



IACP Newsletter

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2010 in Review

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University of British Columbia PhD student Leslie Shieh and Harvard University PhD student Nic Smith shared the Polenske award for the best paper(s) by IACP students at the ACSP conference (*Pages 5 & 6*).

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Suwen Shen, a PhD student at the University of Florida won the Polenske award for the best paper by an IACP student at the Tongji conference. Zhu Kai, a student from Southeastern University won the IACP best student paper award (*Page 6*).

Seven IACP members attended a Ministry of Housing Urban Rural Development conference in Qinhuangdao (*Page 3*)

Fifth IACP Conference Will take Place at Renmin University in June, 2011

The fifth IACP conference will take place at Renmin University in Beijing June 17 - 19, 2010.

The conference is being organized by the IACP and Renmin University. The Urban Planning Society of China will co-sponsor the conference.

The theme of the conference will be Coordinated Urban/Rural Development and Planning in China. A call for paper abstracts will be forthcoming soon.

The conference language will be English. There will be simultaneous translation into Chinese of the keynote speeches and assistance for presenters who seek translation help.

IACP conference deadlines and important dates

Abstract Submission:	January 15
Notification of Acceptance:	February 15
Papers due:	April 15
Conference date:	June 17 –19

Check for updates on the IACP website:
<http://www.chinaplanning.org/>

IACP Events at the 2010 Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota

IACP “Learning from China” Session



Tongji University vice-president Wu Jiang



Renmin University vice-dean Lu Ping

The IACP organized an ACSP session titled “Learning from China” that brought together scholars from Tongji University in Shanghai, Renmin University in Beijing, the China Planning Network (CPN), and The International Association for China Planning. Lan Deng and Richard LeGates organized the session and Lan Deng served as moderator. About fifty IACP members, visitors from China, and Western scholars attended the session.

Tongji university vice-president WU Jiang, a professor of urban planning and former director of the Shanghai Planning Bureau described Shanghai’s rapid development and lessons learned from planning Shanghai. LU Ping, vice-dean of Renmin University’s college of Public Administration described disparities between rural and urban areas and Chengdu’s innovations in managing urban/rural relationships that may serve as a national model. University of British Columbia professor and CPN commissioner Jinhua Zhao described lessons from CPN’s experience bringing Chinese and Western urban planners together. IACP board chair Zhong-ren Peng described the IACP organization and recent and planned IACP work and China’s accomplishments in building a national high speed rail network.

IACP Annual Meeting

The IACP held its annual membership meeting at ACSP. About fifty IACP members attended the meeting.

Board chair Zhong-Ren Peng reported on the successful fourth annual IACP conference at Tongji University. Renmin University professor Lei Zhang described plans for the fifth annual conference which will be held at Renmin University in June, 17 –19, 2011 (See information on page 1). Board treasurer Jianling Li reported briefly on finances and board secretary Richard LeGates urged members present to send in news items to this newsletter.

A high point of the meeting was the award of the Polenske prize for the best ACSP paper submitted by an IACP member. (See below).

IACP ACSP Polenske Awards

The \$ 1,000 IACP Polenske award for the best paper by a student IACP member presented at ACSP was presented to two students this year. The award is named in honor of Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Karen Polenske in recognition of her contribution to educating Chinese planning students.

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IACP Polanski Awards (Cont.)

Professor Polenske presented the awards in person.

Each student received a certificate and \$ 500. Nic Smith, a PhD candidate in the Harvard graduate school of design and IACP member presented his research at an ACSP session on “Urban Development and Forms of Insurgency”. His paper, titled “Contested Spaces: Development and Garffito Resistance in Urban China” analyzed anti-development graffiti. Leslie Shieh, a PhD student at the University of British Columbia and an IACP member presented her research at an ACSP session on “Planning, Housing, and Urban Livelihoods”. Her paper, titled “Learning from the City: Community Construction in Peri-urban China” described changing planning policy for the Nanjing region urban fringe.

IACP members attend Qinhuangdao conference

Seven IACP delegates participated in the China Ministry of Housing and Urban Rural Development’s (MHURD) 2010 International Conference on Urban Development and Planning in Qinhuangdao, a coastal and tourism city in Heibei Province from June 21st to June 24, 2010. The IACP members were invited to attend by MHURD’s vice minister Qiu Baixian. The theme of the conference was *Ecological and Digital Cities: Transforming China’s Urban Development*.

