

Saturday, 17 April 2010
Preliminary program

9:00- 9:10 Welcome

9:15 – 9:45 Keynote speech, “Planning Education and Practice”, by Prof. B. Scholl, ETH Zurich.

9:45 – 11:15 Session 1: The professional recognition of the planning profession, a state of the art

The 2nd meeting of AESOP Heads of Schools in Leuven (2007) opened the debate on the possibility of developing a professional recognition for the planning profession through a European regulation (“professional platform”). To achieve such a recognition, a strong mobilization, together with the representatives of practitioners, is necessary. A first step is to assess the criteria of recognition in European member states. Our meeting aims to analyze pros and cons of being a regulated profession. The keynotes will provide an analysis building upon the cases of countries where planning is regulated – or not and will be followed by a debate.

- **Planning as a regulated profession (Turkey):** in Turkey, planning is a regulated profession and the country has created a Chamber of Planners, separate from the Chamber of Architects. Benefits and limits of the situation will be presented by a representative of the Turkish Association of Schools of Planning.
- **Planning as a non-regulated profession (Sweden):** in Sweden, as in many other European countries, there is no regulation of the Planning profession. Pros and cons will be presented by Kristina Nilsson, Univ. of Lulea, Vice-President of AESOP
- **Planning as a self-organized profession (UK):** Many believe that in the UK planning is a regulated profession; actually, it is not regulated by law. However, in practice, the individual accreditation granted by the RTPI is almost necessary to find a job as a consultant. By A. Frank, University of Cardiff
- **The say of practitioners: ECTP,** with the support of AESOP, has made first steps in order to prepare the establishment of a “platform”.
- **Debate** moderated by Maros Finka, TU Bratislava, AESOP quality officer.

11:15-11:45 coffee break

11:45-13:15 Session 2: Lifelong learning

Strongly promoted by the European Union, lifelong learning challenges our schools. What do we provide with this respect? AESOP has not addressed this issue in the last years, but schools have developed numerous incentives in the field of lifelong learning. The aim of this session is to bring the issue further, questioning lifelong learning as such (what are the appropriate formats, methods?) and the role for our schools and for AESOP in this field.

- **Lifelong learning: What are the needs? A practitioner’s perspective,** by a representative of ISOCARP.
- **Needs and opportunities regarding the lifelong learning in regard to planning in Poland:** the presentation will include some reflections on the need for lifelong learning, opportunities, forms of activities, and also what different institutions can do in this respect? Piotr Lorens
- **EU support for lifelong learning**
- **Debate: should AESOP take an active role, and what would this role be?** Moderated by Anna Geppert, University Paris-Sorbonne, SG of AESOP

13:15- 14:30 lunch

14:30-16:00 workshops

Bringing school representatives together in smaller groups, the workshops will address the issues of the meeting

- professional recognition (co-chaired AESOP/ISOCARP)
- lifelong learning (co-chaired AESOP/ISOCARP)

16:00-16:30 coffee break

16:30-17:30 closing session

(Report from the workshops, conclusions and farewell)

Conference dinner: Boat tour on the Bosphorus

Sunday 18 April 2010: Study tour in Istanbul

Venue:

Yıldız Technical University
Faculty of Architecture
Beşiktaş Campus, Barbaros Bulvarı, 34349 Beşiktaş..
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Registration:

Registration by February 28th, 2010
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**AESOP 5th Heads of Schools meeting****“Planning Education and Practice”****Istanbul, 17-18 April 2010**

Trying to make the best of the presence of our partners from ISOCARP, AESOP 5th Heads of Schools meeting will focus on Planning Education and Practice. In our discipline, links between theory and practice have been important since the beginning, both in the field of education and research. Still, the agenda of the European Union in terms of lifelong learning and the issue of professional recognition of Planners deserve to be the topic for the exchanges of our Heads of Schools.

The meeting is hosted by the Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul, Turkey.

We hope to welcome many of you!

Registration by February 28th, 2010.