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ISOCARP
2015

CITIES SAVE THE WORLD. LET'S REINVENT PLANNING.

19/10/2015 – 23/10/2015 – GRONINGEN, ANTWERP, SCHIPHOL, MAASTRICHT, DORTMUND, BRUSSELS, ROTTERDAM, DEVENTER, DELFT/THE HAGUE, AMSTERDAM, WAGENINGEN, EINDHOVEN

51st International Congress

The International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) and the Dutch Local Organizing Committee (LOC) welcome you at the 51st ISOCARP Congress. The theme is “Cities save the World. Let’s reinvent Planning”. It will be an outstanding opportunity for planners, architects, policy makers, urban managers and other interested

persons to learn, to share knowledge and to discuss some of the most recent planning, research and decision making issues. Together with high-profile planners from around 50 countries worldwide you will deal with the challenges of urban development and at the same time establish new collaborations and friendships.

General Information

Congress Venue:

Submarine Wharf, Rotterdam + 12 Workshop Cities

Social Events:

21 October - Welcome Reception;

22 October - Boat Dinner (€50).


Deadline Early Bird Registration:

31 July 2015.

The **program** is regularly updated. Stay tuned.



About the Congress

The 2015 Congress marks the 50th anniversary of ISOCARP. Therefore this congress will be a different and special one. 12 cities in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany will host two-day interactive workshops on topical themes on the first congress days (19 and 20 October). [See here](#) 

The second part of the congress, the plenary part where all participants of the different workshops come together for the plenary debate on 'rethinking planning', will take place in Rotterdam from 21 to 23 October. Here the keynote speakers will link the workshop results to their own vision of planning. This part will also include a Mayors' Summit, matchmaking events such as the 'David Prospero Educational Forum, Initiatives for Habitat III and others, all to discuss the future role of the planner. The plenary will start with a welcome by ISOCARP President Milica Bajic Brkovic followed by the 50th anniversary celebrations.

Workshops

Participants have to choose their congress workshop city when registering. The congress team comprises 12 international and 12 local co-rapporteurs and the General Rapporteur Judith Ryser. They are responsible for the scientific content of the congress.

19-20 Oct. 2015 Monday, Tuesday - WORKSHOP CITIES	
Amsterdam How to build the city in a cooperative way?	Eindhoven How to react when traditional industries move away?
Antwerp How to rework the productive city?	Groningen How to sustain water and energy resources?
Brussels How to reconcile local expectations with strong international challenges when renewing a city?	Maastricht How to overcome national borders?
Delft/The Hague How to create a sustainable knowledge region?	Rotterdam How to develop unprecedented port-city synergy?
Deventer How to implement a (national) legal framework through local integrated	Schiphol - Amsterdam How to connect in a globalized world?
Dortmund How to leverage economic growth from spatial projects?	Wageningen How to feed the world's metropolises?

Workshops - 12 Global Challenges, 12 Cities

Congress Team

General Rapporteur: Judith Ryser, UK.
Amsterdam: Ana Peric, CH & Khashayar Ghiabi, NL;
Antwerp: Lineu Castello, BR & Annette Kuhk, BE;
Brussels: Natasa Pichler-Milanovic, SI & Dirk Van de Putte, BE;
Delft/The Hague: Eranda Janku, AL & Frank van der Hoeven, NL;
Deventer: Madina Junussova, KZ & Peter van de Laak, NL;
Dortmund: Alex Camprubi, ES/CN & Jan Polivka, DE;
Eindhoven: Dara Gulubovic Matic, RS/DE & Irena Itova, MK;
Groningen: Mbutu Mwaura, KE & Katharina Gugerell, NL;
Maastricht: Hongyang Wang, CN & Martijn van Bussel, NL;
Rotterdam: Peter Robinson, SA & Martin Aarts, NL;
Schiphol: Martina Juvara, UK & Maurits Schaafsma, NL;
Wageningen: Olusola Olufemi, CA & Helena Heyning, NL.

Keynote Speakers

Rajni Abbi is a Professor of Law and Vice President of the Delhi Unit of the BJP, the largest political party in India.
Yusuf Patel is founder and managing director of Spatialize (Pty) Ltd, a multi-functional company that undertakes affordable housing and provides various built environment services.
Maarten Hajer is Director of the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency and part-time Professor of Public Policy at the University of Amsterdam.



