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### Letter from the President and EXCO

Dear PLPR members,

It has been a while since you have received the last PLPR-newsletter. Many PLPR-events took place before, during and after the summer (on the Northern hemisphere).

In May, about 100 delegates from all over the world truly enjoyed the hospitality of the Faculty of Law of the University of Alberta to participate in the successful fifth PLPR conference, organized by Professors Russell Brown and Eran Kaplinsky and their staff. The more than 80 academic presentations at the conference emphasized the significance of law and property rights in town planning. We have met many familiar faces, but also made new PLPR-friends, which we hope to meet again during future PLPR-events.

In July, during the World Planning Conference in mid-Winter Perth (but with more sunshine than in many parts of Europe at that time), many papers on the interrelationship between public planning, law and property rights have been presented and debated by existing and hopefully new PLPR-members during the “Planning law, administration and property rights” track, co-chaired by Professors Rachelle Alterman, Marcio Moraes Valença and Lik Meng Lee.

A second event in July was the Land Resource Compensation – PLPR Pacific Regional Symposium (our first event on the Southern Hemisphere) hosted by Professor Spike Boydell of the UTS: Asia-Pacific Centre for Complex Real Property Rights at the University of Technology, Sydney. This two-day symposium provided a forum to debate takings, land acquisition and land compensation related to mineral exploration, indigenous dispossession and emergent property rights relating to climate adaptation in a Pacific Rim Context, with international experts in property rights from Melanesia.

During these three international events all over the world (at least from my European perspective) many of us will have had the opportunity to meet, and I learnt about new ideas for collaborative work that will hopefully presented during the sixth PLPR conference in Belfast, in February 2012. The preparations of this next PLPR event are in full swing!



As a result of what was decided during the General Assembly in Edmonton, regarding the proposed change in our statutes on selecting the host for next conference, you received an invitation to indicate your preference for the 2013 host. We did not had the opportunity to decide for the PLPR 2013 host in Edmonton after a last-minute withdrawal of the single candidate. The change in statutes, following the debate during the Dortmund General Assembly, proposed was to give ExCo the authority to decide on a conference venue as the experiences have learnt it is hardly impossible to make the decision during a general assembly meeting, for all kind of reasons. The proposal resulted in a heated discussion, in which was decided to grant ExCo the authority, but with an emphasis on the 'after consultation of the General Assembly' element. Suggestions included polls through the newsletter, electronic voting, email etc. Part of the discussion also involved other selection criteria, the geographical bias of our member base (and the probably self-reinforcing effect that would result from this as we also have discussed during the Dortmund General Assembly). In the end we promised to try the 'electronic' voting if there would be two good candidates for the 2013 conference, and respect the members opinion that we need to be as transparent as possible.

About 50% of you informed us about your preference, and many also shared your thoughts, remarks, comments about the process. We appreciate your efforts. After a long debate the members of ExCo have decided in favor of Portland for the 2013 PLPR conference because of the attractive program suggested by Ellen Bassett and Ed Sullivan. The PLPR conference will coincide with the 40th anniversary of Senate Bill 100 in Oregon. We appreciate that a small majority of PLPR members have stated a different geographical preference (yet balanced for geographical base, the results are different). In addition, we haven't taken into account only location and are confident that the Portland hosts will continue to promote PLPR's dedication to high academic standards. During the ExCo meeting in Edmonton we decided to establish some further criteria on conference host selection procedures, which we will discuss in the Belfast General Assembly. We hope to see you all during this meeting. It is still possible to submit an abstract (until October 10<sup>th</sup> 2011).

All the best, also on behalf of Ben Davy, Thomas Hartmann and Michelle Oren

***Leonie Janssen-Jansen***

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

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## Upcoming PLPR Belfast 2012:

### Rights, responsibilities and equity in land use planning

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

We live in very turbulent times. The economic recession, political agendas, the attendant social and community tensions and the ever present environmental agendas create new boundaries to the land use planning across the world. There is a dominant concern with its efficiency and effectiveness – yet there are also important questions relating to its effects on different localities and communities. Changing contexts and reforms of land use planning involve fundamental questions about justice, equity and behaviours.

The **6th International Conference to be held in Belfast in 7 – 10 February 2012** takes questions relating to rights, responsibilities and equity in land use planning as the principal themes for its meeting. The Conference offers an opportune space to reflect critically and deliberate the new relations being forged around the state, market and civil society. Land use planning debates must now concern questions as to the role of property rights, the health of civil liberties and the nature of the public interest.