The IACP participants at the Qinhuangdao conference were Tingwei Zhang, Zhong-Ren Peng, Qing Shen, Xinghao Wang, Patrick McCathy, Perry Yang, and Jiawen Yang.



University of British Columbia PhD candidate Leslie Shieh receives her award from Professor Karen Polenske



Harvard PhD candidate Nic Smith receives his award from Professor Karen Polenske

Fourth Annual IACP Conference Held at Tongji University in Shanghai

The 4th International Association for China Planning Conference was held successfully in Shanghai from June 19th to 21, 2010. The conference venue was Tongji University, which also hosted the World Planning Schools Congress in 2001. During the four day period, more than 250 people attended the conference including participants from North American, Europe, Australian and East Asia.

The conference happened at the peak of the Shanghai World Expo. It shared the Expo's theme "Better City, Better Life". Over 130 presentations were delivered, describing researchers and planning professionals' efforts to help improve the cities and sustainable urban development. Papers were presented in the following tracks: sustainable urban transportation & infrastructure finance; advances in planning support systems and analytical tools; urban

and regional development in the age of globalization, housing and land policies; historic and cultural preservation, climate change and sustainable planning and planning education and international exchanges.

The conference featured keynotes from five distinguished speakers: Martin Wachs, director of the space and transportation division of the RAND corporation, former director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and the former chairman of the executive committee of the Transportation Research Board; Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology at Columbia University; Peter Taylor, Professor of Geography at United Kingdom's Loughborough University; SHI Nan, Vice President & Secretary General of Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC) and Executive Chief Editor of CITY PLANNING REVIEW; and TANG Zilai, Chair and Professor of the Department of Urban Planning at Tongji University.



The conference highlights included a Plenary Roundtable Panel on Sino-US Urban Planning Education & Research. The panel consisted of three Western and four Chinese scholars: Cheryl Contant, President, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning; Karen Polenske, Peter de Florez Professor of Regional Political Economy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Lawrence Vale, Ford Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; MAO Qi-Zhi, Professor and Associate Dean, College of Architecture and Urban Planning at Tsinghua University; Professor WU Zhi-Qiang, Assistant to the President of Tongji University and Deputy Chairman, Urban Planning Society of China; and Professor ZHAO Min from the Tongji University Department of Urban Planning. The session was moderated by IACP secretary Professor Richard LeGates and Professor PAN Hai-Xiao from Tongji's Department of Urban Planning.

Two awards for the best student papers—the Polenske award and the IACP best student paper award were presented at the conference. (see page 6)

The conference was generously supported by Tongji University, the Urban Planning Society of China, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, ESRI (China), and the Shenzhen Planning and Land Resource Management Bureau.

**Georgia Tech and China
National Electrical Apparatus
Research Institute Forum**

On August 1-3, 2010, China National Electric Apparatus Research Institute (CEI) and Georgia Institute of Technology



Tongji conference roundtable participants

convened a China-U.S. Forum on Sustainable Solutions to Global and Regional E-Waste in Guangzhou, China. The forum was roposed by Dr. Nancey Green Leigh and PhD student Ning Ai from the School of City and Regional Planning at Georgia Tech.

This forum was designed to promote international collaboration in related interdisciplinary fields. The focus was to foster the economic development potential of legitimate recycling activities within metropolitan areas, while reducing harmful environmental impacts of global e-waste management. Nearly 70 attendees representing academia, government, and industry sectors from both China and the US were present at the Forum. The attendees concluded that the major challenges of e-waste management are not mechanical or technological difficulties, but rather economic and social barriers in the e-waste system planning and design at multiple geographic scales. The role for planners in closing this gap could be significant. The Forum was funded by the US National Science Foundation Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE). It also received support and attendance from the National Natural Science Foundation of China, the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou, the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Tongji Conference Polenske Prize

Suwan Shen, a PhD student at the University of Florida received a \$ 1,000 Karen R. Polenske award for her work as the lead author of a paper titled “Impact Analysis of Changing Riverine Frequencies caused by Climate Change on Transportation Infrastructure & Land Use”. The award was presented by Karen Polenske at the conference banquet. A copy of Suwan’s paper can be downloaded from the awards section of the IACP website.

