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In late 2007 and early 2008, the IACP held elections for its Board of Directors, for the first time since the initial inaugural election was held in 2005. The new Board consists of original members Qing Shen (Chair), Zhong-Ren Peng (Vice-Chair), Dan Abramson (Secretary), Ming Zhang (Treasurer), and Fulong Wu; plus new members Richard LeGates of San Francisco State University, Jiawen Yang of Georgia Institute of Technology, Xin Jin of Cornell University (student) and Yi Zhu of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (student).

Thanks to the dedication and integrity of the Election Committee – Zhan Guo, MIT (Chair); Ellen Lou of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Leslie Shieh, University of British Columbia; and Wendy Tao, UC Berkeley – the elections went smoothly.

All of IACP owes a debt of gratitude to the outgoing Board members for their service and leadership in forming and establishing the Association: Tingwei Zhang (former Chair); Zhan Guo; Yan Zhang; and Jinhua Zhao.

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### HUD Support for Research on China Planning

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of International Affairs, through Mr. Alven Lam, Director of International Research, has funded \$5,000 to IACP for publication of papers in *Cityscape*, HUD's Journal of Policy Development and Research. IACP members Dan Abramson, Jiawen Yang (with Jingzhen Shen) and Ming Zhang each submitted a manuscript.

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### ***IACP joins the 2008 International Forum on Urban Development and Planning/1<sup>st</sup> Expo on Urban Planning and Construction in Hebei Province, Langfang, Hebei, June 19-20***

The *2008 International Forum on Urban Planning and Development/1<sup>st</sup> Expo on Urban Planning and Construction in Hebei Province* in Langfang was to 2008 what the *International Conference on Urban Culture/2<sup>nd</sup> International Forum on City Planning* in Beijing was to 2007.

Both conferences were co-organized by the P.R.C. Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD, formerly the Ministry of Construction). They both were also billed as annual IACP conferences, and featured IACP among the lead promoters.

The 2008 conference and the expo's main themes were "ecological cities" and "post-disaster reconstruction". Sessions were organized on the specific themes of: post-disaster reconstruction, and disaster mitigation and prevention; green transportation; theoretical innovation in a time of globalization; ecological city models (Chinese and international); urban infrastructure planning, ecological development and reform of investment and financing; urban ecological transformation and urban renaissance.

Jiawen Yang played the lead role working with Tingwei Zhang and Qing Shen in organizing IACP participation in the conference. MOHURD provided funds to support the international travel of IACP-invited distinguished speakers. IACP sponsored or brokered the participation of: Ning Ai, Georgia Inst. of Technology (student member with direct IACP support); Robert Cervero, UC Berkeley; Dennis Doordan, University of Notre Dame; Harrison Fraker, UC Berkeley; Nancy Green Leigh, Georgia Inst. of Technology; Yidong Hu, Wuhan Inst. of Urban Planning and Design; Alven Lam; Haixiao Pan, Tongji University; Tom Pelham, Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs of the State of Florida; Tsutomu Shigemura, Kobe University; Stephen Wheeler, UC Davis; Perry Yang, National University of Singapore; and Tingwei Zhang. IACP Directors who presented were: Dan

Abramson; Zhong-Ren Peng; Jiawen Yang; and Ming Zhang.

Many presentations are online at <http://www.cityup.org/topic/annual08/speaking/index.shtml>.



IACP Members Ning Ai and Jiawen Yang with Nancy Green Leigh at the Tangshan City exhibit in the Langfang Expo.



IACP Former Chair Tingwei Zhang and current Board Members Qing Shen, Zhong-Ren Peng, Jiawen Yang, Ming Zhan and Dan Abramson hold a Board meeting in Langfang.

### Members of IACP Meet at the Joint Congress of ACSP/AESOP at Chicago

The Members and Board of Directors of IACP also met in summer 2008 at the Joint Congress of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) and the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP), Chicago, Illinois, July 9. There were 49

IACP members and many friends present at the meeting.

