



THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING (IFHP)

The International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP), is a world-wide network of professional institutions and individuals of many signatures active in the broad fields of housing, urban development and planning. This network, founded in 1913 by Sir Ebenezer Howard under the name “International Garden Cities and Town Planning Association”, consists of members from some 60 countries who use the IFHP as a platform to exchange knowledge, expertise and information.

By this exchange, IFHP’s aim is to promote mutual learning and inspiration, and generate new ideas amongst professionals in order to equip them to find the best local solutions to the global challenges facing housing and planning today.

IFHP has official relationships with intergovernmental organisations such as UN-Habitat, UN-ECE, UNEP, UNESCO and the Council of Europe. It relates to specialized and regional international NGOs such as ISOCARP (International Society of City and Regional Planners), CAP (Commonwealth Association of Planners), EAROPH (Eastern Regional Organization for Planning and Housing) and FIG (International Federation of Surveyors).

Aim:

To create and promote understanding of human settlement issues in a changing world.

In our present-day dynamic, complex and uncertain world, faced with climate change, unsustainable growth and social, economic and geographical inequalities, it is important to find ways to effectively mitigate the potentially far-reaching negative consequences on our future living environment. IFHP plays its part in dealing with these challenges by **facilitating the international exchange of knowledge and experience in housing, urban and regional planning, the environment and related fields**

Professionals involved in human settlement development serve people and communities by providing them with a pleasant environment to live in. IFHP **serves both professional and community development needs by helping to find local solutions to our common problems.**

Many professionals have many ideas and influence on how to deal with the contemporary problems facing human settlements today. IFHP **connects researchers, policy makers and developers throughout the world so that their intellectual resources can be pooled and applied in practice.**

IFHP GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

IFHP's strategic plan and content orientation are set by a six member Board, with the day to day activities being coordinated through the IFHP Secretariat in The Hague, Netherlands. The Board in turn is monitored by the member-elected Council Members, who represent countries from around the world.

The **IFHP Board** consists of:

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CEO	Derek Martin

IFHP'S UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

IFHP organises a range of activities including congresses, conferences, online conferences, roundtables, seminars, workshops, professional visits, summer schools, and implementation labs – usually in partnership with other professional organisations and institutions or private entities. For a complete overview of upcoming activities please look at www.ifhp.com/events/upcoming. Major upcoming events include:

Managing Urban Growth: Challenges for Small Cities – Brunei, 8-10 November 2011 *In partnership with the Eastern Regional Organisation for Planning and Housing (EAROPH)*



Population growth presents colossal urban management challenges such as housing shortages, inadequate infrastructure, congestion and poor urban quality of life. In meeting people's needs for shelter and expectations for services, growth exerts tremendous pressure on a city's natural resources, particularly land. This conference is built on a robust program of sharing best practices and experiences to manage urban growth, deliberating on critical success factors including planning, resource management, governance and inclusion in decision making processes, and project financing and implementation. Set against the fascinating context of Brunei combined with the optional pre-conference field study and post conference Eco-tourism tour, this conference will certainly be engaging and rewarding for professionals across a broad array of disciplines.

Please find the **first announcement** at www.earoph.info and at the congress website: <http://www.tcp.gov.bn/EAROPH2011/>

Online conference for World Town Planning Day in partnership with the American Planning Association International Division

World Town Planning Day
Online Conference 2011
Going Public: Spaces in our Communities
1-2 November 2011



Around the world, across all parts of society, both population growth and decline are increasing the pressure on public spaces to serve more roles and functions than ever before. Historically, the public plaza

was to be a place where people could meet, hear from their leaders, share ideas, and trade. The basic premise is still the same; however, we are placing more and more pressure on these types of public spaces by increasing the intensity of these uses. Not only that, but these types of uses and activities are starting to be accommodated in areas such as footpaths, school playgrounds, roadsides, and parks. Where once each of these types of spaces served a specific purpose, they are now required to be multi-purpose, hence we need to design them differently, and we have far more people activities we have to consider. In addition, public spaces are also being used as economic development tools to bring positive change to areas beyond their boundaries and revitalize urban areas in which population and economic activity have declined.

The purpose of this conference is to bring together ideas from around the world, about how we are planning for and designing our public spaces to be even more public, as well as supplement for less private space. For more information please have a look at the website: www.planningtheworld.net

Other IFHP events in 2011:

- [Spontaneous Cities Seminar in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 14 October](#)
- [Professional Visit to Wroclaw, Poland 21, 22 October](#)



56th IFHP World Congress: Inclusive Cities in a Global World – Goteborg, Sweden, 16-19 September 2012

The 56th IFHP World Congress will seek to examine the interrelatedness of the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, with a particular focus on inclusiveness. The Inclusive City promotes growth with equity. It is a place where everyone is enabled and empowered to fully participate in the social, economic and political opportunities that cities have to offer. IFHP and the City of Gothenburg are co-organising the annual IFPH congress 2012 on this highly topical issue.