Working with University of Florida professor Peter Waylen, Suwan developed a methodology to assess the impact of climate change at the local level and applied it to several river basins in Florida. Suwan calculated probabilities of flooding and other impacts on land use and transportation systems at the scale of single river systems likely to occur as a result of global warming. Analyzing data from Florida and data on similar conditions in other parts of the world using GIS, Suwan was able both to provide estimates of the probabilities of increased risk global climate change would cause at the specific locations studied and, more generally, to illustrate how this important kind of research can be done.

Look for details of next year’s IACP Polenske award for the Fifth Annual IACP conference at Renmin University in Beijing on the IACP website. The award is only open to student members of the IACP who have paid their dues by January 15, 2011.

Tongji Conference IACP Best Student Paper Award

ZHU Kai, a student at Southeastern University in Nanjing received this year’s IACP best student paper award (\$ 600 U.S.) at the Fourth Annual IACP conference in Shanghai for his paper titled “An Analysis on Basic Public Service Equalization with the View of Utility-oriented Urban and Rural Residents—the Case of Nanjing City”. A copy of Zhu’s paper can be downloaded from the awards section of the IACP website.

Working under the direction of professor WANG Xing-ping, Zhu described differences in the propensity to consume and the gap in consumer expenditures in health care, education, transportation, and other public services between rural residents and city dwellers in Nanjing and analyzed alternative governmental approaches to service equalization either by increasing rural residents’ capacity to consume public goods through subsidies or increasing the supply of public services accessible to them.

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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 who has paid 2011 dues.

News from the members

QIN Bo, an Assistant Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Management, Renmin University of China, is working on his National Science Foundation of China (NSFC) project on the causal relations between urban spatial structure and household carbon emission in Beijing. Collaborating with the Beijing Municipal Commission of Urban Planning, this project aims to explore possible solutions for low-carbon Beijing development from the perspective of spatial planning. His recent works also include a Master Plan of ChengDuo (a county in YuShu), a Master Plan for DongYing, and a research project on the urbanization strategy in Shenzhen.

Dr. Xueming (Jimmy) Chen, Virginia Commonwealth University, was elected as the Vice Chair of the IACP Board at the 4th IACP Conference in Shanghai, in June, 2010. He was also charged with the responsibility of working with Renmin University to organize the 5th IACP Conference to be held in Beijing, in July, 2011. Dr. Chen toured Renmin University after the Shanghai Conference, and held a three-party meeting with Renmin Professors and Shi Nan, Secretary-General of the Urban Planning Society of China. During the past year, he has had six articles either published or in press.

Christine Boyle, winner of the 2009 ACSP Karen R. Polenske award for her research on water planning and policy in rural China is entering her final year in the UNC Department of City and Regional Planning doctoral program. Over the past year, while writing her dissertation on irrigation governance in north China, Christine has expanded her research interests into two related aspects of environmental planning, understanding China's water-energy nexus and exploring China's changing land use policies. She gave speeches on China's water-energy nexus at the Asia Society of North California, and "Half the World 2010: Energy and the Environment in East Asia" at Hobart College.

Earl Bossard from San Jose State University gave presentations titled "Considering Bicycles' Role in Sustainable Urban Places" in March 2010 at the International Workshop on Health and Sustainable Watershed Research and Management in Wenzhou and Hangzhou sponsored by Zhejiang University, Wenzhou Medical College, and the University of California, Davis. In April he made presentations at Sichuan University and Jiuzhaiguo National Park on "How can GIS be used to Envision and Understand Jiuzhaiguo National Park?" In June at the IACP conference he made a presentation regarding bicycle planning in China which included lessons learned during a May Netherlands study tour. In June, 2010 professor Bossard also taught an "Information Design Visualization" class at Sichuan University.

Sam Casella's most recent work in China has been research relating to planning of the Yujiapu Financial District (YFD) in Tianjin. YFD is intended to be a national center of financial innovation and a completely new, energy-efficient, low-carbon, high-intensity urban development. The goal of his work was to analyze and recommend how plans for sustainable design, mobility, and urban functions could achieve a quality of life that is competitive with other global financial centers in the U.S., Europe, and Asia.

Lan Deng moderated the IACP session on "Learning from China" at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning annual conference in Minneapolis. A revised version of her IACP-commissioned, HUD-funded paper on Chinese housing policy has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Planning Literature* with the title "The Emerging Housing Policy Framework in China".

