

# GLOBAL PLANNING EDUCATORS INTEREST GROUP (GPEIG) Newsletter

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## Message from the Editor

Greetings! I hope this newsletter finds all of you involved in exciting summer endeavors. There have been several key events of importance to GPEIG in the past year, so I take this occasion to bring you up to date with activities GPEIG has been involved in. This issue reproduces the Shanghai Statement from the first WPSC of July 2001. Those of you who attended will confirm that the WPSC was a tremendously successful gathering. Work will be beginning in Volos, Greece, at the AESOP conference to prepare for the second WPSC, to be held in 2006, and to firmly establish GPEAN—the Global Planning Education Association Network—both direct outcomes of the conversations that culminated in the Shanghai Statement.

GPEIG has an active presence in Wim Wiewel's presidential task force. Although care was taken to leave GPEIG to work on its own agenda, the independent task force draws heavily on the GPEIG membership to advise ACSP. Thanks to all of you who are participating. It is gratifying to see the influence our group can have on the direction of ACSP's activities.

This newsletter also includes minutes from the Cleveland meeting—thanks to Carol Armstrong and Asmita Bhardwaj for serving as recorders. Items pending for our fall meeting include:

- ratifying the bylaws
- electing a new co-chair

You can expect email from me in the fall as the Baltimore meeting draws near. Finally, let me recruit you for assistance in again updating the grants list. If each of us adopts two grants, Sukumar should be able to post changes (see box below). I wish you a productive summer and look forward to items for the fall newsletter!

JWL

## International Development Grants and Fellowships List

We have a list of grants and fellowships on the web (<http://www-scf.usc.edu/~gsukumar/Globeplan.html>). These entries need to be updated (but we don't have resources to pay for this). We would like to ask each GPEIG member to adopt two funding sources:

- (1) an agency beginning with the first letter of your first name, and
- (2) an agency beginning with the first letter of your last name.

Please check the information on our site against the agency's information and communicate the changes to both Nihal Perera (nperera@bsu.edu) and Sukumar Ganapati (gsukumar@usc.edu).

Thank you!

## Shanghai Statement July 15, 2001



Representatives of national and international planning education associations gathered at Tongji University in Shanghai and agreed on the goal of increasing mutual communication in order to improve the quality and visibility of planning and planning education. To achieve this, it was agreed to establish a global planning education association network and a committee to plan holding the second World Planning Schools Congress and to develop an inclusive communication network.

### Remarks by Bruce STIFTEL, President of ACSP

Thank you, Prof. ALBRECHTS, Congress Delegates:

Nineteen representatives of ten planning schools associations took part in discussions during the WPSC. The associations represented were:

- The Asian Planning Schools Association (APSA)
- The Association of Canadian University Planning Programs (ACUPP)
- The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP, USA)
- The Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)
- The Association of Schools of Planning, Indonesia
- The Australian & New Zealand Association of Planning Schools (ANZAPS)
- The Interim Coordinating Committee for the Revitalization of Planning Education in Africa
- The Latin-America Association of Schools of Urbanism and Planning (ALEUP)
- The National Association of Post-Graduate and Research Programs in Urban and Regional Planning, Brazil (ANPUR, Brazil)
- The French International Association of Planning Schools (APERAU)

We shared information on the organization and the ambitions of our various associations and considered common objectives and possible future actions.

The association representatives prepared the following resolution:

“The Leaders of the various planning school associations assembled in Shanghai express deep gratitude and appreciation to: Prof. WU Zhiqiang, Secretary General of the 1<sup>st</sup> WPSC; The WPSC Organizing Committee, chaired by Prof. WU Qidi, President of Tongji University; The WPSC Program Committee, chaired by Prof. Michael Hibbard and Prof. Tingwei Zhang; Together with the faculty, students, and administrators of Tongji University, for their extraordinary capability, energy and success in preparing and executing an overwhelmingly successful First World Planning Schools Congress.”

Will the members of the Organizing, Steering and Program Committees and Tongji faculty and administration please stand. Please join me in saluting them.

