



Editorial

2007, year of sustainable development

All the activities led or supported by ISTED are registered in a process of a sustainable development.

For roads and infrastructures sectors, the CESRoute, which will celebrate its 10 years in 2007, will include a module focusing on environmental approach and for its 23rd World Road Congress, to be held in Paris on September, 17th-21th, PIARC had selected "sustainable development" as a central theme.

For the transport sector, World Environmental French Funds requested ISTED to conduct a study on the clean development mechanism in which the Mass Rapid Transit Urban Transport. Projects could benefit from a financing on carbon funds.

In the urban sector, the international cooperation is considering, from now, with a great importance, the issues of sustainable district and the access to the main utilities. Some experiences are underway in Brazil and China and some others will certainly coming up.

This is the spirit of this new e-newsletter that ISTED is launching, to regularly inform you and deliver food for thoughts.

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News about the Association

ISTED Executive Board

ISTED Executive Board was held on the 15th December 2006. The agenda dealt, in particular, with the signature of a partnership convention between ISTED and the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure, Tourism and the Sea, (MTITS) for 2 years. The purpose of this convention is to strength the presence of the MTITS in european, bilateral and multilateral relations. This convention plans to establish performance indicators to monitor the activities of ISTED.

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New partnerships

- **Infrastructure Development Institute – IDI (Japan):** A partnership convention was signed in November 2006 between Jean-Didier Blanchet, President of ISTED, and Eliki Aramaki, President of IDI, (organism under the umbrella of the Japanese Ministry for Infrastructure, aimed at enhancing the international cooperation). This partnership aims at sharing information and expertise as well as at organising international events.

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- **Cobaty International – CI:** a partnership convention was signed in December 2006 with the association Cobaty International (head Office in Brussels), which aims at enhancing the "small and medium sized industries" in the economical sectors of the transport, construction, urbanism and environment for community organizations. The partnership with ISTED entails the information exchanges, the participation to projects and workgroup and mutual logistical support.

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- **Institute of political studies of Rennes (IEP):** The convention signed in October 2006 works to reinforce the cooperation within the Master 2 ISUR (Engineering of urban utilities in developing countries network): ISTED is a member of the jury panel, takes part to the Master teaching as well as it participates to the seminars organization and to the cooperation project.

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Louis LHOPITAL, a new adviser

Louis Lhopital, architect and city-planner (25 years of work experience, involved with the international cooperation) has joined ISTED team in October 2006. He's in charge

of thematic related to the urban utilities and the sustainable development: programme, training and urban survey in Ethiopia – FRUE (see here-under), work group on urban utilities...

Louis Lhopital is also a lecturer for the Master "Evaluation and project monitoring" at the Institute of Social and Economical Development Studies – IEDES (Paris I).

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ISTED members

• A new SEFI President

Bruno Dupety, Chairman and Managing Director of Freyssinet (Vinci group), has been recently elected the President of the international French contractors syndicate (SEFI). He succeeded to Philippe Ratynski.

Internet: www.sefrance.fr

Programmes and activities

CESRoute Training: 2006 session

The 2006 session started on October 16th, 2006 with the first module of the programme which contains seminars and introductive visits.

2006 session gathers five auditors: one from Morocco, three from Poland and one from Saudi Arabia and each of them gets his/her tutor. At the end of the first module, the trainees went back to their countries in order to carry on their professional activities and to work on their personal project. The second module will start on April 10th, 2007.

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New Institutional Twinning

Both the Bulgarian twinning "structural funds" and the Bosnian one "railway transports II" are starting-up, whereas the Romanian twinning "Roads transports II", which had been won by the British with France as a junior partner, has just been launched (for a duration of 14.5 months).

The French bid related to the Ukrainian twinning "civil aviation" had been accepted. A twinning contract will be prepared in the coming six months.

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FSP - Capacity Building of Addis Ababa University

Since December 2006, ISTED takes part to a cooperation project that was elaborated by the French Embassy in Ethiopia. Its main purpose is to reinforce, within 4 years, the capacities of Addis Ababa University, which is one of the oldest Universities in Africa, by establishing a multidisciplinary Centre of excellence. ISTED contributes in the sector of the management of the urban growth, the institute works as a lead contractor to set-up a Master and a Doctorate degree, with the assistance of French and foreign universities. Those trainings aim at enhancing the applied researches of the Ethiopian University system, related to the urban issues on both national and international level.

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Current events

Internet

• On front page: "From Shanghai to Bangalore"

"From Shanghai to Bangalore: business model to study", an international conference organized by ERUDIT, IRSMEA, IRSAM, ISTED, IUED and UNESCO in Paris, 7-8 June 2007.

Internet: www.isted.com/agenda/ShangBang_eng.pdf

• Publications: "Basic services in cities in developing countries" – Equitable access and coverage for low-income households – Guide for project assessment, summary of working group report led by ISTED and PS-EAU.

ISTED facilitates, since 1998, the working group 'urban utilities and sustainable development or how to conciliate the market and the common interest'. In 2004, during the working group "access to the basic services" ISTED pointed out, with the support of the solidarity programme (PS-EAU), the conditions of the access to the urban services which are so important for the poor in the Southern hemisphere. Those guidelines contain the summary of the whole work which had been undertaken.

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