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## **WELCOME by the President of ISOCARP**

### **Ismael Fernández Mejía**



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Just as in our previous forty-six congresses ISOCARP has put forward a subject for analysis which, today, is at the very forefront of global, political and scientific discussions.

Following the analytic process that has been the conducting thread in the last few years, ISOCARP Congresses have been looking at the sustainability problem and how it was and is still affecting the planet from many different professional perspectives.

In Dalian, 2008, we looked at urban sprawl, in Porto 2009 we concentrated on Low Carbon Cities in respect of the developed world, in Nairobi 2010, the subject matter focused on sustainability in developing economies. In Wuhan 2011, the overall concept is to attempt to understand how the different alternatives and initiatives can now be blended together with careful attention being paid to all of the policies that have already been discussed in our previous Congresses. The over arching idea, with this event, is to bring to a close the sustainability cycle. ISOCARP has once again taken the lead and proposed to study the rapidly urbanising world. There is a clear need to meet the rapidly developing challenge in areas of the world where urban growth is continuing rapidly, often, perhaps, in uncontrolled ways.

The subject of Liveable Cities in an urbanising World, to be discussed and analysed during our 47th Congress, implies that there must be an awareness among policy makers and, of course, planners in both the growing and developed economies, to the fact that all new developments must surely comply with the fundamental principles of sustainability. This encouraging possibility is forcing us to look at and evaluate the different options that have been applied globally in order to implement the defined policies for sustainability.

In Wuhan we will have interesting and dynamic discussions taking place under this challenging umbrella. Experts from all over the world will be present, planners and policy makers from the rapidly urbanising world will participate and share their experiences, and planners, experts, and policy makers from the emerging economies will also mutually share their problems and their proposed solutions.

Beyond its professional content, Wuhan 2011 will offer the usual unique and interesting human ambience which has come to be associated with all of our Congresses. The friendship, the social gatherings that encourage informal discussions and networking in an atmosphere full of experience and knowledge in the beautiful and magical surroundings of Wuhan, China, will be something very special indeed.

Finally, before extending a warm invitation to all of you to be part of this special event that only takes place once a year, let me express my admiration and gratitude to the hard working ISOCARP team who come from all over the world together with the Local Organising Committee for their immense efforts in putting together this Congress which really does promise to be a truly memorable one.

We will meet in Wuhan!

Ismael Fernández Mejía

## **WELCOME by the President of the Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC), Qiu Baoxing**



Dear ISOCARP members and planning colleagues,

It is my great pleasure, representing the Urban Planning Society of China, to invite you to attend the 47th ISOCARP Congress to be held in Wuhan, China from 24th to 28th October, 2011.

China is going through a rapid urbanisation process and which will reach the symbolic 50% urbanisation rate in a few years. Since the open door policy was launched, cities in the coastal region like Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen etc., have witnessed fast economic growth, while the cities in Central China, such as Wuhan, now have many opportunities for further development with the national strategic shift to central and western regions. Mean-while, like many other countries in this globalised world, we are faced with many challenges during the urbanisation process, among which are included shortages of energy, water and land resources, deterioration of the environment, traffic congestion, etc., all of which place obvious constraints on sustainable urban development.

Building a liveable settlement for both urban and rural residents is the commitment of the Chinese government and the mission of Chinese urban planners. We would like to share our experiences in liveable city development with our counterparts from the world at this congress. Cities in China, by co-organizing this event, will also have great opportunities to study the successful practices of cities in the rest of the world.

Your participation will greatly contribute to a successful congress and will be warmly welcomed by the host city. You will also have a chance to feel the thousand-year history of this ancient country, its diversified cultures as well as the exquisite natural and cultural heritage.

Dr. QIU Baoxing

## **WELCOME by the Mayor of Wuhan Tang Liangzhi**



The 47th International City and Regional Planning Congress is to be held this autumn in the beautiful riverside City of Wuhan and we feel greatly honoured by this occasion. Many experts and planners from different parts of the world will gather together to communicate and discuss the many problems associated with Regional Development and City Planning. I wish to extend our warm welcome to our friends and Congress participants on behalf of the 9.2 million Wuhan citizens.

Cities are the beautiful homeland of human beings. Urbanisation and industrialisation promote the development of cities. More and more people are coming to cities to live, work and enjoy city life. Every citizen and professional planner, therefore, has a responsibility to create cities which can be developed in a sustainable

way and which can, at the same time, also safeguard their own homeland. As one of the regions with the most rapid development of urbanisation in the world, China has accumulated precious experience in regard to sustainable development. Wuhan, located in the centre of China, is in economic and geological terms, the core city of Central China. The Yangtze River, the longest river in China converges with the Han River, its biggest tributary, within the City Central Area and the two, together, divide the city into the three townships of Wuchang, Hankou and Hanyang. Densely endowed with many lakes and the most charming riverside and lake shores in China, Wuhan, as a consequence, has been crowned with the nomenclature "A City with Numerous Lakes". Since the reform and new beginning, we have striven very hard to perfect our urban environment and urban living conditions and, at the same time, build energy-saving and environmental friendly cities. We have, indeed, achieved much and made remarkable progress. We also feel proud of the rapid and beneficial development of Wuhan City. This year, with the vigorous and strong support of the International Society of City and Regional Planners, the Urban Planning Society of China and the People's Government of Wuhan City we are happy to support this Congress. We feel deeply honoured to have such an opportunity.

The 2011 Congress topic is "Liveable Cities: Urbanising World. Meeting the challenge". This will necessarily draw attention once again to the issue of global sustainable development and focus on the urbanisation issue as another milestone along the way to making the world a better place in which to live.

I would sincerely like to extend this invitation to you all on behalf of all Wuhan citizens; your participation will be the honour of Wuhan; your penetrating judgment, researches and practical experiences will help promote better Local, Regional, National and Global understanding of developing major planning issues.

We will be expecting you.

Tang Liangzhi

## INTRODUCTION BY THE GENERAL RAPPORTEUR

### About the General Rapporteur

Educated as an architect and planner in ex-Yugoslavia and USA, Milica Bajic Brkovic has dedicated her professional life to the built environment. She has extensive professional experience as a university educator, researcher, university executive, editor, planning commissioner and planning practitioner.

Currently a Full Professor of Urban Planning and Design at the University of Belgrade, Serbia, she has also taught at other universities in her home country, Italy and the West Indies. A former BPTT Chair in Planning and Development at UWI, Fulbright Scholar at UC, Berkeley, Visiting Scholar at Rutgers University, Visiting Fellow at the University of Ancona and British Council Visitor at Oxford Brookes University, she has also lectured and delivered speeches in Switzerland, Austria, Germany, USA, China, Australia, UAE, etc.

Milica's professional interest and experience relate to urban physical planning and development, sustainable development and design, spatial transformation of urban areas, new planning and design approaches with respect to theory and methodology, including the phenomenon of virtual cities and Internet based professional communication.



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The 2011 ISOCARP Congress will explore different aspects of urban liveability vis-à-vis the challenges that cities and towns are faced with as the growing urbanisation continues to evolve.

Cities and urban areas around the world are experiencing radical social and swift physical transformations. Global phenomena and universally accepted development visions and aspirations countries and regions share across the world, are steadily creating a different scene for urban progress and, at the same time, affecting our notions about the quality of urban life and urban future, in general. Parallel to this new energy are the different regional or local processes and trends that are emerging from structural transformations of national and local economies which trigger changes in the way countries perceive their opportunities and guide development of their urban areas. Many of these, together with the effects they create, constitute the positive share of the changing world. Opposed to this, however, there is a growing and ever expanding scope of challenges cities and towns are faced with, globally, regionally or locally, which require urgent and thorough responses. Unhealthy living conditions, urban congestion, environmental degradation, complex problems clearly associated with rapid urbanisation, environmental and climate change and related risks, unsustainable development, challenging mobility and accessibility all constitute the perceived reality in many urban areas worldwide.

It is estimated that by 2030 more than 60% of the world's population will be living in cities and urban areas. This will create a massive demand for land, infrastructure, roads and other transportation networks which will, in turn, generate an enormous pressure on natural resources, natural environs and the rural hinterland. At the same time, it will lead to spatial restructuring on global, regional and national scales with many complex effects impacting on cities and urban development in general.

Consequently, cities and urban areas will be challenged with a twofold task. On the one hand, they must provide distinctive and high quality places that can compete on a regional or global scale and, on the other, they must develop responsive solutions so that their effective functioning will be secured and the needs of their citizens satisfied. It is at this point that the question of urban liveability comes back to urban professionals, this time, however, in a different format and with many open questions yet to be answered.

