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5th Annual IACP Conference at Renmin University, Beijing June, 2011

The 5th International Association for China Planning Conference was held at Renmin University of China in Beijing from June 17 to 19, 2011. More than 250 people attended the conference, including participants from North America, Europe, Australia, Africa, the Middle East and East Asia and over 100 papers were delivered. The conference language was English with bilingual translation of opening and keynote speeches. The conference was co-sponsored by the IACP, Renmin University of China and the Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC) and supported by the Chengdu Association of Urban Planning. SHI Nan, general secretary of UPSC, chaired a plenary panel discussion on coordinated urban-rural planning and development in China. The discussants included Eugenie Birch from the University of Pennsylvania, ZHANG Tingwei from University of Illinois at Chicago, NI Hong from the Ministry of Housing and Urban-rural Construction in China, YANG Baojun from the Chinese Academy of Urban Planning and Design, HE Xun from the Chengdu Municipal Government and SHAN Jinyan from Anji County, Zhejiang Province. Alven Lam, director of international research at the Office of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, D.C. organized and chaired a plenary panel discussion of comparative housing policy and Joyce Man, director of the Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Policy (PLC), organized and chaired a panel presenting some of PLC’s recent research on land use, housing, and planning issues in China.

Deputy Minister YANG Weimin, the Secretary General of the National Development and Reform Commission of China, gave a keynote speech on “development priority zones planning and urban-rural planning”. Dr. Catherine Ross, a professor of City and Regional Planning at Georgia Institute of Technology and an internationally recognized expert on transportation systems planning, urban planning, megaregions and quality growth, gave a keynote speech on "Land Planning in China and the United States". Dr. GU Chaolin, a professor of Urban Planning at Tsinghua University, gave a keynote speech on “the transformation from city-focused to countryside-oriented urban-rural planning”. Dr. YE Yumin, Dean of
the Department of Urban Planning and Management, Renmin University of China, gave a keynote speech titled “Understanding China’s Coordinated Urban and Rural Development and Planning”. Dr. Gert de Roo, a professor of Spatial Planning and Head of the Department of Planning and Environment at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen in the Netherlands, gave a keynote speech titled "Planning in Crisis, Again…Identifying a New Planning Perspective in the Light of a Global Struggle”.

More than 100 papers were presented in sessions related to rural-urban migration, urban-rural land use, rural development and planning, housing for migrants, sustainable urban development, low carbon cities, mega-cities and regional planning, regional economic development, international planning, urban governance and management, law and policy reform, the built environment and travel behavior, transportation planning, historical city preservation and renewal, affordable housing, urban social space, physical design and planning, and urban planning systems.

This year for the first time presenters had the option of having their papers indexed by the IEEE according to Engineering Index standards for publication in conference proceedings. The conference proceedings are available as free downloadable PDFs from the IEEE digital library website http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/mostRecentIssue.jsp?reload=true&punumber=5967840# or by googling IEEE Explore IACP. This year, planning and design firms, planning institutions, government agencies and individuals were encouraged to submit their recent work to compete for the First IACP Best Practice Award for City Planning and Urban Design. Next Phase Studio won the award. The winning entry was exhibited at the conference and will be available from the IACP website. Conference participants participated in social gatherings, a banquet and awards ceremonies, and they had the opportunity to network and explore Beijing.

Participants in the 5th annual IACP Conference
Prof. Eugenie Birch speaks at a panel chaired by UPSC Secretary General Shi Nan

Conference participants at opening presentations

Participants toast student award recipients
Nick R. Smith wins 2011 Summer Karen R. Polenske Award

The 2011 IACP Polenske award for the best paper by a student IACP member at the Renmin conference was presented to Nick R. Smith, a PhD candidate in Harvard’s Department of Urban Planning and Design. The Polenske award is named in honor of Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Karen R. Polenske in recognition of her contribution to educating Chinese planning students. Professor Polenske attended the Renmin IACP conference and presented the award in person.

Smith’s paper is titled “Planning, Scale, and Territory in China’s Urbanizing Villages.” It is based on extensive fieldwork in two villages, Longmei Village in the Panyu District of Guangzhou and Panyang Village in the Xiangcheng District of Suzhou.

Both Longmei and Panyang are small villages that have experienced rapid development over the past decade. Panyang has grown from a population of 2,100 to more than 10,000, and Longmei has grown from 1,500 to more than 15,000. In both villages, population growth has been due to migrant laborers arriving to work in factories built on land that was previously used by villagers for agriculture.

Smith documents quite different physical and social forms in the two villages. In Longmei, urbanization has resulted in intensification and involution, with high-density development, strong village control of a well-defined territory, strengthened villager identity, and stark physical and social segregation between villagers and migrants. In Panyang, urbanization is characterized by

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HOU Yuan & MA Yiqiu win 2011 IACP Best Student Paper Award

Each year the IACP makes an award for the best paper by a student or students in a Chinese university that is presented at the IACP conference in China. The IACP best student paper award is open to any student currently enrolled in a Chinese university in any academic discipline whether or not they are an IACP member. The winner receives a certificate and $600.

The 2011 Renmin conference IACP Best Student Paper award was divided between HOU Yuan, a PhD student from Hong Kong Baptist University as lead author of a paper titled “Spatial Restructuring, Jobs/Housing Balance, and Evolving Commute in Urban China: A Multi-temporal and Multi-level Analysis of Guangzhou” and a paper by MA Yiqiu from Jiao Tong University in Shanghai titled “Towards Citizen & Grassroots Government Participation in Promoting Sustainable Urban Redevelopment: Based on the Case of Caoyang Workers’ Village.”

Using household survey datasets collected in Guangzhou in 2001 and 2005, HOU calculated jobs/housing balance measurements and analyzed the association between jobs/housing balance and individuals' commute distance. Based on his analysis he concluded that spatial separation between jobs and housing has increased since the middle 1990s, but that the degree of excessiveness of commutes has been declining over time. The author attributed this to deepening marketization of both the jobs and housing sectors.

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Smith wins 2011 Summer Karen R. Polenske Award (cont.)

the village’s integration into the periphery of neighboring urban areas. Here, development is more uniform and of lower density, the village’s territory is poorly defined, villager identity has weakened, and migrants enjoy relative social inclusion despite economic insecurity.

Smith’s paper explains these differences as a function of scale. In Longmei, urbanization has been driven and controlled by the village itself, whereas in Panyang, the nearby town of Huangdai has taken charge of the village’s development. Smith suggests that this difference in the scaling of urbanization results from the balance of socio-political and economic resources available to villages, towns, and municipalities. These include factors such as access to foreign direct investment, the legacy of collective enterprises, the strength of lineage institutions, and villages’ physical integrity, as well as the policy regimes implemented by municipal and provincial governments. Smith concludes by proposing that a better understanding of these factors should serve as the basis for future village planning.

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HOU and MA win 2011 IACP Best Student Paper Award (cont.)

Based on multi-level regression estimations, the author concluded that individual socio-demographics are overwhelmingly relevant to commute distance compared with zonal level jobs/housing proximity. The latter is still an important, statistically significant factor that explains over three quarters of the zonal level variance of commute distance in a multi-level model. Yet the author concluded that the overall significance of zonal level jobs/housing proximity has not been comparable to individuals' socio-demographics in Guangzhou and is declining overtime.

Based on observation, interviews, and survey research, MA described grassroots politics and planning in Caoyang Workers’ Village’—Shanghai’s first model workers housing complex initiated in the early 1950s by Marshal Chen Yi, the first mayor of Shanghai after the establishment of the PRC. The authors used a multidisciplinary approach, combining engineering, sociology, public administration and political economics. MA analyzed the interests of residents—primarily elderly pensioners who had been model workers in factories in the Caoyang district when the projects were first built, local government officials involved in planning the redevelopment of the area, developers, and other stakeholders. The research sought to define ways to overcome the “trust crisis” between residents, local government officials and developers and to balance the “information asymmetry” that exists.

