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Editorial

World Urban Forum

After the announcement in 2007 of the rapid urbanization of the world population, the United Nations, and particularly, the Un-Habitat, are preparing the 4th session of the World Urban Forum that will be held in Nanjing from 3 – 7 November 2008.

Isted received a mission from the administration to support the preparation; this will be under the supervision of the senator of Indre et Loire, M. Yves Dauge, therefore, the French participation to this event will be certainly significant.

In addition to the publication of the book "*Emerging Cities*" in a Chinese version and its presentation during a networking session, the French participants will be gathered in a national pavilion.

They will facilitate several sessions and will intervene during different sequences of the forum (local councillors, professionals, foundations, associations and researchers).

This event is a good opportunity to point up the engagements of Isted with *Cities Alliance*, for promoting cities developing strategies in the world, reducing slums, direct financing of local authorities and promoting the chart for the access to essential services and the sustainable mobility.

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Programmes and activities

Research on Sleepiness at the wheel in Europe

In the framework of Era-Net Transport programme and with the support of Isted, France (Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning, MEDAD), Norway (Vegvesen), Netherlands (DVS) and Sweden (VINNOVA) launched on February 25th 2008, a research call for proposals "Sleepiness at the wheel".

Even if sleepiness seems to be a cause of at least 15-20% of road crashes, it is today not really taken into account in transport policies in Europe (both at national and European level).

Understanding this phenomenon and fighting it is not only a scientific problem but Understanding and are political challenges.

Era-Net Transport aims at coordinating new national research policies in transport sector. In this frame work, Isted brings methodological advises, ensures the follow up of progress and has the role of a coordinator.

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Internet: www.transport-era.net/research-calls.html

Implementing an editorial policy of the EUKN – France

EUKN (European Urban Knowledge Network) website is fed by fifteen countries from the European Union member states. It is a database on urban issues, case studies, results of researches and relevant national and European Networks. In 2008, Isted is in charge of undergoing a rigorous editorial policy of the French portal for the Interministerial Delegation for Urban and Social Development (DIV).

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Twinning on railway safety with Egypt

A twinning contract related to reforming the safety railway in Egypt has been signed in December 2007. This twinning which aims to modernise the Egyptian administration (mainly, Egyptian National Railways and Transport Ministry) includes two chapters; Improvement of the regulatory and legislative system and reinforcement of the capacities of the institutions in

charge of the railway safety. Romain Boeglin, resident twinning adviser from the beginning of the year, is ensuring the putting in place and the organization of experts' exchanges.

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Internet: www.isted.com/programmes/jumelages/index_fr.htm

Current news

Internet

- Up-dating the page "References"

www.isted.com/organisation/references.htm

- Website *Emerging cities*

Up-dating the page "to go further" for each thematic

www.villesendevenir.org

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Villes en développement

• New acquisitions

Historic districts for all, social and human approach for sustainable revitalization. Guide for city professionals. – Unesco – Paris, 2007

Focusing on the synergy between social and human dimension in the process of revitalization of the historic districts

This leaflet is offering both comments and methodological orientations for political decision makers.

Beyond metropolis, the planning and governance of Asia's mega-urban regions.- Aprodicio A. Laquian. – Washington: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, Baltimore – The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005

Beyond Metropolis studies planning and governance, sustainable development and urban services in the regions surrounding the 12 cities in Asia with populations over ten million: Tokyo, Mumbai, Kolkata, Dhaka, Delhi, Shanghai, Jakarta, Osaka, Beijing, Karachi, Metro Manila and Seoul.

Cities of the South, citizenship and exclusion in the 21 st century. – Barbara Drieskens, Franck Mermier, Heiko Wimmen ed. – Beyrouth, Saqi, Heinrich Böll Foundation, IFPO, 2007

From slums of Mumbai to the favelas of Rio de Janeiro, from the skyscrapers of Dubai to urbanizing Palestinian refugee camps, these communications are wondering about migration, civil society, new spaces of consumption and exclusion

Développement économique et ouverture des pays méditerranéens. – Coordinated by Maurice Catin and El Mouhoud Mouhoud – In Région et développement n°25, 2007

South Mediterranean countries have to cope with different issues related to their regional and industrial development, the improvement of their performances and the reduction of income inequalities.

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