

2009.3 SCUPAD Newsletter

1. First Announcement of Congress 2010: May, 6 - 9, 2010 - don't forget to note the date

The 42nd SCUPAD Congress will be held
May, 6 - 9, 2010
 in Salzburg, Austria. It will focus on

Bringing Production Back to the City

Over the last few decades cities in the advanced capitalist countries have lost their function as centres of manufacturing. As a result of new forms of globalization based on an extremely powerful transportation and communication system with a high dependence on fossil fuel, today manufacturing functions are spread throughout the world. Metropolitan areas especially have been transformed into consumption and privileged locations of knowledge based services.

However, despite the significant deindustrialization process in the last decades, manufacturing still plays an important role in the urban economy, mainly as "silent partner" to other sectors, such as creative, cultural and

health care industries. This new urban manufacturing is no longer characterized by the smoke-stack industries of the past, but by a mix of small- and medium-sized firms that are related to the local demand and the City's service industries. Much of this urban manufacturing is technologically-based and offers jobs for skilled and semi-skilled labour.

At the same time, the rise of green industries, provides unexploited job opportunities and has the potential to foster sustainable growth for the local economy and improve the urban living conditions, as well as reducing negative impacts on the environment.

A third opportunity to bring production back to the city is the rise of urban agriculture, which in many North American and European cities is already conducted in backyards, community or allotment gardens. Urban agriculture can combine the production of healthy food with recreational benefits and social interaction.

2. NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to SCUPAD

The Committee admitted 6 new members in May 2009:

Zegeye Cherenet

Department of Architecture, AAU, Ethiopia,
 Principal of Zegeye Cherenet and Associates

Jonathan Cohen-Litant

Architect and Urban Designer, Tbilisi, Georgia

Jens Dangschat

Professor at Vienna University of Technology,
 Vienna, Austria

John Hanna

Egypt, studies Cityplanning in Graz, Austria;

Franc Trcek

M.A. Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences,
 University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Andreas Schulze Baing

Centre for Urban Policy Studies,
 University of Manchester, United Kingdom

3. COMMITTEE CHANGES: May 09 - and thanks to Thomas Dillinger

Thomas Dillinger stepped down after serving as Treasurer for ten years.

Many thanks to Thomas:
 You successfully ruled SCUPAD money for so many years. This has been a strong and lasting contribution to the strength and liveliness of our association - an impact which easily is underestimated.

Thank you!



The General Assembly unanimously approved the election of **Petra Hirschler** (Austria) as **Treasurer**.

Andreas Dillinger (Austria) and **Stephen Goldsmith** (USA) were elected as new Committee members.

Petra, **thanks** for taking over the office as treasurer, Andreas and Stephen:
Welcome to the Committee.

The Committee has now 11 members.



4. SHORT RETROSPECTIVE: Congress 2009



The 2009 SCUPAD Congress “!Lifestyle? versus Life Patterns: Planning for new urban and rural inter-dependence”

was held in Salzburg between May 14 – 17, 2009.

There were 38 participants, including several who were new participants, presenting papers in the workshop sessions on “Expectations and Accountability” and “Density versus Intensity”. The call for papers, which SCUPAD initiated in 2008, was again very successful in attracting these new participants, whose excellent contributions were thought-provoking and stimulated the discussions in the workshops.

The Congress began with an informative and interesting keynote speech by journalist



Neal Peirce entitled “Human Networks in the Century of the City: Sustaining Community from Street to Region to Cyberspace”. Other major speeches were delivered by Ogorelec Wagner on the issue of the carbon footprint and by SCUPAD’s own Dieter Laepple on the changing relations between urban and rural development, he discussed the history of Siena and drew

conclusions for today and the future. Zegey Cherenet of Ethiopia spoke about the rural-urban inter-face at the edge of his city, Addis Ababa. Franc Trcek of Slovenia also gave a provocative talk on how urban meets rural in his country.



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5. SCUPAD Database: Update 09

In 2008 the SCUPAD database listed 331 names. But only 142 had a valid address and 126 names had no e-mail-address. The switch to the communication through the Internet and the decision to send all members a yearly bill for the membership fee made it necessary to

update the database. In order to get in touch with member without e-mail address 165 letters were sent via snail mail.

After updating the list of SCUPAD members now (April 2009) contains 200 names (-40%).

6. SCUPAD Membership Fee: New Structure starting 2010

SCUPAD had two categories of membership: normal member and Young Professional. By this the level of the fee was unfair to members of less wealthy countries. To change this and to improve the financial situation of SCUPAD so it can readily support speakers at the Congresses, participants who need assistance in order to attend a Congress and Committee members’ attendance at Committee meetings, membership categories and fee structure had to be revised.

The yearly membership fee for normal members (Category A) was raised from € 80 (unchanged since May 2004) to now € 90; the sliding scale can be seen in the table.