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2011 IACP Best Student Paper Award (cont.)

between the groups. Devices such as surveying resident’s opinions and involving citizens from the Caoyang Village Street office in project planning helped to build trust. The residents helped devise a plan to demolish many of the first buildings, but to preserve some buildings as a historic site. Plans for another Caoyang building—the seventh that was built—proved more difficult as the building was deemed not historically significant and enjoyed lower levels of political support. There was tension between residents seeking to maximize their welfare and developers seeking to maximize their profit.

Next year’s IACP best student paper award competition will take place in June, 2012 for papers presented at the Sixth Annual IACP conference at Wuhan University June 17-19. Look for details on submitting paper abstracts for next year’s IACP best student paper award on the IACP website. Abstracts must be submitted by January 1, 2012.

Seventeen new IACP board members elected

Five professional and two student members of the IACP board were elected in October 2011 to replace outgoing board members.

The five professional members are:

**Lan Deng**, an assistant professor of Urban and Regional Planning and acting director of the real estate development certificate program at the University of Michigan. Professor Deng has been an active IACP member since its establishment in 2005. Her stated goals include continuing to promote the visibility and growth of IACP and continuing to facilitate intellectual exchange among planning scholars and practitioners.

**Shannon Bassett**, an assistant professor of Architecture and Urban Design at the University of South Florida. Professor Basset and has made nine extended trips to China since 2006 and taught studio courses at Tongji and Tianjin universities. Professor Bassett’s stated goals include expanding IACP activities to reach architects, landscape architects, and urban designers, and increasing student IACP membership.

**Jiangping Zhou**, an assistant professor in the College of Design at Iowa State University. Dr. Zhou is a member of the foreign studies committee of the China Society of City Planning, and has collaborated with scholars at leading U.S. and Chinese universities. His stated goals include increasing IACP funding, launching an IACP forum or microblog, and initiating a digital on-line IACP journal.
Qisheng Pan, a professor and chair of the department of urban planning and environmental policy at Texas Southern University and one of the initiators of IACP. Professor Pan holds MS and BS degrees from Peking University. His main research interests are in transportation planning, GIS, and economic impact analysis. Professor Pan’s stated goals include increasing the IACP’s visibility in China and the U.S. and strengthening connections with other professional organizations.

Mi Diao, an assistant professor in the Department of Real Estate at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Professor DIAO has been a member of IACP since 2006. His main research interests involve modeling, transportation, and infrastructure investment. Professor DIAO’s stated goals include expanding IACPs representativeness outside the United States and strengthening connections between different groups of scholars, students, and practitioners who are interested in China planning.

Yizhao Yang, an assistant professor in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management at the University of Oregon. Professor Yang was tied with DIAO Mi in the vote and will serve as an alternate board member. She will attend IACP board meetings and will replace any board member who is unable to serve his or her full term. Professor Yang has been an active participant in IACP activities. Her stated goals include helping the international audience to understand China’s rapid urbanization and appreciate the contributions Chinese practitioners and scholars can offer and building professional and institutional relationships among Chinese and international communities.

The two student members are:

Nick R. Smith, a PhD candidate in Harvard University’s Department of Urban Planning and Design, visiting scholar at Chonqing University, and winner of the Polenske awards at the 2010 ACSP conference and last summer’s IACP conference at Renmin University. Smith’s stated goals include helping the IACP communicate more effectively through social media as well as the newsletter and website, assuring the Wuhan conference is the best yet, and expand membership, especially among students.

Fei Yang, a PhD student in Urban and Regional Planning at the University Florida and winner of the 2011 ACSP Polenske award. Mr YANG received an MCP from Iowa State, did planning-related research in Germany, and has served as the student representative to the Florida chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). His stated goals include representing student interests in IACP decision making process, increasing student membership, and helping maintain the IACP website.

In accordance with the IACP bylaws, a three-person election committee oversaw the election. The election committee was chaired by the first chair of the IACP board, Tingwei Zhang, the
outgoing IACP board chair Zhong-Ren Peng, and outgoing board treasurer Jianling Li. Eleven professional and four student candidates qualified to run, agreed to serve, and submitted biographical and campaign statements. The five professional and two student members were elected by majority vote of the IACP members.

Mengke Chen a PhD student and the University of Pennsylvania will serve as an alternate student board member

**IACP and Renmin University organize foreign experts study tour of urban-rural development in Chengdu**

In June, 2011, the IACP board and faculty from Renmin University of China organized a three-day field trip to Chengdu for foreign and Chinese experts to gain first-hand experience about Chengdu’s policies and practices of coordinated urban-rural planning and development. Chengdu is a city of fourteen million and the capital of Sichuan province in Southwestern China. In response to rapid urbanization, rural-urban migration, problems in the periurban areas surrounding large cities, uneven development, and inequality between urban and rural areas, China has made coordinated rural/urban development a priority in the current (twelfth) five-year plan. Since 2003, and particularly since being approved as the National Comprehensive Reform Pilot Region for Coordinating Urban and Rural Development in 2007, Chengdu has been a leader in China in coordinated urban and rural planning and development. Planners throughout China are looking to Chengdu in order to better coordinate urban and rural development in their city-regions.

The study tour took place immediately following the IACP conference. It was supported by the Chengdu Association of Urban Planning (CDAUP). The delegation visited sites in Chengdu and were briefed on Chengdu’s plans and policies by top government officials and planners. At the end of the visit the foreign experts participated in a symposium with Chengdu planners and government officials to share international experience about coordinated urban and rural planning and development in other countries, give their assessment of Chengdu’s policies and practices, and offer suggestions for improving Chengdu’s plans and policies.

The delegation included IACP board members Zhong-Ren Peng, Jiawen Yang, and Richard LeGates; IACP members Qing Shen, Shannon Bassett, Randall Crane, Earl Bossard, Deni Ruggieri, and Yizhao Yang; U.S. experts Catherine Ross, Christopher Silver, and Myron Orfield; Chinese experts Shi Nan, Xu Jiangang, Xiu Chunliang, Ye Yumin, Ye Lin, Gui Yani, Zhang Lei, Qin Bo, and Deng Ling; and experts from other countries, including Gert de Roo (Netherlands), Barbara Jean Norman (Australia), Rachelle Alterman (Israel), and Hailang Li (Japan).
The delegation learned about Chengdu’s “six integrations” to break the urban-rural dual system. Symposium speakers discussed aspects of the Chengdu model including centralization of planning and concentration of resources, administrative reforms, promotion of grassroots governance, improved management of rural-to-urban migration, land reform and changes in property rights, infrastructure and public service improvements; housing, transportation, open space, and recreational and environmental policies. The delegation was briefed on Chengdu’s plans to create a model global 21st-century garden city-region with a new urban-rural space pattern. Chengdu is transforming itself into a megacity surrounded by 14 medium-sized cities, 34 small cities, 200 new towns and thousands of new rural communities. The delegation was able to view first hand work in progress towards achieving Chengdu’s vision.

The delegation toured Heming Village in Liujie Town, Dujiangyan City—a new model rural community for residents involved in both agricultural and non-agricultural work located in the Chengdu greenbelt, saw agricultural areas surrounding the city and the greenbelt, visited Huanglongxi Ancient town—reconstructed on the site of Chengdu’s most ancient river town as a tourist and recreational destination—and viewed an industrial park area and the city’s nearly completed new global center (projected to be the largest building in the world).

