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Editorial

CESRoute Alumni

After ten years of its creation, the network of the former CESRoute auditors (www.isted.com/cesroute) counts today over sixty members, from about twenty different countries around the world.

This network will be officially launched on the occasion of the World Road Congress in mid-September (www.paris2007-route.fr) within Isted's stand, where most of the former trainees will be present. Among them, the 2006 session trainees, who received their diploma on 15th June 2007 at l'Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées (ENPC) as well the current session. This event will be an opportunity to strengthen the existing relationships among their selves and with both public and private CESRoute partners* which are supporting strongly this initiative.

*Partners: Appia, Asfa, Colas, Demeter technologies, Egis, Eiffage, GEC, Ingérop, Scetauroute, Secmair, SER, Transroute international, Usirf

News about the association

Partnership with AFD

The partnership convention between the French Development Agency (AFD) and Isted has been renewed and signed on 24th May 2007 by M. Jean-Michel Severino, Director general of AFD and M. Yves Cousquer, President of Isted. This partnership strengthens the collaboration between the two structures and reinforces the French plan regarding both the international cooperation and the development aid. It spans also the joint organization of the working groups, events, expertises, evaluations, publications and databases.

This partnership deals with the developing and emerging countries, countries in transition and with every geographic area appointed by the signatory parties.

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Programmes and activities

Railway Twinning with Egypt

The Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning won, via Isted, a twinning with Egypt which aims at assisting the Ministry for Transports in reviewing the rules, the procedures and the practices in the railway safety sector. This twinning is scheduled for two years and will start in the coming six months. The resident twinning advisor, Romain Boeglin, working in Cairo, will be in charge of the implementation and the organization of various activities of the project. The manager of the project, M. Guy Benattar, will be in charge of monitoring and coordinating the twinning.

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CESRoute 2006/2007: presentation of personal project

The 2006-2007 session trainees had presented their personal project on 7th June

2007 at the *Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées* (ENPC):

- *Witold Zapasnik* (from Poland), exposed the results of the French-Polish Cooperation related to the methods of roads' maintenance and renovation.
- *Ewa Jasienska* (from Poland), presented a comparison between French and Polish roads safety;
- *Karim Zaiz* (from Morocco), discussed the impact of the implementation of "a quality assurance plan" when achieving roads projects;
- *Wanda Ast* (from Poland), analysed the methods applied in France in financing and maintaining motorways in order to make a profit for Poland.

Michel Henry was the president of the jury panel which consisted of Guillaume Larivière (CESMAIR), Jean-Olivier Laval (ENPC / Metratch), Jean-Marie Braun (Ingérop), François Bienvenue (Transroute international), Étienne Lebouteiller (COLAS) and Olivier Hartmann (Isted).

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ISLAND Programme: Final seminar

Isted led ISLAND programme, which aims at improving an innovating system able to communicate, centralized information about flood risks, in a faster way, to the population living at the sides of Mekong River and the Red River in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

The final seminar of this programme was held on 14th-16th May 2007 in Hanoi and gathered a large panel of partners and key actors in the cooperation, technological research and risks prevention sector.

During the first day, thirty people from six different countries discussed the presentation of the prototype. The day after, this prototype was field-tested and the circuit of the information – from its production to the final receiver – appeared therefore, clearer.

Finally and during the last day, the participants to the seminar exposed the targets of the programme.

The seminar ended on the 31st May.

In order to keep those results, the brochure and the website devoted to this programme has been updated.

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Internet: www.isted.com/programmes/island/francais/index.htm

and www.mica.edu.vn/island/

Urban Research Symposium of the World Bank

The Urban Research Symposium (14th-16th May 2007, Washington) devoted to the urban planning and land markets has hosted about 400 researcher, urban specialists from all over the world focused on the land use in cities and the land market. An important French delegation conveyed by CERTU participated to this event.

Among the various communications, the property right in China (Albert Cao and Ramin Keivani), the impact of urban planning in Asian cities (Tetsuo Kidokoro) and the alternative to the land safety (Joseph Comby and Caroline Gerber, ADEF) knew a progress.

A return to the urban planning and to the land operating (sites and services) in a strategic way, confirms the initiative activities of Cities Alliance within the Forum.

The next symposium is planned for the beginning of 2009 (France) and it will focus on the city facing global challenges.

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Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP): annual meeting and management committee (London, 5-6 June 2007)

The GRSP annual meeting – a global network devoted to the road safety gathering public and private partners – was opened by the vice-president Patrick Lepercq (Michelin), followed by Ingrid Skosmo (Volvo), president. One hundred or so of members' representatives attended this meeting, amongst them the companies Michelin. The French side was represented by Renault and Total. The English main actors participated actively to this meeting (Roads administration, TRL, DFID, Royal Automobile Club).

The workshops were related to the infrastructures safety, conductors behaviour and training. David Silcock presented the GRSP activity brochure of the last year, pointing out African countries, especially French speaking ones, that still in connection with the activities led by Isted.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2008.

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International cooperation and development days

The "International Cooperation and Development Days" was held this year at the Palais des Congres in Paris on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 17 and 18, on the

topic, "Culture, Knowledge and Development."

The event is organized by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. As every year, it is attended by some 2,000 participants: people working abroad, staff from the Ministry and representatives of other ministries and outside partners.

At the same time as the meeting, there was a professional salon with about 70 exhibitors which represented a real point of encounters and exchanges among the French actors in the cooperation sector.

In this frame work, Isted has attended a stand during the two days in order to present its activities. The institute took this opportunity **to launch, officially, its book and web site "Emerging Cities"** during a meeting on Tuesday 17th July at 11 am.

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Current events

Internet

• "Twinning" page

New presentation of the French version:

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

New presentation of the English version:

www.isted.com/programmes/jumelages/index_eng.htm

Villes en développement

• New acquisitions

Gouverner les villes d'Afrique. État, gouvernement local et acteurs privés – Supervised by Laurent Fouchard Paris: Karthala, Cean, 2007 – Fulfilment of many programmes related to the international researches and the field surveys 2002-2004. This book analyses both the ties between the State and the local Government and the relationship between the private actors with different State level.

La mesure de la mondialisation – Supervised by Irène Bellier – Cahiers du Gemdev n°31 March 2007 – Basing on the researches led in Africa, North & South America, Asia, Europa and within the international institutions by field's surveys and using different methodologies. The authors studied both the transformation of "globalisation standards" and indicators of globalisation inequalities.

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Internet: www.isted.com/villes-developpement/accueil_documentation.htm

• Bulletin *Villes en développement*

Bulletin *Villes en développement* n°76 (March 2007) is devoted to the strategies of the urban development, with an editorial from Elisabeth Gateau, secretary-general of CGLU.

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