This congress is aimed at contributing toward this task by looking for the appropriate responses and solutions that planners can build into their recommendations for urban areas at different scales and within different circumstances. The congress will also explore good practice from around the world on how urban liveability is being conceived, implemented and measured. The scope of questions which will be discussed comprises the development and implementation of low carbon environments, the building of sustainable urban green networks, the development of transportation systems that secure eco-sensitive and carbon-responsible mobility and accessibility, and, finally, the safeguarding and re-use of the built heritage vis-à-vis the ever changing requirements of urban liveability.

## **WORKSHOP THEMES**

### **Workshop 1**

#### **IMPLEMENTING LOW CARBON URBAN ENVIRONMENT**

This Workshop will bring together papers and case studies focussed on the development of a low carbon environment, and strategies and solutions which are specifically designed for urban areas and which will secure the reduction of carbon emissions. Concrete examples of completed projects that could serve as good practice paradigms are particularly welcome. The submissions will also explore the effects that the rapid development of cities and their spreading metropolitan hinterlands create on rural areas and development of the rural economy in particular. Case studies exploring these issues as they relate to the specific geographic, cultural or development settings will serve to enhance discussion on how local conditions lead or influence local responses and actions. Papers should present policies, plans and projects, as well as demonstrate innovative solutions regarding planning methods, techniques and planning and design standards to be used in creating and monitoring urban environment.

#### **Questions to stimulate inspirational ideas:**

- Is a low carbon city always a liveable city? Low carbon and liveability: synonymous or is there a distinction? What challenges must cities face to reduce carbon emissions and promote low carbon environments through their strategic land use planning, action planning or development control? Is the size of the city relevant and how does it relate to the scale or type of intervention being proposed? Can mega-cities and their ever expanding urban regions still function properly at a low-carbon scale?
- What will these cities look like? Is their layout, their urban fabric, or composition of land uses and functions different from the ones planned and designed in the traditional ways? How can the existing urban structure turn into a low carbon and liveable environment and at a reasonable cost? What should be done with the existing building stock, and in what respect can urban renovation, remodeling or adaptation provide a rewarding answer?
- To what extent does geography matter? What are the specific problems and solutions for small island countries, coastal towns, tropical zones or urban settlements in arid areas and how are they meeting the challenge?
- What actions are the less developed or transitional economies taking in making their cities and towns more carbon sensitive? Are they facing specific challenges in capturing, addressing and suggesting solutions for the task? Is low-carbon affordable? How can we make it work in informal settlements and in deprived urban areas?



- How does the ongoing urbanisation phenomena affect the liveability of rural settlements and the agricultural industry as a whole? How can the balance be maintained or re-established, or is the rural crisis already with us?

- Who should be responsible for the management of a low carbon environment? Local governments or state governments? What are the roles of non-governmental organisations, citizen's associations, and diverse interest groups? Do private property rights and absolute ownership of properties create barriers?

## **Workshop 2**

### **BUILDING SUSTAINABLE NETWORKS**

Creating and sustaining low carbon open spaces and non-built environments, developing sustainable networks of waterways, green and blue networks, open space provision, recreational facilities and green photosynthetic spaces as part of the green infrastructure, will all be explored in this parallel session. Building and sustaining these networks in less favorable climatic conditions e.g. in dry, wet, extremely cold or hot areas, will provide a particular input here by drawing attention to the relevance of climate and geography. This will be followed by focussing on the role leisure plays on urban liveability and its growing impact on urban landscape. Papers and case studies from different countries with specific regional and local characteristics will examine these issues as they relate to furthering green smart growth and enhancing urban liveability.

#### **With this backdrop, some of the questions to be explored in this Workshop will include:**

- What makes a liveable balance between the built and non-built environment? In what respect is this balance related to local geography, climate, culture or even individual perception? What are the practical implications for planning?

- What are the specifics of developing sustainable networks in areas of intensive human activities or in areas of distinctive nature sensitivity? What are the threats they are likely to create for fragile areas, coastal zones, beaches, protected environments, etc., and how should we cope with them in a sustainable way?

- How can any increase in the quality of life which may be due to these networks be measured, and what are the pragmatic messages for planners in making the green smart growth work? Which are the main limiting factors?

- What are the specifics of inter-regional and intra-regional cooperation in developing these networks, and the nature of the impacts they create on urban liveability on both regional and local scales? How are they linked to the concepts of the cultural landscape, culture planning, development of the transnational green networking, or promotion of an integrated development on a supra-national scale? Do they lead or follow? Who is in charge and what are the roles of different stakeholders and bodies, at international, national and local levels.

- What are the social and economic benefits of these networks, specifically in respect of the measurable impacts they have on urban liveability? How do we include their measurable side in planning?

### **Workshop 3**

#### **TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS – MAKING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION A REALITY**

This parallel session will focus on mobility and accessibility, and making the sustainable transportation a reality. Papers will investigate sustainable transport methods and procedures to link transport to the requirements of a low carbon environment and quality urban liveability. Contrary to past practices, where transportation was merely a functional system and part of the city infrastructure, nowadays it plays an important role in the development of an integrated environment and the creation of transit oriented development. Case studies and examples from all around the world on transportation with low environmental impact, especially those that are space-saving and which promote sustainable spatial, social and economic cohesion and liveability, will be discussed and explored. Special attention will be given to public transport, biking and pedestrian friendly environments in urban areas.

#### **Making sustainable transportation a reality will generate discussions around such topics as:**

- In what way does a sustainable transport system contribute to urban liveability, as well as the social and economic sustainability of cities and towns? What are the forms it takes, and is every solution harmless to environmental sustainability? What is the relationship between sustainable transportation, climate and geography?
- What kind of transport facilities can be provided to bring about change, remain economically feasible and yet be compatible with amenity quality and value? Reliance on hi-tech options: the panacea or a contributing factor?
- How does increased mobility and accessibility impact on community well being, land-use, heritage preservation, land recycling or planning new developments? Where should the freedom of the car be limited - solely in environmentally sensitive areas, city centres...or?
- What are the specific measures that regional, trans-border and international transportation networks, including their regional and global hubs, must include to maintain the requirements of good urban liveability and, at the same time, keep development sustainable?
- Will moving from mono- to multi-core urban structures which combine decentralisation with strong public transport systems work regardless of geography, culture or citizens' life style? Past experiences vs. new approaches.
- How efficient have the managerial and organisational solutions been so far in making transportation sustainable, and where can good examples be found?

### **Workshop 4**

#### **HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT: RETRO AND REUSE IN TRANSITION**

In this session, special attention will be given to heritage and the environment in a search for planning responses which have either enhanced or propose to enhance the quality of the built environment. The questions of particular interest to be explored in this Workshop will evolve around identity as a key factor for safeguarding heritage or, indeed, reinventing it. The planner's contribution to reconciling the "all alike places" and their genius loci, with regeneration schemes as they emerge from sustainable practices and which are

firmly focused, at the same time on local uniqueness, local culture, ambience and distinctive urban character, will be fully explored.

**The following questions are designed to generate ideas for lively discussion:**

- How can the management and accessibility of cultural heritage be improved? What are the win-win solutions in meshing together the old and the new, combining the past with aspirations for the future and yet, retain urban liveability? Are we on the point of transforming planning into cultural planning, and what would the consequences be for conventional land use planning?
- What are the sustainable ways and means for strengthening and making local culture and authenticity visible? What is the role of the physical expression of local culture, and how should planners handle it? How do we and, indeed, how should we cope with the changing cultural patterns and social values vis-à-vis their lasting physical expressions?
- Are retro and re-use of historical urban elements feasible in economic terms? Can they act as a development engine and how do we turn such cultural assets into sources of income? What are their likely impacts on the local economy and job creation? Can there be added-value in respect of sustainability?
- Is there a sustainable scale in utilizing local culture and cultural heritage assets? What are the manifestations of their over-use, and how should we avoid this in local plans and proposed development projects? What is the precise role of planners in this process?
- What organisational, managerial and financial instruments are available to planners for supporting and protecting valuable urban and rural cultural areas as well as their cultural heritage, and, in turn, make the past play an important part in creating a contemporary identity?

**Workshop 5**

**REGIONS AND HINTERLAND LOOKING TOWARD LIVEABLE ENVIRONMENT**

Participants in this session will closely explore strategies, solutions and relevant issues of developing liveability on a regional scale. These case studies shall focus on larger spatial entities, like urban clusters, networks of cities and towns, metropolitan regions, specific regional areas with cultural, natural or environmental values, or any other spatial category that exceeds the scale of a single city or town, and hold liveability as the key component in developing their policies, plans and projects. This workshop will examine workable concepts and solutions for creating and/or keeping regional liveability, and will provide a basis for further improvements and refinements of actions that regions are already undertaking to solve their problems. Case studies presented and explored here will make a catalogue of ideas and strategies planners can use when dealing with liveability on a large scale.

