

2008.0 SCUPAD Newsletter

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SCUPAD Member

!Lifestyle? versus Life Patterns: Planning for New Urban and Rural Inter-dependence: This is the topic of the **41st SCUPAD Congress 2009, May 14 to 17.**

The congress description is written, the program is drafted, the call for papers is out (see below points 5, 6 and 7) – now it is up to you: don't forget to register.

Usually, members do not hear very much from SCUPAD throughout the year. Once a year, a newsletter printed and sent out by normal mail and, more recently, over the internet. It included a report on the last Congress, the minutes of the General Assembly, a clue about the upcoming Congress and other news. Also, a brochure with the Congress description and the program has been printed and mailed in both ways. But in 2008 the regular mailing of these documents did not occur – they were only available on the internet. The Committee asks for your understanding and realizes the necessity of reorganizing the ways in which the Committee communicates with the members.

Communication with members is now concentrated mainly at SCUPAD Congresses – we value this as one of the special qualities of SCUPAD. This will stay the same. But this policy also means that a member – not participating in a Congress – hears only a minimum from SCUPAD during the year. Not even a request for payment of the membership fee disturbs this silence.

Further, the SCUPAD website over time became overloaded with information and its structure was not up-to-date: a restructuring of the website is due.

Having this in mind, the Committee discussed and decided in its September meeting on some changes:

* The **SCUPAD website will be restructured** and newly designed. The work is almost done (thanks to CIO Hartmut Dumke) including a new SCUPAD logo (designed by Catelijne Ellissen, thanks). The new website will be **uploaded at December 15, 2008.**

(please have a look: [http://www.scupad.org/.](http://www.scupad.org/))

* Newsletters, Congress Reports and brochures will be sent to members in the future only by e-mail; the **printed material will no longer be sent** by snail mail, but will be available at the Congress.

* To give more information to SCUPAD members during the year, **short newsletters will be mailed every three months.** They will focus on different contents, for example:

- **August:** Welcome of new members, main decisions by the General Assembly, changes in the Committee, short retrospective on the last Congress.
 - **November:** Minutes of the General Assembly, results of September/October Committee Meeting (CM), if ready, the blurb on the next Congress, the draft program, and information on the call for papers.
 - **February:** Results of January CM, final draft program, hint to register for Congress, hint to the coming bill for the annual membership fee, Congress Report.
 - **May,** before Congress: last news, last reminder to register for Congress, reminder to pay membership fee.
- * For the first time, a **Call for Papers** was sent out for the Congress 2008. The result was very positive and enriched the input to the Congress. We will do the same for the Congress 2009, but this time the SCUPAD member list and the mailing list of the Schloss will also be used.
- * To date, the SCUPAD membership fee is the same for all members (currently € 80/year), regardless of where a member is living. This is not appropriate for members living in countries with a low Gross National Income.

To provide more fairness, the Committee, in May 2009, will propose to the General Assembly a **new structure for the membership fee:** the size of the annual fee shall be individually related to the Gross National Income (based upon data of the World Bank) of the country a member comes from.

* Regarding the **membership fee** SCUPAD has up to now followed a pragmatic policy: the fee is paid essentially only by those who participate in a Congress. Last year, a first step for change had been to ask members through an impersonal e-mail to pay their annual fee. With a few commendable exceptions, the fees generally were not paid. The Committee decided, therefore, that it would **e-mail a personal bill** (with the member's name and address) for the annual membership fee to each member; the **receipt** will be sent the same way. (The mechanics of doing this are now being worked on.) The Committee kindly reminds members: it is stated in the SCUPAD Statutes (§ 9: Duties of the members), that everyone has **"...to pay the membership fee in due time."**

* The **Statutes** had to be **updated by law;** they will be available on the new website, in German and English.

So, this is latest news and this is the first new SCUPAD Newsletter 2008.0 (Catelijne, thanks for the layout).