At the symposium, LIU Pu, Deputy Mayor of Chengdu, gave the opening address, followed by presentations by CHENG Jiaze, Vice Dean and Associate Research Fellow of the Chengdu Academy of Social Science, ZHANG Qiao, the Director General of the Chengdu Planning Bureau, and the Dean of the Department of Urban Planning at Renmin University of China, YE Yuming. University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning Dean Christopher Silver, and University of Groningen Professor Gert de Roo lectured on coordinated rural-urban planning and development in Indonesia, the United States and the Netherlands. LeGates, Silver, Crane, Ross, XU and XIU provided their assessment of the Chengdu model and made suggestions for improvement. SHI Nan, Secretary General of the Urban Planning Society of China, summarized the proceedings in a document titled “Coordinated Urban and Rural Development Chengdu Consensus.”

The busy schedule included time to visit the Dujiangyan Irrigation System—an ingenious system of dams, channels, and islands constructed in 2300 BCE for flood control and irrigation purposes—enjoy a performance of Sichuan Opera, and sample the famous local cuisine.
IACP-Renmin study tour participants greet Heming Village Residents
IACP board chair Zhong-Ren Peng and foreign experts comment on Chengdu’s coordinated rural-urban development planning at a symposium with Chengdu officials
Sixth Annual IACP Membership Meeting at Salt Lake City Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference

The annual IACP meeting took place on October 14 at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Annual IACP meeting is held in conjunction with ACSP each year. More than forty IACP members attended this year’s meeting. IACP board chair Zhong-Ren Peng reported on the Fifth Annual IACP conference at Renmin University (see page 2) and Chengdu foreign experts study tour (see page 9).

Professor Peng reported that IACP finances are in good shape. The IACP was able to hold its annual conference and membership meeting, co-host the foreign experts study tour to Chengdu, award two $1,000 Polenske student awards and a $600 IACP student award, waive the Renmin conference fee, offer some members free lodging and international travel support and still end the year with slightly higher cash reserves. Most of the costs of the IACP conference were covered by Renmin University with some support from the Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Policy. Most of the costs of the Chengdu foreign experts tour were covered by the Chengdu Planning Association. The Polenske award is paid from a separate endowed IACP fund. The number of IACP members and revenue from dues increased in 2011. The first chair of the IACP board, Tingwei Zhang, presented out-going board chair Zhong-Ren Peng a commendation for his service to the IACP and China planning education (see article on page 13) and the incoming board chair Xueming Chen presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing board members Richard LeGates, Jianling Li, Sisi Liang, Jiawen Yang, Ming Zhang, and Yi Zhu.

Professor Peng announced the call for nominations for board elections and explained the election procedures (see page 7 for more about the election and a description of the election results). He announced the location of next year’s IACP conference at Wuhan University (see pages 1 and 17).

General discussion of possible themes for the Wuhan conference included resilient cities, the idea of transition and rapid change, and institutionalization of planning processes. Other ideas for new directions for IACP included a larger role in education and training, regularly organizing session(s) at ACSP, faculty and student exchange programs, building bridges to Chinese organizations, and IACP-sponsored publications, possibly including book(s) based on the annual conference papers.

The annual membership meeting closed with a mini-reception with modest refreshments consistent with IACP’s tradition of frugality to maximize funding to support student research awards, international exchanges, and other benefits for members.
Fei YANG receives 2011 IACP Karen R. Polenske award

The IACP Karen R. Polenske award for the best paper by a student presented at the 2011 ACSP conference in Salt Lake City was presented to Fei YANG, a PhD student at the University of Florida for his paper titled “Evaluation of Sustainability on Chinese Urban Fringe Development: A Case Study of Hangzhou City”. Professor Polenske presented the award in person.

Mr. YANG received a certificate and $1,000 check. He presented his paper at an ACSP session on Sustainability in the Land Use Policy and Governance Track. His paper employed a four-dimensional model of sustainability—environmental, economic, social, and institutional—to four peri-urban districts surrounding the city of Hanzhou. YANG calculated raw scores for different dimensions of each of the four indicators based on indicators identified in a literature review for which empirical data was available and then normalized the indicators so that they were comparable. His analysis indicated that three of the districts were doing a relatively good job in developing in a sustainable way, but one district was not. The two inner fringe districts were generally developing in a more sustainable way than the outer districts. There was a good deal of variety in how well districts performed with respect to different dimensions of the indicators. Overall YANG’s study concluded that there was no perfect case. All of the four indicators represented some advantages and disadvantages. Understanding the strengths and weaknesses of different development patterns using this approach—particularly as better data becomes available—will help China’s peri-urban areas develop more sustainably.

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Zhong-Ren Peng Honored at the IACP Annual meeting

Outgoing Chair of the IACP Board of Directors Zhong-Ren Peng—one of the founders and the longest-serving IACP board member—was honored at the IACP Annual meeting in Salt Lake City on Oct. 15, 2011. On behalf of the IACP Board and members, University of Illinois at Chicago professor Tingwei Zhang—the first Chair of the IACP Board—presented professor Peng with a commendation for exceptional leadership and service to the IACP and China planning education as a member, vice-chair, and chair of the IACP Board 2004 – 2011.

Professor Peng is a professor of Urban and Regional Planning and former chair of the University of Florida Department of Urban and Regional Planning. He received master’s degrees in geography from the Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing and in economics from Portland State University and his PhD in Urban Studies from Portland State University. Professor Peng also teaches and conducts research as a Changjiang Scholar at Tongji University in China.

Professor Peng’s research and scholarship focuses on transportation, geographic information systems, planning for climate change, and China planning issues. He is a frequently invited speaker at international conferences. In September 2011 Professor Peng was the keynote speaker at the European Forum Alpbach in Alpbach, Austria. In May 2011, he was a plenary speaker at the GIS for Livable and Sustainable Communities workshop organized by the National Academies. His recent research focuses on adaptation planning for sea level rise, integrated transportation and land use.
Fei YANG receives award cont.

The Polenske award is named in honor of Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Karen R. Polenske in recognition of her contribution to educating Chinese planning students. This year’s award competition was open to any student who was either the single author or the lead author of a paper that:

1) had been accepted for presentation at the ACSP conference and

2) addressed China’s planning issues.

The ACSP Polenske award was selected by board members Richard LeGates (chair), Jiawen Yang, and Jianling Li.

The ACSP governing board has approved inclusion of the Polenske award as an ACSP award, which will be presented at the annual ACSP award ceremony. Beginning next year only students from ACSP member schools will be eligible to compete for the award. The award criteria and selection procedures for next year’s award will be developed in consultation with the ACSP president and the selection committee will be named by the ACSP president, in consultation with IACP representatives.

Zhong-Ren Peng honored cont.

modeling, sustainability, and advanced transportation information systems using unmanned aerial vehicles, with funding support from the US National Science Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and The Florida Department of Transportation, as well as China’s National High-tech R&D Program (863 Program). He is the principle author of *Internet GIS: Distributed Geographic Information Services for the Internet and Wireless Networks* (New York: Wiley & Sons, 2003) and more than thirty journal articles.

As board chair, professor Peng was instrumental in organizing the IACP annual conferences in Tongji and Renmin Universities, finalizing arrangements for the Polenske prize to become an official ACSP award, and making arrangements for the IACP conference proceedings to be published by IEEE and indexed by the Engineering Index. Under his able leadership IACP membership and conference participation increased considerably, top foreign scholars participated in the conferences and Chengdu study tour, and IACP’s visibility grew significantly in China. Professor Peng succeeded in getting conference sponsorship and participation from the Urban Planning Society of China, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Policy.