**Participants will develop their discussion around the following questions:**

- What do we mean when we talk about liveability at a larger scale? What are the principle issues of liveability on a regional level? Have we successfully incorporated into our practices questions of resource use, reduction/eradication of pollution, low-carbon development, accessibility of natural and man-made heritage assets? How successful have the regions been in strengthening and making their local liveability visible, and have they created added value on a sustainable basis to their towns, villages and hamlets? How successful have they been in managing and promoting sustainable products and inducing more sustainability measures into existing ones?

- How does the ongoing urbanization process affect liveability on a regional scale, what is the future for small settlements, hamlets and villages in the urbanizing regions? How can the balance be maintained or re-established, or, indeed, is it relevant at all?
- How can we concretise and make the goals and objectives of liveability operational and combine them with development strategies of different industries present in the region? Shall we stay strictly focused on physical environment, or should we approach the issue comprehensively taking together the socio-cultural and economic aspects as well? Do we already have all the answers we need, or, are we approaching an area where insufficient knowledge and uncertainty shape planners work?
- To what extent does geography matter? What are the specific problems and solutions for small island countries, coastal towns, tropical zones or urban settlements in arid areas and how are they meeting the challenge?
- What is the role of strategic spatial planning and how should it collaborate with the project approach commonly used in solving regional problems? What are the impacts on planning methodology? Who is/should be in charge? Is it the state, regional bodies (if any), or ad hoc created inter-regional organisations? Who are the stakeholders, and how are their interests positioned vis-à-vis those of the general public? How should planners cope with public interest on a large scale?

## **Paper Submission**

**10 August 2011:** Deadline full Paper Submission.

**October 2011:** During the workshop invited authors have to present their paper in a Powerpoint Presentation.

**From 15 August onwards:** All web visitors will have access to the Paper Platform.

Selected Papers will be put on a CD Rom to be handed out at the congress.

## PROVISIONAL CONGRESS PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Subject
20 -24 October		Young Planning Professionals Workshop
23 October	9.00 – 18.00 10.00 – 18.00	ISOCARP Executive Committee Meeting Registration
24 October	10.00 – 18.00	Registration (late arrivals)
	10.00 – 17.00	Technical Tour Wuhan City
	Evening	LOC Welcome Reception
25 October	Morning	<b>Opening Session</b> Keynote Presentations
	Afternoon	Keynote Presentations continued General Rapporteur & Congress Team Young Planning Professionals Presentation Urban Planning Advisory Teams Presentation
	Evening	Open
26 October	Morning	Technical Seminar, a.o. about Wuhan
	Afternoon	Parallel Workshops
	Evening	Dinner and Awards Ceremony
27 October	All Day	Parallel Workshops (continued)
	Evening	Open
28 October	Morning	ISOCARP Bureau Meeting and General Assembly
	Afternoon	<b>Closing Session</b> <i>Reports by Congress Team</i> <i>Conclusions by General Rapporteur</i> <i>Discussion</i> Presentation of Next Year's Congress Closing Remarks
	Evening	Congress Farewell Dinner
From 29 October		Post Congress Tour(s)

## CONGRESS TEAM ISOCARP

### General Rapporteur

Milica Bajic Brkovic, Serbia

### Workshop Rapporteurs

WS 1: Jos Verweij, Netherlands

WS 2: Ronald Bednar, USA

WS 3: Liang Wang, Hong Kong

WS 4: Jie Zhang, China

WS 5: Madina Junussova, Kazakhstan

### Workshop Chairs

WS 1: Mark Cummins, Barbados

WS 2: Mary Kimani, Kenya

WS 3: Terence Byrnes, Australia

WS 4: Amer Mustafa, United Arab Emirates

WS 5: Piotr Lorens, Poland

### Young Planning Professionals

ISOCARP Vice President Zeynep Enlil, Turkey

Coordinators: Bert Smolders, Netherlands, NG Waikeen, Singapore

LOC Coordinator: Tu Shengjie, WPDI, Wuhan, China

### Scientific Committee 2010-2013

Andreas Schneider, Switzerland (Chair)

Terence Byrnes, Australia

María Teresa Franchini, Spain

Shipra Narang Suri, India

Mairura E. Omwenga, Kenya

David Prospero, USA

Nan SHI, China

*Co-opted Member China:*

Prof Zhang Jie (Tsinghua University)

## Local Organising Committee (LOC)

### LOC Chairmen:

Qiu Baoxing (Deputy Minister of Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of P.R.China, President of Urban Planning Society of China)

Tang Liangzhi (Mayor of the People's Government of Wuhan Municipality)

### LOC Members:

Yin Zhi (Vice-President of Urban Planning Society of China, President of Beijing Tsinghua Urban Planning and Design Institute)

Wang Jingxia (Vice-President of Urban Planning Society of China, Counsellor of the State Council of P.R.China)

Shi Nan (Vice-President and Secretary General of Urban Planning Society of China)

Zhu Jianguang (Vice-President of Urban Planning Society of China)

Wu Zhiqiang (Vice-President of Urban Planning Society of China, Assistant President of Tong'ji University)

Zhang Quan (Vice-President of Urban Planning Society of China, Vice Director-General of Housing and Urban-Rural Development Department of Jiang'su Province)

Li Xiaojiang (Vice-President of Urban Planning Society of China, President of China Academy of Urban Planning and Design)

Tang Kai (Vice-President of Urban Planning Society of China, Chief Planner of Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of P.R.China,)

Fan Jie (Vice-President of Urban Planning Society of China, Director of Center for the Sustainable Development Research in Chinese Academy of Science)

He Xinghua (Executive Council Member of Urban Planning Society of China, Director-General of Department of Planning, Financing and Foreign Affairs of Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of P.R.China)

Sun An'jun (Executive Council Member of Urban Planning Society of China, Director-General of Department of Urban-Rural Planning of Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the P.R.China)

Li Xiao'hong (President of Wuhan University)

Li Peigen (President of Huazhong University of Science and Technology)

Zhang Qingjie (President of Wuhan University of Technology)

## CONGRESS VENUE

### Main Venue: Wuhan Qintai Grand Theatre

The Wuhan Qintai Grand Theatre is located at the core area of Wuhan, beside the Moon Lake and on the bank of Hanjiang River.

The Qintai Grand Theatre, founded in 2007, covers an area of 24,543 square meters and has a building area of 65,650 square meters. The congress venue is composed by an 18000-seat integrated grand theatre, a 400-seat multi-functional hall and several VIP rooms and conference rooms. As the main venue of the 8th China Arts Festival in 2007, the Qintai Grand Theatre's facilities are of the highest level in Wuhan, even in China. It is equipped with simultaneous interpretation facilities. The theatre meets the requirements of international and high-level meetings.

Qintai Grand Theatre has numerous service facilities, such as an art exhibition hall, a coffee house, a restaurant. It can be used to hold exhibitions, art performances etc. Moreover, it has sufficient parking lots. You can easily reach other sub-venues in the downtown area by car.

The opening ceremony, related exhibitions, wine party and art performance of the 47th ISOCARP Congress will be held in the Qintai Grand Theatre.

### Sub-venues

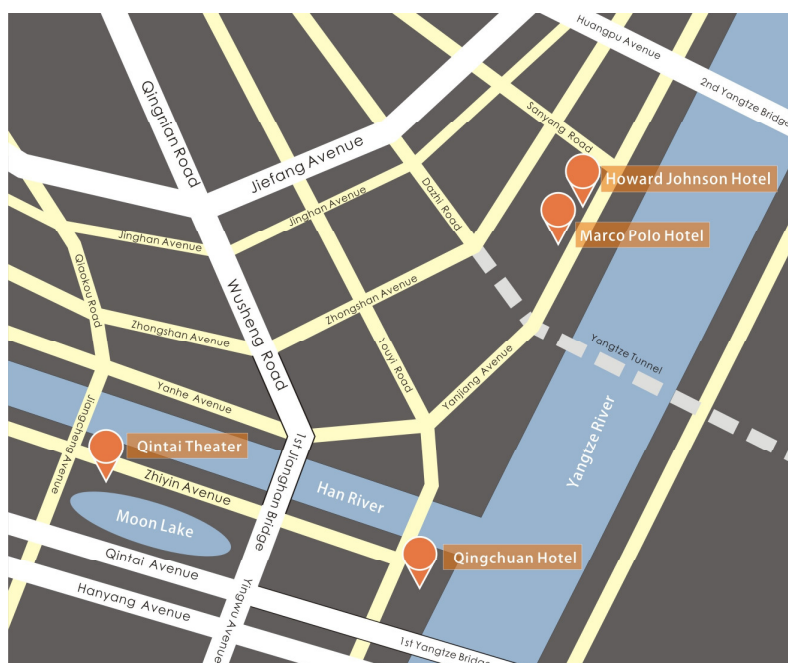
#### 1. Marco Polo Hotel

The Marco Polo Hotel is located on the riverfront overlooking Yangtze River and the central business district.