Hartmut E. Arras
SCUPAD President



1. NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to SCUPAD

The General Assembly admitted 15 new members in May 2008:

Wolf Daseking

Director of Planning, City of Freiburg, Germany

Rachna Deenstra

Municipality of Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Andreas Dillinger

Regionalplanner, mecca consulting, Vienna, Austria

Susan Frucht

Stadtplanungsamt, Stuttgart, Germany

Ferry Van Kann

University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands

Nikos Karadimitriou

Bartlett School of Planning, University College London, London, UK

Wouter LeDuc

Wageningen Universiteit, Wagenimngen, Netherlands

David Prosper

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, USA

Joris Quaedflieg

Project Manager, Adviser, Rotterdam Area, Netherlands

Ronald Rovers

Wageningen Universiteit, Wagenimngen, Netherlands

Uwe Schubert

Inst. f. Regional Development a. Environment, Vienna Univ., Austria

Algon Schuurman

AmerAdviseurs by, Amersfoort, Netherlands

Franz Skala

Institute for Ecological Urban Development, Vienna, Austria

Carter Strickland

Senior Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office of Sustainability, New York, USA

Kris Wernstedt

Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA

2. COMMITTEE CHANGES: May 08

Resignations:

/Lena Gerheuser (Switzerland) and Tamy Stav (Netherlands/Israel) stepped down for personal reasons – thanks for your work in the Committee. /Tom de Witt (Netherlands), SCUPAD President since 2004, stepped down as the Statutes allow to be in office only for two terms.

New Committee Members, new functions:

/Catelijne Elissen (Netherlands), Petra Hirschler (Austria) and Uri Mazor (Israel) were elected as new Members. /Hartmut Dumke (Austria) became Chief Information Officer (CIO); he already had been responsible for the website and with the

appointment to this new position he can keep his duty and is not subject to term limits; /Dieter Laepple (Germany), formerly Vice-President (VP) for External Affairs became VP for Internal Affairs, Ivan Stanic (Slovenia) formerly VP for Internal Affairs became VP for External Affairs. /Hartmut E. Arras (Germany) was elected as SCUPAD President.

Re-elected:

/Thomas Dillinger (Austria) was re-elected as Treasurer and Yvette Shiffman (USA) was re-elected as Secretary. /Han Joosten (Netherlands) was re-elected as Committee Member.

THANK YOU: To Tom de Wit

Tom had been a remarkable SCUPAD President for four years. During his presidency the Committee held discussions (not for the first, certainly not for the last time) about the future of SCUPAD and came up with some of the changes described in this newsletter. During his years as president, successful and exciting congresses took place.

- 2005 Metamorphosis 1960s–2040: Challenges of Shaping the Future
- 2006 Rapidly Expanding Cities in an Urbanizing World
- 2007 Cities in Flux: Responding to Radical Change
- 2008 Planning for a Carbon Neutral World: Challenges for Cities and Regions

Also important in his time as president - supported by the call for papers - quite a number of new young members joined SCUPAD, contributing to its rejuvenation and that of the Committee.

Thanks, Tom, we will try to continue on this path.

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3. SHORT RETROSPECTIVE: Congress 08

The 2008 SCUPAD Congress – „Planning for a Carbon Neutral World: Challenges for Cities and Regions,“ – was on a topic of critical importance to us as citizens and as members of the development professions. There were 47 participants from 12 countries; 7 were new participants who presented papers in the workshop sessions.

The call for papers, which SCUPAD initiated in 2008 (thanks to Tamy Stav and Carel Martens), was very successful in that it attracted new participants whose contributions were excellent and it also generated very lively discussions in the three

workshops (Regional/Urban Economies, Transportation and Mixed Land Use and Multi-functional structures).

In the keynote speech, „Technologies for a Carbon Neutral World,“ we heard of many examples in which available technology has been used in buildings without adding to the production of carbon. The case study presentations informed us about New York City’s new initiative on sustainability, PlaNYC 2030, and on the model for sustainable development that has been used with good results in Freiburg, Germany.

4. COMMITTEE MEETING: Sept. 08

The Committee met between Sept. 26 – 28 in Tuscany, Italy to discuss and decide (beside administrative issues) about the topic of the Congress 2009, and to draft the Congress description and the Congress program; former president Ron Shiffman was invited to join the meeting. After an intensive discussion about a variety of possible topics, the Committee came up with the 41st SCUPAD Congress 2009:

!Lifestyle? versus Life Patterns: Planning for New Urban and Rural Inter-dependence

This topic is the second of what will be a series of Congresses focused on achieving a post-carbon society.

The Committee structured the Congress (draft program see point 7) to include ample time for discussion in small working groups, developed a draft for the Congress description (point 6) and discussed the organization of the Call for papers (point 5).