Deng, Anrong from Tsinghua University's Information Lab of Human Settlement, hosted the Cross-Strait Urban Geographic Information System Forum 2010 from July 17 to 19, 2010 in Beijing. More than 80 scholars from Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Chongqing, Nanjing, Shenzhen, Hong Kong, Macao, Taipei, Tainan, Kaohsiung, and Taizhong attended the forum. Topics discussed during the forum included urban information sharing and services, urban information analysis and simulation, urban land use and land cover, and urban planning and management. More than 20 participants gave presentations related to the four topics and 8 of them received first, second, or third place best paper awards.

Jean-Francois Doulet has been appointed associate professor at the Paris Institute of Urban Planning (University of Paris-East) and vice-director of the Sino-French Centre for Urban and Regional Planning Studies (the framework of the cooperation programme with Nanjing University). He is currently preparing an international conference devoted to urbanization issues in China which be held at the Paris Institute of Urban Planning on November 2, 3 and 4, 2010. In parallel, as the head of the China programme of the Institut pour la ville en mouvement (www.city-on-the-move.com), he recently organized in the Shenzhen Pavilion of the Shanghai World Expo an award ceremony for the prize "Better mobility, better life" that was launched in China last year to support innovative mobility solutions.

Zhan Guo from New York University (NYU) held a 2010 summer course on urbanization at the NYU Center on the campus of East China Normal University (ECNU) in Shanghai. Twenty-two graduate students from NYU and Georgetown University attended the two-week course.

Richard Hu was appointed Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at the University of Canberra. Richard also acts as the course convener for an undergraduate course in urban and regional planning. Recently, Richard was awarded a University of Canberra Fellowship to investigate the urban competitiveness of a group of leading global cities.

Edward Huang gave a presentation on “Rail Oriented Urban Development” to a delegation from the NingBo Railroad Construction Authority visiting Los Angeles in April, 2010. The Authority appointed Dr. Huang a Senior Advisor. RailLA selected & posted a paper titled “High Speed Rail Development: China & Taiwan Experiences” written by Dr. Huang & 10 University of California Irvine (UCI) planning students on <http://railla.org/1753>. In May, 2010 Dr. Huang presented a paper titled “Regeneration of Sustainable Urban Agriculture” at the International Conference on Ecological Agriculture in Claremont & hosted a tour of the California Institute of Environmental Design & Management (CIEDM)’s Arcadia EcoHome for four Chinese conferees.

Jianxiang Huang urban designer at Sasaki Associates in Boston and a member of the IACP board became a certified planner of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) in May 2010. His recent work includes the master plan for the Northern Texas University Research Park in Denton Texas, city-wide design guidelines for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the Facility Master Plan for the Research Park at Dessert Research Institute (DRI) in Reno, Nevada. Huang also presented the Beidaihe New District Master Plan at the Asian Designer Forum at the Boston Society of Architects (BSA). In fall 2010, he started doctoral studies at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University.

Annette M. Kim of The Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Department of Urban Studies and Planning is guest editing a special issue of the journal *Urban Studies* that will be published in early 2011. The issues brings together comparative in-depth research of case studies of land compensation issues in eastern Asia which had surprising instances of increasing equity. The cases include Beijing, Shandong, Hunan, Quanzhou, Xiamen, and other sites in China as well as sites in Vietnam and Japan. Professor Kim is also engaged in a critical cartography project which is creating alternative maps of sidewalk life in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Eva Lerner-Lam, M.ASCE, F.ITE, and her team at PCG Digital Media launched PCG ChinaBooks™, an iOS App that brings original science, technology and engineering works from China by leading publishers in China to technical professionals around the world on the Apple iPad™, iPhone® and iPod Touch® devices in August 2010. The App is free at the Apple App Store®, and readers can download free previews of all books and periodicals. Works may also be previewed online at PCGChinaBooks.com.

LI Yuan from Xiamen Univeristy is visiting the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina for one year as a postdoctoral researcher. He is currently working with Prof. Yan Song and Prof. Richard Klosterman on incorporating the What if? model into Esri's ArcGIS platform and exploring new planning support system case studies in China.

Sisi Liang, a Ph.D Candidate in the Department of City and Regional Planning, School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, continued her work on physical planning strategies of science parks in China. She presented her research results at the October ACSP conference. She was commissioned to investigate the planning strategies in two projects. One is the design of China Smart Grid Research Institute, and the other is planning of Research Park of China State Nuclear Power Technology Corporation Ltd. She helped organize the 2010 4th IACP conference in Shanghai and participated in the 2010 ACSP PhD Workshop in Atlanta in July, 2010.