Qing Shen, the Chairperson of the IACP Board of Directors, started the meeting with a brief report on the 2008 International Forum on Urban Development and Planning & the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Association for China Planning (IACP) Conference, in Langfang, Hebei, China, in June. It was agreed that IACP participation in this conference was very smooth due to the special efforts of Prof. Jiawen Yang. However, despite MOHURD's generous support, fewer IACP members were able to attend than in 2008, due to concerns about the conference location (distant from Beijing), late decisions about the conference dates, and difficulties applying for visas during the period before the Olympic Games. It was resolved that the next IACP conference in China should include more IACP member presentations.

Qing Shen also announced the formation of an IACP Advisory Committee, based on an overwhelmingly positive response from those the Board of Directors invited to serve. The list of Advisors is now posted on the IACP website, at <http://www.chinaplanning.org/Advisory.htm>.

Prof. Canfei He, Associate Director of the Peking University–Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy, was in attendance and announced the Lincoln Institute's annual requests for proposals for research grants. Applications for research fellowships are generally due in September (see for example the 2008-09 Request for Proposals at [http://www.lincolninst.edu/education/rfp\\_prc\\_fellowship\\_fy09.pdf](http://www.lincolninst.edu/education/rfp_prc_fellowship_fy09.pdf)). The list

of 2008-09 awardees is online at [http://www.lincolninst.edu/education/lilp\\_research\\_prc\\_fellows\\_fy09.pdf](http://www.lincolninst.edu/education/lilp_research_prc_fellows_fy09.pdf)). Included in the group is IACP Treasurer Ming Zhang.



Treasurer Ming Zhang reporting to IACP members at ACSP-AESOP in Chicago.

## Member News

### *Publications*

Dan Abramson's article, "Haussmann and Le Corbusier in China: Land Control and the Design of Streets in Urban Redevelopment," appeared in *Journal of Urban Design* 13(2):231-256, in June, 2008. He also contributed a chapter, "The Dialectics of Urban Planning in China," to Fulong Wu's edited book, *China's Emerging Cities: the Making of New Urbanism* (London; New York: Routledge, 2007).

Thomas J. Campanella's new book, *The Concrete Dragon: China's Urban Revolution and What it Means for the World* was released this spring by Princeton Architectural Press. The book provides an overview of China's spectacular 25-year building boom, probing the historical roots of city form in China, exploring the forces driving the wholesale transformation of Chinese cities in recent years, and

considering the social and environmental implications of rapid urbanization for both China and the world.

Richard LeGates and Tingwei Zhang received third place for 2007 in an annual evaluation of the best articles on urban planning in Chinese planning journals by the Urban Planning Society of China and the Jin Jingchang Urban Planning Education Foundation. There was no first place winner for 2007. The article titled "The Chinese Planner's Guide to Western Planning Literature" (为中国规划师的西方城市规划文献导读) was published in *Tongji University's Urban Forum* (城市规划学刊), 170(4): 17-39. It was originally presented as a paper at the second International Planning Conference in Beijing in June, 2007.

Karen R. Polenske received the Sloan Industry Studies Best Book Award at the Sloan Industry Studies Annual meetings May 1 for her book *The Technology, Energy, Environmental-Health (TEEH) Chain in China: A Case Study of Cokemaking*. She notes that "Actually, of course, the prize is for each of the 15+ faculty and students who were my team members and who conducted the surveys, participated in the field trips, and wrote the different chapters in the book I edited, and all the others who helped me with the research and publication of the English and Chinese versions of the book."

Lee Schipper, Visiting Scholar at the UC Transportation Center at Berkeley, published his book, *Sustainable Urban Transportation: Context, Challenges, and Solutions* (城市交通可持续发展—要素、挑战及对策) with China Communication Press.

Fulong Wu and Fangzhu Zhang edited a special issue in *Town Planning Review* (2008, Vol. 79, No. 2-3) on "Planning the Chinese City". Fulong also guest edited with Zhen Yang, Miao Xu, two PhD students in Cardiff University, a Chinese issue of the journal *Urban Planning International*.