As SCUPAD has no information on the age of its members, Senior members shall apply once, Students and Young Professionals yearly for the reduced membership fee.

The General Assembly (see 8) approved a new fee structure with a sliding scale for the fee based on the country the member resides in. The proposal used income data and categories published by the World Bank (see table). The new structure includes additional membership categories: Student and Senior Member (65 years and older).

The SCUPAD statutes require members to pay an annual membership fee and that if a person doesn’t pay for two years, the Committee can revoke their membership. Beginning in January 2010, individual bills for the annual membership fee will be sent to the members.

New Membership Fee Structure (starting 2010)

	Member	Student (by application) Fee per year	Young Professional (34 and younger, by application) Fee per year	Senior Member (65 years and older, by application) Fee per year
Category A (GNI - High Income)	€ 90	€ 25	€ 45	€ 60
Category B (GNI - Upper Middle Income)	€ 60	€ 15	€ 30	€ 40
Category C (GNI - Lower Middle income)	€ 30	€ 10	€ 15	€ 20
Category D (GNI - Low Income)	€ 5	€ 0	€ 0	€ 5



7. Salzburg Global Seminar: News

As of January of 2009, the Salzburg Global Seminar has joined forces with the 21st Century Trust. The two organizations, which share similarities in values, mission, and focus, have joined their two global communities which will now be known as the “Salzburg Global Fellowship.” Combined, this Fellowship incorporates over 20,000 Fellows from more than 160 countries. Due to SCUPAD’s origins as a network of Salzburg Global Fellows, we hope that SCUPAD members will also consider themselves members of this Fellowship, and we welcome their participation in the Fellowship’s activities.

In February, the new Fellowship was inaugurated by holding a conference in New Delhi, India on democracy and sustainability. This was the first step in making membership in this new Fellowship accessible in a wider variety of ways. While we hope that you’ll frequently revisit us for events in Salzburg, we also hope to be able to bring an increasing number of programs to our Fellows, either via activities in your part of the world or by platforms for interaction online. Our 2009 program for Salzburg Global Fellows can be

viewed online at www.SalzburgGlobal.org/go/Fellowship. Looking ahead to future Fellowship events, one activity that specifically has SCUPAD members in mind is a study tour concentrated on the impact of modern trends in urbanization. Though still in planning, this 2010 tour would explore the consequences of rapid urban growth in China and the precautions being implemented to handle it. Participants would tour a selection of Chinese cities, meet with other Salzburg Global Fellows along the tour’s route, and visit the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai whose theme this year is “Better City – Better Life.” If you would be interested in a chance to put your expertise to work in a case study such as China or would like to get to know the people and cities of this rapidly rising world power, we would love to have you join us. A fuller program and information on dates and prices will follow, but please feel free to send in your suggestions or let us know if you’d like to be kept up-to-date about this program: ibrown@SalzburgGlobal.org.

8. SCUPAD General Assembly 2009: Draft Minutes

Salzburg, Austria, May 17, 2009

Attending: Hartmut Arras (Germany), Andreas Schulze Baing (UK), Zegeye Cherenet (Ethiopia), Jonathan Cohen-Litant (Georgia), Jens Dangschat (Austria), Tom De Wit (Netherlands), Andreas Dillinger (Austria), Thomas Dillinger (Austria), Hartmut Dumke (Austria), Catelijne Elissen (Netherlands), Stephen Goldsmith (USA), Klaus Haberman-Niese (Germany), Christian Haeflinger (Switzerland), John Hanna (Egypt/Austria), Hans Harms (Germany/England), Petra Hirschler (Austria), Han Joosten (Netherlands), Dieter Laepple (Germany), Adam Mazor (Israel), Uri Mazor (Israel), Lisa Niese (Germany/Spain), Maridea Petrova (Macedonia), Milan Prodanovic (Serbia), Sonja Prodanovic (Serbia), Gerhard Schimak (Austria), Ron Shiffman (USA), Yvette Shiffman (USA), Ivan Stanic (Slovenia), Nina Svanda (Austria), Franc Trcek (Slovenia).

1. Opening

President Hartmut Arras opened the General Assembly meeting at 11:45 A. M. He welcomed the members and guests to the 2009 SCUPAD General Assembly and thanked everyone for their participation in the Congress.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the General Assembly 2008, prepared by Secretary Yvette Shiffman and published in the last Newsletter, were unanimously approved.

3. Reports

Hartmut Arras informed the Assembly that the SCUPAD database had been brought up to date with respect to the correct contact information for members, especially their email addresses. In 2008, the database had 331 names, of which 142 had valid email addresses, 63 had invalid addresses and 126

had no email addresses at all. In early 2009, 165 letters were sent to the members via snail mail, requesting updated contact information. As a result, we now have 200 valid names in the database, including correct addresses and email addresses.

