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### Letter from the President and EXCO

Dear PLPR members,

We hope this fifth PLPR newsletter finds you well. In this newsletter you will find information on upcoming events, including the fifth PLPR conference in Edmonton, May 2011. Almost 100 abstracts have been submitted and the organization is in full swing. You'll find more details on the program in this newsletter. Registration for the conference is now open!

Further, you will find news on our 2012 conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK that will take place from 8-10th February 2012. Another opportunity to meet PLPR members will be during the PLPR Session at the World Planning Schools Congress in Perth, 4-8 July 2011 and on July 11th during the inaugural Pacific Rim regional meeting of PLPR.

Following from Dortmund's General Assembly, ExCo would like to propose a little change to article **8 (congresses and symposia)** of our statutes as approved in Aalborg. As we aim to be an international association, we would like to propose to make the selection of the conference host a ExCo decision, after consultation of the General Assembly, instead of a decision of the General Assembly itself. Not only would we like to avoid regional biased votes during General Assemblies, but also we want to ensure a balanced choice of conference host locations. You'll find the proposed new text in this newsletter.

If you have not done yet, we would like to invite you to take a look on our new website and subscribe to our new mailing list. Please feel free to send relevant items to the mailing list, such as announcements of your important new publications, prizes and events. You could also send them to us to have them included in our Members' News section.

Kind regards, also on behalf of the other ExCo members: Ben Davy (Vice President & Past Local Conference Chair), Thomas Hartmann (Secretary General), Michelle Oren (PhD Coordinator), Eran Kaplinsky (Edmonton Conference Chair), Dick Norton (North America Liaison) and John Sheehan (Pacific Rim Liaison),

*Leonie Janssen-Jansen*

*President - International Academic Association on Planning, Law and Property Rights*

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## **PLPR 5<sup>th</sup> Conference, Edmonton 2011**

### **Fifth Conference, Edmonton, Canada, 26-28 May 2011**

The Fifth International Conference on PLPR will be held on 26–28 May 2011 at the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta, in Edmonton, Canada. This year marks the first time the conference is held outside Europe. We expect to see many familiar faces and to make many new friends!

**Program:** Our out-of-town guests are invited to a pre-conference tour of Edmonton in the afternoon of Wed., May 25. The official program will commence on the morning of May 26 following registration, with an address by University Provost and VP Academic (and planner!), Dr. Carl Amrhein, followed by a special presentation by Alberta's Stewardship Commissioner, Mr. Morris Seiferling. Plenary and concurrent sessions will then be held until Saturday, May 28 at 3pm, featuring a large and diverse crop of outstanding research papers, and highlighted by two exciting keynote addresses from Professors Jill Grant of Dalhousie University, and Bill Fischel of Dartmouth College. A welcome reception will take place Thursday, May 26, and our traditional conference banquet will be held on Friday, May 27, in Fort Edmonton Park.

**Fees:** The conference rate for PLPR members is CAD\$150, \$75 for students. The cost includes all sessions, lunches and refreshment breaks, as well as the welcome reception. Banquet tickets are optionally sold at \$75 each.

**Accommodations:** We've made arrangements to make three hotel options available for our guests at special rates. Please consult our website: [www.law.ualberta.ca/plpr](http://www.law.ualberta.ca/plpr).

If you have questions, or need some help planning your visit, please don't hesitate to contact Eran Kaplinsky ([eran.kaplinsky@ualberta.ca](mailto:eran.kaplinsky@ualberta.ca)) or Russ Brown ([rsbrown@ualberta.ca](mailto:rsbrown@ualberta.ca)). We look forward to hosting you in Edmonton!

### **Registration is open!**

*\*The conference is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Alberta Rural Development Network, and the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta\**

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## **PLPR 6th Conference, Belfast 2012**

### **Sixth Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2012, 8-11 February 2011**

The sixth PLPR conference will be held at the School of the Built Environment, University of Ulster. The conference will be based in Belfast and will provide opportunities to explore the very dynamic planning and development changes taking place in the city. There will be a post conference tour to Derry, soon to be City of Culture 2013. More information (including the call for papers) will follow soon. Greg Lloyd and Deborah Peel will be our hosts.

The provisional overall conference theme will be “**rights, responsibilities and equity in land use planning**”, including sessions on “flooding, mitigation and adaptation in land use planning”, “sustainable development and property rights”, “managing the commons and resource conflicts”, and many more tempting sessions on the rich array of planning, law and property rights issues facing us all today.

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## **Further Events**

### **PLPR track at the World Planning Schools Congress**

Visit **track 15 on Planning Law, Administration and Property Rights** at the World Planning Schools Congress: Planning's Future – Futures Planning: Planning in an Era of Global (Un)Certainty and Transformation , 4-8 July 2011, Perth Convention Centre, Western Australia (see: [www.wpsc2011.com.au](http://www.wpsc2011.com.au)). The track is chaired by:

AESOP - Rachele Alterman, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, [alterman@technion.ac.il](mailto:alterman@technion.ac.il)

ANPUR - Marcio Moraes Valença, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil  
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### **Inaugural PACIFIC RIM REGIONAL MEETING OF PLPR**

Make a note in your diary for Monday 11 July when the inaugural Pacific Rim Regional Meeting of PLPR will be held in Sydney, Australia hosted by the Asia-Pacific Centre for Complex Real Property Rights, University of Technology, Sydney. The Meeting will be held at the Sydney campus of the University of Technology, Sydney located on the edge of the Central Business District of Sydney, in easy walking distance of hotels and the harbourside of the "emerald" city.