#### 2. Howard Johnson Pearl Plaza Hotel

The Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel Wuhan has the distinctive globe tower and it is located on the beautiful river beach area in Hankou and next to the Wuhan Municipal Government and it is very near to the most prosperous financial and business circle and entertainment centre.

Qintai Theatre is about 6-7 km away from the two sub-venues. Shuttles will be provided. Marco Polo and Howard Johnson Hotel are close to each other.





## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### Joan Clos



Appointed Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) by the United Nations General Assembly, Dr. Joan Clos took office at the Programme's headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya on 18 October 2010.

Born in Barcelona on 29 June 1949, he is a medical doctor with a distinguished career in public service and diplomacy. He was twice elected Mayor of Barcelona serving two terms during the years 1997-2006. He was appointed Minister of Industry, Tourism and Trade of Spain (2006-2008) under President Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero. In this role, he helped rationalize the Iberian Energy Market in line with European Union Policies.

Prior to joining the United Nations, he served as Spanish ambassador to Turkey and

Azerbaijan.

He is a medicine graduate at the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (UAB), specialized in Public Health and Epidemiology, at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland). Dr. Clos then joined the Barcelona Municipal Government as Director of Public Health in 1979.

As a city councillor between 1983 and 1987, he earned a reputation for improving municipal management and for urban renewal projects, notably managing the renovation of downtown Barcelona's Ciutat Vella district. From 1990 to 1994 he was Deputy Mayor in charge of Finance and Budgeting, playing a key role during the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Joan Clos is also widely credited with inspiring far reaching investment programmes for Barcelona. One of the most ambitious was the Barcelona@22 programme which gave the city's dilapidated industrial zones a facelift. In 2004 one of these newly refurbished neighbourhoods near the old dockyards was chosen as the site for the second gathering of UN-HABITAT's World Urban Forum, the premier global conference on cities.

At the international level, in 1998 he elected President of Metropolis, the international network of cities. Two years later, he was elected President of the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities, (WACLAC).

Between 2000 and 2007, he served as Chairman of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities, (UNACLA). And between 1997 and 2003, he was member of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, (CEMR).

Dr. Clos received a number of awards which include a gold medal from the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1999 for transforming Barcelona. In 2002, he won the UN-HABITAT Scroll of Honour Award for encouraging global cooperation between local authorities and the United Nations.

### Zef Hemel



Zef Hemel is deputy managing director of the Urban Planning Department of the City of Amsterdam. He is responsible for strategic planning on a local and regional scale. Since 2004 he has been working with his team on planning innovation in the most radical way. The need for a different, bottom up approach has never been as urgent as it is now. The new

approach is labelled Open Planning or Soft Planning. It searches for new forms of urban development that reinstate human needs as the pivotal concern.

Prior to working at the City of Amsterdam he was director of the Rotterdam School of Architecture and Urban Planning and senior planner at the Ministry of Housing, Planning and the Environment in The Hague. He studied Human Geography and Planning at the State University of Groningen and obtained his PHD in History of Art at the University of Amsterdam.

## Pierre Laconte



Pierre Laconte is a Belgian urbanist, born in Brussels, Belgium. He specialises in urban transport and architectural planning and environmental issues.

He has a Doctorate in Laws and a Doctorate in Economics from the Catholic University of Louvain and Dr honoris causa, Napier University, Edinburgh. Laconte is one of the three planners in charge of the Groupe Urbanisme Architecture. This Group was responsible for the master plan and the architectural co-ordination of Louvain-la-Neuve, a pedestrian new university town developed from 1968 by the University on agricultural land, around a new railway station, 25 km South of Brussels. Louvain-la-

Neuve presently has a day/night population of about 40,000. It won the UIA Abercrombie Award.

In 1999 he received the UN Habitat Scroll of Honour Award in 1999 and was the Belgian Government Representative at UN Habitat I in 1976, at Habitat II in 1996, and at the UN Kyoto Conference of Parties on Climate (1997).

Between 2006 and 2009 Pierre Laconte was President of ISOCARP and of the Foundation for the Urban Environment.

## TECHNICAL SEMINARS

Information available soon.

## CONGRESS EXHIBITION

International organisations and firms are very welcome to showcase their activities, services and products during the 47th International Planning Congress of the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) to an expert audience. The congress brings together policy makers and the private sector in a professional setting of international experts, a unique opportunity for enterprises and institutions to introduce their activities.

The objectives of ISOCARP include the improvement of planning practice through the creation of a global and active network of planners. ISOCARP encourages the exchange between planners, promotes the profession in all aspects, stimulates research, improves education and training, increases information and awareness on major planning issues.

### Target groups for the exhibition

- Public sector, including national, regional and local authorities, municipal urban planning departments, NGO's and international organisations.
- Academic institutions, including universities, research centres, publishers.
- Private Sector, including consultancies, infrastructure solution suppliers, other industry.

Booking an Exhibition Booth includes one free entrance. Registration for this person via ISOCARP. For booking please contact: [isocarp@isocarp.org](mailto:isocarp@isocarp.org).

The City of Wuhan presents itself in the following areas:

**Wuhan Local Planning Exhibition** – it mainly shows the excellent urban planning achievements of Wuhan and focuses on showing the overall urban planning of Wuhan, overall planning for land utilisation of Wuhan, comprehensive traffic planning of Wuhan and planning for short term development of Wuhan.

**Exhibition of College Research Achievements** – it mainly introduces the construction situation and the teaching and research level of Wuhan University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology and Wuhan University of Technology and shows the research achievements of these three major universities in urban planning and the related fields.

**Exhibition of Enterprises' Business Activities** – it shows the important business projects of urban construction in Wuhan, mainly the planning and construction achievements of the enterprises and organisations with a prominent influence on the urban construction of Wuhan, including the planning and construction practice activities of enterprises such as Wanda, Vanke, China Resources, Wuhan Urban Construction Investment and Development Co., Ltd and so on, and the planning and construction of such key business districts as Wangjiadun.

## **YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS' (YPP) WORKSHOPS**

*Since 1991 the objective of the YPPs' Workshops has been to bring together young professional urban planners from all parts of the world. The workshops provide an opportunity to work together as a closely-knit team. The Workshop has its own specific theme which is related to the main Congress theme. The theme relates to a concrete area/project. These are hands-on workshops establishing a good working relationship with young colleagues from all parts of the world and aiming at final findings and results in a very short period of time.*

### **YPP Coordinators**

YPP Vice President ISOCARP: Assoc Professor Dr Zeynep Merey Enlil, Turkey (Yildiz University, Istanbul)  
ISOCARP Coordinators: Bert Smolders, Netherlands (Arcadis, Arnhem); NG Waikien, University of Singapore  
LOC Coordinator: Tu Shengjie, WPDI, Wuhan, China

### **Project Theme**

Heart of High-speed Railway (planning and design of central landscape axis of Yangchun Lake City Sub-Centre).

### **YPPs Participation in the main ISOCARP Congress**

After the Young Planning Professionals' Workshop, all YPPs are obliged to participate in the ISOCARP main congress (24-28 October 2011).

### **Venue YPPs Workshop**

Huazhong University of Science and Technology

### **Accommodation**

All Young Planning Professionals stay in the Hotel of Huazhong University of Science and Technology.

## Provisional Programme

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Thursday, 20/10/2011	18.00	Arrival of invited YPPs Welcome Dinner by LOC
Friday 21/10/2011 Saturday 22/10/2011 Sunday 23/10/2011	09.00-17.00	Young Planning Professionals Workshop Field Work Studio Work
Monday, 24/10/2011	Rehearsal Evening	Welcome Reception Main Congress
Tuesday, 25/10/2011		Presentation of results to congress audience

Tuesday, 25/10 – Friday, 28/10/2011	All day	Participation (compulsory) in main congress
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## REGISTRATION

ISOCARP welcomes City and Regional Planners from all over the world. The congress is open to any interested individual, party or organisation, young planning professional, expert and interested professional from other related disciplines (ISOCARP members and/or non-members).