**We invite papers** on all topics related to law and planning, including all legal aspects of urban, regional, and rural planning; land use regulation; strategic spatial planning, property rights, expropriation and compensation; housing; and public-private cooperation. Specific conference themes will include, for example, economic (reconstructing planning under economic and social uncertainty; public goods, infrastructure and market relations); social (justice, equity and transparency); environmental (climate change, renewable energy and resilience, flooding, mitigation and adaptation in land use planning) property rights (managing the commons and mediating resource conflicts) and legal (changing institutional and organisational forms in land use planning).

We encourage submissions from researchers working in such areas as planning policy and practice, land economy, and environmental mediation and justice. **Early career scholars and PhD students are particularly welcome!** It is still possible to submit your abstract!

Please visit the following web page for details:

**[www.ulster.ac.uk/plpr2012](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/plpr2012)**

*Greg Lloyd & Deborah Peel*

*School of the Built Environment*

*University of Ulster*

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## Call for photos

Have you made photos during PLPR conferences, PLPR group meetings, or other events of our association? We have now passed our fifth anniversary, so it is a good moment to recapitulate and show what we have achieved so far. Therefore, we need your help! Probably, we can exhibit some photos during future events. Also the website would profit from some expressive pictures.

So, if you have photos of sessions, inspiring discussions, a nice picture of a venue, a keynote speech, from the conference dinner, or just impressions from the atmosphere at one of our events, please

**send your pictures**

to Thomas ([secretary@plpr-association.org](mailto:secretary@plpr-association.org)) with an indication of the photographers name, the date and the location!

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## Impression on the UTS/PLPR Land Resource Compensation in Sydney



The symposium also got some University's media attention (see : <http://datasearch.uts.edu.au/dab/research/centres/apccrpr/news-events/dab-news-detail.cfm?ItemId=27537>) and a segment on ABC Australia's Pacific Beat: <http://www.abc.net.au/ra/pacbeat/stories/201107/s3276892.htm>

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*For further information on the association and the mailinglist visit [www.plprassociation.org](http://www.plprassociation.org) !*

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## Statutes

### Approved 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.

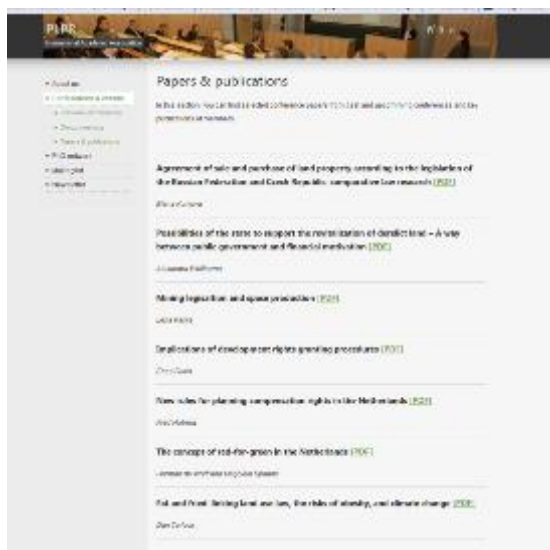
For each congress a call for host countries or universities will be distributed among the members. In cases where **there is more than one candidate, the decision will be made by the Executive Committee, after consultation with the General Assembly. If consultation of the General Assembly (for example, 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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## Papers & Publications section on the PLPR website

In this section, you can find selected conference papers from past and upcoming conferences and key publications of members. If you want your paper to be posted on this platform, please send us a short notice ([info@plpr-association.org](mailto:info@plpr-association.org)) with your paper submission.