It is tradition that the Committee meets (besides in Salzburg during the Congress) twice a year to prepare the next congress and to manage SCUPAD. It meets usually in places where Committee members live. In September 2008, the Committee met in Tuscany and will meet in January 2009 in Tel Aviv. The regulation is that the Committee members pay all costs of these meetings privately – just one mutual dinner is paid through the treasury of SCUPAD.



5. CALL FOR PAPERS: Due Dec. 15th 2008

The call for papers (organized by Petra Hirschler, thanks) should have reached already.

All members are invited to submit a paper for presentation at the Congress 2009; for more information please visit:

“www.scupad.org/congress01b.html”.

Please be aware that the **abstract submission**

deadline is on Monday, December 15th 2008.

The abstract should be no more than 500 words long. Please submit your abstract of the proposed paper via email to

“hirschler@email.archlab.tuwien.ac.at”.

Please feel free to distribute the call for papers to a colleague or anyone else who might be interested.



6. 41st SCUPAD CONGRESS 2009: Congress Description



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Planning for New Urban and Rural Inter-dependence**

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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.

//Workshop A

**Expectations and Demands versus
Accountability and Supply**

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.

Questions to be discussed in Workshop A:

- 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 encouraged?
- 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 B

Density versus Intensity

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.’

Workshop B will examine questions such as:

- What are the problems and/or opportunities that grow out of current patterns of urban and rural lifestyles?
- 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?

!Lifestyle? versus Life Patterns: Planning for New Urban and Rural Inter-dependence

Congress Moderator: Dr. Hartmut E. Arras, Berlin (Germany), Scupad President

Thursday May 14, 2009

Afternoon	Arrivals and check-in	
16:00 - 17:30	Registration and welcome (in the Schloss)	SCUPAD Committee Members
	Congress Plenum	
17:30 - 17:40	Opening of the Congress 2009 (Parker Hall)	Hartmut E. Arras (SCUPAD President)
17:40 - 18:20	Key-note Speech (title in progress)	Neal R. Peirce (Chairman, Citistates Group, Washington, USA)
18:20 - 19:00	Key-note Speech Carbon Footprint: From Problem to Awareness to Changes for Climate Friendlier Lifestyles	Mag. Vida Ogorelec Wagner (M.A. Architecture, Umanotera - Slov. Foundation for Sustainable Development, Ljubljana, Slovenia)
19:00 - 19:20	Discussion	Congress Moderator
19:30 - 20:00	Wine-Reception	
20:00	Dinner	

Friday May 15, 2009

	Congress Plenum	
9:00 - 9:45	Key-note Speech Changing relations between urban and rural development as challenge for future planning	Prof. Dr. Dieter Laepple (Hafen-Universität Hamburg, Germany)
9:45 - 10:00	Introduction of two Workshops	Congress Moderator
	Workshop A Expectations and Demand versus Accountability and Supply	Ivan Stanic (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
	Workshop B Density versus Intensity	Uri Mazor (Tel Aviv, Israel)
10:00 - 10:30	Presentation for Workshop A: Utopias Versus Non-hierarchic Emergent Organisations in Urban Design	Dr. Vesna Petresin Robert (M.A. Architecture, Rubedo, London, UK)
10:30 - 11:00	Presentation for Workshop B: Bytes Meet Bricks – How Urban Meets Rural in Time of Banalisation of Information and Communication Technology	Assist. Prof. Franc Trcek (M.A. Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Univ. of Ljubljana, Slovenia)
11:00 - 11:15	Break	
	Splitting into Workshop A and B (working parallel)	
11:15 - 12:30	First Session of Workshops Goals and Procedures and First Discussion Workshop A and B split each into two Working Groups	Workshop Moderators Ivan Stanic and Uri Mazor Additional Working Group Moderators N.N., N.N.
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	Second Session Working Groups: Continuation of Discussions	Workshop / Working Group Moderators
15:30 - 16:00	Break	
16:00 - 16:45	Workshop Plenum A and B (working parallel) Presentation of two papers to each Workshop	Presenters through call for papers
16:45 - 18:00	Third Session Working Groups Continuation of Discussions	Workshop / Working Group Moderators
18:30	Barbecue	



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Saturday May 16, 2009

9:00 - 9:30	Congress Plenum Short Report and Discussion: Provisional Workshop Results	Workshop Moderators
9:30 - 10:00	Workshop Plenum A and B (working parallel) Presentation of one paper to each Workshop	Workshop Moderators Presenters through call for papers
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 - 12:00	Fourth Session of Working Groups Continuation of Discussions	Moderators
12:00 - 13:00	Workshop Plenum A and B (working parallel) Results of Working Groups and Main Results of Workshops	Workshop Moderators
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
	Afternoon Free	
19:00	Formal Dinner	

