

41<sup>st</sup> Annual SCUPAD Congress 2009

May 14 – 17, 2009

***!Lifestyle? versus Life Patterns:  
Planning for new urban and rural inter-dependence***

***Call for papers***

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You are invited to submit a paper for presentation at the SCUPAD Congress 2009, “!Lifestyle? versus Life Patterns, Planning for urban and rural inter-dependence,” to be held in Salzburg, May 14-17, 2009.

SCUPAD is an independent, non-profit international organization of planners, whose members are based all over Europe, in the Middle East and North America, India and Northern Africa. All SCUPAD members are professionals working at a high level in their respective organizations: planning and other government authorities, educational and research institutions, private development and consultancy practices.

With its annual Congresses since 1965, SCUPAD presents topics for discussion of a contemporary nature and of critical relevance to urban planning and development. Unlike most other international conventions, SCUPAD developed its characteristic style as a more personal exchange among experts, so as to engender informality, international and trans-disciplinary discourse and a lively social and professional network that carries on beyond the Congresses.

The congress topic:

***!Lifestyle? versus Life Patterns  
Planning for urban and rural inter-dependence***

Mankind is currently confronted with well-known environmental, economic and cultural challenges and opportunities. Many of our present day lifestyles and patterns of consumption are ruining the planet. A critical question is how to develop living patterns that are responsible and sustainable for both society and individuals. The way we choose to live, the patterns of consumption and production and the relationship between urban and rural areas are all in need of redefinition.

SCUPAD Congress 2009 will focus on two aspects of this debate

- Expectations and Demands versus Accountability and Supply
- Density versus Intensity of Development

How these issues impact planning decisions, and the ways in which planners, the public and private sectors function, will grow out of how this generation addresses these challenges.

The conference will be structured in two sub-themes, which fall under the remit of the general topic of the event. Each sub-theme will comprise by a plenary contribution plus three presentations from accepted papers, in which several participants will be invited to present their work.

### **Workshop 1: Expectations and Demands versus Accountability and Supply**

**Moderator: Ivan Stanic**, Municipality of Ljubljana, ivan@kaslc.com

People everywhere have the same fundamental needs, however, how these needs are satisfied is influenced by marketing, advertising and other profit-motivated techniques. In order to address this, it is important to modify our living patterns so that we become energy independent, reduce waste and consumption of natural capital, thereby reducing our environmental footprint to manageable proportions.

Topics to be discussed in this workshop:

- How does society empower the individual and foster independence by moving from conditioned and perceived choices to real and substantive choices through better understanding of what our real needs are and what changes are necessary to satisfy them?
- How can new modes of inter-dependence based upon principles of sustainability be fostered?
- How can planning decisions based upon a set of social, economic and environmental factors be developed and presented in order to evaluate alternative choices?

### **Workshop 2: Density versus Intensity**

**Moderator: Uri Mazor**, A. Mazor - E. First Architects and City Planning, uri@mazor-first.com

Today, the physical borders between urban and rural areas are eroding and the functions of different areas – cities, rural areas, and places in-between – are changing. This often leads to a loss of identity and confusion about the role of 'place' in society. Because of changes in agricultural and other patterns of production, migration and increases in mobility and telecommunication, there are new emerging inter-relationships between 'places'.

This workshop will examine questions such as:

- What are the problems and/or opportunities that grow out of current patterns of urban and rural Lifestyle?
- Are different patterns evolving in rural and urban areas and places in-between; if so what are they?
- What are the comparative advantages/disadvantages of these visions for urban and rural living patterns?
- Can cities and other governmental entities relate to one another in a non-competitive and synergistic way? If so, how would this work and will this support sustainability?
- How can we preserve/clarify the uniqueness of 'places' while creating stable ecosystems and networks?

### **Call for papers**

Academics, researchers and practitioners are invited to submit an abstract addressing one particular workshop of the event. 6 papers (3 papers per workshop) will be selected for the 41<sup>st</sup> SCUPAD Congress with regard to three criteria, namely:

- their contribution **to the aims and topic of the conference**,
- their capacity to **address the questions raised**, and
- their originality of **research, results and conclusions**.

### **Submission guidelines**

Please submit your abstract of the proposed paper via email to [hirschler@email.archlab.tuwien.ac.at](mailto:hirschler@email.archlab.tuwien.ac.at) by **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the latest**. Be aware, that the abstracts submitted after this date are not considered.

The abstract should be no more than 500 words long, and include the following:

1. Indication of the workshop to which the paper is submitted.
2. Paper's Title.
3. Writer's name, affiliation and contact details (preferable email).
4. Outline the problem or the strategy discussed, and its relevance to the workshop theme.
5. If relevant references (no more than three should be included).

The successful contributors will be informed by Sunday, **February 1<sup>st</sup> 2009** and will be asked to provide a full version of their paper (around 5.000 words) by Friday, **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**.

The papers accepted for presentation will be **published** on **compact disk** and on the SCUPAD **website** following the Congress. Upon acceptance of submitted proposals, authors will receive instructions on the format suggested for the papers and the presentations.

### **Registration**

One presenter per paper will get free congress participation.

Information on registration costs, including a registration form, is available on the SCUPAD website: [www.SCUPAD.org](http://www.SCUPAD.org).

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