Kathy Pain, ALDAR Professor of Real Estate Development, University of Reading, UK, presented the results from her research into global mega-city regions in Europe (<http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=56982>) and explored the implications for planning in China at the IACP 2010 session, ‘Spatial Transformations in Contemporary World Globalization – What implications for Chinese mega-city regions?’ At the 9th International Forum of Urban Competitiveness 2010 conference in Nanjing, professor Pain discussed the results of the ‘Global Urban Analysis - 2008’ project by the Globalization and World Cities (GaWC) research group and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), in her paper ‘Building the world trade routes of states in C21st globalization’.

Qisheng Pan from Texas Southern University has been appointed the permanent chair of the Department of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy at Texas Southern University. After the IACP conference, professor Pan gave a talk about polycentric urban form in Houston to faculty and students at the School of Geography and Planning at Zhongshan (Sun Yan-Sen) University in Guangzhou and the Urban Planning Organization of Guanzhou. He led a delegation of oil & petro-chemical professionals from Houston to visit ChongQing and ChengDu in July, hosted by the Oversea Chinese Affairs Office of the City Government.

PAN Haixiao from Tongji University: (a) organized a competition on innovative mobility service with IVM (Paris) in China. The three winners have selected were public bikes in Shanghai, community carpooling in Wuhan and parking space sharing in Ningbo. They also received 107 proposals from 49 universities for student competition on the same topic, (b) gave a keynote speech at the Copenhagen Global Velo-city conference in June about bike transport in China, (c) served as the coordinator on the Chinese side for the Sino-French High Quality Public Transport Conference/WCTRS Conference on Low Carbon Green Urban Transport held September 11 – 12, (d) participated with University of California professor Elizabeth Deakin in a one week training program on sustainable urban development supported by the Energy Foundation from September 13 – 17, 2010.

Richard LeGates an emeritus professor at San Francisco State University and a visiting professor at U.C. Berkeley continued as secretary of the IACP board and editor of the IACP newsletter. An article in *Urban Forum* he co-authored with Tingwei Zhang based on their keynote address to the 3rd Annual IACP conference in Nanjing received an award from the Urban Planning Society of China and the Jin Jing-Chang Planning Foundation as the best article in a Chinese planning journal in 2009. He co-chaired a roundtable on planning pedagogy at the fourth annual IACP conference at Tongji University. He was a discussant on a panel on planning pedagogy at the China Planning network's "China week" conference in Nanjing in June. Professor LeGates has been appointed a consultant to the China Academy of Social Sciences Global Urban Competitiveness Project (GUCP) and presented a paper titled "The San Francisco Bay Area High Technology Information Industry In the Post Neoliberal Era" at the 9th Annual GUCP conference in Nanjing in June. During Spring, 2010 he lectured to delegations visiting San Francisco from Lianyungang, Shanghai, and Guangzhou and, as a Fulbright scholar, co-taught a course on the evolution of cities at the American University of Sharjah in the UAE. The fifth edition of professor LeGates' co-edited anthology *The City Reader* will be published by Routledge in January, 2011.

MAO Qizhi is teaching urban planning and design courses at Tsinghua University, and also (a) participated in the Fifth Session of the World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro from 22 to 26 March 2010 and gave a talk at Dialogue 6 on Sustainable Urbanization: Cities in a Changing Climate - Promoting Inclusive and Environmentally Sustainable Cities, (b) attended the IACP Tongji conference in June 2010, and spoke at the plenary roundtable session on "International China Planning academic and research exchanges", (c) is one of major authors of the State of China's Cities (2010/2011) with UN-Habitat, International Eurasian Academy of Sciences, and China Mayors Association. This is the first version of the State of China's Cities. It was published on October 4—World Habitat Day—at Shanghai Expo 2010.

Zhong-Ren Peng, chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Florida and IACP board chair led a group of US students from the University of Florida, University of Michigan and San Jose State University to China to have a joint design studio that focused on urban renewal and urban transportation planning issues in the City of Wuhan with faculty and students at Huazhong University of Science and Technology and Wuhan University of Technology in the summer. He also had a joint research project at Tongji University in Shanghai on the topic of seeking new ways to acquire, process and utilize real-time transportation information systems in remote sparse transportation networks for transportation management and incident detections using a combination of air-borne devices such as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) and roadside sensors. The research was funded by the National High-tech R&D Program (863 Program) of the China Ministry of Science and Technology.