21 Oct. 2015 Wednesday - ROTTERDAM		22 Oct. 2015 Thursday - ROTTERDAM		23 Oct. 2015 Friday - ROTTERDAM		
Central Debate & Match-making		Central Debate & Match-making		50th Anniversary Meetup		
9:30	Doors Open Meet & Mingle	Urban Safaris Thematic tours	10:00	Keynotes Urban Experts link workshop results to their own vision for planning	10:00	ISOCARP Bureau and Annual General Meeting (ISOCARP Members)
12:30	ISOCARP President Welcome Milica Bajic-Brkovic		11:30	Keynote discussions Parallel discussions with the Urban Experts	12:30	Transfer of Presidency Milica Bajic-Brkovic Ric Stephens
12:45	50 years ISOCARP Achievements Jef Van den Broeck		13:00	Lunch Break	14:30	Discussion Future of ISOCARP
14:00	Presentations Conclusions of workshops		14:00	Grand Synthesis General Rapporteur Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment	16:30	ISOCARP Networking
15:30	Mayors' Summit Reflection on workshop results and Mayors expectations of planning		15:00	ISOCARP Awards		
			15:30	Matchmaking Participants Connected around Common Goals		
17:00	Reception by City of Rotterdam Rotterdam City Hall		17:30	Presentation Launching Congress 2016		
19:30	Dinner at Offices Planning + design firms		18:00	50-year Celebration		
			23:00	Boat Party (costs: €50)		

Preliminary Congress Programme

Young Planning Professionals

This year Young Planning Professionals are the creative engines of the congress. They will support the congress team in their congress contributions, produce a joint YPP statement as well as a poster of the workshop they are part of. Before the congress they will enliven the discussion in the workshops [online](#) and on the social media.

50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary Celebrations were launched during the 2014 Congress in Gdynia, Poland. In the course of the year several National Delegations have organised symposia or other events in the framework of the celebrations. Another project was "Absorbing 50 years of CaRP", resuming what happened in city

and regional planning in several ISOCARP countries or regions in the past 50 years since 1965. Three publications will be presented at the 51st ISOCARP Congress: an updated version of the International Manual of Planning Practice, a book on 10 years of UPATs and another one on Five Decades of ISOCARP, an ISOCARP history lane book.

Post-Congress Tours:

Tour 1: Rotterdam-Utrecht-Kröller Müller Museum, Arnhem-Ulft-Hengelo-Deventer-Almere-Amsterdam
Tour 2: Rotterdam-Houten-Arnhem-Nijmegen-'s-Hertogenbosch-Eindhoven-Helmond-Almere-Amsterdam
 Both tours can be booked as one day, two, three or four-day tours.

Awards

ISOCARP has different awards to highlight the activities of the society. The ISOCARP Awards for Excellence are conferred in recognition of exceptionally innovative urban and regional initiatives. The Gerd Albers Award is for best publication by an ISOCARP member. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary ISOCARP will grant the special Sam van Embden Award. For more information please browse the website.

Highlights of the congress

- **ISOCARP Congress with a difference:** participate hands-on in a workshop on a theme of your choice in twelve cities
- **Participate actively** in the feedback of the twelve workshops.
- **Have your say.** This congress is calling on the views of all participants with mayors, ministers and developers on the future of the planning profession.
- **Create and share knowledge** with your fellow planners in the Port of Rotterdam where ample opportunities are laid on for networking and initiating future cooperation.

About ISOCARP

ISOCARP is a global association of experienced professional planners. It was founded in 1965 and now has members from more than 80 countries worldwide. The objectives of ISOCARP include the improvement of planning practice through the creation of a global and active network of practitioners. ISOCARP encourages the exchange of professional knowledge between planners, promotes the planning profession in all its forms, stimulates and improves planning research, training and education and enhances public awareness and understanding of major planning issues at a global level.

International Network

The principal object is to bring together recognised and highly qualified individual planners in an international network.

Improving Cities

Improvement of our cities and territories through research, planning practice, education and training.

Unmatched Experience

The wealth and diversity of professional expertise, knowledge, and experience in the ISOCARP membership is unmatched in the Planning Field.



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See you in Rotterdam!



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