


**Junfeng Jiao**


**Tingwei Zhang** and **Fulong Wu**: The recent issue (August 2006) of *City Planning Review* published
two articles by IACP members (Tingwei Zhang and Fulong Wu).


Yan Zhang: in addition to her work in the Europe and Central Asia region, Yan has contributed to the planning and design of the inaugural issue of the China Urban Development Quarterly (中国城市发展季刊), a Chinese language newsletter on urban development issues of particular interest to Chinese urban development professionals, policy makers, academics, and civil society. This newsletter is produced by the Urban Unit of the East Asia and Pacific Region in partnership with the Urban and Local Government Program of the World Bank Institute.

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Pan Haixiao, Sustainable Urban Transport, the training textbook for the Chinese Charted Urban Planner, to be published


Pan Haixiao and Ming zhang on TOD in Shanghai is published at

Pan Haixiao: Globe Mobility and Soft Mobility in Sub-center of a Mega City, In Urban Sustainability and Mobility, to be published by China Construction Press


Donald Miller’s book (with Domenico Patassini) -- Beyond Benefit Cost Analysis - Accounting for Non-Market Values in Planning Evaluation, was published earlier this year by Ashgate. Miller, who is professor of urban design and planning at the University of Washington, chairs the International Urban Planning and Environment Association, which will have its 7th International Symposium January 3-7, 2007, in
Bangkok. The host committee are faculty at Kasetsart University, and details for the symposium can be found at http://www.arch.ku.ac.th/upe7.

MIT Journal of Planning: Projections published a special volume on China planning and development in June 2006. The five selected papers focus on a few critical issues: conservation, transportation and land use, location choice, and growth at the urban fringe. Zhan Guo, Jinhua Zhao, and Ming Guo are co-editors of the special issue.

**Travel and research work**

Prof. Zhong-Ren Peng has spent a summer month in 2006 in China, conducting research in accessibility needs of the urban poor, and urban public transportation planning and management, giving lectures and presentations in the areas of transportation planning, intelligent transportation systems, and geographic information systems in several Chinese universities and research institutes, including Tongji University, Sun Yat-Sen University, Wuhan University of Technology, Central South University, Dalian University of Technology, Shanghai Economic Management College, China Academy of Transportation Sciences, and Minister of Construction.

Qing Shen, Vice Chair of IACP and Professor of Urban Studies and Planning at University of Maryland, worked at Nanjing University for five weeks this summer. As a Siyuan Chair Professor at Nanjing University, he taught an elective course entitled “Current Topics in Metropolitan Planning”. In addition, he worked closely with Professors Jiangang Xu and Feng Zhen – both faculty members in Nanjing University’s Department of Urban and Regional Planning – on academic research and supervision of graduate students.

Yan Zhang has worked on a housing and communal services reforms project in Russia to help the Russia Federation to carry out its national housing and utility sector reforms at the subnational level. This project supports a competitive grant mechanism to reward regions and cities that will have made the most improvement in their reforms (winners are best reformers, not necessarily best performers). In preparation for a lending project to the Kazakhstan Government to facilitate the implementation of its National Territorial Development Strategy, Yan has been conducting research on international experiences on Regional/Territorial Development policies and institutions. She also participated in an Albania urban sector review, which attempts to fill an important knowledge gap and inform the World Bank’s ongoing policy dialogue and operational program on urban development in Albania.

IACP Board member Dr. Ming Zhang travelled extensively in China over the summer. He gave lectures in the workshop on Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) in Shanghai, China, May 26-28. Over 60 Chinese mayors or vice-mayors, planning directors, bankers, and private developers attended the workshop. Scholars and practitioners from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Seoul, and the U.S. shared their knowledge and practice of TOD in their cities. After the workshop, Professor Zhang presented his paper, “The Chinese Edition of TOD,” at a planning conference in Beijing. The conference was co-organized by the Chinese Ministry of Construction and the MIT China Planning Network. At the end of the conference, faculty members from 23 universities from the U.S., United Kingdom, Japan, the Netherlands, and Korea held an open house for Chinese students who are interested in studying abroad.
Professor Zhang gave a brief slide-show presentation about the UT-Austin School of Architecture. In late July-early August, he co-organized a planning workshop in Guangshui City, Hubei Province. Students from UT Austin and the Huazhong University of Science and Technology participated in the Comprehensive Plan Revision of Guangshui City. In the new academic year, Professor Zhang and his research team are set to study land use/land cover changes as they relate to highway development in the Texas Urban Triangle megaregion. The project has received a grant support from the Southwest University Transportation Center of US DOT.