Sunday May 17, 2009

9:15 - 11:00	Congress Plenum Concluding Session Workshop Results Interactive Discussion of Workshops	Workshop Representatives Speakers
11:00 - 11:15	Reflections on Congress 2009 Presidents closing remarks	All Hartmut E. Arras (SCUPAD President)
	End of Congress	
11:15 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 - 13:00	General Assembly of SCUPAD	Hartmut E. Arras (SCUPAD President)

Afternoon Departures



Please hold the date for the **41st SCUPAD Congress** May 14 - 17, 2009 ... and don't forget to register.

Location:
Schloss Leopoldskron,
Leopoldskronstrasse 56-58
5020 Salzburg, Austria

Attending: Hartmut Arras (Germany), Heidede Becker, (Germany), Tom De Wit (Netherlands), Rachna Deenstra (Netherlands), Andreas Dillinger (Austria), Thomas Dillinger (Austria), Hartmut Dumke (Austria), Catelijne Elissen (Netherlands), Susanne Frucht (Germany), Roberta Brandes Gratz (USA), Stephen Goldsmith (USA), Hans Harms (Germany/England), Petra Hirschler (Austria), Han Joosten (Netherlands), Ferry Van Kann (Netherlands), Nikos Karadimitriou (UK), Dieter Laepple (Germany, Karel Martens (Netherlands), Adam Mazor (Israel), Uri Mazor (Israel), Milan Prodanovic (Serbia), Sonja Prodanovic (Serbia), Joris Quaedflieg (Netherlands), Vera Rovers (Netherlands), Henning Schran (Germany), Algon Schuurman (Netherlands), Ron Shiffman (USA), Yvette Shiffman (USA), Ivan Stanic (Slovenia), Carter Strickland (SA), Nina Svanda (Austria), Leo Van der Meer (Netherlands), Bruno Zanon (Italy), Elke Zlonicky (Germany), Peter Zlonicky (Germany).

1. Opening

President Tom De Wit opened the General Assembly meeting at 11:40 A. M., welcoming the members and guests to the 2008 SCUPAD General Assembly and thanking the Committee for the preparation of this excellent Congress.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the General Assembly 2007, prepared by Secretary Yvette Shiffman and published in the last Newsletter, were unanimously approved.

3. Reports

Vice-President for External Affairs: Dieter Laepple reported that we have a good relationship with the new staff of the Salzburg Seminar, and we plan to cooperate with them on developing new sessions on sustainability.

Vice-President for Internal Affairs: Ivan Stanic reported that there were 47 participants at the 2008 Congress from 12 countries. The format of this Congress was a new one with the call for papers generating 7 new participants who presented papers at the workshop sessions.

Secretary: Yvette Shiffman reminded members to be sure to sign the GA attendance sheet and to keep their contact information up-to-date either by informing her directly or by changing their information in the database themselves. News about the next Congress, the Newsletter and other important information is distributed to members by e-mail so an up-to-date e-mail address is essential.

Treasurer: Thomas Dillinger made the financial report for the last Budget Year (pre-Congress 2007 to pre-Congress 2008). He reported that SCUPAD had 7573 Euros in cash on hand in May 2008, compared to 7968 Euros in May 2007. This balance reflects income of 5863 Euros and expenditures for the year of 6258 Euros. He explained that SCUPAD also has a Reform Countries Fund, in which members' contributions are

designated to support Congress participants from the reform countries.

Website/Communications: Hartmut Dumke walked the members through an explanation of how to use the SCUPAD website, including the user name (SCUPAD) and the password (serendip); he explained that the latter is the name of a fantasy city where everything happens by chance. He reminded members that they can change their own information in the data base and that the site also has a Forum tool for internal communication among the membership (SCUPAD.org/forum).

4. Elections

Tom de Wit reviewed the names of the current Committee members whose second terms were completed and could not be re-elected in their current positions: Tom de Wit (President), Ivan Stanic (V-P Internal Affairs), Dieter Laepple (V-P External Affairs), Hartmut Dumke (member) and those that could be re-elected for a second term as members: Han Joosten, Tamy Stav and Elena Gerheuser. Hartmut Arras can serve an additional year as a member. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer, currently held by Yvette Shiffman and Thomas Dillinger, respectively, are not subject to term limits. Tom noted that Tamy Stav and Elena Gerheuser have declined to run for a second term for personal reasons.