### Registration online

All National and International registrations are handled on-line (link Registration). Registration by fax or by surface mail are accepted but to be avoided.

**1. International Delegates: registrations are handled online by ISOCARP The Hague.**

**2. Delegates from China:** registrations are handled online by the Organisers in Wuhan.

**3. Reservation for tours and hotels:**

You can book the tours via the ISOCARP congress website, however, you have to pay the tours directly to the LOC. You will get two invoices (one for congress fee, one for tours).

Hotel bookings have to be done directly with the hotel.

### Congress registration fees

Invitation to any of the congress sessions or any other contribution to the congress, except keynote lectures, does not waive the payment of the congress registration fee. This holds also for invited authors. ISOCARP does not reimburse travel and/or accommodation expenses nor any other expenses related to this invitation.

### Reduced Fees

Registrations with Full Payment until 31 July 2011 benefit from a reduction in congress fees.

ISOCARP members benefit from a special membership reduction.

Invited non-member authors of selected papers also benefit from a special reduction.

### Congress Registration Fees include:

- Entrance to Congress Sessions (all days)
- Welcome Reception and Technical Tour
- Congress lunches
- Congress dinner
- Congress Portfolio
- Congress Proceedings (hand-outs at Congress 2012)

Young Planning Professionals' (invited) fee include:

- Same as above plus additional inclusions under 'YPPs Workshops'.

### Congress Portfolio includes:

- Final Programme
- Introductory Reports by the Congress Team and full papers by invited authors (CD ROM Box)
- ISOCARP REVIEW07 (2011), a thematic publication complementing the research efforts for each ISOCARP Congress with a collection of articles by invited contributors.

## REGISTRATION FEES

### Residents of China:

Before 30 August: RMB ¥1200元/person (reduction for invited authors)

after 30 August: RMB ¥1500元/person

Students: RMB ¥750元/person

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES		
Registration Category	Early Bird (31-07-2011)	Late Registration (from 01-08-2011)
ISOCARP Member	410 Euro p.p.	520 Euro p.p.
Non-Member	540 euro p.p.	650 Euro p.p.
Invited Author Non-Member	485 Euro p.p.	595 Euro p.p.
Members/Non-Members 32 years max. (2)	275 Euro p.p.	385 Euro p.p.
Members/Non-Members, DV countries (3)	275 Euro p.p.	385 Euro p.p.
Young Planning Professionals (on invitation only)	275 Euro p.p.	275 Euro p.p.
Single Day Registration	210 Euro p.p.	220 Euro p.p.
Two Day Registration	365 Euro p.p.	415 Euro p.p.
Three Day Registration	525 Euro p.p.	585 Euro p.p.
Accompanying Partner	50 Euro p.p.	50 Euro p.p.

International GROUPS (4) - Discount: Euro 750 total on Group Payment.

**1** Definition 'Invited Authors': Authors having complied with the criteria as stipulated in the Call for Papers and being invited by the General Rapporteur to prepare their full paper for one of the Workshops

**2** With copy of student card and/or passport.

**3** A discount for invited authors as described under **1** is not applicable in this category

**4** Group: provided all persons belong to one group register at the same time with one total payment.

### Group Definition:

- Minimum 10 persons
- Same Country
- Same Institute/Organisation or Employer
- Can be composed of Members & Non-Members
- Individual Registration obligatory
- One Group Payment

### Congress Applicant Membership

A non-ISOCARP Member who participates for the first time in an ISOCARP Congress and has paid > Euro 485,- fee is automatically considered Congress Applicant Member for the maximum duration of one year (trial year: congress 2011 to Dec. 2012). He/she will get all the information that ordinary members get.

Congress Applicant Membership is thus equal to full membership with the following exceptions: (1) No access to the 'Members Area' website (2) Not eligible to ISOCARP Projects (3) No right to reduced ISOCARP members' future congress registration fees, except when full membership has been paid before the congress 2012.

Full membership can be required by application between May-August 2011 and can start immediately after endorsement at the ISOCARP General Assembly in 2011 provided that the membership dues as per 2012 are paid between 1 August and 1 Sept 2011 at the latest.

### **Definition Developing Countries (Category DV)**

Congress Participants (members/non-members/invited authors) of the following countries qualify for reduced congress registration fees:

Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo Dem. Rep., Congo Rep., Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Arab Rep., El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran Islamic Rep., Iraq, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea Dem. Rep., Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia Fed. Sts., Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam, West Bank and Gaza, Yemen Rep., Zambia, Zimbabwe.

### **Confirmation of Registration**

ISOCARP automatically confirms receipt of registration with an invoice within 8 days after receipt of on-line registration. Kindly contact [isocarp@isocarp.org](mailto:isocarp@isocarp.org) if you do not get a confirmation within 8 days.

### **Methods of Payment**

All International delegates through ISOCARP Headquarters

CURRENCY: handled in Euro, only. Payments in other currencies cannot be accepted.

### **Bank Transfer to ISOCARP**

- All payments have to be made in such a way, that no bank cost are charged to ISOCARP. Otherwise we will have to charge these cost on the participant upon arrival.

- Please mention your name and invoice number.

Name of the bank: ING Bank

Address of the bank: P.O. Box 1800, 1000 BV Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Physical address of the bank: Bijlmerdreef 109 (Financial Plaza), 1102 BW Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Account name: ISOCARP-AIU-IGSRP. Address: P.O. Box 983, 2501 CZ The Hague, The Netherlands;

Account number: 5415833

IBAN: NL64INGB0005415833

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### **Credit Card via ISOCARP Headquarters**

*Please send the registration form with the credit card details per email, fax or regular mail to:*

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The Netherlands

Fax: +31 70 361 7909

Email: [ornek@isocarp.org](mailto:ornek@isocarp.org)

### **Credit Card via PayPal**

Please mention your full name and invoice number with your payment.

### **Bank Cheques**

Payments in the name of ISOCARP, P.O. Box 983, 2501 CZ The Hague, The Netherlands.



### **Western Union**

Western Union charges a percentage to the debtor. Please take care that ISOCARP receives the total amount due.

Payment in the name of Monica Constance Ornek, (ISOCARP, P.O. Box 983, 2501 CZ The Hague, The Netherlands).

Fax or e-mail the number on the Western Union transfer sheet (+ password for some countries) to [ornek@isocarp.org](mailto:ornek@isocarp.org).

### **Cancellation Policy**

- Notification of cancellation of registration must be sent in writing to the ISOCARP Secretariat (e-mail/fax)
- Cancellations received up to and including 31-08-2011: 100% refund (transfer/ handling costs Euro 80)
- Cancellations received from 01-09 / 30-09-2011: 70% refund (transfer and handling costs included)
- Cancellation received as per 01-10-2011 and no show: no refunds.
- Possible refunds will be processed after the event.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Monday, 24 October 2011: **Welcome reception offered by the Local Organising Committee**

All participants are invited to take part in the welcome reception held by the Municipal Government.

Wednesday, 26 October 2011: **Awards Dinner** (20,- Euro)

Friday, 28 October 2011: **Farewell Banquet offered by the Local Organising Committee**

All participants are invited to the farewell banquet.

*For logistic reasons, registration is necessary.*

## **TECHNICAL TOURS WUHAN, Monday, 24 October 2011**

### **1. Tour of the Famous Historical City**

Purpose: With unique urban pattern, excellent geographical conditions and a long history, Wuhan boasts of many ancient and modern relics and it is one of the second batches of the state-list of famous historical and cultural cities announced by the State Council. Yiyuan Historical Block, Wuhan Art Museum and the Jiangnan Road Walking Street are the representatives of many sites of historical interest and cultural relics under protection. This tour of the famous historical city is organised to fully display the life features of the historical and cultural block, feeling the reconstruction and reuse of old buildings and feeling the style of the former concession when walking around.

Time: 3 hours (9:00-12:00)

Route: Yiyuan Historical Block –Wuhan Art Museum - Jiangnan Road Walking Street

Theme: Protection of the famous historical cultural city of Wuhan and the reconstruction and reuse of old buildings in Wuhan; experience of the style of the former concession in Hankou.

### **2. Tour of Industrial Heritage**

Purpose: In 1861 the opening of Hankou and the Westernisation Movement, which started when Zhang Zhidong governed Hubei, gave Wuhan the modern industrial base. In the 1920s Wuhan gradually formed a relatively complete industrial system, having a large influence on the industrialisation and modernisation process of China. During the period of the "1st Five-Year" Plan, the county established the strategy of giving priority to the development of heavy industry and arranged a lot of key projects in Wuhan, which promoted the industrial construction of Wuhan. This tour of the industrial heritage is organised to make you feel the past industrial splendour of Wuhan, and to explore the new thought of protecting and developing industrial sites and comparing the reuse and development countermeasure of industrial sites in China and other countries.