Four Themes: Legal pluralism, compensation, Indigenous displacement, and climate adaptation.

Please register your interest in participating or being a lead discussant with Professor Spike Boydell ([spike.boydell@uts.edu.au](mailto:spike.boydell@uts.edu.au))

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## Call for hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> PLPR-Conference (2013)

Our Association has already had four successful congresses: The inaugural one in Amsterdam (2007), the second in Warsaw (2008), the third in Aalborg (2009) and the fourth in Dortmund (2010). Next May the 5th congress will be held in Edmonton, followed by the 6th conference in Belfast, February 2012.

Following the approval of our Association Statutes at the General Assembly meeting in Aalborg, the selection of the following congress venues will be made through an open call. We would like to invite our members to apply to host the 2013 congress. The preferred time of year is February 2013, but ExCo will consider other dates as well.

If you and your university (or other relevant academic institution) is interested in hosting the 2013 conference, please send a message to Leonie Janssen-Jansen (l.b.janssen-jansen@uva.nl) before April 30th 2011. Please include preliminary information about the location and the conference facilities. Please also suggest the members of the local organizing committee, the general time of year (month or even week), and type of support that your university would be willing to provide.

ExCo will consider the proposals and may decide to recommend one or more venues. ExCo will bring the full set of proposals for a vote during the General Assembly in Edmonton, in May 2011, along with its recommendation (if any).

**We look forward to your proposal!**

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## Statutes

### Proposed change in article 8 of statutes

#### **Article 8 Congresses and symposia**

In keeping with its objectives as defined in Article 2 above, the Association will hold congresses – usually on an annual basis. In addition, the Association may hold smaller symposia or workshops. An annual congress will be hosted by one or more of the members, together with academic departments at universities, research centers, or individual academics. The congresses may hold either a general Call for Papers on the broad topics covered by the Association, or on more specific topics. Symposia or workshops will focus on specific topics.

For each congress a call for host countries or universities will be distributed among the members. In cases where there is more than one candidate, the decision will be made **by the Executive Committee, after consultation with** the General Assembly. If **consultation of** the General Assembly (for example, if there is no General Assembly in a particular year or if the Call for host countries received proposals at a timing unsuited for a General Assembly **consultation**), the decision will be made by ExCo. Congresses will normally be planned two years in advance.

For the preparation of congresses and other meetings, ExCo will usually appoint an Academic Congress Organizing Committee. For each annual congress, the chair of the academic organizing committee will usually be appointed as an *ex-officio* member of the ExCo for the duration of the year prior to the congress, and may be asked to continue to serve on ExCo until the commencement of the following year's congress. This overlap of terms of the outgoing and incoming heads of the Academic Congress Organizing Committees is intended to enable continuity of congress policy and accumulation of experiences.

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## Members' news

- **Prof. Harvey M. Jacobs** of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA traveled to University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, for one week in October to teach a short course – “Principles and Rationales for Planning.” The course helped to initiate a new master’s program in Sustainable Land Management and Planning. In November he was part of a U.S. group that conducted a training seminar for a delegation from the Ministry of Land and Resources, People’s Republic of China; the seminar was organized by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Harvey opened the one week program with two sessions: “Evolution of Property Rights of Land: United States and Western Europe,” and “Legal Aspects of Land Use Planning in the United States.” Also in November Harvey was invited by the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to give a series of property rights related lectures and seminars. His principal public lecture was sponsored by the Centre for Global Environmental and Natural Resource Law and was titled “What Place Private Property in a Sustainability Schema? The Legacies and Challenges of John Locke, Aldo Leopold and Garrett Hardin”
- On March 26-27<sup>th</sup> a seminar on planning and water policy will be held in Kassel, Germany: **Wasser(politik) im Spannungsfeld zwischen Privat- und Gemeineigentum**. For more information you can contact Fabian Thiel [fabian.thiel@cimonline.de]
- **Interesting publications**
  - **Darbi, Marianne, Holger Ohlenburg, Alfred Herberg and Wolfgang Wende** (eds) 2011. Impact mitigation and biodiversity offsets – Compensation approaches from around the world: A study on the application of Article 14 of the CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity). Münster: Landwirtschaftsvlg Münster.
  - **Hartmann, Thomas** 2011. Clumsy Floodplains – Responsive Land Policy for Extreme Floods. Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate.
  - **Harvey M. Jacobs** 2011 “Rarely Managing Growth: The Under-utilization of Land Use Planning,” in *Rural Housing and Exurbanization*, D.M. Marcouiller, M. B. Lapping, and O. J. Furuseth, eds., Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2011, pp. 259-271.
  - **Harvey M. Jacobs and Ellen M. Bassett** 2011. “All Sound, No Fury? The Impacts of State-based *Kelo* Laws,” *Planning and Environmental Law* vol. 63, no. 2, pp. 3-8.
  - **Lachance-Bernard N., Pinto N.N., Havel B. and Ploegmakers H.** (eds) 2010. Land Management and Mobilization in Europe: Regimes, Policies and Processes - A Comparison Framework Applied to Gland, Switzerland. Lausanne: Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne and Department of Civil Engineering of the University of Coimbra.

**PLPR members are encouraged to send us  
announcements of major events and new publications!**