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Message from GPEIG's Co-Chairs

Keith Pezzoli, Siddhartha Sen, and Michael Hibbard (co-Chair elect)

The GPEIG newsletter provides an annual update for our members and friends who have globally-minded interests in planning research, education and practice. As this Fall 2005 issue makes clear, a lot has happened this year.



The tragic death of Professor Gill-Chin Lim on February 9, 2005 shocked us all. But it isn't hard to find the silver lining on that cloud. The deep and far-reaching reaction to Gill's untimely loss made clear GPEIG's strong global sense of community. Gill nurtured this sense of community as one of GPEIG's founders and most enthusiastic promoters. No doubt he would have been very pleased to see the remarkable outpouring/sharing of celebratory praise of his contributions to globalism (now archived on GPEIG's web site). This year's annual ACSP conference includes a number of tributes to Gill, including a special roundtable sponsored by GPEIG.

Since Gill passed away, one challenge has been to continue the travel grants and dissertation awards established in his name. With support from Gill's colleagues in Korea, and the hard work of a number of

GPEIG members, we were able to make the awards again this year (see list of award-winners). As an organization, we need to put these grants/awards on a secure footing for many years to come. This challenge is one of the agenda items for this year's GPEIG business meeting during the ACSP conference (Saturday, October 29th, 4:00-5:30pm).

At our last GPEIG business meeting (Portland, October 22, 2004), a new approach to GPEIG governance was launched. We now have two co-Chairs (Keith Pezzoli, Sid Sen) plus a co-Chair elect (Michael Hibbard). This has worked well this year. One co-Chair takes a lead position while the other two co-Chairs provide support in many ways. GPEIG has grown and is beginning to promote collaborative initiatives –so the additional leadership positions help. We think this should be continued. Currently Keith serves as the senior (lead) co-Chair, but his term is up at the end of this month (October 2005). Sid will now serve as the new senior co-Chair along with Mike in a supportive role. If the membership agrees with continuing this system, at the GPEIG business meeting we will need to choose another co-Chair elect for a three-year term (this person will serve as co-Chair elect: 2005-6, as supportive co-Chair: 2006-7, and senior/lead co-Chair: 2007-8). If you are interested in this position, or would like to nominate someone, make your case known to the current co-chairs. We will suggest a procedure to the group for handling the election process during the GPEIG business meeting. Other issues of governance also need to be addressed at the business meeting (membership criteria, by-laws).

Over the course of the year, interest in creating several GPEIG workgroups has been identified. Suggestions include: (1) Pedagogy and Globalization, (2) Gender and Globalization, and (3) GPEIG web development. Blogs have been set up to facilitate communication within



each of these prospective workgroups (see the GPEIG web site at the link labeled “committees”). Keith Pezzoli agreed to continue serving as the GPEIG web manager to facilitate workgroup activities as well as other communication, data sharing/integration and visualization needs of GPEIG enthusiasts. Along such lines, GPEIG has been exploring ways to collaborate with the APA’s Information Technology Division (see related article in this newsletter).

In terms of future directions, we’re hoping to see GPEIG promote/enable collaborative globally-minded research. Funding is key. One initiative underway seeks support from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (International Research Division) to hold a GPEIG-sponsored workshop at the 2nd World Planning Schools Congress (July 2006, Mexico City). This workshop will lay groundwork for a strategic (collaborative grant-writing) plan in a number of key areas to be defined by those who express interest (see related article by HUD in this newsletter). Participation is open; and the effort will be coordinated with interested members of the Global Planning Educators Association Network (GPEAN). Another initiative involves teaming up with the American Planning Association’s (APA) Information Technology Division. We are exploring opportunities to work together in promoting global-mindedness in planning research, education and outreach (see related article by the APA-ITD in this newsletter).

We would also like to see GPEIG help think through how ACSP has been dealing with international and global themes as part of the annual conference. For many years there has been a dedicated “International Development” Track. In recent years there have been a growing number of papers and even whole panels on international themes in many other tracks. What is the best way to encourage global-mindedness at the ACSP annual conference? Does the International Development Track risk separating the global dimension into a silo standing apart from the other tracks? The penetrating breadth and depth of globalization continues to increase across sectors, temporal and spatial scales, networks, culture, etc. Should we advocate for the continuation of a (perhaps re-conceptualized) “international” track? Should we instead put our energy into seeding international topics across all the tracks? Should we do both? These questions merit some critical and forward thinking –what GPEIG is all about.

Note about the GPEIG Logo.

