



2012.1 SCUPAD Newsletter

1. **44th SCUPAD Congress 2012: May 3 – 6, 2012** reserve the date now!

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44th Annual SCUPAD Congress May 3rd, 2012 in Salzburg, Austria

This year’s Congress seeks to examine the planning process that takes place before, during, and after major world events – events that often make headlines and appear on the “Frontpage” of international media. These “events” include large sporting events such as the Olympics or World Cup; natural and man-made disasters such as earthquakes and floods; and the reconstruction and rebuilding that occurs after major political, social, and economic upheavals. Specifically, we are interested in the following questions:

- How does the planning process that takes place before an event compare to the planning process that happens afterwards?
- What do planned and un-planned events share in common that might reflect anticipation, shock and response to major changes in cities and regions?
- What is the role of risk or opportunity in planning for these events?
- What are the short- and long-term effects of these events at multiple spatial scales, from the global to local?
- What is the impact of deadlines in the planning process?
- What is the role of media (print, electronic, internet, film and video) in convening citizen engagement in planning processes?

The congress will start with a keynote lecture and three case studies presented in the plenary. Following this, the Congress three parallel thematic tracks will offer the possibility to present and discuss papers by participants:

1. **Major World Events:** In advance of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London and following the 2010 World Cup Championship in South Africa, the impact of events with worldwide significance is quite relevant. Cities seek to host these events for a variety of social and economic reasons, though the long-term impact of this sort of large-scale development is not always evaluated. While world sporting events

come first to mind, we can also examine cultural events such as Biennials of the art and architecture worlds, as well as World Fairs and Expositions.

2. **Disasters:** After the spate of natural disasters in the past few years that have wreaked havoc in cities and countries across the globe, we have experienced a shift in planning and reconstruction after natural disasters to developing the newer practice of planning in advance of impending disaster. These disasters are also usually man-made as well, exposing social inequities and shortfalls of public policy. Beyond disasters induced by weather or geomorphology such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes, fires, and tsunamis, we would also like to address man-made disasters such as major chemical or nuclear accidents.
3. **Social Unrest:** Inspired by the recent people’s movements across the Middle East and Africa – which have taken the form of demonstrations in reclaimed public space—we are interested in the role planning has (or can have) in rebuilding societies, both physically and socially, after these radical social shifts. This social unrest can take many forms – economic crisis, populist uprisings, outright revolution, and politic regime changes – but all force citizens and government bodies to regroup, reformulate goals and outcomes, and even rebuild. We are interested in comparing contemporary challenges in this area to historic examples of rebuilding cities, such as reconstructing Berlin after the fall of the wall and rebuilding lower Manhattan after 9/11 in New York City. Social unrest may also be seen when waves of immigrants or refugees establish residence in their adopted cities and through it, spark unrest among established residents who may fear their presence, such as the influx of Muslims in cities in the Netherlands and the U.S.

The program is under construction.

2. **Congress Registration:** Take the chance - register now!

SCUPAD is a network of urban planners and related professions based in Salzburg. SCUPAD Congresses take place in the baroque Schloss (castle) Leopoldskron in Salzburg with only about 50 participants in average.

We strongly recommend that you register early before the maximum number of participants that can be accommodated is reached. For congress registration

click here: www.scupad.org



3. Call for Papers: Invitation to present 2012 recent scientific and planning projects

As in previous years, SCUPAD invites students, researchers, practitioners and especially SCUPAD Members to present recent scientific and planning projects as contribution to the topic of SCUPAD Congress 2012:

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For details and dates click SCUPAD website:
<http://www.scupad.org/web/content/papers-2012>

4. Invitation to SCUPAD members: Call for Projects - present them at 2012 SCUPAD Congress

A part of the program at the SCUPAD Congress 2012 will be a presentation of recent scientific and planning projects by members and other visitors to the congress; these projects will be introduced and discussed in an 'informal marketplace of Projects' (see program). The projects can be related to the 2012 congress topic but can also deal with other interesting and present-day planning topics or development projects. One of the ideas behind this marketplace is that this is an excellent way to learn more about the daily work and different fields of planning practices of your fellow members of SCUPAD.

able to present the projects. The content of the presentation should give a brief overview of the project. Visitors to the congress can walk around and learn more about the scientific, research and planning projects. This event will take place during the wine-reception in the fireplace room in the Schloss Leopoldskron.

SCUPAD appreciates your contribution and asks you to spread this Call for Projects in your network, to other students and colleagues. Academics, researchers and practitioners are invited to submit their project presentation. To read the Submissions guidelines click here:

<http://www.scupad.org/web/content/market-place>

5. Committee-Meeting in Berlin: November 17 - 19, 2012

In 2011, part of the Committee along with some invited guests met in August in Vienna, (financially supported by the Technical University of Vienna) to discuss the topic of congress 2012. The blurb for the next Congress is the result of this effort; the draft was finalized in September.

shall be released soon.

The agenda also included recommendations for changes in the committee, which will be presented for approval at the General Assembly meeting in May. The Treasurer gave an overview of the financial situation – the urgent request to transfer membership fees immediately expresses the need for receiving these funds from the members to cover operating costs!

At the Committee meeting in Berlin in November, responsibilities were defined and we discussed and structured the program – it is still under construction and

6. Urgent reminder: Please transfer your membership fee 2011 and 2012, SCUPAD needs it!

SCUPAD has changed the structure of the membership fees and the way to collect the fee (see www.scupad.org/web/content/membership-fee). Now individual personal bills are sent to each member by e-mail. We could not start before December 2010 – it has been a lot of work to update the member database and to install mailing software.

It is not pleasant to post again an urgent request to those members who have not yet transferred their membership fee for 2010 and 2011: Please do it right now; all necessary information (bank account ...) are on the bill.

SCUPAD can only exist if the membership fees are paid. Due to high expenses for installing the website and for software. the payment of fees is vital.

In 2011 the bills went out in late summer. In 2012 – according to the treasurer – the bills will be mailed in spring.

SCUPAD needs the commitment of its members. Please transfer your fees for 2010 and 2011.

Many thanks go to those members who already paid the membership fee for 2010 and 2011.

And when you receive the bill for 2012 – also please transfer your membership-fee immediately.