Additionally, the association leaders unanimously supported a resolution setting the stage for a second congress and opening communications on other matters.

We further agreed: that the second World Planning School Congress would be held in the year 2006; that the various planning school associations would have until December 2001 to endorse and join the preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> WPSC; and that a call for proposals to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> WPSC would be issued by December 2002.

Finally, we agreed that the Congress website would remain in operation, providing follow-up information on the Congress and links to other planning school association resources, until it can be replaced by a more permanent international planning school association web facility.

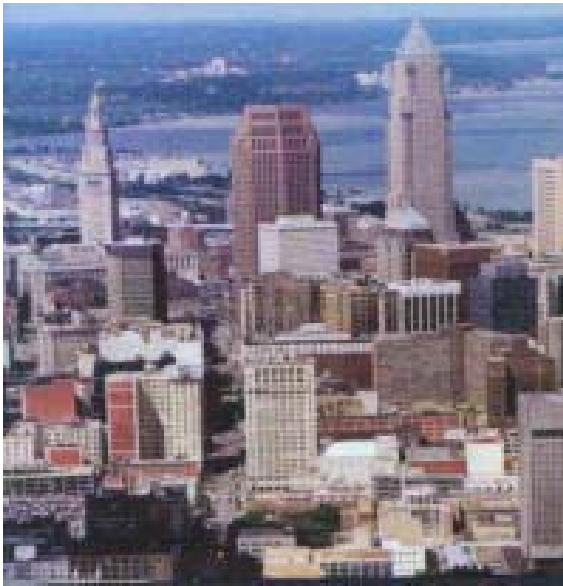
#### Signatories to the Shanghai Statement:

- APSA, Chang-Ho YIM, President of APSA, Seoul National University
- ACUPP, Thomas HARPER, Past President of ACUPP, the University of Calgary
- ACSP, Bruce STIFTEL, President of ACSP, Florida State University
- AESOP, Hans MASTOP, President of AESOP, the University of Neimeigen
- The Association of Schools of Planning, Indonesia, Leksono SUBANU, Vice President, Gadjah Mada University
- ANZAPS, Prof. Susan THOMPSON, ANZAPS, the University of New South Wales
- APERAU, Alain MOTTE, President of APERAU, Université de Droit, d'économie et des Sciences d'Aix-Marseille
- The Interim Coordinating Committee for the Revitalization of Planning Education in Africa, Prof. Tumsiph NNKYA, the University of Dar es Salaam
- ALEUP, Roberto Rodriguez, President of ALEUP, the Universidad Simon Bolivar
- ANPUR, Prof. Geraldo Magela COSTA, ANPUR, the Federal University of Minas Gerais



## Minutes of the November 2001 GPEIG Meeting, Cleveland

**Co-Chairs: Weiping Wu and Johanna Looye**



**Attendees who signed in:** Carol Armstrong, Madhav Badami, Roger Barry, Victoria Beard, John J. Betanuer, Asmita Bhardwaj, John Browder, Sam Casella, Petra Doan, Alnoor Ebrahim, Salah El-Shakhs, Sukumar Ganapati, Eric Heikkila, Jan Marie Fritz, Mike Hibbard, Deborah Howe, Himi Jammal, Gill-Chin Lim, Johanna Looye, Riad G. Mahayni, Faranak Mirafteb, Joe Nasr, Amy Santo, Bish Sanyal, Elizabeth Sweet, Nohad A. Toulan, Teresa Vazquez, Patricia Wilson, Weiping Wu.

### Topic 1: Follow-up of Last Meeting

Discussion: Weiping Wu and Johanna Looye, co-chairs of GPEIG, thanked Alnoor Ebrahim and John Browder, Virginia Tech, for the draft bylaws. They also thanked Sukumar Ganapati, USC, for maintaining the GPEIG listserv and updating the list of international grants and

fellowships. Thanks were also extended to Bish Sanyal for providing the list and to everyone for organizing panels at the World Planning Schools Congress in Shanghai and at ACSP in Cleveland, which were very well attended.