Jason Wiskerchen (Digital Mud Studio, LLC) has been helping us design a logo for GPEIG. We now have a prototype (see the logo on this newsletter). What do you think? If GPEIG members like the current version, we can adopt it at our upcoming business meeting (Sat., Oct. 29th, 4:00-5:30pm). We can also modify it according to the feedback we get. The logo shows two pillars. The idea there is to represent GPEIG’s two greatest strengths: (1) university-based research and pedagogy, and (2) a commitment to outreach and engagement that connects academic research to diverse communities. If you cannot make the business meeting in Kansas City, but would like to provide input regarding the logo’s design --then please send your comments to Jason Wiskerchen at <jason@digitalmudstudio.com>. He will coordinate the collaborative design process for us.



In the Memory of Dr. Gill-Chin Lim: His Life and His Contribution to Planning Academia and Profession as a Scholar, Educator, Administrator, and Social Capital Builder

GPEIG Co-Chair Siddhartha Sen provided this remembrance of GPEIG stalwart Gill-Chin Lim. A different version appeared in JPER. Sid knew Gill for twenty years and was his Ph.D. student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Sid is a Professor and Program Coordinator of the Graduate Program in City and Regional Planning at Morgan State University.

Dr. Gill-Chin Lim's contribution to planning academia and profession as a scholar, educator, administrator, and social capital builder is immense. His untimely death at the height of his academic prowess on February 9, 2005, has created a void in planning academia that will be difficult to fill. Gill was born on November 9, 1946 in Korea. Best schools in Korea and United States (U.S.) as well as his exposure to luminaries such as Chester Rapkin and Julian Wolpert shaped Gill's academic excellence. He attended one of Seoul's top high schools, Seoul National University, Harvard, and Princeton University.

In a manner that characterizes his Buddhist philosophy of life and Asian way of giving, he honored his mentor Chester Rapkin through creation of one of planning's most prestigious award. It was the same philosophy that made him a loving and caring person. He took upon himself to be a brother, friend, and mentor, not only to all the Korean students in the U.S., but the entire international community of scholars and students. He was a true global citizen. He had traveled in more than 60 countries and conducted research in China, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, former Soviet Union, Mexico, South Korea, North Korea, and the U. S. He had also served as consultant to international organizations such as World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Thailand Development Research Institute, and U.S. Agency for International Development. He was a poet, painter, a tae-kwon-do black belt and an avid skier.

Most of us associate Dr Lim's scholarship with international planning. However, the breadth and depth of his scholarship includes such diverse fields as planning theory, environmental planning, housing, regional planning, planning education, discrimination, inequity, segregation, women in society, and employment and poverty. It includes highly quantitative articles such as his 1979 piece, "Economic Forces Underlying Urban Decentralization Trends: A Structural Model for Density Gradients," (with J. Follain and B. Renaud) as well highly qualitative articles such as, "A Search for Alternative Planning Theory: Use of Critical Theory," (with J. Albrecht) in 1986. He also wrote seminal pieces on internationalization of planning education since the late 1980s, and had just published the second edition of *Strategy for A Global University* in 2003, before his death. He had published about 45 refereed and invited articles; over 30 books and monographs: about 80 book chapters, papers in proceedings, and reports; and over 25 comment, reviews, and editorials at the time of his death.

Gill had taught at several prestigious U.S. universities such as at Northwestern, Princeton, University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign (UIUC), and Michigan State University (MSU). At the time of his death he was the MSU Endowed Professor of Asian Studies in Global Context and a distinguished university Professor at Korea Development Institute (KDI) School of School of Public Policy and Management. His enthusiasm as a teacher was immense. He made an effort to know the names of students even for undergraduate classes that had 100 students. He took his students to happy hours, organized international food festivals with them, and hosted them for dinners and parties at his home. Gill was always there in the department at UIUC, when we were writing our dissertations late at night, giving us encouragement and support. His teaching methods were extremely innovative and he strived to enhance the efficiency of teaching and learning all through his life. At doctoral level, his guidance and support was unrelenting, even for students like me who often disagreed with him. His greatness in this can only be understood in the context

of Korean culture, where one does not question one's teacher.

Professor Lim strived to excel in his capacity as an administrator. I still vividly remember his efforts to recruit students to the undergraduate planning program, when he served as the coordinator of that program at the UIUC. During his Deanship of International Studies and Programs (1991-1995), he took several initiatives with his colleagues to make MSU a global university. He continued this legacy with the Council on Korean Studies and the Visiting International Professional Program at MSU. In the mean time, Gill found the time and energy to become the founding Dean (1998-2001) of KDI School of School of Public Policy and Management.

A tribute to Gill-Chin Lim is not complete without a comment on his role in building social capital in planning academia and profession. He played a significant role in forming and nurturing programs and organizations such as Program on Humanistic Globalization; Consortium on Development Studies; Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG); Korean Federation for Environmental Movement; Citizens for Decent Housing; and the Korean Association for Corruption Studies. Hopefully, these organizations will be able materialize his vision of humanistic globalization which called for a just society by reexamining our value system from humanistic viewpoints. He believed that this new set of values will create a civil society in which all people will be free from war, injustice, oppression, hunger and poverty.