The Assembly unanimously approved the Committee recommendation that the position of Chief Information Officer be created as a Committee position without term limits.

The following slate of officers and new members for the next two years as recommended by the Committee was presented to the General Assembly for approval.

President – Hartmut Arras
 Vice-Pres. External Affairs – Ivan Stanic
 Vice-Pres. Internal Affairs – Dieter Laepple
 Secretary – Yvette Shiffman
 Treasurer – Thomas Dillinger
 Chief Information Officer – Hartmut Dumke
 Member – Han Joosten
 Member – Catelijne Elissen
 Member – Petra Hirschler
 Member – Uri Mazor

The slate was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

5. The Future of SCUPAD

At this time, Hartmut Arras took over the responsibility of chairing of the meeting and thanked Tom for his leadership as President. Hartmut then went on to speak about the current status of the SCUPAD organization. He



stated that with the new members at this year's Congress, the average age of SCUPADians, which had been of some concern, has decreased significantly. While happy that Uri Mazor from Israel has joined the Committee and that there were a few new people from the USA, Hartmut said that SCUPAD still needs members from more places and he encouraged everyone to bring someone new to next year's Congress.

Regarding finances, Hartmut said that although we have a good financial report this year, in the last few years, SCUPAD has had to expend its resources to attract presenters and this could be a future concern. He pointed out that the membership fee has recently only been collected from those members who attend a Congress; the Committee is working on ways to implement an annual electronic membership payment system.

The marketing of the organization and the Congress has become more reliant on the website. In years past, there was a printed brochure announcing the Congress, but that did not happen this year – the Congress was only advertised on the website, but we had about the same attendance from long-term members as before. In the next year, the Congress brochure and the Newsletter will be available on-line and not mailed to the members.

This year, SCUPAD has re-established a good working relationship with the Salzburg Global Seminar. We have learned that the Seminar will be focusing its programming for the next 5 years on sustainability issues – we need to consider if we want to continue to deal with these issues from a spatial perspective at our next Congress or Congresses. The websites of both organizations will be linked. The membership of SCUPAD needs to decide if it wants to receive the Seminar's Newsletter, too.

6. New Members

The Committee recommended fifteen people for membership in SCUPAD; they were approved unanimously by the General Assembly. Their names are: Wulf Daseking (Germany), Rachna Deenstra (Netherlands), Andreas Dillinger (Austria), Susanne Frucht (Germany), Ferry Van Kann (Netherlands), Nikos Karamiditriou (UK), Wouter Leduc (Netherlands), David Prosper (USA), Joris Quaedflieg (Netherlands), Ronald Rovers (Netherlands), Uwe Schubert (Austria), Algon Schuurman (Netherlands), Franz Skala (Austria), Carter Strickland (USA) and Kris Wernstedt (USA).

7. Congress 2009

The Committee will consider the discussion at the Congress 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. Possible topics include:

1. Lifestyles, Working Relations and Settlement Patterns
2. Coastal Cities
3. The New Atlantis – Search for the Ideal City
4. New Relations Between Urban and Rural Areas

The dates for the SCUPAD Congress 2009 are May 14 – 17, 2009.

8. Future Congress Topics

General Assembly participants suggested the following topics for Congress 2010:

- Educating the next generation of Planning professionals about Sustainability
- Creative Sustainable City
- Social-educational awareness re sustainability
- Sustainable Airport Cities
- City as Educational Polygon – smart city
- Rising Sea Levels and Occupational Patterns

9. A. O. B.

Thomas Dillinger informed the Assembly that SCUPAD needed to amend its statutes because of some changes in Austrian law governing NGOs. The first change would state that the organization must have two external auditors (the statutes now say we can have one or two). The second change would say that if one-tenth of the members ask for a General Assembly meeting, SCUPAD is required to call for one.

Both amendments were approved by the General Assembly and will be incorporated into the statutes. Hartmut Arras announced the Committee's recommendation that SCUPAD's membership fee be billed and collected electronically on an annual basis. If a member does not pay the fee when billed, but rather pays it at an annual Congress, the amount of the fee would be an additional 10 Euros. This recommendation was approved by the General Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Shiffman

Secretary