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 Emerging Markets. As chair of the Urban Housing Conference organized by the China Planning Network (CPN), Retsinas discussed the housing market and how support of affordable housing can be part of a long-term economic development strategy in Nanjing in June. Professor Retsinas also chaired a panel on the implications of an aging Chinese population on government policies and on its labor markets. He has recently written cases on senior housing and on business hotels in China.

Qing Shen, chair of the University of Washington's Department of Urban Planning and former IACP board chair was an invited speakers at the EXPO Forum on "Harmonious Cities and Livable Life" hosted by the city of Hangzhou on October 6-7, 2010. His presentation was entitled "Diverse Urban Transport Services for Diverse People and Activities". He spent most of the summer 2010 in Shanghai working with Professor Pan Haixiao and several graduate students at Tongji University on urban transportation research. Several co-authored articles on topics ranging from transit-oriented development to bicycle rental systems are forthcoming in journals and academic conferences. Professor Shen is one of the four authors (Joseph Grengs, Jonathan Levine, Qing Shen, and QingyunShen) whose paper "Intermetropolitan Comparison of Transportation Accessibility: Sorting Out Mobility and Proximity in San Francisco and Washington, D.C." won the most recent Chester Rapkin Award, the annual ACSP award for the best paper published in the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. The paper is a product of their joint EPA STAR project.

SHI Nan, Vice president and secretary general of the Urban Planning Society of China was a keynote speaker at the Fourth Annual IACP conference. A complete list of UPSC conferences that SHI helped organize in 2010 is on page 17.

Jiawen Yang from the University of Georgia participated in research and training activities organized by the Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy In July 2010, The center was jointly established by China's Peking University and USA's Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in 2007, aiming to promote education and research on China's urban development and land policy. It has annual proposal solicitation for scholars and graduate students in Chinese Universities and research institutes. It also conducts annual training for young Chinese scholars and government officials. Jiawen Yang served on the proposal review panel, lectured in the training seminar, and gave a talk on an urban development symposium.

Professor Karen R. Polenske from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was a keynote speaker at the August, 2010 forum on Industrial Clusters and Innovation, sponsored by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. This Second International Technological Innovation Management and Policy Symposium was held in Changsha, China (the capital of Hunan Province). Her talk on “Regional Innovation Clusters in China: A Problem or a Solution?” elicited many interesting comments from the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean participants. After the Symposium, she joined 20 of the participants on a tour of ZhangJiaJie, the first national park in China, established in 1982, where the movie Avatar was filmed.

Saskia Sassen—the Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Co-director, The Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University (www.saskiasassen.com)—was one of the keynote speakers at the 4th IACP conference this spring. Professor Sassen was made an Honorary Fellow by the National Academy of the Social Sciences in Beijing, sponsored by Professor Ni Pengfei. Another one of her books, *Cities in a World Economy*, will be published in Chinese in 2010 by Yilin Press (Beijing). Her book *The Global City* was published in Chinese by the Shanghai Academy of the Social Sciences. She recently was a plenary speaker at the Shaoxing Forum of the Shanghai Expo. On October 31 she will be a speaker at the closing Forum of the Expo.

Andrew Stokols, a recent graduate from UC Berkeley, completed a research project on historic preservation and local ownership of cultural tourism in Beijing and Pingyao. He undertook this research in 2009 as an exchange student at Capital Normal University in Beijing, and as an intern for the Global Heritage Fund in Pingyao, Shanxi province. The project sought to determine how residents could play a larger role in the cultural tourism industries in both Beijing and Pingyao. Stokols hopes to return to China soon before applying to graduate schools.

Larry Vale, Ford Professor of Urban Design and Planning at MIT, continues as chair of the faculty advisory board of the China Planning Network. During June, he participated in panels at the IACP conference in Shanghai and at the China Planning Network events in Nanjing. In July 2010, he authored an illustrated essay about the Shanghai Expo for the on-line journal *Places*, entitled "Shanghai's Avenue Queue"

Jun Wang from the National University of Singapore is working on a research project on sustainable benchmarks for Asian cities. The project, collaborating with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore, Housing & Development Board, and National Parks Singapore, aims to develop a hierarchical sustainable framework for Asian cities (least developed, developing and developed). She is studying Chinese cities to identify innovative and effective programs with outstanding performance in land use planning, green neighborhood, and cultural cities. Her other research project explores culture-led urban regeneration in Beijing and Shanghai, with special concern for the urban regimes behind the transformation of art spaces.