Lim Dissertation Award

This year the Gill-Chin Lim Award for the best PhD dissertation on an international planning topic goes to Theresa Williamson of the University of Pennsylvania. Her dissertation, *Catalytic Communities: The Birth of a Dot Org*, presents a case study of the creation of a community development organization in Brazil. *Catalytic Communities* is a virtual organization; it operates in cyberspace.

This is an important example of action research: Williamson was the creator of *Catalytic Communities*, the organization she evaluates in her dissertation. Her advisor, Seymour Mandelbaum, calls it a "remarkable" piece of work that brings together "the dynamics of organizational development and finance as they appear in the scientific literature" with Williamson's "carefully presented personal experience."

Lim Travel Award Winners

This is the second year that the Gill-Chin Lim funds to support students traveling to the ACSP conference were awarded to four students presenting papers on international or global planning. Faranak Miraftab, Robyn Boyle, Weiping Wu, and Teresa Vázquez integrated the selection committee. GPEIG hopes the Gill Chin Lim Awards encourage students working on international planning with a special emphasis on the global South. The winners of the awards were:

NAME	COUNTRY	TITLE OF PAPER	UNIVERSITY	GENDER
1. Libertun, Nora	Argentina	Planning a la carte	MIT	F
2. Shih, Mi	Taiwan	Guanxi	Rutgers	F
3. Pal, Anirban	India	Bottom-Up Planning in Kolkata*	Colorado	M
4. Rukmana, Deden	Indonesia	Empowerment and Urban Poor*	Florida St U	M

“Diversity and Multiplicity: A New Agenda for the World Planning Community” WPSC’06 in Mexico City is coming up!

Jo Looye - ACSP Delegate to the WPSC’06 Steering Committee

The heart of Mexico City will be the site of the second worldwide gathering of planning educators. Following a commitment made at the first WPSC in Shanghai, in 2001, WPSC’06 is scheduled for 11-14 July 2006, with the theme of “Diversity and Multiplicity: A New Agenda for the World Planning Community.” Prof. Sergio Flores Peña, of the Universidad Autónoma de México (UNAM—Autonomous National University of Mexico) is the local chair, and is undertaking the conference organizing with the support of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Escuelas de Urbanismo e Planeación (ALEUP, Association of Latin-American Schools of Urbanism and Planning).

The venue alone makes this conference worth attending! It is the historic Palacio de Minería, in the heart of Mexico City’s historic center, within walking distance of the Zócalo (the main plaza), and numerous museums and historical sites (including the National Museum of Art, The Postal Palace, The Palace of Fine Arts, The Franz Meyer Museum of the Decorating Arts, the National Museum of Graphic Arts, the Palacio Nacional, the Catholic Cathedral, and the archeological site of the Templo Mayor). For a preview, take a virtual tour of this fabulous building: <http://www.palaciomineria.unam.mx/>.

The call for papers will be distributed in October, with electronic submissions open in late November. Pre-organized panels will likely be expected to involve presenters from no less than two or three world regions. Tracks were developed to accommodate all nine planning associations in the GPEAN (Global Planning Educators Network). Most have track co-chairs from three of the associations, so as to encourage a high level of international exchange. Tracks are:

- Track 1: Governance, Politics and Conflict
- Track 2: Informal Housing and Land Tenure
- Track 3: Housing and Community Development
- Track 4: Gender, Ethnicity, Identity and Social Equity
- Track 5: Technology and Planning
- Track 6: National, Regional and Local Planning Under Conditions of Globalization
- Track 7: Planning History
- Track 8: Planning Theory
- Track 9: Spatial Policies and Land Use Planning
- Track 10: Urban Cultures, Heritage and Urban Design
- Track 11: Transportation and Infrastructure Planning
- Track 12: Planning Education and Planning Practice
- Track 13: Comparative Development Planning
- Track 14: Multi-national and Cross-border Planning
- Track 15: Planning Processes, Administration and Law
- Track 16: Environment, Sustainability, Social Justice and Resource Management
- Track 17: Economic Planning and Development
- Track 18A: Healthy Cities
- Track 18B: Urban Violence and Planning
- Track 19: Rural and Regional Planning and Development
- Track 20: Planning in Mexico and Latin America

One of the two GPEAN committees (the other being the Coordinating Committee), the Steering Committee for the WPSC'06 has been responsible for working with the local organizing committee in preparing for this gathering. The group met for the first time at the 2002 AESOP meeting in Volos, Greece, and has meet regularly to provide input and guidance.