Professor Peng, together with Drs. Tingwei Zhang, Qing Shen, Ming Zhang and others conceived of the idea of creating the IACP, and from the very beginning he has played a key role in board meetings, IACP conferences in China, annual meetings at ACSP, foreign expert tours to Shenzhen and Chengdu, Polenske and IACP best student paper award prize selections, HUD-commissioned papers, fundraising, and many other activities.
Thanks to Outgoing Board Members
Zhong-Ren Peng, outgoing Board Chair

It has been a privilege to serve the IACP community for the last 7 years, particularly the last two years as the chair of the IACP Board. We have had an exceptional Board of Directors, who have dedicated their time, efforts and intellectual capacities to do outstanding work serving our community. As outgoing Chair, I want to express my sincere appreciation for their commitment, sacrifice and professionalism to the following outgoing Board members.

Prof. Richard LeGates has taken a lot of initiatives in developing IACP activities, provided a great amount of time in collecting information from different sources, including members to compile the annual IACP Newsletter, and painstakingly takes detailed minutes of our monthly IACP teleconference meeting. He has always helped me be on top of things and reminded me of deadlines. Dr. LeGates has taken a leadership role in reviewing submissions for the Karen R. Polenske Award and IACP Best Student Awards.

Prof. Jianling Li has been a great treasurer, keeping the bank account and the membership database meticulously clear, updated and in balance. She has provided great support in conference preparations and organized reviews of conference papers and award submissions.

Prof. Jiawen Yang has made a great contribution to the board in many ways during the last 4 years as a two-term Board member. He initiated a sponsorship of the IACP conference by the Peking University – Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy, organized papers written by IACP members for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, reviewed conference and student award papers, helped organize the annual conferences, and gladly pitched in whenever there was a need no matter how difficult or how tedious.

Prof. Ming Zhang from the World Bank used his connections and public relationship skills to expand the IACP’s reach to the professional world. He initiated and succeeded in getting sponsorship from ESRI-China for the 2010 IACP conference at Tongji University.

Mr. Yi Zhu has spent a tremendous amount of time maintaining the IACP website, developing functions and keeping the information updated.

Ms. Sisi Liang, now Dr. Liang, has acted as a true liaison between IACP and students, expressed the voices of students in IACP decision making, offered new initiatives and managed the IACP travel award program. In addition, she used her design skills and connections, working with Jianxiang Huang, to design conference posters and brochures.

I am sad to see these capable board members rotate out. But I am also very pleased that two very able current board members--professor Xueming Chen as the incoming chair and Jianxiang Huang will provide continuity to the IACP Board, and I am delighted at the energetic and talented new board members who have just been elected (see page 7). I have full confidence that the IACP will continue to grow and create stronger linkages between planners, researchers and scholars in the planning community in China and the world, and in the future will provide even better services for its members and friends.
Introduction to Wuhan University

Ming Zhang, Adjunct Dean
School of Urban Design at Wuhan University

Wuhan University will host the sixth IACP Annual Conference on June 17 & 19, 2012. Professor Ming Zhang, Adjunct Dean of Wuhan University’s School of Urban Design and a former member of the IACP Board of Directors and former IACP Treasurer, will lead the local team from Wuhan working with the IACP board of directors in preparation for the conference. Professor Zhang is on the faculty of both the University of Texas at Austin and Wuhan University and will spend this year on the Wuhan campus in spring, 2012.

Wuhan University was one of the five national universities established by the Republic of China in the early 20th Century. In 2000, the new Wuhan University was established by merging four major universities, making it one of the top ten campuses for higher education in China. Wuhan University currently houses 36 schools or colleges with a total of more than 55,000 full-time students. In August, 2011, the School of Urban Design gained authorization from the State Council Office of Higher Education to offer doctoral programs in architecture, urban and rural planning and landscape architecture. The three disciplines were under the domain of architecture before 2011. Currently in China there are only nine schools with the triple authorizations.

The Wuhan University campus covers an area of approximately 345 hectares. It is widely known as one of the most beautiful campuses in China. With rolling physical features by the beautiful East Lake, the campus is heavily wooded and green. Most stylish old buildings on the campus were designed by F. H. Kales (1899-1979), an MIT graduate who was a pioneer in blending western architectural styles with traditional Chinese elements.

The city of Wuhan is ranked 3rd in China in terms of higher education offerings and ranked 5th in terms of population size. The City is strategically located at the midpoint between Shanghai and Chongqing along the Yangtze River and between Beijing and Guangzhou/Hong Kong along China’s north-south rail backbone. It can be reached conveniently by all modes of transportation, including air, highway, water and high-speed rail. All IACP members and friends are cordially invited to attend the 6th IACP Conference in Wuhan.
News from the members

Dan Abramson, Associate professor of urban planning and design at the University of Washington (UW) led the first China Village Studio to Fujian and Sichuan Provinces during summer 2011. The studio group undertook research and policy and design recommendations for sustainable community-based urban-rural integrated development, agri-tourism, and cultural landscape preservation in Tianzhong, Nanjing County, Fujian. The group lived and worked with residents of the Qingxing Lou earthen roundhouse. In Sichuan, landslides blocked access to the second intended studio site in Mao County, so the studio instead visited Daping, Pengzhou, Sichuan, to study the impacts of the 2008 earthquake and the work of an NGO-led post-disaster reconstruction; and finally went to Jiaju, Danba County, Sichuan, to study the impacts of the homestay tourism industry on Gyarong Tibetan villages. The studio enjoyed sponsorship from the Seattle firm Collins Woerman and the participation of professional staff from that firm and from Parametrix in Portland, Oregon. Undergraduates through doctoral-level students participated from UW, University of Idaho, University of Oregon, and UC San Diego, and represented multiple disciplines including Urban Planning, Architecture, China Studies, Landscape Architecture, Materials Engineering and Real Estate. More information on the studio is at https://catalyst.uw.edu/workspace/abramson/20566/.

Shannon Bassett, Assistant Professor of Architecture and Urban Design at the University of South Florida School of Architecture and Community Design (USF SACD), was awarded a Faculty International Travel Grant from USF to present her paper, “Emerging mega-regional territories–Urban Design for the Binhai Area” at the 5th IACP conference at Renmin University, in the session “Physical Design and Planning” for which she was also the chair. The paper was based in part on design research from her spring 2011 Urban Design studio from the USF SACD which was a collaborative studio with the Tianjin School of Architecture and Urban Planning and Design where USF students worked with Tianjin students in Tianjin during March, 2011. Her article, “Designing an Alternative Form of Development for the Tianjin Eco-city through Landscape and Ecology as Urbanism”, was published in both Chinese and English August’s in Urban Flux (a design publication/journal published in Beijing and distributed world-wide). Professor Bassett has also been invited by the editor of Urban Flux to write another article for a special issue of Urban Flux on eco-cities in China, specifically the Tangshan Caofeidian eco-city and the Tianjin eco-city. She traveled with the editor of Urban Flux in August 2011 to Caofeidian, meeting with government officials and urban planners there and touring. She was an invited guest critic for the final reviews for Professor Daniel Abramson’s summer urban planning studio held in a tulou (vernacular round house) in Tianzhong Village, Fujian province. Abramson is an Associate Professor of Urban Design and Planning at the University of Washington, Seattle and the former IACP board secretary. The studio researched sustainable development and strategic planning strategies for this area. Finally, her proposal, "Designing an Alternative Form of Development for the Singapore-Tianjin Ecocity Through Landscape and Ecology as Urbanism" has been selected for exhibit in the 2011 Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism\Architecture which is being exhibited this winter in Hong Kong and Shenzhen. Professor Bassett was elected to the IACP board in the fall, 2012 election (See page 7).
Terence Bendixson, Senior Visiting Research Fellow in Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Southampton, England, is researching Shanghai. He is studying the city's emergence as a global financial center (based on the savings of 1.3 billion people - plus funds from government, industry and commerce) and its likely role as a crucible in which parts of China's new bourgeois culture will be forged. He is also exploring to what extent this global mega-city can be 'green'. He would welcome contact from others who share his interests. Contact details: t.bendixson@pobox.com and 00 44 20 7352 3885

Genie Birch, professor of urban planning at the University of Pennsylvania and co-director, Penn institute for Urban Research (IUR), is directing a partnership effort between Penn IUR and the Taiwan Institute for Economic Research to create a knowledge-sharing platform on Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)'s Energy Smart Community Initiative (ESCI-KSP)ii inaugurated last year by U.S. President Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Kan. The ESCI-KSP will disseminate best practice information about smart transport, buildings, grids, and green jobs from and among the 21 APEC economies and others.