### Topic 2: Budget of GPEIG

Discussion: Weiping announced that the following three budget items had been approved by ACSP for GPEIG:

- (1) updating the web list of grants (cost equals \$600);
- (2) food at the GPEIG meeting (\$300); and
- (3) \$200 remains for future needs, such as publishing the newsletter, making hard copies of the newsletter, etc. There is a \$400 surplus for future reimbursements, etc.

### Topic 3: Report by Sam Casella on Linkages Between AICP and GPEIG

Discussion: Last year, Sam said that he would work towards bringing AICP in closer contact with the international community and got a joint International Planning Committee together (composed of David Blane, Fred Goodrow, David Johnson, Peter Marcuse, Bob Mitchell, Sid Sen, and Tingwei Zhang). Sam reported that the three things they wanted to achieve with this were:

- (1) How can AICP develop a better relationship with their counterparts in other countries? How to exchange and learn from the rest of the world—things that we do of interest to them and things that they do which are of interest to us?
- (2) Establish connections with planning organizations around the world (already discussions are on with Chinese planners as a step forward in this direction).
- (3) Conducting activities on an ongoing basis—exchange of people and information to provide an opportunity for mutual learning, which is valuable for Americans wanting to create better opportunities here. We have already done a few things like helping the Chinese with information on planning examination (like AICP). The Chinese have created

an examination for planners (that was taken by 8,000 people in a weekend). Part of the answer also lies in what the committee does in prioritizing and implementing recommendations. The recommendations are quite wide ranging including cooperation with ACSP and PAB. PAB has also been involved with other countries.

Key aspects of doing this are to ensure that the exchange has benefits for communities in *both* places, that the work promotes better *planning*, and that it results in better *planners*.

#### **Topic 4: Report by Mike Hibbard on the First World Planning Schools Congress 2001, Shanghai, China (July 11-15, 2001, Tongji University)**

Discussion: Responding to Weiping's request for an update on the World Planning Schools Congress, Mike said that ACSP, AESOP, the Asian Planning Schools Association and Australia/New Zealand Planning Schools Association got together at Tongji University for a very successful meeting. There were 800 registrants from 250 countries. ACSP had anticipated that there would be a lack of good representation in China, but it turned out otherwise. The local hosts set a high standard. Overall it was a successful conference and this group would like to hear more ideas on how to globalize ACSP. Ten years back, ACSP was lagging behind, but at the Shanghai Conference their group did very well and would be taking additional steps in the future towards the goal of globalizing ACSP. The associations unanimously agreed to hold another WPSC in 2006, but the venue is yet to be determined.

Action: Mentioned that Johanna Looye will represent ACSP in planning for the next WPSC.

#### **Topic 5: Election of Co-Chair of the GPEIG**

Discussion: John Browder asked Johanna whether they had a co-chair for next year. Johanna replied that they have one for 2001-03 (Nihal Perera) but not for the 2002-04 term. Joe Nasr asked Johanna if the group could clarify the process of election (if there would be an election now or next year). Weiping and Johanna said that since they did not have volunteers, they do not need an election until next year. Ruth moved not to have a co-chair election at this time. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. For nominations of co-chairs for the year after, Ruth suggested using email. Weiping put forward the motion that email nominations be filed for election of GPEIG co-chair one month in advance of the annual meeting. A suggestion was made to add this process into the bylaws.

Action: All GPEIG members were in favor of no election in 2001 for the chair of GPEIG. All GPEIG members approved the motion of email nominations for election of GPEIG co-chair to be filed one month in advance of the annual meeting.

#### **Topic 6: Report by Wim Wiewel on Priorities of ACSP and Role of GPEIG**

Discussion: Wim Wiewel, incoming ACSP president, stated that the organization had four priorities for his task force on global planning:

- (1) Increase attention to global issues (awareness) within ACSP;
- (2) Increase planning diversity;
- (3) Improve the relationship between ACSP and planners worldwide; and
- (4) Raise the visibility of the planning profession and planning education globally.