Rui Wang from The University of California, Los Angeles coauthored a National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Working Paper titled “The Greenness of China: Household Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Urban Development” (No. 15621, Dec. 2009). The Annual May Conference of the China Program of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy invited him to present “Comparing Passenger Transportation Systems in Large Cities with Lifecycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions” in Cambridge, MA. He gave a talk on carpooling in Chinese cities at the 4th Annual IACP Conference in Shanghai. In July, he presented “Windfalls, Wipeouts and Spatial Justice: Toward Financial and Social Sustainability of Urban Transportation in China” at the Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center’s International Symposium. Professor Wang is working on “Land Use, Travel and Health in China”.

Xinhao Wang from the University of Cincinnati, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to do research with colleagues at Shandong University, China during the 2009-2010 academic year. Professor Wang conducted his study in Jinan, because of the city’s thousands of years of history and its distinctive landscape replete with springs, lakes and mountains. The end result is a Web-based interactive visual GIS that presents and interprets key features of the urban landscape. The research aims to add to our understanding of how to accommodate change while carrying forward historical heritage that gives a place special character and meaning.

Chris Webster from Cardiff University started an urban China project with Fulong Wu in May 2010 funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council and Department for International Development. It investigates (a) the incidence of 'slum'-living in 'villages in the city' in Guangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing and (b) the government and market based institutions for 'slum' upgrading and redevelopment. The project will draw conclusions about the meaning of the concept of slum in the Chinese context and identify models of change that can be transferred to other developing countries. Chris has visited Hefei, Chongqing, Xiamen and Sun Yat Sen Universities this year to arrange collaborative teaching arrangements with Cardiff's expanding Masters programme and to set up links with Cardiff University's new Institute for Sustainable Places. The Institute is led by Cardiff's City and Regional Planning School and involves five other schools: Medical, Business, Environmental Science, Architecture and Engineering. Chris also visited Hangzhou University's College of Public Administration, where he is involved with Shi Kung Lai from Taipei National University in setting up a new Centre for Urban Management. Professor Webster is also working with the editors of Tongji-based *Urban Planning Forum* about internationalizing the famous journal.

Yehua Dennis Wei from the University of Utah organized an International Workshop on Transnational Corporations, Knowledge and Networks in China’s Regional Economy at Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany, June 21-23, 2010. His 2010 publications dealt with the Sunan model (EPC 28: 72-96), urban spatial structure (*Urban Geography* 31(3): 321-347), FDI in urban China (*Professional Geographer* 62(2): 264-283), regional inequality (*Applied Geography* 30: 303-316), health inequality (*EGE*, No. 6, in press) and corporate networks (*Urban Geography*, No. 8, in press).

Fulong Wu from Cardiff University is the co-principle investigator for a project on Global Suburbanism funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). His new book, *Urban Poverty in China*, co-authored with Chris Webster, Shenjing He and Yuting Liu (Edward Elgar press, 2010) is described at http://www.e-elgar.co.uk/Bookentry_main.lasso?19=13189. A paperback edition of *China's Emerging Cities: The Making of New Urbanism* was published by Routledge

Perry Yang, an Associate Professor of Architecture and City and Regional Planning at Georgia Institute of Technology, was awarded prizes in international design competitions in 2010, including the Green Heart design at Shunde Guangdong (one of the two first prize winners), Hangzhou Bay new district design, in collaboration with Tongji University (2nd prize) and the Gateway to Three Gorges in Sanxia Yichang, in collaboration with Shenzhen Planning Institute (3rd prize). His urban design work was recently featured in one of China's leading architecture magazines *WA (World Architecture)* in a special issue on Ecological Urbanism in January 2010. His new book *Ecological Urbanism: Scale, Complexity and Design* was published by China Architecture and Building Press in September 2010. Professor Yang co-chaired the organizing committee of UPE9, the 9th Symposium of International Urban Planning and Environment Association in Guangzhou China in August, 2010.