Committee members and leadership:

Louis ALBRECHTS, Chair, AESOP, Association of European Schools of Planning

Johanna LOOYE, Co-chair, ACSP, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning [USA]

WU Zhiqiang, Co-chair, APSA, Asian Planning Schools Association

Sergio FLORES, ALEUP, Association of Latin-American Schools of Urbanism and Planning

Michael GUNDER, ANZAPS, Australian and New Zealand Association of Planning Schools

Tom HARPER, ACUPP, Association of Canadian University Planning Programs

Alain MOTTE, APERAU, Association for the Development of Planning Education and Research

Tumsifu NNKYA, AAPS, Association of African Planning Schools

Carlos VAINER, ANPUR, National Association of Urban and Regional Post-graduate and Research Programs [Brazil]

Building a Global Grid for Progressive Planning Research, Education, and Civic Engagement

Keith Pezzoli (GPEIG Co-Chair and Web Developer)

Global-mindedness is an increasingly important dimension of planning research, pedagogy and civic engagement. Activist scholars in the Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG) and the Global Planning Education Association Network (GPEAN) are striving to increase global-mindedness in a number of ways. GPEIG is part of the U.S.-based Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP). GPEIG's mission is to enable planning educators and students to collaboratively: "(1) share global perspectives in planning education and research, (2) foster an understanding of the global perspectives in planning education and research, (3) foster an understanding of the global context of local and regional issues; and (4) engender an appreciation of and respect for cultural, economic, and political dimensions of planning; and the recognition of the rich array of planning processes that can be fully appreciated only by learning about what is being done in other countries." GPEAN is a significant new network of national and multi-national associations of university level planning programs and schools in urban and regional planning. GPEAN's mission is to "facilitate international communication on equal terms amongst the university planning communities in order to improve the quality and visibility of planning pedagogy, research and practice, and to promote ethical, sustainable, multi-cultural, gender-sensitive, participatory planning."

GPEAN has been promoting an emergent global planning schools movement—a movement that officially got underway with the signing of the Shanghai Statement at the first World Planning Schools Congress (Shanghai, China, 2001). One of GPEAN's strategies, in addition to organizing joint meetings of all the world's regional associations of planning schools, is to publish globally-minded books in a series called Dialogues in Urban and Regional Planning. The Dialogues series "hopes to improve entree to 'foreign' scholarship for urban planners working in each of the world's nations and languages and, as a result, to promote better integration, cross-fertilization and criticism."ⁱ The first volume was published in 2004 on six continents in four languages.

GPEIG has been concentrating on complementary Internet-based strategies. For instance, GPEIG is developing a web portal that includes archives (course syllabi, images, documents, newsletters, etc), multimedia communication and visualization tools (blogs, web-based video conferencing, interactive stories, listservs), and storage space for group projects and initiatives. GPEIG also works with ACSP members to increase our global-mindedness as an association. This is being done by establishing an awards program for travel and dissertation grants and by encouraging globally-themed submissions (papers, panels, roundtable, and poster sessions) to the ACSP's annual conference—targeting not just the International Development Track, but all Tracks.

GPEAN and GPEIG have made significant progress over the past several years. To deepen the reach and efficacy of these organizations we need to create better systems for global knowledge networking—including effective means for sharing, integrating, visualizing and communicating data/information/knowledge/wisdom. Creating a Global Planning Grid on the Internet is one way to go about this. Foster et al. (2001) point out that Grids are an increasingly popular Internet-based means for "resource sharing and problem solving in multi-institutional virtual organizations" (p. 2). Grids have moved into the limelight of research and development on "cyberinfrastructure."

Science and engineering groups have been the main entities building cyberinfrastructure and, more specifically, Grid technologies. But that's changing. Purpose-driven Grids are now being developed by many types of communities in academia, public and private sector organizations.ⁱⁱ For instance, the University of California Research Institute (UCHRI) just launched the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) Grid to strengthen research support for the humanities, arts and social sciences. As noted in their press release, the HASS Grid will provide a home for digitized artifacts including 3-D, audio, video and text collections vital to research in the HASS communities.

The time is ripe for beginning the development a world-wide Global Planning Grid. There shouldn't be just one either. It is not the intent here to advocate some kind universal one size fits all system. There should be a diversity of Global Planning Grids. A Grid can be tailored to fit the needs of those who intend to give it life—be it for data mining across distributed resources; for co-developing, integrating, and sharing complex knowledge-based archives; for collaboratively funding, utilizing and maintaining expensive software applications and databases; and/or for uploading of completed research. A Global Planning Grid can provide a gateway to well-organized information, as well as scenarios of how these resources can be used in research and applied field settings. And with the tremendous leaps forward in Internet-based graphics, imaging and communications technologies, the nodal points (computer workstations and “workbenches”) tied into a Global Planning Grid can bring data and research findings to life through powerful, interactive multi-media (e.g., 3-D visualization, video-conferencing, collaborative groupware, on-line mapping, and artfully-crafted, multilingual stories linked to dynamic “learn more” knowledge maps).

