

The Hague, 7 May 2020

Subject: ISOCARP – Scientific Committee (ISC20.23.01)

Dear esteemed Member!

On behalf of the Executive Committee, it's my great pleasure to appoint you as member of ISOCARP's Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee of the International Society of City and Regional Planners plays a critical role in enabling the Society to represent city and regional planners in internal and international debates and policymaking, for some of the greatest challenges of our times.

The Scientific Committee advises the Board, the Executive Committee (ExCom), the World Planning Congress teams and other working bodies in the Society on major technical planning issues, with professional and academic integrity and competence.

The aims of the Scientific Committee are:

- To assist the Society to remain at the forefront of planning thinking and practice.
- To provide substantive opinion that helps the Board and the Head Office to continue to shape ISOCARP's proactive and progressive agenda of sustainable urbanisation and territorial development.
- To provide evidence-based analysis that enables the Society to make public contributions to international debates on critical issues related to cities and regions.
- To support the aims and objectives of the Society as set out in its [Constitution](#).

Members of the Scientific Committee are appointed for three years and a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. Due to delay to install the ScieCom at last years Congress in Jakarta, we will deviate from the Congress to Congress rule by installing this new ScieCom in May 2020, with a three-year duration until May 2023, unless the Board decides to extend the term until the 2023 Congress.

Members of the Scientific Committee are expected to consistently contribute to the activities of the Committee. The work of the Scientific Committee is conducted through online meetings, internet discussions and the review of documents. Members are expected to attend the annual World Planning Congress and the Annual Meeting of the Scientific Committee which is held at the same time. If financial support for travel is available through sponsorship, members are also expected to attend at least one workshop a year.

The Society relies on members volunteering their time and expertise in the interests of 'Knowledge for Better Cities and Regions', and such contributions are greatly appreciated. Members of the Scientific Committee do not pay the registration fee to attend the annual World Planning Congress.

The Scientific Committee will be chaired by Mr. Dushko Bogunovich (bogunovich@isocarp.org), member of the Board and Executive Committee of the Society. The Committee determines its own procedures. Through the Chair, the Committee provides quarterly activity reports to the Board, which may:

- Describe a number of topics of significant interest in the international planning field, in the present and near future, which are aligned with the ISOCARP agenda and are suitable for a future Congress or a major publication;
- Identify distinguished experts and authors on issues of special or urgent importance, selected from the membership of the Society;
- Identify distinguished experts and authors on issues of special or urgent importance from outside the Society, who may be invited to join the Society.

Together with the Secretary General of our Society, I will ensure that the activities of the Scientific Committee are aligned with other ISOCARP flagship programs including UPATs and YPPs and working groups; and provide coordination with the ISOCARP Secretariat and with the ISOCARP Institute.

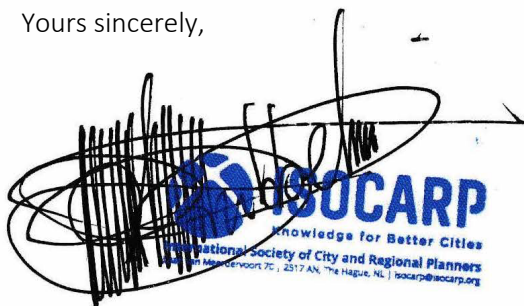
Members of the Scientific Committee who are not in a position to attend the Annual Meeting of the Committee, or who cannot be actively involved in the discussions and activities of the Committee, are expected to offer their resignation or may be asked by ExCom to make their position available to another suitable candidate.

Your membership will effectuate within 48 hours upon sending out this appointment letter. Within that timeslot, please send us a short Bio of max 150 words and a high resolution mugshot to update the Scientific Committee page on [Planetary](#), our website. We also plan to publicly announce the new ScieCom through ISOCARP's social media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

The chair will contact you soon after the final appointment to arrange a date for the inaugural remote working meeting, which I will be happy to co-introduce alongside Secretary General Frank D'hondt, if agenda allows. Meanwhile the chair will prepare a draft roadmap and workplan for discussion and finalization during the kick-off meeting.

I want to warmly thank you in advance for the commitment, and hope you will enjoy the pleasure of collaborative exchange of ideas and advise to advance the interplay between the theory and praxis of urban and territorial planning.

Yours sincerely,

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Martin Dubbeling', written over the ISOCARP logo. The logo consists of a blue globe icon to the left of the word 'ISOCARP' in bold blue capital letters. Below 'ISOCARP' is the tagline 'Knowledge for Better Cities' in a smaller font. Underneath that, it reads 'International Society of City and Regional Planners'. At the bottom of the logo, there is contact information: 'P.O. Box 10000, 2517 AA, The Hague, NL | isocarp@isocarp.org'.

Martin Dubbeling
President