Ming Zhang from the University of Texas, Austin (UTA) organized the 6th China Planning Workshop on July 20 - August 5, 2010. Eleven graduate students from the UTA exchanged with students from South China University of Technology in Guangzhou and Wuhan University in Wuhan. The main theme of this year's workshop was High-speed Rail (HSR) and urban spatial development. IACP member Yidong Hu, Deputy Director of the Center for Urban Planning and Research, Planning Bureau of Wuhan, attended the final review of the workshop. In addition, Professor Zhang presented his paper "Land Use as a Tool to Reduce VMT and GHG Emissions: Potential and Challenges" in the 4th IACP conference in Shanghai and gave a presentation on planning education in the U.S. at the Symposium of China Planning Education Reform in Xi'an, June 23-26, 2010. Beginning July 1, 2010, Ming Zhang became Adjunct Dean of the School of Urban Design, Wuhan University.

Tingwei Zhang, co-authored an article with Richard LeGates titled "Changing Planning Paradigms in China in the Post-Neoliberalism Era" in *Urban Forum*, that won first prize, for the best planning paper of 2009 awarded by the Urban Planning Society of China and the Jin Jing-chang Planning Foundation. The article is based on Zhang and LeGates' keynote address at the 3rd IACP conference in Nanjing in June, 2009. Professor Zhang gave presentations at the 2009 ACSP Conference (Washington, DC), the 2010 IACP Annual Conference (Shanghai), the 2010 International Urban Development and Planning Forum (Qinghuangdao), and the Shanghai EXPO2010—Low Carbon Livable City Conference (Shanghai) He is currently working on a book about mixed use and CAZ development based on the Chicago experience.

Yi Zhu, a Ph.D. student at MIT and a continuing student member of the IACP board, is responsible for the maintenance of the IACP website. He is currently working with Professor Wang Xinping from the Southeast University, China, looking into the spatial evolution of residential and industrial areas in the Yangtze delta region and assessing the potential impacts of the high-speed rail network on job and housing redistribution in the region.

Urban Planning Society of China 2010 Conferences

Mar. 29-31, 2010	Tangjiawan Town, Zhuhai, Guangdong Province	2009-2010 Conference of Historic and Cultural City Committee	2nd Anniversary of Announcement and Implementation of Historic and Cultural City and Town Conservation Ordinance
Apr. 23, 2010	Wuhan, Hubei Province	Urban Industrial Heritage Conservation and regeneration Symposium	Urban Industrial Heritage Conservation and regeneration
Apr. 21-23, 2010	Xinning County, Hunan Province	Annual Conference of Landscape and Environment Planning Committee	World Heritage Conservation and Usage
Jun. 24-25, 2010	Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology	National Urban Planning Pre-Professional Education Symposium	Planning Pre-Professional Education
Jun. 18-20, 2010	Shanghai	Shanghai Expo · Low-Carbon and Livable City Forum	Low-Carbon and Livable City
Jun. 16-17, 2010	Shanghai	2010 Annual Conference of Youth Working Committee	Great Event and Urban Development
Jun. 18-19, 2010	Chongqing	2010 Annual Conference of Urban Ecological Planning Committee	Implementation Orientated Urban Ecological Planning
Jun. 19-21, 2010	Tongji University, Shanghai	"Better City, Better Life" International Symposium	Better City, Better Life
Jun. 22-23, 2010	Qinhuangdao, Hebei Province	2010 International Conference for Urban Development and Planning	Ecology, Low-Carbon and Digitalization: Development Mode Transition of Chinese Cities
Jul. 14, 2010	Madrid Pavilion, Shanghai Expo	Impact of City Openness in the Global Competitiveness Symposium	Impact of City Openness in the Global Competitiveness
Aug. 3-6, 2010	Guangzhou, Guangdong Province	9th International Urban Planning and Environment Conference	Challenge to Sustainable Planning: Rapid Urbanization, Global Regression and Climate Change
Jul. 13, 2010	Changchun, Jilin Province	2010 Annual Conference of Engineering Planning Committee	Save Resources, Save Energy, Reduce CO2 emission
Sept. 1-4, 2010	Shanghai	Climate Change and Global Media Forum	Climate Change and city adaptation
Sept. 21, 2010	Nairobi, Kenya	46th International Planning Congress/ Chinese Urban Planning Session	Planning China
Sept. 14, 2010	Beijing	Urban Environment Security and Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Workshop	Urban Environment Security and Disaster Prevention and Mitigation
Oct. 15-17	Chongqing	2010 Annual National Planning Conference	Planning Innovation