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Editorial

Transversality

A cooperation, within a great Ministry for Ecology and Sustainable Development and Town & Country Planning, gives to the activities of Isted new perspectives, upon at least, three dimensions: energy efficiency of services especially, sustainable mobility, improvement of developing programmes through a better consideration of the local governance and the future of cities as sustainable development vector.

The adoption of these transversal approaches is based on two pillars; the quality of expertises which represents a pack of competence referred in the annual activity report 2006 (www.isted.com/organisation/rapport/rapport_annuel.pdf), the permanent actions of knowledge-building and disseminating and the creation, on the occasion of the world road congress, of the association "CESRoute International Network" (ICN: www.cesroute.org).

News about the Association

Isted partners: membership campaign

Isted is launching a new membership campaign in order to expand its network and competence, mainly in transversal topics as environment, sustainable development or energy.

Isted counts at present about fifty public and private members; institutions, factories, contractor firms as well as education and research professional association.

The annual dues are fixed to 4 000 € for active members and 1 000 € for associate ones.

In the frame of this membership, the members benefit from many advantages as taking part to the work groups and to expertises, promoting their activities to an international dimension, receiving assistance for the organisation of their seminars or symposium, achieving reference-documents. Isted mentions also its members in its various publication and communication supports.

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Renewing partnership with Cities Alliance

The partnership agreement with Cities Alliance (www.citiesalliance.org) is renewed.

According to this amendment, Isted has to communicate the experience of various reference-cities related to urban strategy and reduction of shantytowns around the world and to promote Cities Alliance activities through communication supports: achievement of a special issue of the Bulletin "Villes en développement"; promotion and dissemination of publications; posting on line a selection of document published by Cities Alliance on Urbamet website.

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Programmes and activities

AdP day on September 7th, 2007

A hundred professionals attended the AdP study day – *Villes en développement*, devoted to the relation between mobility and urban development.

Three contexts of significant urban mobility request in Morocco, India (Bangalore) as well in South Africa was discussed.

During this day, so many suggestions offering important perspectives of activities for urban professionals, among them: mobility and accessibility, governance of mobility, urban planning request, need of a strong public policy,

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Isted in the World Road Congress

Isted attended a stand during the World Road Congress held in Paris (17-21 September 2007).

The congress was an excellent occasion to promote CESRoute training that celebrated in September its ten years. A good opportunity also to launch the CESRoute association, this international network of managers in the road sector, so familiar with the French know-how, is about sixty strong members

A website is devoted to host the activities of the network as well as to inform about the CESRoute training.

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Isted's annual report

Isted published the 2006 edition of its annual report. It deals with the actions of the institute build upon nine packs of sectorial competence (programmes and under process projects) and three packs of transversal ones (permanent activities).

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Current events

Internet

Isted website was selected by the Best Web and named « Sélection Usinenouvelle.com »: www.usinenouvelle.com/web/autres-75-1.html

• Annual report

New version 2006 on line: www.isted.com/organisation/rapport/rapport_annuel.pdf

Villes en développement

• New acquisitions

Political ecologies of urban waterfront transformations. Special issue - Cities vol.21, n°1, august 2007

Décentralisations et développements - Afrique contemporaine N°221, 2007

This report about *Modern Africa* deals with decentralization in Africa at political, economic and social dimensions.

35^e conférence du réseau Habitat et Francophonie. Les acteurs spécialisés, solutions aux crises du logement. Libreville, Gabon, 19-22 November 2006 - Paris: Réseau Habitat et Francophonie, 2007

Summary of the conference studying the following topics; promoting habitat as a vector fighting against poverty, recognising and securing the access to sustainable funding sources, producing land for a better building, a better use of the occupied area and treatment of soil property, and finally promoting the cooperation between actors as well as mobilising international networks.

• Bulletin *Villes en développement*

Number 77 (will be issued by the end of December 2007): « Decentralization and urban development ». Set-up under a partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD), this bulletin shows some examples of supporting both of decentralization processes and local authorities financed, the last years, by the AFD.

These projects implement many procedures and different means as training plan, cities and agglomeration contracts, intercommunal cooperation procedures as well as a new partnership with the European local authorities.

• *Villes en développement* editorial committee

Pierre Laye, task manager for decentralization policies at DgCID within the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, who is also an active member of the AdP-Villes en développement, becomes the new chief editor of the Bulletin. He succeeded to Jean-Michel Maurin, director of the DDE of Guadeloupe.

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