territoires* » (*A.U.D.T.*) is a two year postgraduate program. . In the second year (M2) students choose one special field and one optional course within the special field :

Special fields	Optional courses within the special fields
<i>EUROSTUDies, European Studies in Urban and Territorial Development</i> (curriculum in both French and English)	
<i>Ville et Projets</i> (Urban planning)	<i>Projet urbain</i> , management of urban projects <i>RESAD (Réseaux, Accessibilité et Déplacements)</i> , urban transportation <i>Politiques foncières</i> (new in 2008 :09), land use management
<i>ECODEV, Conception de projets en écodéveloppement</i> , (sustainable development initiative)	
<i>CAD, Construction et Aménagement Durable</i> (sustainable development in buildings)	
<i>T.L.S., Tourisme, Loisirs, Sports</i> (Planning in tourism, leisure and sports)	

Each year, about 120 students pass the Master degree (M2). One part of the students is selected after the first year, an other part joins the master in the second year, after being selected. Our students have a background curriculum in Planning, Geography, Political Sciences, Architecture, Sociology and other fields (Economy, Law, History...).

The Institute also offers a Bachelor degree (Licence), a program in territorial development, environment and urban planning, “*Aménagement, Environnement et Urbanisme*” (*A.E.U.*). This program is one of the options within the undergraduate curriculum on “*Aménagement et Géographie*”. 40 students attend this planning curriculum. In the faculty of Geography and Planning, an other part of the under-graduate students choose the degree in Geography, especially those who want to become teachers, and are not involved in the planning curriculum.

So, in the sole planning curriculum (students taking a degree in geography being excluded), our institute hosts about 220/240 students over 3 years, from the third year (the bachelor degree) to the second year of the master degree.

35 full time academics (*Professeurs et Maîtres de Conférences*) make up the teaching staff of the Faculty of Geography and Planning. Half of them are totally or mainly involved in the I.A.U.L. department and planning programs , the second half is more involved in the geography curriculum, but can provide teaching on few subjects regarding planning (demography, economic geography...). Three half-time visiting professors and one full-time professor, who holds a temporary post and is a senior local government officer, are planning practitioners. Between 20 and 25 planning practitioners are involved in teaching on specific topics. Some academics from the school of architecture, from the institute of sociology or from the institute of political sciences are also involved in our planning programs seminars.

Our students have to manage an operational workshop, thanks to the cooperation of local government agencies that provide topics to work on, and have an internship period in the private or public sector at the end of their curriculum.

Our school won various prizes, in competitions of the APERAU network, *Association pour la Promotion de l'Enseignement et de la Recherche en Aménagement et Urbanisme*, the association of French speaking schools of planning:

- "Grand Prix des Formations en Aménagement" in 1999, a prize for the best annual workshop.
- « Challenge interuniversitaire des formations en aménagement » in 2005 and 2007 (a workshop in rush, on a week. The winner organizes the session for the following year and then, cannot contribute to the competition: such was the case for the Lille team in 2006 and 2008).

2. Venue :

Access to Lille is very easy. Due to high speed train (TGV) connections, the city is 60 minutes from Paris and 50 minutes from Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle Airport: with an *Air France ticket*, it's possible to fly from any airport to Lille-Europe Station, including the train junction (the total cost is less than the cost of air-flight and train tickets to be bought separately) and, from Lille, it is possible to check-in directly in Lille-Europe at the "TGV/AIR" desk. Lille is 35 minutes from Brussels (about 60 minutes from Brussels International airport, including the shuttle to Brussels-Midi + *Eurostar*) and 1h20 minutes from London (*Eurostar*). The city is directly connected by bus (1 hour) to Brussels-South Charleroi Airport that is dedicated to low cost flights (Ryan Air). Finally, Lille-Lesquin airport offers several connections across Europe.

Meetings will be located on the campus of the university of Science and Technology, the "*cit  scientifique*" which is 15 minutes by underground (VAL, the automatic light railway) from the city center. This "*cit  scientifique*" is located in Villeneuve d'Ascq, which was one of the new towns developed in the 70's in France.

On the campus, various solutions can be proposed for the organisation of the conference, especially it is possible to use a 160 seat- conference room in the building that is dedicated to cultural activities within our university. This building offers amenities like a bar for social activities.

Of course, it is not difficult to find hotels and restaurants. We will provide a list of hotels to the participants. One hotel is located on the campus, close to the meeting venues, but we recommend to find accommodation in the city-centre to enjoy evening-life and for the city' urban heritage and so active cultural life: Lille was the European Capital of Culture in 2004, and the cultural activity still continues throughout this year, notably with major exhibitions of international standards. Of course, we will provide information on the various possibilities for your venue.

It will be possible for us to organize a visit the day before or the day after the conference for those who would be interested. It will be a real pleasure for us to present to the visitors an urban project like Euralille, or Euratechnology and Eurasant , that are dedicated science parks for ICT and health. These are only examples of possible visits: other opportunities exist. Depending on the agenda of politicians or leaders of the civil society in the city, it could be possible to organise a short reception or event on one of the evenings, but we have to confirm this possibility, which is now just an hypothesis.

So welcome in Lille, enjoy your stay...if AESOP chooses it !