Jiawen Yang's and Joseph Ferreira's article, "Informing the Public of Transportation-Land Use Connections," was accepted for publication in *Transportation Research: Part C*. Two other articles by Jiawen were published in 2008: "Policy Implications of Excess Commuting: Examining the Impacts of Changes in Metropolitan Spatial Structure," *Urban Studies*, 45: 391-405; and "Choices vs. Choice Sets: a Commuting Spectrum Method for Representing Job-Housing Possibilities" (with Joseph Ferreira), *Environment and Planning B*, 35(2): 364-378.

Tingwei Zhang has published two books since last Fall: *Shopping Mall Today* (现代购物中心—选址, 规划, 设计) (2007) and *A Comparison of American and Chinese Cities* (中美城市建设和规划比较研究) (2008), both by China Architecture and Building Press. His newest book, *The Evolution and Development of Southeast Asian Cities* (转型的足迹——东南亚城市发展及演变), is due to be published by Southeast University, Nanjing, by the end of 2008.

#### *Invited Talks*

Dan Abramson's invited talks include: "Toward a Comparative Method of Evaluating Sustainable Urban Form: Lessons from Beijing," for the *cSUR International Workshop on Megacities*, University of Tokyo, March 7-8, 2008;

"Property, Participation, and the Public Interest in the Planning of China's Urbanization," at the MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning Research Symposium on *Property Rights in Transition: Variations in the Equitable Distribution of Land during Economic Reform*, May 24, 2008; participation in the drafting of a manifesto on Urban Design Education for the conference, "Re-Imagining Cities: Urban Design After the Age of Oil," University of Pennsylvania, November 6-8, 2008; and he will present his work in Quanzhou, Fujian, to a conference on urban design at the Kinmen Institute of Technology, December 12-14, 2008.

Jiawen Yang presented "Urban Transportation in China: Challenges and Hopes," at the NESCAUM Symposium on Urban Transportation, Boston, MA, August 2008.

### *Grants*

Dan Abramson is collaborating with Kam Wing Chan and the University of Washington's China Studies program on a U.S. Dept. of Education-funded outreach program for area studies in support of a professional exchange on sustainable development between U.S. and Chinese planners. The exchange will take place March 5-9, 2009, and focus on sustainable disaster recovery.

Karen R. Polenske has also received a one-year seed funding grant from BP (Beyond Petroleum) to conduct research on regional energy-intensity trends in China. This research will expand beyond the province of Shanxi to look at these trends in all of China, especially their impact on the role of electric generation in China.

### *Travel, Research, and Professional Projects*

Dan Abramson led an American team in partnership with the Chinese design firm WuHe (五合) International to win third place in a design competition for the site of the historic Tang dynasty DaMingGong palace in Xi'an, Shaanxi. He has also formed a research group on Chinese land and property issues with Kam Wing Chan (Geography), Susan Whiting (Political Science) and Dongsheng Zang (Law), all colleagues at the University of Washington.

Dr. Xueming (Jimmy) Chen, IACP Member, Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Virginia Commonwealth University, completed his research project, "A Comparative Study of the Comprehensive Transportation Systems of the International Megalopolitan Regions," and submitted the project report to the Nanjing Institute of City Transportation Planning. Dr. Chen can be contacted at [xchen2@vcu.edu](mailto:xchen2@vcu.edu).

Richard LeGates spent a month in China in March and April, 2008, lecturing in the graduate programs at the College of Architecture and Urban Planning at Tongji University in Shanghai and at Xiamen University. The lectures were based on material in his co-edited book, *The City Reader* and other volumes in the Routledge urban reader series that he co-edits. Topics included: Nature and the Metropolis, Spatial Equity, Urban Growth Management, Technology, Cities, and City Planning; Urban Design Theory, and Social science theory and urban planning. Professor LeGates is working on a 5<sup>th</sup> English-language edition of *The City Reader*, and is collaborating with Professor Tingwei

Zhang at the University of Illinois, Chicago on a Chinese adaptation and translation to be published by a Chinese publisher for use in urban planning courses in China.