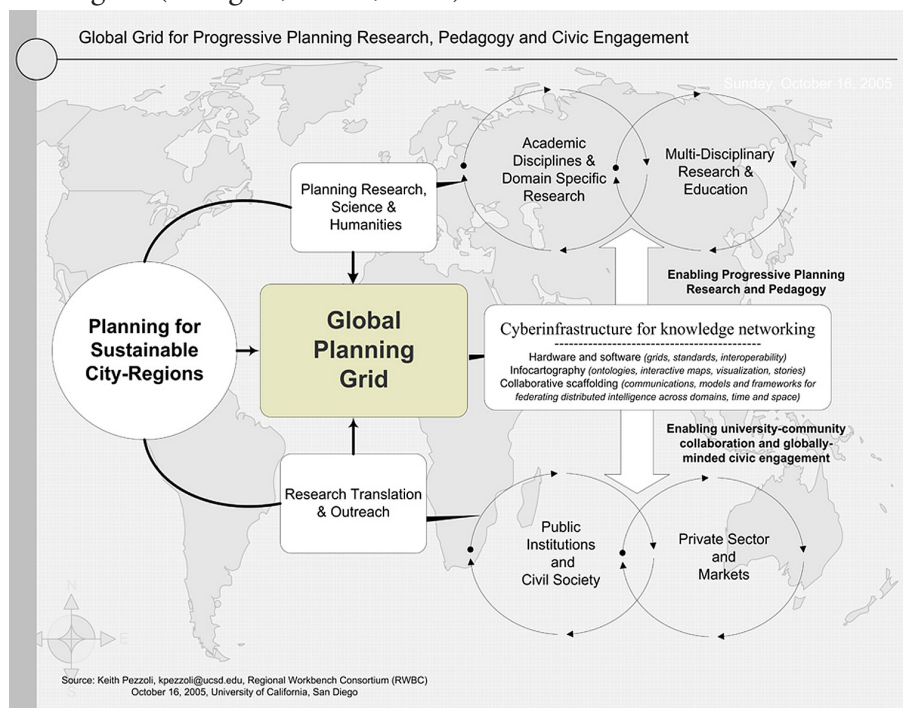
By paying particular attention to cyberinfrastructure development, a Global Planning Grid could support the emergent global planning movement -a movement that officially got underway with the signing of the Shanghai Statement at the first World Planning Schools Congress (Shanghai, China, 2001).

There are a number of funding opportunities to research and enhance cyberinfrastructure of this sort. In the U.S., the main source of this funding comes from the NSF. The NSF just issued a call for proposals in a program area called “Information and Intelligent Systems”—this program will support research on collaborative systems: “systems that enable collaboration between a person and either machines or other people in acquiring, representing, organizing, archiving, protecting, accessing and communicating information.”ⁱⁱⁱ For many years, the NSF’s Information Technology Research (ITR) grants have encouraged teams of researchers to develop theories and technologies related to distributed collective action,

such as decision-making, knowledge networking, electronic communicating, coordinating, and collaborating within and across groups, communities, organizations, industries, markets and societies. There is a now substantial and fast-expanding knowledge base upon which to draw for conceptualizing/building a Global Planning Grid.

Of course, building Internet-based Grids and cyberinfrastructure should not be approached as end onto itself. A Global Planning Grid should serve as a means to empower globally-minded planning researchers, educators, and others who want to collaborate across borders for purposes of improving quality of life and habitat in diverse settings around the world. The interdisciplinary nature of planning makes it especially imperative to find new ways to effectively leverage distributed resources, services, applications and data; Grid technology and workbenches can help make this happen. I’ve written an article that describes these ideas in greater detail. The article, which I’ll present during a panel on progressive regionalism at the 2005 ACSP conference, can be read on-line at <http://gpeig.org/globalplanninggrid.pdf>. The diagram above is a conceptual illustration included in the article. Feedback on these ideas is most welcome. Please contact me at kpezzoli@ucsd.edu. It would be good to establish a GPEIG working group willing and able to explore these issues.

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Planning and Global-Mindedness: A Perspective from the APA's Information Technology Division

by Judy Tjiong MLA, MCP

The American Planning Association Information Technology Division consists of APA members with common interest in the uses and impact of technology on the planning profession. The Division's purpose is to exchange information about planning applications that incorporate technology, to explore potential applications that may benefit the profession, and to inform all members of the association about technical solutions that work. The InfoTech Division's mission is far broader than just evaluating new technologies; it is to advocate best practices in the use of technology to support planning.

The United States is one of the most advanced countries in the world of planning and technology. As the world is brought closer together by the advent of information technology, the effect of U.S. planning decisions spans more internationally, and any local planning decision made in the United States can be monitored and thus adopted, rejected or modified by other countries.