Philippe Menerault, and Didier Paris, Professors

HafenCity University Hamburg
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**Application for hosting
AESOP Head of Schools 2010/ 2012 in Hamburg**

Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)



Application

The HafenCity University Hamburg (HCU) applies to host the AESOP Heads of Schools conference in 2010 or 2012:

- In 2010 the HCU will still be located in a decentralised structure. The conference would be organised in the HCU presidential office in the HafenCity.
- In 2012 the HCU will have moved into its new building in the HafenCity, which would provide an inspiring location for the conference

Introduction

The HCU was newly founded by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in January 2006 as a public “university for the built environment and metropolitan development”. It includes four disciplines out of three academies in Hamburg. In its founding stage the HCU is located in more than three sites in north, south and central Hamburg. In 2011 the HCU will move in its new building in the middle of Europe’s biggest urban development project, the HafenCity.

The following chapters inform about the profile, the organisational and financial capacity and the location and show, why this university is the suitable location for the annual conference of AESOP’s Heads of Schools.

Cities will define the Future - Profile of a new University

The Metropolis in focus

The architectural and societal challenges of the 21st century are concentrated in cities and metropolitan regions – and so must be the starting point for the sustainable development of our built environment. The HCU is located in one of the most dynamic metropolitan regions of Europe. The complex challenges facing cities is its focus.

A University in dialogue

Questions on the future of the built environment and our cities must be answered in dialogue between experts and the public. The HCU sees itself as a laboratory for building and urban development and offers room for a broad exchange of ideas on questions of the metropolitan future – a place of research and debate on architecture, building, urban culture and urban development.

Transdisciplinary thinking from a design and construction perspective

The complex challenges posed by the metropolitan environment demand a broad approach. The HCU works in a transdisciplinary way that evolves from urban living and its built and spatial dimensions. It confronts traditional disciplines with radically different approaches and ways of thinking.

Specialisation and breadth: The disciplines at the HCU.

New solutions for metropolitan problems demand disciplinary excellence as well as openness to neighbouring disciplines. This disciplinary and professional excellence is based on the four disciplines at the HCU which cover the spectrum from ‘house to city’: Architecture, Civil Engineering, Geomatics, Urban Planning – complemented by the course in Metropolitan Cultures.

Learn how to keep on learning – and to question established ways

Our reality is changing more rapidly than ever. The goal at the HCU is to foster lifelong learning and the continual search for new solutions. The Studium Fundamentale and the Study Projects at the HCU encourage students to diverge from the usual ways of thinking, develop their ability to reflect as well as to use their power of judgement – essentials in the complex and changing challenges of the future.

Interfaces of knowledge

The questions on the future of building and metropolitan development occur at the interface of knowledge. The Masters courses at the HCU are exactly at this interface – where existing professions are challenged and new ones born: resource efficiency in architecture and planning, project development and real estate management, urban design.

Key figures and informations

Bachelor disciplines

- Architecture
- Civil Engineering
- Geomatics
- Urban Planning
- Metropolitan Cultures

Consecutive Master Programmes

- Architecture
- Architectural Engineering
- Geomatics
- Urban Planning

Figures

- Number of students: about 1.800
- Number of professors: 65
- Annual Budget: about 13 Mio. Euro

Multidisciplinary Master Programmes

- Ressource Efficiency in Architecture and Planning
- Project Development and Real Estate Management
- Urban Design

Organisational and financial capacity

As host for the AESOP Heads of Schools conference the HCU will take care of an appropriate scale to fulfil AESOP's conditions and the participants' expectations.

HCU will arrange:	Costs in Euros*	Sponsor
- suitable meeting-rooms in HCU's new catchy residence	0	HCU
- an interesting guided study tour through the "HafenCity" or rather to look at different development sites: - harbour cruise 1: International Building Competition 2013, BallinStadt or - harbour cruise 2: controversial extension of the EADS industrial site, architectural highlight Elbe Philharmonia)	"HafenCity": 0 Harbour cruise 1+ 2: 1300 (16 p.P.)	Participants/ HCU
- appropriate public transport options with moderate conditions	888 (11 p.P.)	Participants

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tasty catering (products from biological or regional agriculture) with proper opportunities of coming together - one evening of reception hosted by Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg 	3920 (49 p.P.) 0	Participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - hotel rooms near to HCU and central station Hamburg 	100 p.P.	Participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conference materials 	200	HCU
in a powerful coordinating and organizing team of at least 2 people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - preparation and execution of the conference - (as necessary AESOP support needed for public relations) 	2x HCU Team (1x AESOP)	HCU/ (AESOP)
Total (without hotel)	6108 (est. 77 p.P.)	

*- based on calculation with 80 participants (incl. compensation for inflation)

Former experiences of hosting conferences (selection)

- Geoinformation Tage 2008 (number of participants: 60)
- Waterfront Research Network 2008, The Fixity and Flow of Urban Waterfronts (est. number of participants: 80)

HafenCity and HCU – the location

The HafenCity (as well as the HCU within) lies next to Hamburg Central Station (about 20 min by feet, 5 min by subway). There are a lot of hotels in central Hamburg, i.e. like these:

- InterCity Hotel: 155 rooms
- Continental Hotel: 35 rooms
- IBIS Hotel Hamburg: 165 rooms
- Wedina, 59 rooms (innovative modern literature hotel)

The HafenCity – Inner city urban development project

For a guided tour in Europe's biggest urban development project, the HafenCity offers plenty of attractive sites and architectural high-quality buildings.

"Located on a 155 hectare site, HafenCity is one of the most prominent city centre development projects in Europe and will increase the size of Hamburg's city centre by 40%. Situated directly between the historic Speicherstadt warehouse district and the River Elbe, there will be a new city with a cosmopolitan mix of apartments, service businesses, culture, leisure, tourism, and retail. The whole development is managed by HafenCity Hamburg GmbH, a 100% subsidiary of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. The development of the entire area will continue until 2020-25." (www.hafencity.com)

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