Dan Abramson is giving a talk on the relationship of property rights, community development and participatory planning at the annual meeting of the Urban Planning Society of China in Guangzhou this September. In April, the Journal of the American Planning Association (JAPA) published an article he wrote offering a perspective on general developments in the Chinese planning profession. Dan is also joining the JAPA editorial advisory board.

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The contract with Shanghai Comprehensive Urban Transport Institute has been signed to take a study of the New Town and their Transport in Shanghai. This project will be finished in the beginning of next year.

The project from Shanghai Municipal Government, of “Transport and Spatial Development Pattern in Suburban Shanghai” has been conducted in the first half of this year and last year.

Project from Shanghai Municipal Government on the Barrier-Free Transport is now undertaking to provide some guideline for Shanghai Barrier-Free Transport in the Central City and also the Suburb.

Zhan Guo and Jinhua Zhao have worked in Transport for London (TfL), London, UK in this summer. Zhan developed a car ownership model for Transport for London to investigate the impact of public transport, parking supply, road congestion level, and land use on car ownership. It is the first disaggregate and policy-responsive car ownership model for London. Jinhua has been working at TfL since March 2007 on the project of “Londoners’ Multi-modal Travel Behavior and TfL Modal Integration”, which examines traveller perception and preference of London’s multi-modal transport system and their implication on TfL’s modal integration.

Awards

Feng Zhang, an IACP member and PhD candidate in urban planning at the University of Maryland, has been awarded a one-year Eisenhower Fellowship in the amount of $6,500 to cover tuition and travel to the Transportation Research Board annual meeting. The Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship, awarded annually by the Federal Highway Administration of the US Department of Transportation, is among the most prestigious transportation fellowships. Feng is currently working on his dissertation, which examines traveller responses to real-time transit passenger information.
Prof. Zhong-Ren Peng, a Board member of IACP, has recently been granted a National Science Foundation award entitled "A Geospatial Semantic Web Framework for Feature-Level Data Search, Access, Retrieval, Integration and Visualization: A Case of Transportation Network Data" (NSF award # BCS-0616957) with his co-PIs Profs. Chuanrong Zhang and Tian Zhao. The objective of the research is to design, prototype, and assess a Geospatial Semantic Web framework to search, access, retrieve, integrate, and visualize geographic information at the feature level, using transportation network data as a case study.

Dan Abramson received a Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Grant this year to conduct research on the historical development of housing types built and owned by Overseas Chinese (Huaqiao) in Quanzhou, Fujian Province. He is collaborating with Professor Chiang Bo-Wei of National Kinmen (Quemoy) Institute of Technology and with Mr. Wang Lianmao, Curator of the Quanzhou Maritime Museum. This year Dan also received a Canadian Embassy grant to conduct comparative research on the way community groups and planners in Seattle and Vancouver, BC, engage Chinese kinship, native-place and other mutual associations to preserve historic association-owned buildings in the two cities' Chinatowns.

Fulong Wu together with Chris Webster have been awarded a research grant entitled ‘Urban Poverty and Property Right Changes in China’ from the UK’s key funding body (Economic and Social Research Council, ESRC) of 210,000 GBP.

Fulong Wu proposed an Urban China Research International Network (UCRIN) to The Leverhulme Trust under its international network program. The Trust approved UCRIN based in Cardiff University with a funding of 99,000 GBP for next three years.

Promotion / Tenure

Jean-François Doulet (PhD in Urban and Regional Planning) has been appointed Associate Professor at the department of geography of the University of Provence (France). He will keep his functions as the head of the China Programme for the City on the Move Institute (www.city-on-the-move.com).

Information / Personal Website

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Some useful web pages

世界银行驻中国代表处网站

全国政策咨询信息网

社会学人类学中国网
http://www.sachina.edu.cn/index.html

海外中国青年论坛
http://www.oycf.org/

泛珠三角中小城市网
http://www.9p2city.com/main.php

China Development Brief
http://www.chinadevelopmentbrief.com/

World Bank Urban Development Papers
Organizations

Tingwei Zhang
The Asia and China Research Program (ACRP) has been established in University of Illinois at Chicago. Professor Tingwei Zhang of the university's Urban Planning Program, and Dr. Lei Xiang, President of Guangxi Institute of Architecture and Planning Research serve as co-directors of ACRP.