Although the majority of the U.S. public and private sector planners focus on dealing with local planning issues, a small segment are engaged with the bigger picture of global planning issues. The latter planners may work with international engineering and planning firms that serve the global market, large non-profit organizations, or private industries who are responsible for contributing to the advent of the use of Information technology in planning and software deployment. APA has not been known for doing a great deal of international planning work, although, its work in Central America and China is to be commended and expanded.

The majority of American planners recognize the critical function of networking and the development of cyberinfrastructure. Planners are well aware of the increasingly important role that cyberinfrastructure is playing in American cities and towns. Planning is a complex endeavor; it requires high level of detailed research and capacity to process large amounts of information. Yet day-to-day on the job responsibilities require most American planners to concentrate and focus on the local and immediate solutions (Neal LaMontagne, San Diego County planner, General Plan 2020). Hence it is important for professional planners to work together with academic planners on longer-term initiatives in the field. Research and case studies from other countries can shed light on cutting-edge planning ideas and strategies being tried around the world (Larry Hofreiter, San Diego County Planner, General Plan 2020).

Information technology innovation is improving the ability to gather, store, visualize and disseminate data and knowledge. The APA InfoTech Division recognizes the need to engage in university- professional partnerships to further this type of innovation and put it to use for the common good. We understand that GPEIG and GPEAN encourage such collaboration. Such efforts not only encourage global-mindedness, it also encourages information sharing among planning professionals and researchers.

The APA InfoTech Division would like to promote the process started by the Regional Workbench Consortium in building information and communication technologies, including planning decision support systems that will be shared with GPEIG and GPEAN. Dr Pezzoli has communicated GPEIG's idea of building an internet-based Global Planning Grid for research and education around the world. The APA-IT Division believes in such effort, and would like to engage other APA members to learn from other planning efforts around the world. As an APA Division, we would like to broaden our knowledge from planning experiences in other countries and about different methodologies as well as inform other planners of the availability of the different programs and technology innovations. One way of learning from one another and sharing information about success stories is through the global information database that has been started by planning schools. We think this type of interaction is important and we hope to build collaboration around issues of promoting/ enabling global mindedness in planning education and practice.

To learn more about the APA IT Division, visit:

<http://www.planning.org/infotech/>

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International Housing and Urban Policy Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD's Office of International Affairs (OIA) has the responsibilities of designing and implementing international activities of the Department as directed by the HUD Secretary. OIA administers cooperatively exchange programs on a range of housing and urban policy issues. Some programs are organized bilaterally, e.g., with Mexico and Russia. Some programs are managed multilaterally, e.g., with the United Nations Habitat Program and the Organization of American States (OAS).

The OIA also represents the Department (by presenting papers, sponsoring and organizing panels, engaging in exchanges) at international conferences that seek to strengthen international collaboration on major policy research issues in housing and urban development. For this reason, the OIA promotes international research on such topics as affordable housing policy, housing finance systems, building technology, and urban redevelopment.

International research activities rely heavily on quality academic associations such as the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) and the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS). The goal is to bring in scholars and institutions with different perspectives and disciplines.

In 2006 OIA is interested in engaging in the Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG) to identify innovative policy options and new paradigms of urban redevelopment strategies. The World Planning Schools Congress in July 2006 in Mexico City will be an environment to share and discuss these issues with scholars from different parts of the world. HUD will support panels or workshops that will benefit the housing and living conditions in our cities and communities. The topics of these panels are still being developed. Emerging issues related to post-Katrina reconstruction, urban policy in the global economy, sustainable development, and technology are being explored.

Other activities of OIA also involve Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) when multilateral collaborations are needed. The up-coming events may include joint workshops with the UN-HABITAT for the World Urban Forum in Canada in June 2006 and a HUD-UN-Habitat Africa housing seminar in Uganda. Under the U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Commission, a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) project to assist in land use planning efforts in the United States-Mexico border region, particularly colonias, has been carried out since 2001. And new visualization technology is being experimented as a joint effort with the Regional Workbench Consortium (RWBC) and the San Diego State University's Visualization Center.

Building a partnership with the private sector is also a key strategy to conduct practical policy research. OIA supports the International Housing Coalition (IHC) which is a new non-governmental organization recently formed by three founding members: Habitat for Humanity, International (HfHI), the National Association of Realtors (NAR), and the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA). The Founding Sponsors have now been joined by a number of other organizations including the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Whirlpool Corporation, the Leonard P. Reaume Foundation, Inc., the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard, PADCO, the International Real Property Foundation, and others.

In addition, OIA organizes the visit to HUD of government officials and technical experts from more than 30 countries around the world for briefings on HUD policies and program administration issues. As an extension of this work, a limited number of foreign government officials are invited to undertake further research on particular topics at HUD during the year.

All projects are carried out in close coordination with the U.S. Department of State and with U.S. embassies and missions abroad. For certain White House initiatives, such as the U.S.-Mexico Partnership for Prosperity, HUD is the lead agency on projects related to housing.