Qin Bo from Renmin University of China helped organize the 5th IACP Conference entitled “Coordinated Urban and Rural Development and Planning” in June 2011 in Beijing, and the post-conference foreign experts study tour to Chengdu. At the conference he gave a presentation titled “Urban Form and Household Carbon Emission: A Case study on High- and Low-carbon Neighborhoods in Beijing”, which explores the relationship between land use parameters and household carbon emissions in the context of Chinese cities. His review article regarding to the concept of low-carbon city was published in a Chinese journal – Urban Planning International in June, and he was invited to co-edit a special issue on the topic “urban form and low carbon city” by the journal. He is also responsible for adapting and translating the urban planning practice section of The Chinese City Reader scheduled for publication in 2013.

Earl Bossard, Emeritus Professor, San Jose State University Department of Urban & Regional Planning made presentations concerning sustainable planning at the IACP conference in Beijing in June. Professor Bossard also participated in the IACP foreign experts study tour to Chengdu. He also made presentations concerning sustainable planning at the Center for Sustainable Asian Cities of the University of Singapore and Thammasart University in Bangkok in January, and at the World Planning Congress in Perth, Australia in July. Professor Bossard taught a short course in information design techniques at Sichuan University in Chengdu, where he taught a similar course in 2010.

During the past year he continued his bicycle planning studies, participating in several bike-pad workshops in the USA and observing/biking in Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Perth, Chengdu, Minneapolis (while at the ACSP conference), as well as in nearby San Francisco and his home town of Davis, California where he continue to serve on the Davis Bicycle Advisory Commission. His interests in bus rapid transit (BRT) have grown since visiting Curitiba, Brazil and with rides on the new Bangkok BRT this January. His TOD planning experience included
supervising Sichuan University students’ efforts to envision neighborhoods surrounding new metro subway stations in Chengdu in June. He has been invited back to Chengdu in 2012.

Sam Casella spoke about planning low-carbon cities at the Conference on Urban Development and Planning in Yangzhou in June 2011, and to Shanxi Province officials in Taiyuan the same month. In September he spoke about revitalizing the urban edge of the Grand Canal at the 5th World Canal Cities Expo in Yangzhou, and is re-visiting Rizhao to congratulate local officials on their success in converting to solar energy.

Derek Chisholm, a practicing planner from Parametrix in Portland Oregon, presented two papers at the 2011 IACP Conference: one on Using Ecosystem Service Valuation to Guide Urbanization in China and one on Social Cohesion Calculations. While in Beijing, Derek met with other planners and designers building partnerships for work in the United States and in China. Following the Conference, Derek accompanied and assisted Dr. Dan Abramson’s, University of Washington, Planning Studio. Derek served as adjunct faculty, assisting students with ecosystem service analyses, LEED scorecard development, and the development of alternative designs for Tianzhong Village in Fujian province. After returning to the states he has been partnering with the University of Oregon’s Sustainable Cities Initiative to exchange knowledge and best practices with planners in China. While in China and since his return to Portland, Derek has led his team in completing the Columbia River Crossing FEIS, reaching a key milestone for this multi-billion dollar transportation project.

Xueming (Jimmy) Chen was elected the chair of the IACP board for a two-year term beginning in fall, 2011. Professor Chen was awarded tenure at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in May 2011. In 2011 he began serving the Advisor on International Programs for VCU’s L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs.

During the last year, Dr. Chen published 5 articles. He attended the IACP conference in Beijing in June, 2011 where he presented a paper on “Development Impacts of High-Speed Rail: French Experience and Chinese Implications” which has been published by the IEEE in the IACP Conference Proceedings. During his stay in Beijing, Professor Chen worked with Professor Gu Chaolin of Tsinghua University on a program to send VCU graduate students to study at Tsinghua in summer 2012. He gave a lecture on U.S. and China High-Speed Rail Planning at Nanjing University in June, 2011. In August, 2011, Professor Chen and VCU colleagues hosted an official visit from a Henan University (HU) Delegation. VCU and HU formally executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was signed by both university presidents.

Randy Crane presented ongoing research at the 2011 IACP conference on differences in commuting behaviors by gender in China and the US, where unlike virtually everywhere else in the world, Chinese women have longer commutes that their male counter-parts. This however is changing as the two patterns slowly converge. In October, Professor Crane made a presentation at the 3rd International Conference on Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University’s School of Public Policy and Management, with Renmin Univ. Professor Qin Bo, on "Chinese
Downtown Redevelopment as Private/Public Reform.” Randy is a professor of urban planning at The University of California Los Angeles, editor of the Journal of the American Planning Association (JAPA), and a member of the teaching and research faculty of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

Anrong Dang, a professor in Tsinghua University’s Department of Urban Planning and Director of the GIS lab for Human Settlements was one of the key organizers of The Inter-University Seminar on Asian Megacities 2011 (IUSAM 2011) which was held at Tsinghua University September 3-5 2011. As a normalized inter-university academic collaboration platform, IUSAM has played a major role to promote inter-university academic exchanges and international understanding between teachers and students. This year’s conference theme was “Traditional and Modern”. Seventy-five papers were presented during IUSAM 2011. More than 120 teachers and students from 14 famous Asian universities, such as the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hanyang University, Keio University, Seoul National University, Pacific National University, Tsinghua University, University of the Philippines, and the University of Tokyo participated in professional discussions and in-depth exchanges on the theme by means of keynote speeches, plenary and thematic sessions, and hot topic discussions.

Lan Deng has expanded her research to examine housing policy issues in China. She recently finished a study on the dynamics of new housing production in major Chinese cities. The study, now under peer review, has generated important information that Chinese housing policymakers need to consider in developing strategies to address the country’s housing affordability crisis. In fall 2011, Lan Deng will be the acting director for the real estate development certificate program at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Professor Deng has been elected to the IACP board of directors (see page 7).

Jieshuang Dong, Associate Director of the Regional Planning and Transportation System Institute, at the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology Business School, was elected to the Urban Planning Society of China’s small town Planning Board committee. Professor Dong participates in the small town planning of the China Society and is involved in “A study on the methods of small town outside traffic organization”. During 2011 professor Dong was involved in a number of transportation planning issues of Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province.

Peilei Fan from Michigan State University (MSU) continued her research on a NASA-funded project “China's Urbanization and its Sustainability under Future Climate Change” (2009-2012) with colleagues from MSU and China. She led a team of eight researchers and students and conducted fieldwork in China in May 2010. She also co-organized an NSF funded workshop “Chinese Ways of Innovation: Strategic Directions of Research on Chinese Innovation” (lead organizer, Dr. Yifei Sun from California State University). The workshop will bring together about 25 established scholars from the U.S., Asia, and Europe in Los Angeles in October, 2011 to discuss the strategic directions of research on China's innovation and science and technology (S&T). Her publications in 2010 & 2011 include catching up of Chinese telecom and mobile firms (EPA, IJTM, IJBSR, JSTPC), innovation capability of China and India (Economic Change and Restructuring), and China’s urban development (EPB, EPA, Sustainability Science).
Zhan Guo, an assistant professor of Urban Planning and Transportation Policy at New York University (NYU), published a paper in Transportation Research A: Policy and Practice regarding the impact of subway map design on passengers’ path choice in London. The research has been widely reported by international media, including The Economist, London Evening Standard, London Daily Mail, and the French La Monde. BBC also interviewed Zhan in June 2011. Professor Guo just completed another research project on the synergy effect between land-use planning and congestion pricing. The findings were published by The Journal of the American Planning Association in summer 2011.