The congress focuses on social sustainability and planning within inclusive cities, with two major approaches: a) how can planners and urban developers help to avoid the ever-increasing social segregation in our major cities, and b) for whom are we planning when we plan major renovation and what are the new tools.

2013 IFHP Centenary

IFHP is planning a full programme of events for 2013 in celebration of 100 years since its founding! The Centenary activities will culminate in a World Congress in London.

IFHP WORKING GROUPS



In accordance with IFHP's Strategic Action Plan, IFHP is committed to generating unique content and promoting mutual learning and inspiration through its working groups. Through the expertise of its membership, the working groups create and exchange state-of-the-art knowledge in support of IFHP's agenda: to help make human settlements more resilient to increasingly unpredictable, complex and urgent change.

IFHP currently is inviting participation for the following three working groups:

Climate Resilient Cities

The focus of this working group is on the spatial consequences of climate change. How can planners deal with such consequences? What governance structures and solutions can be found around the world? What can we learn from and with each other? *Chairman is Huibert Haccoû of the Saxion Higher Technical College in Deventer, Netherlands*

The Spontaneous City

Three leading principles guide the content of the Spontaneous City WG:

- Understanding pre-conditions for planning on a smaller, more local scale. Creating an environment that allows for open and adaptable processes that can adjust to meet the needs of the local context and the "rules of the game."
- Understanding user-orientation, effective engagement and forging innovative bottom up participation practices.

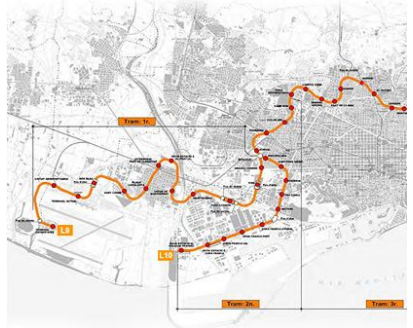
Current Working Group Chair is Gert Urhahn of Urhahn Urban Design

Housing and the Economy

The content focus of this group is currently in development, but will explore the broad theme of housing policies in cities and their effects on the quality and composition of urban settlements. *Chairman is John McPeake of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Belfast, UK*

Barcelona Movilidad

A Barcelona based initiative aimed specifically at members from Latin America, but open to all interested. The aim of this working group is *“to draw up a catalogue of good practices in terms of collective transport services management that relate the implementation and improvement of transport networks to efficient metropolitan conurbations.”* Being a collaborative effort together with the University of Catalonia (UPC) the initial call will be issued from Spain and the group will work primarily in Spanish. The plan is to gather biannually. Chair: Francesc Ventura i Teixidor



Working groups generate an active programme of investigating best practices and next practices, and addressing ‘wicked’ problems through seminars, implementation labs, and other activities. It’s a great opportunity to take advantage of the IFHP network and actively shape our content focus. Members are invited to register their interest or inquire further to events@ifhp.org.

MEMBERSHIP



Our Members are important to us. IFHP **provides the facilitating services** that its Members want and on the issues that concern them.

WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS?

Associate and Individual Membership is open to all individuals who are professionally or voluntarily engaged in housing, planning, urban development, the environment or related fields.

Corporate Membership is also available for local, regional and national governments, private sector companies, professional associations, universities and research institutes, and non-profits and non-governmental organizations.

INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE MEMBER BENEFITS

- Access to a global network of planning and housing professionals and techniques developed around the world that link to sustainable development
- 10–30% reduction in fees for IFHP congresses, conferences, seminars, courses and other activities
- 20% reduction at the IFHP shop and availability of IFHP publications for free or at a reduced price
- Receipt of IFHP newsletters and members directory and access to members-only content on the website
- Opportunities for active involvement in international projects and participation in IFHP Working Groups
- Opportunities to publicize events, activities and other planning and housing-related material (in development)

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website at www.ifhp.org.

IFHP MEMBER BENEFITS	Associate Member	Full Member	Corporate Member	Partner
Access to international network and professional knowledge exchange				
Membership directory (digital)				
Participation in Working Groups, Implementation Labs and International Projects				
Access to IFHP website Member's Area				
Receipt of Newsletter and Newsflashes				
10 - 30% Registration Discount for IFHP Events				
20%+ Discount at IFHP Shop				
Voting Rights for IFHP Affairs				
Free download of IFHP conference/event reports				
Upload to IFHP website "member's page"				
Provide input to help shape IFHP events and activities				
Eligibility to serve on IFHP Council and Board				
Bookshop credit				
Advertise/publicize events on IFHP website (front page)				
10-30% Registration discount for IFHP events for an unlimited number of employees				
2x Voting Rights for IFHP Affairs				
Job Advertisements on IFHP website				
Logo on IFHP website front page and sponsorship page				
Registration credit for IFHP events				
Feature/priority placement on IFHP website "member's page"				
Discounts on IFHP event sponsorship				
Annual acknowledgement in an IFHP newsletter				
Other 'made-to-measure' benefits				