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## Members' news

- Prof. Harvey M. Jacobs of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA taught a short course – “Property Rights and Land Policies,” at the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands, in March 2011 as part of their one year master’s program in urban management. He also taught a short course in April “Protecting Agricultural Land in the Peri-Urban Region,” at the International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training (of Taiwan) 114th Regular Session on Land Policy for Sustainable Rural Development. As part of his time in Taiwan he was invited to give a lecture to the Department of Land Economics, National Chengchi University. And in the April-June period, in collaboration with PLPR board member Ben Davy (and others), he served as a Fellow at ZiF – Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung (Center for Interdisciplinary Research) Germany – as part of a research project on “The Road to Global Social Citizenship? Human Rights Approaches to Global Social Policy.”
- Ben Davy (TU Dortmund), together with Ulrike Davy and Lutz Leisering (University Bielefeld), convened a research cooperation group at the ZiF at the University Bielefeld. The group looked for "The Road to Global Social Citizenship? Human Rights Approaches to Global Social Policy". ZiF-Fellows included Harvey M. Jacobs (University of Wisconsin, Madison) and Sony Pellissery (Institute of Rural Management, Anand). In particular, the ZiF group examined the relevance of private and common property rights in land within the context of social security in OECD countries and the global South.
- Ben Davy presented the invited keynote speech to the Opening Plenary of the 55th World Congress of the International Federation for Housing and Planning, 11 September 2011, Estonia Concert Hall, Tallinn. Title of the speech: "Surprising Developments. Urban Renewal in India and Germany."
- **Interesting publications**
  - **Harvey M. Jacobs 2011.** “What Role for Privately Owned Land?” in A Road to Global Social Citizenship? FLOOR Working Paper No. 10, A. Barrientos et al., available at [www.floorgroup.de](http://www.floorgroup.de), pp. 18-20; forthcoming in ZiF-Mitteilungen (2011, no. 3).
  - **Dennis Keating (co-author) 2011.** "Cleveland's EcoVillage: green and affordable housing through a network alliance" Housing Policy Debate, Vol. 4, No. 1: 69-91
  - **Dennis Keating (co-author) 2011.** 4th edition of: housing and community development law (Carolina Academic Press)
  - **Dennis Keating 2010.** "Redevelopment of Vacant Land in the Blighted Neighborhoods of Cleveland, Ohio Resulting from the Housing Foreclosure Crisis" Journal of Regeneration and Renewal, Vol. 4, No. 1: pp. 39-52.
  - **Benjamin Davy & Sony Pellissery 2011.** Climate change and global social policy. Global Social Policy 11 (1) 106-113
  - You can retrieve **FLOOR Working Papers** at [www.floorgroup.de](http://www.floorgroup.de) – recent publications include
    - FLOOR Working Paper No. 12: Benjamin Davy (2011) “Surprising developments. Urban renewal in India and Germany”  
<[http://www.floorgroup.raumplanung.tu-dortmund.de/FLOOR\\_Working\\_papers/FLOOR\\_WP012\\_B\\_Davy\\_Surprising\\_developments.pdf](http://www.floorgroup.raumplanung.tu-dortmund.de/FLOOR_Working_papers/FLOOR_WP012_B_Davy_Surprising_developments.pdf)>.

- FLOOR Working Paper No. 10: Armando Barrientos, Benjamin Davy, Ulrike Davy, Hartley Dean, Harvey M. Jacobs, Lutz Leisering, Sony Pellissery (2011)  
“A road to global social citizenship?”  
<[http://www.floorgroup.raumplanung.tu-dortmund.de/FLOOR\\_Working\\_papers/FLOOR\\_WP010\\_ZiF\\_Cooperation\\_Group\\_Road\\_to\\_global\\_social\\_citizenship.pdf](http://www.floorgroup.raumplanung.tu-dortmund.de/FLOOR_Working_papers/FLOOR_WP010_ZiF_Cooperation_Group_Road_to_global_social_citizenship.pdf)>
- FLOOR Working Paper No. 9: Benjamin Davy (2011)  
“Property and the politics of belonging”  
<[http://www.floorgroup.raumplanung.tu-dortmund.de/FLOOR\\_Working\\_papers/FLOOR\\_WP009\\_B\\_Davy\\_Property\\_and\\_politics\\_of\\_belonging.pdf](http://www.floorgroup.raumplanung.tu-dortmund.de/FLOOR_Working_papers/FLOOR_WP009_B_Davy_Property_and_politics_of_belonging.pdf)>
- FLOOR Working Paper No. 8: Benjamin Davy & Sony Pellissery (2011)  
“Gandhiji's talisman as social policy?”  
<[http://www.floorgroup.raumplanung.tu-dortmund.de/FLOOR\\_Working\\_papers/FLOOR\\_WP008\\_B\\_Davy\\_S\\_Pellissery\\_Gandhis\\_talisman.pdf](http://www.floorgroup.raumplanung.tu-dortmund.de/FLOOR_Working_papers/FLOOR_WP008_B_Davy_S_Pellissery_Gandhis_talisman.pdf)>

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