Dr. Edward Huang 黄铁屿, AICP, LEED AP, CGBP, CGREP. has joined an investment company as a board member to engage in master planning for a large coastal site in Liaoning and served as a project advisor for Shandong Dawu Group. During visits to China in 2011 he received a new appointment as a visiting professor at Harbin University (HU) and Dalian Vocational & Technical College (DVTC), and renewed his adjunct professorship with the Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) School of Architecture where he is currently participating in a research project to develop design & development standards for facilities serving senior citizens. Dr. Huang delivered speeches at HIT, HU, DVTC, the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Weihai Architectural Design Institute, Luxun Academy of Fine Arts, and Harbin Engineering University. At his California home base, Dr. Huang has lectured to Chinese delegations at California State University Long Beach (CSULB), California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) and the University of Southern California. His firm, California Institute of Environmental Design & Management (CIEDM), has hosted workshops on sustainability and tours of Arcadia EcoHome & other Southern California projects for delegations of DVTC, Wuxi’s Asset Management Commission, Yongzhou’s City Planning Bureau, China Development Institute, Dalian Chinese Entrepreneurs Research Institute, & the HIT research group.

Alven Lam, director of international research at the Office of International Affairs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, D.C. organized and chaired a plenary panel discussion of comparative housing policy at the fifth annual IACP conference and will continue to work with the IACP on future comparative policy research on affordable housing and sustainable urban development. Mr Lam continues to help HUD engage with China through a number of platforms and on a variety of topics of mutual interest. Public housing and housing finance issues have emerged as a continued focus for HUD/Chinese Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development policy exchanges, as the Chinese government is tasked with creating ten million new affordable housing units in the next year alone. During 2011 Mr. Lam helped HUD arrange visits by numerous Chinese delegations, often in partnership with the Department of State and academic institutions. He helped arrange a recent forum co-sponsored by the Construction Bank of China and Georgetown University. On the sustainable community front, HUD works through the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), particularly on the Japan/China sponsored Low-Carbon Model Town (LCMT) project. HUD recently participated in the LCMT conference in Tianjin, China.

Professor Huang has another scholarly article in press at The China Quarterly titled “Low-income Housing in Chinese Cities: Policies and Practices” and in 2010 he co-authored an article with Chengdong Yi titled “Consumption and Tenure Choice of Multiple Homes in Transitional Urban China” in The International Journal of Housing Policy, 10(2): 105-131.

**Jianxiang Huang** studies microclimate and pedestrian comfort in Arab cities. His research will be published in the Gulf Encyclopedia for Sustainable Urbanism at Harvard supported by the Qatar Foundation. Huang also developed a benchmark model to evaluate life-cycle energy footprint, carbon emission, and air pollutants for transportation infrastructure which was presented at the Sustainable Infrastructures and Green Cities Conference at Harvard University.

In 2011 summer, he presented a paper titled "The Carbon Footprint of Municipal Water and Energy: Cases of LEED Certified Buildings in the US" at the 5th IACP conference. He also lectured at Beijing University of Technology and Beijing university of Civil Engineering and Architecture on theories and practices of sustainable design and city planning.

**Sisi Liang** received her PhD in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania in May, 2011. Her research explored the use of high tech parks to accelerate development of Chinese urban areas. Her dissertation discussed planning strategies and design principles for the parks based on case studies of high tech parks in Suzhou, Shenzhen, Beijing, and Shanghai. In October she began work at the School of Architecture at Tsinghua University. Her current research focuses on sustainable site planning strategies and design research on Chinese cities in the period of rapid urbanization with support from the Chinese Academy of Engineering project: Urban Culture and Human Settlement in China’s Urbanization Period.

**Weiming Lu**, FAICP, an urban planner who for many years served as executive director of the Lowertown Redevelopment Corporation in St. Paul, Minnesota, finished a book on The Tao of Urban Rejuvenation--Lessons in Building Green Urban Village reflecting his experience in the U.S. and China which will be published both in English and Chinese in 2012. To complement the book, the Twin Cities [Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota] public television station produced a film on "Lowertown: The Rise of a New Urban Village". During 2011 Mr. Lu advised a University of Miami professor on the chapter on Beijing for his book on CBDs around the world, helped host a visit by the President of the China National Academy of Fine Arts and artists from Beijing Film Academy, advised the U.S./China Friendship association on two Chinese garden projects in the Twin Cities, and co-hosted the visit of a Harbin delegation.
In addition to his urban planning work during 2011 Mr. Lu gave a lecture on Chinese calligraphy and joined a Chinese art exhibition in the Twin Cities. He was interviewed for an oral history of Chinese American in Minnesota and spoke at the opening of the exhibition in June.

A statue of American civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King created by a Chinese sculptor at the 2006 International Stone Festival in St. Paul with Mr. Lu’s advice and interpretation was opened to the public in August by the Martin Luther King Memorial.

**Lok Sang HO** from Lingnan University in Hong Kong has a new book titled *Public Policy and the Public Interest* published by Routledge, already available through the official publication date is 2012. This is a thoroughly revised edition of professor Ho’s earlier book *Principles of Public Practice* (2001). Reviewer comments include "This is truly an inspiring book. It is written by an economist who has over a long period of time been both an observer of public policy and a participant in the process (Robin Boadway Queen's University), 'Too rarely do policy researchers step back from the details of particular policy issues to revisit the question of what makes a good society from the lens of social science knowledge. Lok Sang Ho courageously does so in this provocative book". (David Weimer, University of Wisconsin at Madison), and “I am confident that most readers will find, as I have, many enlightening discussions and thought-provoking ideas. Thus, I have no hesitation in recommending this book to readers (Yew-Kwang Ngm, Monash University). Professor Ho is currently finishing a book titled *Health Policy and the Public Interest* which will also be published by Routledge.

**Richard Hu** from the University of Canberra was appointed an Adjunct Fellow by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and became a certified planner with the American Institute of Certified Planner (AICP). Richard’s article “To Grow or Control, That is the Question: San Francisco’s Planning Transformation in the 1980s and 1990s” was accepted by The Journal of Planning History.

**Junfeng Jiao** graduated from the University of Washington with a PhD degree in Urban Design and Planning in December 2010. He is now a tenure track assistant professor in the Department of Urban Planning at Ball State University (BSU). At BSU, Dr Jiao serves as a core faculty member in the Emerging Media Initiative and was awarded an Emerging Media Research Fellowship to investigate the application of new techniques in Urban Planning. His research was also funded by the Intergraph Corporation. In summer, 2011 Dr. Jiao presented his paper “Comparing an important non-work travel activity—grocery shopping travel in the US and China” at the 5th IACP conference in Beijing. He also got time to visit his parents in Anhui province. Dr. Jiao presented two papers on transportation behavior and modeling at the 52nd ACSP conference in the Salt Lake City, Utah in November, 2011. Further, Dr. Jiao’s research on food deserts and grocery shopping travel behavior were accepted for publications in The American Journal of Public Health and in The Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board.
Richard LeGates an emeritus professor at San Francisco State University and a visiting professor at The University of California Berkeley continued as secretary of the IACP board and editor of the IACP newsletter. During Spring, 2011 he taught U.C. Berkeley’s “Introduction to City Planning” course and lectured in Tongji University’s “History of Western Urban Planning Theory” and “Urban Sociology” courses. In summer he chaired the IACP best student paper and Polenske award committees and participated in the IACP conference, visited Chengdu with the IACP/Renmin foreign experts study tour, and taught a summer course on “Western Urban Studies and Planning” at Renmin University. The 5th edition of his co-edited anthology The City Reader was published by Routledge in January, 2011. He is working with Tingwei Zhang, Li Tian, Frederick Stout and a team of professors from Tongji, Renmin, Shanghai Jiaotong, and Canberra on a Chinese adaptation and translation—The Chinese City Reader—planned for publication by China Architecture and Building Press in 2013.