Time: 3 hours (14:30-17:30)

Route: Hankou Xintiandi – Wuchang King Metropolis

Theme: Perfectly combine the reconstruction and reuse of industrial buildings and business development; wake up the new vitality of old buildings.

## **COMPANIONS' TOURS**

### **Culture Tour of Wuhan, October 26, 2011, 9:00-12:00**

Wuhan City has 3500 years of ancient civilization, including the legend of Yellow Crane Tower, the story of Yu Boya and Zhong Ziqi, the cultivation of the Yangtze River, and the inheritance of Chu-Han culture. This cultural tour of Wuhan will trace history and will let you feel the poetic romance of the scenic spots.

### **Tour of Ecological City, October 27, 2011, 14:30-17:30**

With two rivers and hundreds of lakes, Wuhan is rich in indigenous plant resources. In the city the crisscross hill-axis, water system and the excellent natural conditions make Wuhan a unique ecological garden city. This tour of the ecological city will display the features of the largest ecological resource of inner lakes in the city and explore the ecological landscape design of the riverside wetland.

The tours are offered by the LOC. Tea break and lunch (if desired) on own cost.

## POST CONGRESS TOURS

**Start: 29 October 2011**

### **TOUR 1:**

#### **Five-day tour of Zhangjiajie and Phoenix Town**

Price: 1,860 RMB/person (English Tour Guide included)

#### **DAY 1 Wuhan – Huaihua**

18:10: Train K809 from Wuhan Railway Station to Huaihua.

#### **DAY 2 Huaihua - Phoenix**

06:10: Leave Huaihua, take a bus to Phoenix (about 2.5 hours' drive). Here you will visit Chongde Hall, the old quadrangle dwelling of Fei Sanxing (the richest men of Phoenix in history), Jiangxi Hall-Wanshou Palace, the former residence of Shen Congwen (an eminent Chinese writer), the Ancient City Museum, the former residence of Xiong Xiling (the first cabinet prime minister of the Republic of China), Yang's Ancestral Temple (one of 24 famous ancestral temples), the ancient East Gate Tower, the North Gate Leaping Rock. You can enjoy the fascinating Tuojiang River in a wooden boat, you can access the Hongqiao Artistic Building, freely walk on the ancient and long blue stone-paved street, taste local specialities, watch the paper-cutting by old Miao ladies, and the process of making ginger candy, which is a famous Phoenix speciality (it takes about 4 hours to visit the scenic spots in Phoenix, excluding free time). At night you can enjoy the night scene of the ancient city and then check in.



#### **Day 3 Phoenix - Zhangjiajie**

After breakfast: Bus to Zhangjiajie (National Forest and Geological Park)-Huangshi Village, which is unique for its peaks, serene for its valleys and beautiful for its forest. Three thousand stone peaks seem to have sprung from the ground, taking on various shapes. Wander about (Jinbian Stream), which is the "most beautiful grand canyon in the world". Free time after supper.

#### **Day 4 Tianzi Mountain**

After breakfast: Visit of Tianzi Mountain, which is known as the king of peaks. On Tianzi Mount you have a wide open view. It serves as a splendid place to watch peaks, sun, appreciate snow. The canyon under the mount is embellished with lavish trees, fragrant wild flowers, and unique peaks and stones in various shapes, forming a huge landscape painting the Ten Mile Gallery Scenic Spot.

Afternoon: departure by train 2011 to Huaihua (hard-seat ticket), and further transfer to train K810 (hard-sleep ticket) to Wuhan.

#### **Day 5 09:58 in the morning: Arrival in Wuhan**

Accommodation: all nights in four-star hotel

## **TOUR 2:**

### **Five-day Tour of Xi'an, Famen Temple and Terracotta Warriors**

Price: 3200 RMB/person (English Tour Guide included)

#### **Day 1 Morning: Flight from Wuhan to Xi'an**

Visit the Ming Dynasty Wall with a history of more than 600 years. It is the best-preserved relics of ancient wall construction in China; Square of the Bell & Drum Tower and Street of Antique Imitation. Enjoy a trip in Yanbei Waterscape Square.

#### **Day 2 Famen Temple**

After breakfast visit of Famen Temple.

#### **Day 3 Terracotta Warriors**

After breakfast visit the mysterious Underground Palace of the Underground Kingdom of Emperor Qin. Visit pits no. 1 and 3 of the Museum of the Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses of the Qin Dynasty, the largest underground army in the Qin Dynasty two thousand years ago, which is called "the Eighth Wonder of the World". Visit the Exhibition Hall of Bronze Chariots and Horses.

#### **Day 4 Xi'an**

After breakfast visit of Shaanxi Provincial Museum, Tang Paradise, Qujiang Ocean World, Cold Cellar, Qujiang Relics Park, North Square of the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda, Small Wild Goose Pagoda, Bell Tower, Drum Tower, Square of the Bell & Drum Tower, Street of Hui Minority.

#### **Day 5 Return from Xi'an**

After breakfast free time. Return to Wuhan by plane.

Full board on all days except for last day (only breakfast).



## **TOUR 3:**

### **Three-day tour of Three-Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River, Shennong Stream (or Little Three Gorges), and White Emperor City**

Price: 1800 RMB/person (English Tour Guide included)

#### **Day 1 Wuhang - Yichang**

By train from Wuhan to Yichang (about 6 hours); supper after arrival.

After supper bus ride across the dam to Maoping Harbor where you will board the boat. It passes through the special road for three gorges, the China Museum of Tunnels. You can see the outdoor scene of the Three-Gorges Dam and the dual-way five-step ship lock of the Three-Gorges Dam from a distance; it also goes across the Yangtze River Bridge, you can enjoy the scenery of Xiling Gorge. One hour later you will arrive at Taipingxi Dock where you will take another boat, which embarks at around 21:00pm. The boat will be sailing at night and you can feel the tranquility of the night looking at the stars and listening to the sound of the waves. Overnight stay on board of the boat.



## Day 2

Arrival at Wushan in the morning. Visit of the Shengmongxi scenic area. You will go on a panoramic tour of Dicui Gorge, Bawu Gorge and Longmen Gorge (the Little Three-Gorges is the generic term of Wushan's Longmen Gorge, Bawu Gorge and Dicui Gorge of the Daning River, the biggest part of the section of the Three-Gorges of the Yangtze River). On the same day you will visit the beautiful mountains and waters of Wu Gorge, Goddess Peak, Wushan Twelve Peaks; visit of the landscape of Grand Three-Gorges and Qutang Gorge. Along the way you can experience the local ancient customs on boat. Around 18:00 arrival in Fengjie. In Fengjie visit of the Hall where Liubei gave his Last World of the Relics of the Three Kingdoms, East and West Tablet Forests, Showroom of Hanging Coffins, Mingliang Palace and the scenic area of the White Emperor City. Around 20:00, the boat embarks in Fengjie. Return to Yichuan. Night on the boat.

## Day 3

View the landscape of Xiling Gorge by boat, an authentic section of the gorge in the Three-Gorges of the Yangtze River and the scenery of Dengying Gorge and Maogong Mountain. The touring boat stops at Jiuwanxi Dock and you can visit the Jiuwanxi Gorge and then go to Taipingxi by boat. After arrival at Taipingxi (Maoping) Dock, you will go by bus to the scenic area of the Three-Gorges Dam: climb up to the national scenic area of Tanziling and enjoy the view of the panorama of the Dam, the dual-way five-step ship lock – the largest ship lock in the world and view the scenery of High Gorge and Flat Lake on the platform; in the Interception Memorial Garden, feel the inspiring sight of flood relief (in the rainy season) and visit the scenic area of Huangling Temple. Return to Yichang (lunch at your own expense). After arriving in Yichang City, return to Wuhan by coach or train.

Accommodation and full board on the boat.

## TOUR 4:

### Four-day tour of Huangshan Mountain, Furong Valley, Ancient Songcheng Street in Tunxi

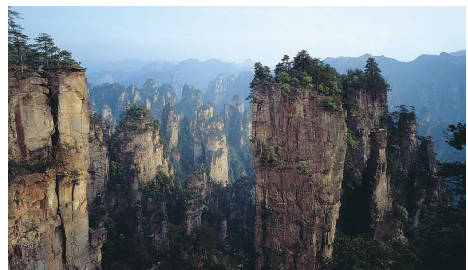
Price: 2000 RMB/person (English Tour Guide included)

#### Day 1 Wuhan - Hefei

19.20: Take EMU (D3084) to Hefei at Hankou Station.