Vice-President for Internal Affairs: Dieter Laepple stated the need to open up SCUPAD to participants from other countries, e.g. India and Africa, so that we are aware of the situations in those places; however, he said we have to determine how to support such efforts.

Vice-President for External Affairs: Ivan Stanic reported that there was a fruitful meeting on Thursday with representatives of the Salzburg Global Seminar where means of enhancing our communication with them was discussed. Also, SCUPAD will help to organize a formal seminar on urban issues in the near future.

Treasurer: Thomas Dillinger made the financial report for the last Budget Year (pre-Congress 2008 to pre-Congress 2009). He reported that SCUPAD had 8115 Euros in cash on hand in May 2009, prior to the Congress, which includes 1240 Euros for pre-payment of membership fees by some members. He pointed out that the expenditures for the past year include 1920 Euros for the re-design of the website and 150 Euros for the ISBN numbers for publication of the papers from the 2008 Congress. Finally, Thomas stated that there might be a deficit from this year’s Congress because of the reduced number of participants.

Website/Communications: Hartmut Dumke stated that he was pleased with the new website design and that we have gotten good feedback on it. The website has had approximately 1500—3000 visits per month this past year with an average visit of almost 6 minutes. In the future, he will try to incorporate more interactive features and try to link the



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database with the Congress participants list. He mentioned that this year we have sent several short newsletters to the members by email, which has improved our communications. We will be exchanging information with the Seminar on our respective websites and our members will get information on how to subscribe to the Seminar's newsletter, should they want to do so.

4 In response to a question about whether we would have the capacity to charge for some papers to be downloaded by non-members of SCUPAD, Hartmut D. said he will check into this and it will be discussed at a future Committee meeting. Petra pointed out that with ISBN numbers for the papers from last year's Congress, we have published the papers, workshop reports and Congress Report on a CD-Rom. Ron asked if we could then charge non-members for copies of this CD. Hartmut D. said he would look into the possibility of creating a separate password for paid-up members.

4. Elections

Hartmut Arras advised the participants that since Thomas Dillinger was stepping down after serving as Treasurer for ten years, the Committee was recommending the election of Petra Hirschler as Treasurer. He also stated that the Committee was recommending the election of two new Committee members: Andreas Dillinger of Austria and Stephen Goldsmith of the USA. The Assembly unanimously approved the election of Petra as Treasurer, and Andreas and Stephen as new Committee members.

5. New Members

The Committee recommended six people for membership in SCUPAD; they were approved unanimously. They are: Zeg-eye Cherenet (Ethiopia), Jonathan Cohen-Litant (Georgia), Jens Dangschat (Austria), John Hanna (Egypt/Austria), Franc Trcek (Slovenia), and Andreas Schulze Baing (UK/Germany).

6. New Membership Fee Structure

Hartmut A. distributed a document, which summarized the Committee's recommendation for a new fee structure for SCUPAD with a sliding scale for the fee based on the country the member resides in. (the proposal used income data and categories published by the World Bank). Hartmut A. stated that SCUPAD needed to improve its financial situation so it can readily support speakers at the Congresses, Committee members' attendance at Committee meetings and participants who need assistance in order to attend a Congress. He pointed out that the SCUPAD statutes require members to pay an annual membership fee and that if a person doesn't pay for two years, the Committee can revoke their membership. Beginning in January 2010, individual bills for the annual membership fee will be sent to the approximately 200 members now in the database, and, hopefully, members will pay their fees before the Congress (as is the current practice). Hartmut A. then reviewed the proposal for the new member-

ship fee structure. The Assembly first approved of the use of World Bank income categories as a basis for SCUPAD membership fees and then unanimously approved the Committee's recommended new fee structure (see below). An amendment, imposing a small fee of 5 Euros for every class of membership in Category D, was added to the proposal. Hartmut A. thanked the Assembly for its support of the proposal and mentioned that after two years under the new structure, the Committee would consider establishing a discount for pre-payment of the membership fee for a two and/or four year period.

7. Congress 2010

The Committee will consider the topics suggested and will decide on the topic for the next Congress at its fall meeting. A brief description of the Congress topic will be posted on the website in the early fall. Participants who want to help organize the next Congress and/or have suggestions for case studies should contact Dieter Laepple, Vice-President for Internal Affairs. In addition to the topics suggested at last year's General Assembly, additional topics suggested for the next Congress were:

- Bringing Production Back to the City
- City and Learning
- The Adaptable or Resilient City
- The Creative City – including the concepts of the informal city and the slow city
- Cultural Economics
- Learning from Third World Cities

Comments on the next Congress suggested that there was a need for a clear, unambiguous title, which would lead to better participation and more income, and that there should be case studies on new ideas, not just statistics/analysis.

The dates for the SCUPAD Congress 2010 are May 6 – 9, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Shiffman,
Secretary



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