According to Wim, the Shanghai Conference this summer helped to solidify ACSP's focus on these priorities. In the US, people need broader awareness about planning in other parts of the world (such as ideas related to property rights and the state, etc.). Everyone should visit other countries. Four issues are important:

- (1) Increase the global perspective in the planning curriculum;
  - (2) Facilitate study and research abroad;
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- (3) Help build planning support around the world (e.g., WPSC); and
- (4) Facilitate process of international students coming to the US, especially in light of new problems, e.g., tightening visa restrictions on students, etc.

Wim said, to achieve these goals, it is best to form a separate task force (freeing up GPEIG to undertake its mission) and ask it to come up with some specific programs for spearheading and implementing those projects. There needs to be some brainstorming and we need to collect names for this task force.

Action: None, pending further discussion by the group.

#### **Topic 7: Draft Bylaws Prepared by Alnoor Ebrahim and John Browder, Virginia Tech**

Discussion: John mentioned that bylaws were codified on the basis of what we had been saying all along. There is a new inclusion only in paragraph 2 about succession of the co-chair. That needs to be replaced based on today's discussion about email nominations to be filed for election of the co-chair in 2002. He asked for a motion at this point. The group decided that discussion on all aspects of the bylaws would be tedious and there were other pending issues that warranted discussion. Joe Nasr suggested using email for providing comments on required changes in the draft bylaws. Bish Sanyal summed up asking John and Alnoor to send the material back. The group has a month-long deadline for feedback via the GPEIG listserv.

Action: The vote was in favor of a month-long deadline to comment upon changes in the draft bylaws via the Globeplan listserv.

#### **Topic 8: Suggestions of Conference Panels for ACSP 2002 by GPEIG (and task force formed under Topic 2 above)**

Discussion: Bish said that we should pursue the three ideas that GPEIG has for conference panels:

- (1) Education of US students on global planning issues
- (2) Faculty to develop curriculum on international development
- (3) Student exchange with international schools

To support idea 2 there was a suggestion for a panel next year titled: "International Perspectives on Planning Education." Bish agreed to spearhead this panel. The idea of mentoring of junior faculty who are interested in international issues was also discussed. Carol Armstrong said that there could be a panel on team teaching across cultures. Online chat rooms could be used for that. Other panel themes that were mentioned were:

- (1) Gender and International Planning (Elizabeth Sweet)
- (2) NYC-Kabul: "Missed Places" (Teresa Vazquez)
- (3) Politics of International Planning (Victoria Beard and Faranak Miraftab)
- (4) PAB Standards Applicability (Mike Hibbard)

Note was made that there were problems this year with scheduling conflicts, redundancies, etc. and that these should be anticipated/avoided for 2002.

Continuing discussion on "Wim's goals" for the task force and on GPEIG's new initiatives for the next year.

Concerns were raised about the viability of having a global/international planning track, since it forced a continued separation—as opposed to including international planning papers in subject areas (i.e., substantive vs. geographic distribution across conference panels). Suggestions were

#### **Draft Bylaws—Discussion Plan**

Beginning in September I will distribute portions of the proposed bylaws on the listserv for discussion. I will then summarize comments for presentation (paragraph by paragraph) at the business meeting in Baltimore.

—JWL

made to integrate more papers along substantive lines, but to keep panels that were uniquely international, such as issues pertaining to “Globalization” and “Trans-Border Planning.”

A consensus was reached that it is premature to dissolve the distinctions between the global track and others, but that different incarnations might be explored via looking at the models of other organizations like the International Sociological Association. Jan Fritz mentioned that the American Sociological Association has teaching resource groups with collaborative sessions within tracks that might be constructive for such exploration. Faranakh suggested to ask conference organizers to allow first- and second-choice submission options for paper alignment within tracks/sessions.

Final thanks were expressed to Weiping and Jo and best wishes to Weiping who will be stepping down from her role as co-chair.