21.30: Arrival at Hefei. You will be picked up.

Accommodation: Hefei



#### Day 1 Furong Valley

7.00 am: departure by high speed bus to Huangshan Mountain. Visit of the Furong Valley Scenic Area, which is the back garden of Huangshan Mountain. Stroll through the bamboo forest. Along the way you can visit the Plum Lake, Hibiscus Lake, Lotus Lake, Bamboo Shadow Pavilion, Lover Pavilion, Sister Pine and Lover Bridge. The Furong Valley of Huangshan Mountain is 10 km long. You will find the sea-like bamboo forest, green trees and constantly flowing wells. The simple and rough way of life is reflected in the virgin forest.

Accommodation: Taiping

#### Day 2 Huangshan Mountain

5.00 am: Visit of Huangshan Mountain. After breakfast go by bus to the north gate of Huangshan Mountain to visit "Huangshan Mountain". It has got the reputation that "the landscape of the Five Famous Mountains tops

those elsewhere, and the landscape of Huangshan Mountain tops that of the Five Famous Mountains.” Go up the mountain by Taiping cable car and visit the West Sea Scenic Area (Paiyun Pavilion, Feilai Stone), the North Sea Scenic Area (Dream of flowers blooming), Lion Peak (a Monkey Gazing at the Sea), Shixin Peak (Heihu Pine, Lianli Pine and so on). Have a look at the Feilai Stone from the Bright Summit. Along the West Sea Grand Crayon visit Tianhai, Aoyu Peak, Yixiantian, 100-step Scaling Ladder. Visit Yuping Peak and Guest-Greeting Pine. Transfer by cable car and environment-friendly car to the foot of Huangshan Mountain; then transfer to Tangkou and Tunxi.

Accommodation: Tunxi

### **Day 3 Ancient Songcheng Street in Tunxi**

After breakfast visit the movable Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival – Songcheng Ancient Street in Tunxi. Enter Ming and Qing Dynasties and experience the customs of cultural Huizhou. Then go by bus to the Yixian County, “households in utopia”. On the way you can see the rural scenery of Huizhou. Enter ancient Huizhou just like entering the poetic imagery of Tang Poems & Song Prose and you can find the real portraits of many famous quotations in the ancient pastoral poetry. Visit the Museum of Houses in Ming and Qing Dynasties and Huwen Governor Shop, visit the Paoma House, Jing'ai Hall, Zhuimu Hall, enjoy the ancient buildings of Ming and Qing Dynasties to understand the wonderful poems and couplets of ancient people. After the visit go to Hefei Station and return to Wuhan by EMU.

Full board.

## **TOUR 5:**

### **Six-day Tour of Wuyi Mountain, Gulang Island in Xiamen and Yongding Earth Towers**

Price: 3730 RMB/person (English Tour Guide included)



#### **Day 1 Wuhan – Fuzhou**

Go to Tianhe Airport in Wuhan. Flight to Fuzhou.

*Scenic Spots:* West Lake Park is the best-preserved classical garden in Fuzhou. It was built during the Jin Dynasty and became the imperial garden of the Min Kingdom in the period of Five Dynasties. It is famous for this charming natural scenery.

The Three Lanes and Seven Alleys cover an area of 40 hectares and now there are 268 ancient houses that integrate the techniques and features of houses in the ancient city of Fuzhou. It is hailed by architects as the “Museum of Ancient Buildings in the Ming and Qing Dynasties”.

#### **Day 2 Fuzhou – Wuyi Mountain**

Take the hard seat of k8750 air-conditioned train (0822/1353).

(Ordinary seat of Impression Dahongpao at your own expense: 210 Yuan).

*Scenic Spots:* Wuyi Mountain integrates the uniqueness of Huangshan Mountain, the elegance of Guilin, the magnificence of Mt. Tai, the danger of Mt. Hua and the beauty of West Lake. In December 1999, Wuyi Mountain was formally listed in the Directory of the world nature and cultural heritage.

The Yunwo Tianyou Scenic Area is known as the “first famous scenic spot” of Wuyi Landscape.

Tea Cave is a fantastic deep cave and deep inside there is a peculiar well valley.

Tiaoyuan Cave got its name because its scenery is close to Taoyuan, Wuling.

### **Day 3 Wuyi Mountain – Xiamen**

(in the evening take the hard seat of air-conditioned train; night on train)

*Scenic Spots:* The Ancient Dahongpao Tea Tree only produces seven Liang (a unit of weight equal to 50 grams) of tea and it has been the tribute to the Emperor since ancient times.

The Roaring Tiger Rock Scenic Area is well known for its wind whistling between pines.

The Yixiantian Scenic Area is the most peculiar grotto of Wuyi Mountain. It has got the longest grotto of China – Louge Rock.

### **Day 4 Xiamen – Yongding (2.5 hours)**

*Scenic Spots:* Yongding Earth Building is a unique village in the world. It is hailed as the “Hacienda of Ancient Hakka”, with distinct features of buildings in the Ming and Qing Dynasty.

### **Day 5 Xiamen**

*Scenic Spots:* Xiamen City is the second largest city in Fujian and has the reputation of “Garden on the Sea”.

Hulishan Fortress: the foundation of wall consists of a mixture of silt, camphor tree juice, lime and glutinous rice. In the fortress the most famous item is a great cannon, purchased from Krupp Arsenal of Germany at that time. It has been well-preserved until now.

Jimei School Village: Jimei is the hometown of Mr. Chen Jiageng, a patriotic leader overseas. Mr. Chen spent all his money on schools and made an outstanding contribution to education. The buildings in the School Village integrated the ancient and modern styles as well as Chinese and foreign styles. The “Jiageng-style” buildings make the Jimei School Village poetic and picturesque, just like a fairy land.

Aoyuan Garden is located on the seashore at the southeastern corner of Jimei School Village with a porch, Jimei liberation monument and Mr. Chen Jiageng’s tomb.

### **Day 6 Return to Wuhan from Xiamen (by plane)**

*Scenic Spots:* Gulang Island ranks the first among the “most beautiful cities and districts in China”. On the island, there is a range of ridges and hills and a dense forest. It is surrounded by the sea and the beach and unique stones and other natural features that are picturesque. Since no motor vehicles are allowed on the island, the environment is very quiet and beautiful and it is well-known as “Garden on the Sea” and “Island of Piano”.

Visiting Jinmen by boat: Jinmen is also called Xian Islet.

Egret Islet Park is a tableland of Yuandang Lake, covering an area of 10 hectares and it is a new city park centering on leisure, entertainment and shopping in Xiamen City.

The Island Ring Road is nearly 30 km long and the demonstration section of colour pavement is 4 km long. The red pavement material is a mixture of colourless asphalt, red slag and red stone and it is the only coloured asphalt pavement. The Island Ring Road faces the sea; its design and greening is original, with a strong artistic quality. It perfectly integrates the sea, beach and green field as a whole.

Full board on all days (except for first day only supper).

**BOOKING for all Tours: via ISOCARP online registration**

## ACCOMMODATION

### Availability Rooms

The Wuhan Local Organising Committee has made pre-bookings for the Marco Polo Hotel.

### Deadline Bookings

31 July 2011. After this date, rates and availability of rooms are subject to change.

**Reservation:** Go to website, click: Accommodation. You will be linked to a hotel reservation form.

### Hotels:

#### Marco Polo Hotel (Five-star)

The Marco Polo Hotel is located on the riverfront overlooking Yangtze River and in the central business district of Hankou. Spacious rooms.

Marco Polo Hotel is also one of the sub-venues.

#### The Local Organising Committee has arranged special prices with the Marco Polo Hotel.

Please fill in the reservation form (congress website) until 31 July. Prices will be much higher after that date.

[http://www.marcopolohotels.com/hotels/china/hankou/marco\\_polo\\_wuhan/index.html](http://www.marcopolohotels.com/hotels/china/hankou/marco_polo_wuhan/index.html)

#### Jiangcheng Howard Johnson Pearl Plaza Hotel (Five-star)

The Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel Wuhan has the distinctive globe tower and is located right by the Yangtze River beach area in Hankou and next to Wuhan Municipal Government. It is very near to the financial and business centres and the entertainment center.

<http://plazapearlwuhan.hojochina.com/plazapearl-wh-home.html>

Jiangcheng Howard Johnson Pearl Plaza Hotel is one of the sub-venues.

#### Holiday Inn Riverside (Four-star)

The Holiday Inn Riverside is on the quiet and beautiful bank of the Yangtze River. Guests have a panoramic view on the majestic Yangtze River Bridge and the scenery of two rivers and three banks. The hotel is located in the centre of the inner ring of Wuhan and is adjacent to the Hanyang Beach Park and the shopping center. It only takes 30 min to the Qintai Grand Theatre on foot and 10 min by car.