Cathy Yang Liu (刘阳), Assistant Professor of Public Management and Policy and Faculty Advisor in Planning and Economic Development at Georgia State University, published a paper titled “From Los Angeles to Shanghai: Testing the Applicability of Five Urban Paradigms” in The International Journal of Urban and Regional Research. She taught a short summer course on comparative urban development to graduate students at the Central University of Finance and Economics (中央财大) under a teaching fellowship from the Overseas Young Chinese Forum. She also presented a paper titled “Creativity and Inequality: The Dual Path of China’s Urban Development” at the 2nd Chinese Public Administration Scholars Forum at Xi’an Jiao tong University, June 2011.

Paavo Monkkonen from the University of Hong Kong has recently published several working papers related to the spatial structure of Hong Kong. The first, entitled "Public Housing and Employment: Skills and Spatial Mismatch in Postindustrial Hong Kong", links the increasing unemployment among tenants of the city’s public housing to the peri-urban new towns built in recent decades. The second, “Socioeconomic Segregation in Hong Kong: Spatial and Ordinal Measures in a High-Density and Highly Unequal City,” analyzes the city’s socio-spatial structure with new measures of segregation and finds that although the city is highly segregated, patterns of segregation across income levels are different from other cities. Finally, the paper "Increasing Monocentricity or Hot Money: The Spatial Dynamics of the Hong Kong Housing Market, 1992-2008" documents an increase in the relative importance of central location in the city's housing market due to economic restructuring and urban growth. The first two papers were published by the University of California's Institute of Urban and Regional Development (IURD) and the third is available by request from the author.

Rob Olshansky, Professor and Acting Head of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign continued research on reconstruction following the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake, along with colleagues Yang Zhang, Yu Xiao, Yan Song, and Laurie Johnson. The team spent several weeks in Beijing and Chengdu during the summer of 2011, meeting with officials and academics, as well as interviewing households of earthquake victims.
Professor Olshansky participated in the IACP conference in Beijing and a conference at the Tsinghua University School of Public Policy in late October 2011.

Qisheng Pan from Texas Southern University made a presentation titled "Modeling the Effects of the Regional Development Plans on Mobility” at the IACP conference in Beijing. In addition he gave several talks about developing urban planning models at Peking University in Beijing (June 17), Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan (June 27), and Central South University in Changsha (June 23). Professor Pan also gave a talk about Cost-Benefit Analysis of Storm water Treatment at Changsha University of Science & Technology (June 21) and participated in the "GoHome" project of CPGIS. He was promoted to full professor at Texas Southern University effective September 1, 2011. Professor Pan was elected to the IACP board in the fall, 2011 election.

Jeffrey Raven who teaches architecture and urban design at Columbia, gave a lecture on Sustainable Cities in May 2011 at the Cambridge University China Mobile programme as part of the Cambridge University Programme for Sustainability Leadership.

Nicolas P. Retsinas, Senior Lecturer in Real Estate at the Harvard Business School and Director Emeritus of Harvard’s Joint Center for Housing Studies writes cases and teach classes on real estate in frontier markets and on housing finance. He is a frequent instructor in the China’s Leaders in Development Program at the Harvard Kennedy School. The program includes senior officials at the vice-ministerial or director general level from all over China. He has recently written cases on senior housing and on urban redevelopment in China. His newest case focuses on the privatization (gaizhi) of State-owned companies. He also continues to monitor housing prices in China.

Qing Shen, Professor and chair of the Department of Urban Design and Planning at the University of Washington, was a co-author of a paper that received the “best overall paper” award at the World Symposium on Transport & Land Use Research (WSTLUR) held in Canada in July 2011. The paper, entitled “How the Built-Environment Affects Travel Behavior: A Comparative Analysis of Travel Behavior and Land Use in U.S. Cities” (Zhang, Hong, Nasri and Shen, 2011), is a product of a research project he co-directed with Lei Zhang of the University of Maryland. The work was funded by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration.

Professor Shen spent most of his winter and summer breaks during the 2010-2011 academic year at Tongji University in Shanghai as a Tongji chair professor. He worked with Tongji Professor Haixiao Pan and several Tongji graduate students on a household travel survey to understand how the extension of Shanghai’s metro system has influenced people’s travel behavior.

Nick R. Smith, a PhD candidate in Harvard’s Department of Urban Planning and Design and winner of the 2011 Polenske prize award for the best paper by an IACP student member presented at the 5th annual IACP conference, is engaged in a yearlong research project in the city of Chongqing, where he is a visiting scholar at Chongqing University’s College of Architecture
and Urban Planning. He is working on an ethnographic investigation of a nearby village that has urbanized rapidly over the past ten years. Lauded for its success in catalyzing development and improving the lives of its residents, this village has been identified as a model village for China’s underdeveloped west. Urbanization, however, has also brought challenges, and the village government has recently begun a planning effort in order to consolidate, regularize, and further promote development. Through a combination of ethnographic and spatial analysis, Smith's research investigates this transition, its conceptual content, its social and political dynamics, and its spatial manifestation.

In addition to the IACP Conference, Smith has also recently presented his work on Chinese villages at the 2011 Association for Asian Studies – International Convention for Asian Scholars Joint Conference in Honolulu and the 11th International Congress of the Asian Planning Schools Association in Tokyo. Mr Smith was elected to the IACP board in the fall, 2011 election and has been selected by the board to be the board secretary replacing outgoing secretary Richard LeGates (See page 7).

Andrew Stokols, a Princeton in Asia fellow at the Beijing Cultural Heritage Protection Center is working on a project to develop an online database of information about Beijing's hutongs and a historical guide to Beijing's old city for visitors. He has also received a Fulbright grant to study the potential of historic preservation to help achieve more sustainable urban planning in the city of Xi'an, beginning next year. This research will quantify and qualify benefits historic areas may offer such as more efficient energy use, social interaction, and improved transit. Andrew graduated in 2010 from UC Berkeley with degrees in history and urban studies.

William Siembieda, a professor of urban planning at California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, is in Japan for nine months as a visiting research professor at Kyoto University where he is expanding his work on the relationship between land use planning and multi-hazard mitigation planning practice and disaster recovery policy. Professor Siembieda will also spend two months in New Zealand, as a research fellow at Massey University in Wellington, New Zealand, where he will work on comparative disaster recovery research based on the experience in Christchurch, NZ, Sendai, Japan and coastal Chile. Professor Siembieda’s research focuses on ways in which urban planning can lower the impact of disasters on urban systems and people—particularly the poor and vulnerable—and make cities more sustainable. Lowering disaster risk involves working with multiple stakeholders and paying much more attention to geo-technical conditions of soils, slopes, location of settlements near tsunami exposed coastal areas, and revisiting how city general plans are developed, adopted, and enforced. Some of Professor Siembieda’s recent work can be found online in the Journal of Disaster Research Vol.5, No.5, October 2010 and; Vol.5, No.2 April 2010." His e-mail address is: wsiembie@calpoly.edu.

