

## Editorial

### A new address for Isted

The audit report on the situation of Isted and its future, issued by Jacques Roudier, IGPC, and Viviane Apied, HCHC, was published in February 2009 and will be available on the website of the "Conseil général de l'environnement et du développement durable" (CGEDD). This report deals with the major guidelines that will be stated in both the strategic action plan of Isted and the goal agreement for the coming years with MAEE and the MEEDDAT.

Since the end of March, Isted moved to the second floor of the Paroi Nord - Grande Arche of La Défense. Postal and e-mail addresses as well as phone numbers still the same.

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## News of the association

### Bénédicte Tardivo, programme manager of Isted

Geographer and graduated from the professional Master "Engineering services in urban networks" from the IEP of Rennes, Bénédicte Tardivo started working within Isted since April 27th. Replacing Agnès Huchon who went to Accra (Ghana) for the French Agency for Development as programme manager Cities-water-sanitation. She is in charge of the programmes Era-Net Transport and Era-Net Road.

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## Programmes and activities

### New partnership Cities Alliance / Isted

A new partnership is under elaboration between Cities Alliance (CA) and Isted for the period 2009-2010.

Beyond the activities already engaged since 2003 (dissemination of CAs activities and publications in the Francophone sphere and the European network - Urbamet), Isted will contribute to the preparation of the 10th anniversary of the network that will be organised in Maputo in January 2010.

On this occasion, a special issue of the Bulletin "Villes en développement"; will be published in order to promote the active members of the network, their actions and some actors from the beneficiary cities involved with CA's projects.

In addition, Isted will support discussion activities of the permanent secretary (working group on CDS, association of University network to projects evaluation)

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### World water forum

The 4th world water forum was held in Istanbul (Turkey) on 16-21 March, 2009.

Isted, in conjunction with the Water Academy, followed the course of the sessions and events, including those organised by the Partnership for French water. This event deals with many topics, some already known, others more recent as those relating to climate

change. The discussions confirmed the progress for a better consideration of the social dimension of water in developing countries and emerging markets (see on the site of Isted: Essential services in the cities of developing countries). The issues of sanitation in urban areas are an additional subject put forward by participants at the heart of social and environmental concerns.

The consideration of a more holistic approach of the water cycle and its various uses appears as a current issue, not only in terms of associated services, but also of planning and cities conception.

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### **Euro-Syrian Cities Congress**

On the initiative of the Syrian Ministry for local administration and environment and in the framework of the support project to the municipal administration modernisation (MAM) supported by the European Union, a congress entitled "building local partnerships for sustainable territorial and urban development" will be held in the House of the Emir Abdelkader, regional centre for sustainable local development, in Damascus (Syria), on 9-10 May 2009.

The Congress and its workshops will set the framework for knowledge-sharing, and will initiate networking to lay down the foundations of future Euro-Syrian local partnerships, in particular regarding the sustainable local development, a topic for which Isted and the University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne-lesdes, have undertaken a cooperation with the MAM programme.

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### **First ministerial conference on road safety**

During the meeting of March 2009, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the proposition of Russia which consists on organising the 1st ministerial conference on road safety.

This conference is scheduled for 19-20 November, 2009 in Moscow, it will include, in addition to the plenary sessions, many round-tables on collecting accidentology database, emergency services, awareness campaigns, vehicle safety, infrastructure safety and funding systems for road safety.

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### **EUKN: issuance of the French Newsletter of the European urban knowledge network**

The first issue of the Newsletter in French of the European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN) is released. It is devoted to education. This monthly electronic newsletter is issued with the editorial support of Isted, via the Délégation Interministérielle à la Ville – DIV (Interministerial Delegation for Urban and Social Development), that works, since the start of the network, as the French national focal point.

This Newsletter emphasizes the France EUKN site, created by the DIV and animated by Isted ([www.eukn.org/francais](http://www.eukn.org/francais))

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### **"Habitat Business Forum" - New Delhi**

In order to inform engineering offices and the private companies to enable them to register to the forum of the private sector of UN-Habitat devoted to "innovative cities" (New Delhi - 7-9 July, 2009), a meeting was held on last March 5th at the senate, chaired by the senator Yves Dauge.

Mrs. Christine Auclair, Chief, Private Sector Unit and Focal Point for Habitat Professionals, presented the main objective of this event and the working group initiated by UN-Habitat for a better cities management in conjunction with the private sector, notably in water and sanitation sector. On this occasion, the MAEE announced an opening job within UN-Habitat to contribute to the mobilisation of private partners to the coming world urban forum that will be held in 2010-Rio. Gathering public and private urban professionals, this event is in the process of launching a french partnership for cities.

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## **Current events**

### **Internet**

- Front page: Researches and exchanges workshop "Urban governance and climate change in Mediterranean cities".

[www.isted.com](http://www.isted.com)

• Transports facilitation - CEDEAO - Composante gestion des corridors.

[www.isted.com/pole-transport/pole-transport-CEDEAO.html](http://www.isted.com/pole-transport/pole-transport-CEDEAO.html)

• Cadre d'intervention stratégique transport de l'AFD - Transport et développement durables.

[www.isted.com/pole-transport/pole-transport-CIS\\_transport.html](http://www.isted.com/pole-transport/pole-transport-CIS_transport.html)

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## Villes en développement

### • New acquisitions

Centres de villes durables en Amérique latine; Exorciser les précarités ? Mexico, Mérida (Yucatán), São Paulo, Recife, Buenos Aires -Hélène Rivière d'Arc - Paris: 2009 Travaux & Mémoires de l'IHEAL, disseminated by the French Documentation

[www.iheal.univ-paris3.fr/spip.php?article1761](http://www.iheal.univ-paris3.fr/spip.php?article1761)

Forum of local and regional authorities of Mediterranean - *Forum des autorités locales et régionales - de la Méditerranée*.- Marseille, Mediterranean Commission of United Cities and Local Governments, 2009

Acts of the Forum (22-23 June 2008, Palais du Pharo, Marseille) organised by the Mediterranean Commission of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), with the support of the City of Marseille and the PACA Region and with the partnership with French Ministry of foreign and European affairs and with the committee of the regions.

[www.cities-localgovernments.org/uclg/index.asp](http://www.cities-localgovernments.org/uclg/index.asp)

The city, laboratory of the new China - *La ville, laboratoire de la Chine de demain*. -In China Perspectives n°4/2008

Special issue on the importance of the urban phenomenon within the evolution of the new China: Structuring Chinese cities, raising of a new urban practice, development of the housing market, atmospheric pollution...

[www.cefc.com.hk/perspectives.php](http://www.cefc.com.hk/perspectives.php)

The city, a development (f)actor.- Bruxelles: BTC/CTB, 2008

Presentation of many Belgium technical cooperation experiences, led by African cities, Latin American and Asian ones, in urban development sector.

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