<http://www.worldexecutive.com/locations/china/wuhan/37904.html>

#### Less expensive hotels (links see congress website)

Hotels about 1 km away from the Marco Polo:

1. Yangtze River Hotel (Jiangnan Road Branch)
2. Best Century Hotel

Hotels a bit further away (taxi recommended)

4. Xunlimen Hotel
5. Holiday Hotel Tianan Wuhan City Centre

You can also have a look at <http://english.ctrip.com/>. It is suggested that you stay in the Hankou Area.



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Opening Ceremony**

The opening ceremony will be held in Wuhan Qintai Grand Theatre, Hubei Province, in the morning of 25 October 2011 (Tuesday).

### **Badges – Identity document**

During the Congress (including the technical tours and the related social activities) participants must wear the Congress badge. Participants who do not wear it will be refused admittance.

### **Official language**

The ISOCARP official language is English. Simultaneous translation into Chinese will be provided.

### **Welcome Reception**

All participants are invited to take part in the welcome reception held by the Municipal Government on 24 October 2011 (Monday). Registration necessary for logistic reasons. Invitation cards are in the congress bag.

### **Meals**

During the Congress, breakfast, luncheon and refreshment break will be provided for the registrants of all the Congress groups. They can make arrangement for supper by themselves.

### **Awards Dinner**

Wednesday, 26 October. Registration necessary.

### **Farewell Dinner**

The farewell dinner will be held in the evening of 28 October 2011 (Friday). All registered participants are welcome. Registration necessary.

### **Closing Ceremony**

The closing ceremony will take place on 28 October 2011 (Friday).

### **Press Centre**

The media will obtain the latest news before the 47<sup>th</sup> International Planning Congress or during the Congress. The press centre is located inside the Congress venues. All reporters can participate and report on the congress, but have to show their certificates.

### **Exhibition**

The exhibition will be held from 25 to 28 October 2011.

### **Insurance**

It is suggested that all participants contact the insurance company by themselves in order to ensure coverage. Neither ISOCARP nor the organisers will be responsible for injuries, loss of luggage and/or personal belongings.

### **Health**

During the Congress there are ambulances and accompanying doctors serving you.

### **Call for Help**

At the back of Congress badge, there is a 24-hour emergency phone number for help.

**Shuttles**

According to the schedule of Congress shuttles are offered between the Marco Polo and the Howard Johnson Hotels and the Qintai Theatre.

**Climate**

After October the early autumn comes in Wuhan. The temperature will gradually decrease, with the average temperature of 20 - 25°C. The weather is dry and sometimes, the temperature may abnormally be close to 30°C or above. It is suggested that the participants should wear short-sleeved shirt/blouse, with long-sleeved outer garment.

**Dress**

Formal or traditional attire will be acceptable for all the official ceremonies.

**Banks and Foreign Currency Exchange**

Major international banks are represented in Wuhan and banking hours are from 9am to 3pm. Most hotels will accept payments through main credit cards. However, most other outlets including taxis will require payment by cash. The acceptable currency is RMB. Money can be exchanged in banks or the hotel front desks.

**Currency**

The official currency is RMB. The current exchange rate: 1 Euro = RMB 9.15; USD 1 = RMB 6.57

**Electricity**

The power voltage in Wuhan is 220V and the frequency is 50Hz.

**Shopping**

Wuhan has a lively shopping scene. Business time for most of the stores is from 9:30 am to 21:20 pm. Some supermarkets and restaurants provide a 24 hour service.

**Tips**

Participants may pay tips but this is not obligatory.

**Communication**

Telephone communication in China is convenient and efficient. Hotels will provide a service to make phone calls, but they will charge extra for the calls. Participants can buy local GPRS SIM cards for their mobile phones. The GPRS networks allow you to sms and call other networks within China and global ones.

**VISA**

It is recommended that ALL ISOCARP Congress Participants apply for a TOURIST VISA.

When applying you have to submit:

- application form and passport photo
- confirmation of flight booking
- confirmation of hotel booking issued by the hotel itself.

Please check in your respective country whether this is indeed all you need, as some countries might have special demands. [http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/links/Chinese\\_embassies.html](http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/links/Chinese_embassies.html)

## ABOUT WUHAN

The City of Wuhan, located in the heart of China is, economically and geographically, the major city in central China. It is also, of course, the capital of Hubei Province. The large Han river converges in Wuhan with the mighty Yangtze River, the longest river in China. Together, they divide the city into the three townships of Wuchang, Hankou and Hanyang. The City with a present population of 9.2 million occupies an overall land area of 8494 square kilometers. Wuhan is well endowed with a beautiful natural landscape backdrop of mountains, rivers and lakes. The special features of rivers and lakes gives the city very unique urban characteristics. There are, for example, 166 large and small lakes both in the city and its immediate surrounding metropolitan area. The water area alone, accounts for about 25% of the total area. This freshwater resource, expressed as a ratio per person, is 11 times more than the average amount available anywhere else in the world.

Wuhan has a long history stretching back as it does more than 3,500 years. With its 115 historical and cultural sites in the main urban area all of which are under Government protection rather than under Municipal control, Wuhan is therefore well- known as one of China's historical and cultural cities. In the late Qing Dynasty, Zhang Zhidong founded the Hanyang Iron Works and textile mill in Wuhan, which heralded the arrival of modern industry in China. The 1911 Revolution broke out here, which effectively brought the thousand-year-old feudal system in China to an end and established democratic government for, perhaps, the first time. There are numerous famous sites in the city, scenic locations, historical areas and structures such as the Yellow Crane Tower, the Ancient Guqin Terrace and Qingchuan Pavilion and the famous East Lake Scenic Beauty Spot.

The City has a comprehensive and advantageous traffic and transport integrated infrastructure in Wuhan which includes aviation, railways, highways and waterways. An international airport, the biggest deepwater port in the middle reaches of the Yangtze River and one of the top four railway terminals in the country make the city one of the major passenger transport hubs of China. There are 108 scientific research institutions and more than one million college students that, together, firmly establish Wuhan as the third largest educational and scientific centre in China.





## ABOUT ISOCARP

The International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) is a global association of experienced professional planners. It was founded in 1965 in a bid to bring together recognised and highly-qualified planners in an international network. The ISOCARP network brings together individual and institutional members from more than 80 countries worldwide. As a non-governmental organisation ISOCARP is recognised by the UN, UNHCS and the Council of Europe. The Society also has a formal consultative status with UNESCO.

Although ISOCARP members work in many different fields they share a common interest in the spatial and environmental dimensions of urbanisation. They advise key decision-makers, proposing and supporting projects for intervention in a spatial context through general or specific actions.

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.

The association's main event is the annual World Congress, which focuses on a globally-significant planning theme and which takes place in a different country each year. Prior to the congress Young Planning Professional Workshops are organised. This YPP programme seeks to bring together emerging young planning professionals from all over the world to tackle 'real-world' planning projects.

Smaller-scale events such as seminars and working groups are also organised.

All ISOCARP activities are covered in publications such as the ISOCARP Review, the International Manual of Planning Practice (IMPP), Congress proceedings and special project reports.

ISOCARP recognises excellence through the Society's award programme.

ISOCARP Urban Planning Advisory teams (UPATs) assists sponsor organisations by offering the extensive experience and expertise of ISOCARP members to work on important local or international planning projects, programmes and policy initiatives.

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## ABOUT UPSC – Urban Planning Society of China



The Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC) was voluntarily incorporated by urban planners across the country in 1956 and is the only legally registered academic organisation at state level. UPSC is devoted to organising international and national academic activities involving urban planning issues, promoting planning knowledge and technologies, providing consulting service to governmental agencies at all levels, publishing planning books, academic papers and other publications, protecting the lawful rights of urban planners, conducting professional development, granting honour and award to distinguished individuals or organisations.

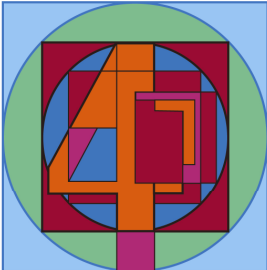
In 1992, UPSC formally registered as a non-governmental organisation with the approval by Ministry of Construction and Ministry of Civil Affairs. The current President is QIU Baoxing and Secretary General is SHI Nan. UPSC has wide experience working with international agencies. Latest partners include the World Bank, UNDP, UN-Habitat etc. Domestic partners include government agencies at national and local level, universities, and planning consultants.

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