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News from GPEIGers

Colleagues on globeplan globeplan-l@usc.edu, the GPEIG list, submitted the following news about themselves and their programs.



Farokh Afshar continues as professor at the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, University of Guelph, Canada. Over this past year Farokh guest edited a Special Issue of the Canadian Journal of Development Studies, titled “Development from Within: Southern Voices, Northern Reflections.” Here he published a paper of the same title (June 2005). The issue gave voice to typically marginalized views on ID (including Islamic, Buddhist, and indigenous peoples). Farokh also convened a special panel on the topic bringing together speakers from Iran, Nepal, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Canada at the Annual Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities (funded by the Canadian International Development Agency). A second paper, “Frontiers of International Development: Countries of the North, Well-being, Spirituality, and Contemplation,” is forthcoming (September 2005, Canadian Journal of Development Studies). Farokh was keynote speaker at the conference, “Conceptualizing International Development for the New Millennium,” organized jointly by St. Mary’s and Dalhousie University, Halifax. He was invited speaker at two other conferences: that of the International Fellows program, Roger Williams University, Rhode Island, and the Halifax regional conference on the White Paper on International Development organized by the Canadian Association for Studies in International Development. With two colleagues from his NGO Development Workshop, Farokh is working on a book tentatively titled *The Architecture of Alternative Development: Planning with vulnerable people and places in turbulent times*.



Ed Jepson reports that urban and regional planning at the University of Tennessee has successfully transitioned from being a stand-alone department to a program under the Department of Political Science. With the sharing of a strong policy focus, the Department and the Program are an excellent fit. With only two full-time planning faculty (Dr. Bruce Tonn and Dr. Edward J. Jepson, Jr.), the Program will not be able to retain its accreditation. However, the program is able to draw heavily from the Department’s Master of Public Administration (MPA) program to provide a strong curriculum core. While not an ideal arrangement, it is at least assured that the state of Tennessee will continue to produce a qualified set of planning professionals. The character of its evolution over the coming years will be largely guided by the ultimate goal of re-accreditation.



Ute Lehrer has moved from the Geography Department at Brock University to the Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, effective as of July 1, 2005. She also has received a three year SSHRC Research Grant from the Canadian government, carrying 68,000\$, by the title "Urban images, public space and the growth of private interests in Toronto" Her new e-mail is lehrer@yorku.ca



Karen R. Polenske, MIT, gave a talk, "Land Recycling and Land Scarcity in China," on June 25th to the China Development Forum, sponsored by the Development Research Center of the State Council and the National Development and Reform Commission. A select group of Ministers, Vice Ministers, and other high government officials, as well as several of us who were academics or major officials from the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, or corporate officials, such as the CEO of Toshiba and the Managing Director of Toyoto, were the main speakers at the Forum. Each of us was given 10 minutes to present our message - a real challenge, but my own talk was unusually well received, and excited much discussion later, as I tied the issue of land recycling to the closing of polluting plants. The overall topic of the Forum was "China: Building a Resource-Efficient Society." This will be one of the themes of China's 11th five-year plan. Four of our MIT alums are writing portions of the 11th Five-Year Plan. Five of the major newspapers came to me afterward, and I understand that information was presented in one or more of those newspapers about my talk. Some of our DUSP alums learned that I was in town from the newspaper.

After the China Development Forum, I attended the 15th International Input-Output Conference, in Beijing. I was President of the International Input-Output Association from 1995-2000 and chaired several of the sessions at these meetings. I then traveled with two of my students and other members of our cokemaking Team to Liaoning Province to visit iron and steel manufacturing plants in that province.

I was appointed to a newly established MIT Energy Research Council, composed of 16 faculty from different departments throughout MIT.

I have just sent the final manuscript to Springer for my cokemaking book. It is entitled The Technology-Energy-Environmental-Health (TEEH) Chain in China: A Case Study of Cokemaking. In it, the 15 members of our Cokemaking Team document the rapid changes occurring the Shanxi Province in the technologies being used, most of which are far more energy efficient and less polluting than the old technologies. Shanxi Province produces over 25% of China's coal and 40% of China's coke, the latter being used by its iron and steel manufacturers. The book is scheduled for publication in December this year.

Early this fall, I will complete the editing of another book, entitled the Economic Geography of Innovation, which will be published by Cambridge University Press. This book consists of the papers given by me and my colleagues at a year-long seminar I held two years ago concerning the spatial dispersion of innovation and includes articles concerning innovation from planning and geography scholars working in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and North America."



