

International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP) was founded in 1913, originating from the Garden City Movement and its strong belief in creating human settlements offering people a decent housing & home and a worthy place to live. IFHP seeks to understand and act on the most dominant urban challenges of its time. It is our DNA, it is our passion and we draw on the ideals from the past to the present.

As a Non-profit, member and partner based organisation, we focus on connecting cross nations and regions to discuss themes from different perspectives. We voice concerns, solutions, and trends and disseminate knowledge to the benefit of creating better cities for all. We do not believe in one size fits all, but rather that the right conversation with the right people can enlighten better, sustainable and resilient solutions for citizens of the world.

We do so because we believe communities and human settlements are the highest expressions of civilization and the cradle for social development

IFHP Governance structure in brief

Governance is not a goal in itself but a means to achieve a goal. The aim of the present governance structure is to ensure an efficient and effective organisation and to encourage an active membership.

The existing structure is one of “People-Parliament-Cabinet”: Members elect a Council that elects a Board which manages IFHP affairs within annual financial and content frameworks that are in turn approved and monitored by the Council. The Board appoints a CEO as head of the Office and the CEO operates directly under the authority of the Board.

IFHP Council is elected and in office from April 1st 2014 – march 31st 2017.

The Council is the highest authority of IFHP and meets at least once a year. The Council has four roles: as approver, as supervisor and as dialogue partner that provides on-going comments and advice on the running of IFHP affairs. Council members finally have the role of promoting IFHP in their own countries. This last assignment is under development the recent years and takes up an essential role in ensuring the constant development and relevance of IFHP. In a global world it again and again proves important to have a balance and connecting to both the global and local / regional perspective on the network, knowledge, learning and own doings.

There are 46 members of IFHP Council from 24 nations.

See the present list: www.ifhp.org/council

IFHP Board is responsible for the overall management of the Federation.

The Board, consisting of President, Deputy-President and four members, operates within a set of rules laid down by the Board in the ‘Board Procedure’. It is responsible for the overall management of IFHP activities in accordance with the ‘Articles of Association’ approved by the Council. The IFHP CEO is the general secretary of the Board. The Board meets about four to five times a year.

See who is a member of IFHP Board: www.ifhp.org/board

IFHP Office is currently based in Copenhagen, Denmark. The office’s role is to support and facilitate activities, events and plug-ins with members and partners with in the frame set by The Council.

IFHP Latin American Office is located at FAU-PUCRS – Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil and turns its attention to the issues of Latin America, though connecting to the global IFHP both ways on the agenda too.

To meet the housing and planning challenges and consolidate recent progress, both IFHP Offices organize activities for peers to meet, share, innovate, learn, create, and explore.

Check out who to contact at the offices: www.ifhp.org/ifhp-office & www.ifhp.org/field-office