Conferences

The second World Planning School Congress (WPSC2006) was held in Mexico City from July 17 to 20, 2006, after the first conference (WPSC2001) in Shanghai in 2001. About 1,000 planning educators and students and practitioner attended. The 20 panels include at least 10 focusing on globalization and international collaboration. A large number of Chinese professors and planners went to the conference. IACP's Tingwei Zhang participated in the conference and gave two presentations.

The 3rd China Planning Annual Conference/1st International Conference of China City Planning and Development were successfully held from June 14-16, 2006 in Beijing. The conference, sponsored by the Ministry of Construction and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was organized by China Planning Network (CPN) and China Urban Research Co., Ltd. Co-sponsors include Urban Planning Society of China, China Association of City Planning, China Academy of Urban Planning and Design, National Development Bank, State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, American Planning Association, U.S. Department of Transportation, and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

More than 1000 people attended the conference. Domestic participants include more than 100 planning directors and mayors from major Chinese cities (Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Nanjing, Tianjin, Guangzhou, Chongqing, Haerbin, Shenyang, Hangzhou, Qingdao, Suzhou, Shenzhen, Nanning, Taiyuan, Jinan etc.), central and provincial government officials, and scholars from key universities (Tsinghua, Tongji, Beijing, Southeast, Nanjing, Zhejiang, Fudan etc.). International participants came from more than 30 countries representing 25 universities (MIT, Harvard, Tokyo, Oxford, Cambridge, Columbia, London, Delft, Venice etc.) and a dozen of international organizations and associations (World bank, EU, IACP, City Planning Institute of Japan etc.). Vice Premier Peiyan Zeng, MIT President Susan Hockfield, University of Tokyo President Komiyama Hiroshi sent congratulation letters. Vice Chairman of the People’ Congress, Zhenhua Jiang, made the keynote speech. Xinhua News Agency, People’s Daily, Guangming Daily, China Youth Daily etc. all reported the event.

IACP extensively involved in this event. Two Board members, Zhan Guo and Jinhua Zhao, played key roles in organizing the conference. IACP Chair, Tingwei Zhang, served in the Conference Organizing Committee. Board members Fulong Wu, Ming Zhang, Qing Shen, and Zhong-ren Peng served in the Conference Academic Advisory
Committee, and all made presentations in the conference.

See more details of the conference on the keynote speech and presentations, please check CPN website: http://www.chinaplanningforum.org/xlh03(July).htm

Zhan Guo, Jinhua Zhao and Ming Guo, served as Executive Commissioners of the China Planning Network (CPN), initiated and organized the 3rd CPN Annual Conference in Beijing on June 14–16 and CPN 1st World Planning Schools Admission Open House on June 16. More than 1,000 participants from worldwide universities, non-profit organizations, World Bank, OECD, central and local governments, and planning committees and institutes attended the conference. Vice Premier Peiyan Zeng, MIT President Susan Hockfield, University of Tokyo President Komiyama Hiroshi sent congratulation letters. Vice Chairman of China’s People’ Congress, Zhenhua Jiang, made the keynote speech. Xinhua News Agency, People’s Daily, Guangming Daily, China Youth Daily etc; reported the conference. See more details of the conference on the keynote speech and presentations, please check CPN website: http://www.chinaplanningforum.org/xlh03(July).htm (Chinese) or http://mit.edu/dusp/chinaplanning/beijingconference.htm (English)


Major Conference Themes:
- Tourism and Cultural Heritage Management
- Tourism and Natural Heritage Management
- The Heritage Tourist
- Heritage Tourism Theory

Conference Organizers:
- Zhongshan University - Center for Tourism Research and Planning (Guangzhou, China)
- Northern Arizona University - Department of Geography, Planning, and Recreation (Flagstaff, Arizona, USA)

Conference Location: Sun Yat-Sen (Zhongshan) University, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China Post-Conference RURAL GUANGDONG PROVINCE FIELD TRIP - July 11 to 14

Our board members have been working closely with organizers and participants of the 2007 IACP conference, which is planned to be held in Beijing from May 22 to May 24, 2007. We expect to have a conference with innovative formats as well as fresh ideas next year.

Fulong Wu is organizing an International Conference on China’s Transition and Planning in Cardiff in the early July (4-5th) 2007. The conference is sponsored by Leverhulme Trust. For those who are interested in further information, please contact him, WuF@cardiff.ac.uk, or Fangzhu Zhang, at ZhangF4@cardiff.ac.uk