Siddhartha Sen published three encyclopedia entries "Bustees," "Imperial Cities," and "New "Urbanism", in Encyclopedia of the City, edited by Roger Caves, 2005, Routledge: New York, NY . His other 2005 articles include, "Racial Differences and Pedestrian Safety: Evidence from Maryland and Implications for Policy," in the Journal of Public Transportation 8(2): (with Randal Reed) and, "Diversity and North American Planning Curricula: The Need for Reform," Canadian Journal of Urban and Regional Research 14 (1) (summer). He has also undertaken the book

review editorship of the Journal of Urban Technology with Randal Reed of the Economics Department at Morgan State University.



Keith Pezzoli reports that funding for the Regional Workbench Consortium (RWBC)- based at the University of California, San Diego (Urban Studies and Planning Program) and the San Diego Supercomputer Center -has been competitively renewed for five years (2005-2010). The RWBC is a federated network of collaborative regional-scale research projects underway in the San Diego-Tijuana city-region. The RWBC's mission is to promote progressive regionalism and sustainable development by building capacity for globally-minded research, pedagogy and civic engagement. The San Diego Chapter of the American Planning Association gave the RWBC an award for Academic Leadership in 2004. The RWBC is currently developing and hosting GPEIG's web site. Most, but not all, of the RWBC's funding comes from the Superfund Basic Research Program (SBRP) at the University of California, San Diego. The SBRP is a large, long-term multidisciplinary program involving sixteen scientists and researchers from a cross-divisional mix of departments, institutes and centers. It has been in place at UC San Diego since 2000. Through a competitive application process the SBRP just won \$17.2 million in support from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) -one of the largest research agencies in the U.S. dedicated to using environmental sciences to understand human disease and to improve human health. A significant portion of the SBRP's funds (about \$1.2 million) is allocated to a Research Translation Core and a Community Outreach Core. The RWBC is the main vehicle for meeting the aims of these two Cores. Along such lines the RWBC is: (1) building partnerships with government, community-based and industrial groups to advance the practical contributions of toxicogenomics in environmental policy and planning, (2) evaluating the utility of molecular biomarkers/biosensors, microtechnologies and bioremediation as new biological models/methods for improving environmental monitoring, risk assessment and remediation; and (3) communicating complex research findings to broad audiences through periodic workshops; symposia; participation in regional, national and international conferences; publications, and Web-based systems. These efforts have a strong transborder, binational and global emphasis (which can add value to GPEIG and GPEAN initiatives over the medium to long term).

GPEIG – Sponsored Sessions at ACSP 2005

Thursday October 27, 8:30 - 10:00 AM

14.12 Progressive Regionalism: Mediating Global/Local Dialectic? Part 3
Moderator/Discussant: Rajendra Kumar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Marriott Tower, Andy Kirk B

Thursday October 27, 10:15 - 11:45 AM

14.3 Progressive Regionalism in Global Perspective
Moderator/Discussant: Keith Pezzoli, University of California at San Diego
Marriott Tower, Andy Kirk B

Thursday October 27, 10:15 – 11:45 AM

3.3 Analysis in Watershed Planning and Management: Case Studies from Australia and the United States
Moderator/Discussant: Stacy Swearington White, University of Kansas
Marriott Tower, Big Joe Turner A

Friday October 28, 7:30 - 8:30 AM

11.11 Roundtable: Globalization and the Progressive Imagination
Organizers and Moderators: Keith Pezzoli, University of California, San Diego and Michael Hibbard, University of Oregon
Marriott Tower, Jay McShann B

Friday October 28, 7:30 – 8:30 AM (also Saturday October 29, 7:30 – 8:30 AM)

Poster Session: Expropriation in Mexico: Its Meaning in the 21st Century
Teresa Vázquez, Cal State Northridge
Marriott Tower Book fair Roundtable Area

Saturday, November 29, 2005 from 8:45am-10:15am.

GPEIG Sponsored Roundtable
“Eminent Domain in the 21st Century: Comparative International Perspectives.”
Organized by Teresa Vázquez
Discussant: Susan Fainstein
Participants: Rachele Alterman, Nico Calavita, Seema Iyer, Dennis Keating, and Teresa Vázquez

Saturday October 29, 8:45 - 10:15 AM

10.8 Roundtable: Eminent Domain in the 21st Century: Comparative International Perspectives
Organizer and Moderator: Teresa Vázquez, Cal State Northridge
Dr. Teresa Vázquez, Dr. Susan Fainstein, Dr. Rachele Alterman, Dr. Nico Calavita, Ms. Seema Iyer, Dennis Keating
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Saturday October 29, 2:15 – 3:45 PM

Gill-Chin Lim Memorial Roundtable
Organizer and Moderator: Siddhartha Senn, Morgan State University
Muhelebach Tower, Roosevelt Room

Saturday, October 29, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

GPEIG Business Meeting
Muhelebach Tower, Roosevelt Room

Sunday, October 30, 10:15 - 11:45 AM

14.2 Progressive Regionalism and Boundaries
Moderator/Discussant: Scott Campbell, University of Michigan
Marriott Tower, Andy Kirk B