Lawrence Vale, Ford Professor of Urban Design and Planning, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology wrote the preface for a book about a series of urban design and planning studios conducted at MIT over the last several years led by Professor Tunney Lee focused primarily on the Pearl River Delta. These studios and associated research fellowships were sponsored by the Vanke Corporation, so this was seen as a chance to re-think some of the neighborhood scale
interventions of China's largest housing developer by proposing some innovative alternatives and frameworks. One of the co-instructors of the studio, Zhao Liang, now based in China, is in charge of this book project, which will be published in a Chinese-only version soon.

**Jun Wang** from the David C. Lam Institute for East-West Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University is working on neoliberal space in development states, with particular focus on Singapore. The project examines institutional roles in public housing development and their impact on socio-spatial residential housing landscapes. Her other interest is culture-led urban regeneration, through which she attempt to compare projects of cultural cities production in Asian cities with the purpose of understanding how globally mobile ideas mingle with local forces.

**Chris Webster**, head of School at Cardiff University—the UK’s largest urban planning school, co-edited two new books with Fulong Wu and others: Wu and Webster (eds), Marginalisation in Urban China (London (Palgrave McMillan, 2011) and Wu, Webster, He and Liu, China’s Urban Poverty (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2010). He and Fulong Wu are in the second year of a project funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council and the Department for International Development: The development of migrant villagers under China’s rapid urbanization: Implications for poverty and slum policies. He, Wu and Fangzhu Zhang have a new book on China’s urban villages under contract with Routledge.

There are exciting new investments in urban china research and teaching programmes at Cardiff, including a new interdisciplinary MSc programme on Eco-Cities. Dr. Yiming Wang—who holds an MSc from Waterloo, Canada and a PhD from the University of Southern California and works on urban economics and planning—recently joined the Cardiff faculty. This year professor Webster has given five keynote addresses and invited lectures on his work on self-organising cities at Istanbul Technical University, Cornell University, Hefei University, Hong Kong University and the National University of Singapore. His co-authored article titled “Methodological frameworks and interdisciplinary research on gated communities” published in International Planning Studies won the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP) 2010 European paper in planning award. His recent co-authored China-related articles have been published in The International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, Planning in Progress, Housing Studies, and Environment and Planning A. Professor Webster has additional China planning-related articles in press with Urban Studies and Regional Studies.

**Lei Wang**, an Associate Professor at the Institute for the Development of Central China at Wuhan University published Foreign Direct Investment and Urban Growth in China (London: Ashgate Press) in July 2011. His book traces forces driving the dynamics of greenfield manufacturing FDI in this century to the urban growth logic in China. Dr. Wang and Wuhan University doctoral student Ziming Li presented a paper titled “Incentive-Compatible Mechanism Design and Decentralized Decision in Rural House-base Replacement: Comparison between Experiences of Chengdu and Zhucheng” at the 5th IACP conference at Beijing.
Fulong Wu has been appointed Bartlett Professor of Planning at University College London—a prestigious position previously held by urban planning academics such as Sir Patrick Abercrombie, Sir Peter Hall and, most recently, Mike Batty FRS. This appointment presents an opportunity for the Bartlett School of Planning to redefine the planning discipline in global terms for a new generation. Professor Wu has taught in the UK since the mid 1990’s—most recently at Cardiff University. A worldwide authority on urban China research, Professor Wu has published extensively on China’s urban transformation, social and spatial inequalities, and on the urban governance process. He is currently working on urban and sustainable challenges for China’s cities. Professor Wu’s new e-mail address is: fulong.wu@ucl.ac.uk.

Robert Wiener is an adjunct professor in the University of California, Davis, Department of Community and Regional Development, where he teaches courses on housing and social policy, and homelessness and poverty. Professor Wiener also a summer course on housing and neighborhood regeneration in Barcelona, Spain. Since 1981, Dr. Wiener has also served as the executive director of the California Coalition for Rural Housing, the oldest statewide coalition of nonprofit affordable housing developers and advocates in the U.S. In 2011, he published chapters in two books, Inclusionary Housing in International Perspectives: Affordable Housing, Social Inclusion, and Land Value Recapture, and Rural Housing, Exurbanization, and Amenity-Driven Development. He is a national expert on affordable housing development strategies at the national, state, and local levels—urban, suburban, and rural.

Jiawen Yang, Assistant Professor in the School of City and Regional Planning at the Georgia Institute of Technology, took a half month trip to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in May 2011, together with five other team members from USA, Spain and Portugal. The team traveled to Almaty, Astana and Tashkent, and met with various government officials. The team will travel to those two countries again in Oct 2011. The trips aim to chart a long-term path for these two countries on issues relevant to transport investment, energy efficiency and urban service delivery. Jiawen Yang published a paper in Urban Studies on the spatial development in Megacities, using Beijing as an example. The work empirically examines urban growth and transport in Beijing within the intellectual context of compact development. The work was co-authored by Qing Shen (University of Maryland), Jinzhen Shen (Beijing Municipal Planning Commission) and Canfei He (Peking University).

Yumin Ye, dean of the Department of Urban Planning and Management in the School of Public Administration and Policy, Renmin University of China continued her research and writing on urban and rural development and planning, based on a multidisciplinary perspective including public administration, sociology and law. With the approval of the Ministry of Education of China she started recruiting doctoral candidates and master students in 2011. Professor YE is currently exploring the law and institutional reform related to coordinated urban and rural development in China. She is undertaking a long-term tracking study of Chengdu, which is notable for coordinating urban and rural development. Her work summarizes empirical studies and establishes a systematical theoretical framework for coordinating urban and rural development. Prof. Ye played a leading role in organizing the 5th Annual IACP conference and the joint IACP-Renmin foreign experts study tour to Chengdu (page 9). She gave a keynote
speech titled “Study of Coordinated Urban and Rural Development and Planning in China” at the opening ceremony of the IACP conference and a keynote speech at the symposium of foreign and Chinese experts and Chengdu government officials which took place in Chengdu at the end of the study tour. Prof. Ye participates in numerous research projects on city development policy by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of China, and gives lectures about urbanization, industrialization and coordinated urban and rural development in China to government officials.

Xinyue Ye, a second year assistant professor in the Bowling Green State University Geography department has been appointed Associate Editor of Stochastic Environmental Research & Risk Assessment (SCI Journal). He has joined the editorial boards of The International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research and The Journal of Ecosystem & Ecography. He is co-PI on a two-year one-million dollar project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy developing a spatial economic scenario toolbox on alternative energy, and a five-year 1.6-million project from the U.S. Department of Commerce to develop a toolbox on a comprehensive “spatial labor pool model”. Both projects call for integrated space time analysis and toolbox implementation in the context of alternative energy and sustainable regional development. Professor YE had 16 publications in 2011 on space time analysis, regional development, economic modeling, crime analysis, geoscience, and public policy, with some of them appearing on journals such as Computers & Geosciences, International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research, Annals of Regional Science, Regional Science Policy and Practice, Applied Geography and Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency.

Lei Zhang, an assistant Professor of Urban Planning at Renmin University of China, co-edited a book titled Urbanism and Urban Planning at Many Scales—Selections from Recent North American Planning Scholarship with Weiping Wu, Dongquan Li, Michael Hibbard, Yumin YE and others (Beijing: China Architecture and Building Press, 2011). This book includes nine papers selected from Journal of Urban Planning Education and Research translated into Chinese. Professor Zhang is working on research on social networks of local farmers and informal development in peri urban area of Beijing. His other research explores China’s changing governance for development control and its impacts on issuing planning permits.

Tingwei Zhang, professor of planning and GCI Fellow at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), together with Wang Lan, an assistant professor of planning in Tongji University and a graduate of UIC’s PhD program in Urban Planning and Policy, published a book titled From CBD to CAZ: Spatial Need and Planning of Diversified Economic Development (Beijing: China Architecture & Building Press, 2011). The book explores shifting patterns of economic development planning from a Central Business District spatial model to one characterized by Central Activities Zones.