## Planning Globally Task Force

In his presidential address during the ACSP Conference in Cleveland, Wim Wiewel singled out global awareness as one of four priority issues for his term in office. He asserted that ACSP's main objective must be to increase global awareness in planning education and research. Because global planning has a significant influence on planning in the United States, planners need to take into account what is happening outside the United States. There are many lessons that can be learned from the successes and failures of planning in the global context and an understanding of planning issues outside the United States will build more effective theories and methods that will be reflected in planning theories and practice. Therefore, increasing global awareness in planning education and research is one of the important tasks of ACSP for the next two years.

Wiewel, Wim. 2002. ACSP Presidential Agenda, 2001-2003. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. 21 (Summer): 424-5

A special Planning Globally Task Force has been established with Ruth Yabes (ruth.yabes@asu.edu) as chair. The task force coordinating committee met during the American Planning Association meeting in Chicago (April 13, 2002) to coordinate the efforts of the various subcommittees. The charge to the committee is: “to prepare specific recommendations and plans for discussion, adoption, and study abroad and interaction with non-U.S. scholars, and strengthening planning education and the field of planning abroad.”

### Planning Globally Task Force Coordinating Committee

- Chair: Ruth Yabes
  - Curriculum Committee: Bish Sanyal
  - Study and Research Abroad: Salah El-Shakhs
  - International Associations and Conferences: Bruce Stiftel, Johanna Looye
  - At-large: Jay Chatterjee, Gill-Chil Lim
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## Highlights from Cleveland

### “September 11, 2001 and Its Aftermath”

This plenary event in Cleveland came about in large part because of discussions on the GPEIG listserv and the involvement of GPEIG members Farokh Afshar, Bill Goldsmith, Peter Marcuse, Faranak Miraftab, Bish Sanyal, and Teresa Vazquez.

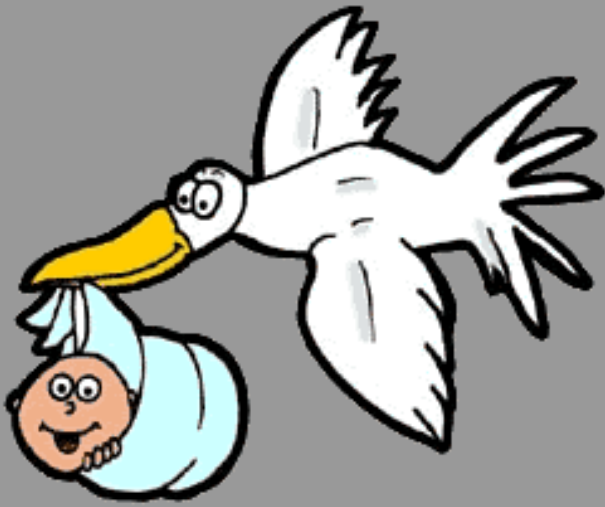
### Report and Roundtable on First WPSC, Shanghai 2001

Katherine Crewe, Mike Hibbard, Johanna Looye, and Bruce Stiffel reported on various aspects of the Shanghai event including organizing and assessing the event, developing institutional networking, serving as track chair, and attending as a junior faculty member.

### International Development Planning Track

Hemalata Dandekar, track chair, reported 11 panels, roundtables, or discussion sessions for Cleveland. There are 12 panels, roundtables and discussions set for Baltimore.

**Welcome aboard...**  
**Our future chief!**



**Julian Wu Crowley**

on 24 January 2002 at 10:05 AM  
(7 lb 8 oz and 20.5 inch)

**(Michael Crowley and Weiping Wu, proud parents)**

## News of Future Congresses

- **AESOP:** The next congress of AESOP will be held in Volos, Greece, 15 July 2002.
- **ACSP/AESOP Joint Conference,** Leuven, Belgium, July 8-11, 2003.
- **APSA:** The 7<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Asian Planning Schools Association will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, hosted by the Hanoi Architectural University in September 2003. The theme of the Congress is “Creating Better Cities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”

This information is also available on:  
<http://acsp.org/events/conferences.html>