Zhong-Ren Peng worked at Tongji University from May to August as Cheung Kong Chair Professor in Shanghai, China. He collaborated with colleagues at Tongji on several research projects, including using real-time transportation information to improve transportation planning theory and methods that was funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China; Expressway planning and simulation at the City of Zhengzhou that was funded by the city of Zhengzhou; and Real time transportation information forecasting and disseminations that was funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China. While in China, he was also invited to give presentations at Nanjing University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Eastern China Normal University, South East University, Central South China University, Xi'An University of Architecture and Technology, Zhengzhou University, and Anhui University of Technology.

Karen R. Polenske and members of her research staff conducted a two-week field trip to Brazil to gather data on ethanol production in the country and to attend the Regional Science World Congress in São Paulo. Karen gave four lectures while there. One on the History of Regional Science at the Fundação Getulio Vargas in São Paulo, two to energy and environment officials and equity-finance officers in São Paulo and one to key iron, steel, and coal officials in Belo Horizonte.

Qing Shen, Chair of IACP and Professor of Urban Studies and Planning at University of Maryland, is currently working with PhD advisee Chao Liu and a University of Michigan research team led by Jonathan Levine and Joe Grengs on an EPA STAR project, which aims to develop comparative indicators for metropolitan transportation and land use planning. Meanwhile, he is continuing his research collaboration with faculty at Nanjing University by participating in a project led by Professor Jiangang Xu that examines the relationship between socio-economic development and water pollution in Huaihe Basin. In June 2008, he visited Southwest Jiaotong University, where he gave a lecture entitled "Accessible and Adaptable City: A New Perspective on Land Use and Transportation Planning".

#### *Promotions and Hires*

Dan Abramson received promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with Tenure at the University of Washington.

Cathy Yang Liu joins the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University in fall 2008 as an Assistant Professor, in the field of community and economic development and public policy. She defended her Ph.D. dissertation this summer entitled "Beyond Spatial Mismatch: Immigrant Employment in Urban America" at the School of Policy, Planning and Development, University of Southern California. This dissertation examines the role of urban spatial structure and neighborhood context, especially residence in ethnically-concentrated communities on the employment outcomes and commuting behaviors of

immigrants. Her interests are in urban housing and labor market and urban form, as well as urban development issues in China.

Feng Zhang joins the University of Hong Kong in Fall 2008 as Assistant Professor of Urban Transport Planning, which is a tenure-track appointment in the Department of Urban Planning and Design, Faculty of Architecture. He is completing his dissertation in the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at the University of Maryland, College Park. His dissertation examines travel behavioral responses to real-time transit information.

#### *Announcements and Events*

California Institute of Environmental Design and Management (CIEDM), a private small educational & research center, is currently looking for planning or architectural students in a school located in Southern California to participate in the preparation & production of a publication in Chinese on the subject of earthquake disaster reduction planning and post-quake recovery. Works for the interns involve research, writing, & preparing of graphics & illustrations. Please contact Ms. Li Wu, Project Manager, at [ciedmeco@gmail.com](mailto:ciedmeco@gmail.com) for detail information.

CIEDM has organized many China planning-related events, including:

- a **mobile workshop** on June 6-13, 2008, with a 7-person delegation from CCTV, Beijing, to develop 3 documentaries on the subjects of earthquake prediction, quake disaster reduction & recovery;
- A **workshop/press conference** on May 20, 2008, on "Earthquake

Updates" & "Recovery Investment for Earthquake Disaster Areas" with a 7-person delegation from Sichuan Province included 4 members of Sichuan Sanxin Architectural Engineering Lt. Co., led by Mr. Chen Ke Mao, Assistant Director, Information & Service Center, Sichuan Provincial Investment Promotion Bureau. The workshop discussed the Sichuan earthquake, building codes and construction technology in China;

- also on May 20, a **seminar** on the subject of "Urban Development & Redevelopment Practices" for a 16-person delegation from Yuexiu District, Guangzhou, led by Ms. Gong Erzhen, Chair of the District's Standing Committee of the People's Congress and Mr. Bian Yong, District's Deputy Executive.

For more information, see:

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