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FIG COMMISSION 8
SPATIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 1998 – 2002

1. Terms of reference and in general

Terms of reference within the work of commission 8 in the working period 1998 – 2002 were:

- Regional and local structure planning
- Urban and rural land use planning
- Planning policies and environmental improvement
- Urban development and implementation
- Public-private partnerships (PPP)
- Informal settlements and urbanisation in developing countries
- Environmental impact assessment

Commission 8 tried to work on issues covering physical planning, the implementation of plans and land management in urban areas.

After modernising the name of the commission from „**Urban Land Systems: Planning and Development**“ into „**Spatial planning and Development**“ at the congress in Melbourne commission 8 observes since the congress at Brighton 1998 an important movement to make the FIG commissions more responsible for cooperation with different United Nation agencies.

Within the last four years it couldn't succeed to build up something like a network for UN matters influenced by delegates or representatives of Commission 8.

Commission 8 membership means only a very small group of people which is active in a continuously way and involved in such matters in their daily work.

By the end of December only more than 40 countries had appointed a delegate or only correspondent to the commission so that it is always a very small group of participants during the events of FIG and Commission 8.

2. Administration

The commission chair during the years 1998 and 2002 has been Helmut Brackmann, Deputy mayor in the City of Bottrop (Germany) and vice-chair Paul A.G. Lohmann, Holland Urban Institute B.V. (The Netherlands).

The commission 8 has had three working groups during the period 1998 – 2002 - one dealing with processes and procedures in Countries in transition, another dealing with Urban Regeneration and the third dealing with implementations of spatial planning by procedures of landmanagement and methods of public private partnership.

Since the congress at Brighton the commission 8 has held annual meetings in every year during the events of FIG.

At each working week Commission 8 organized special technical sessions and commission 8 representatives also participated in several other conferences, symposia or professional meetings.

A newsletter 1999 about the planned activities of Commissions 8 in the years 1998 – 2002 combined with a questionnaire about the issues of the working group „Urban Regeneration“ got no answer.

3. Commission 8 events and activities

1999

At the PC-Meeting in Sun City (South Africa) a technical session of Commission 8 presenting reports of the working group „Urban regeneration“ and „Public private partnership“ (PPP) was organized.

The present delegates of the working week in Sun City participated in the technical tour to the informal settlements in the surrounding of Johannesburg.

From the 22–25 September 1999 a workshop sponsored by the Dutch and German Association of Surveying arranged by the Commission 8 titled „Urban Regeneration in post-industrial areas“ was organized in Rotterdam (The Netherlands) and Ruhrdistrict in the city of Bottrop (Germany).

There were 25 participants from 7 countries. In a great number of lectures from different speakers out of the region the participants discussed the problems of the regeneration of the old harbour of Rotterdam, the regeneration of the industrial zone of the Ruhrdistrict and a lot of experiences with setting up new methods of revitalization such areas.

2000

During the working week 2000 in Prague Commission 8 presented four papers about the progress of work in discussing methods of landreadjustment, planning systems in countries in transition (Romania, Czech Republic and events within ppp-procedures in the neighborhood corporation of Rotterdam.

The present members of Commission 8 in Prague take part in a very specific session in the Town Hall with the responsible member of the City Board and Mr. Milan Turba, Chief of the local planning of Prague to discuss the problems and development of the planning system during the transition period in the City and the country.

Commission 8 chair participated in the **URBAN 21 Global Conference on the Urban future** from the 4–6 July 2000 in Berlin (Germany). Chair of Commission 8 was present when FIG-aims on sustainable development were presented by Markku Villikka to the whole conference audience.

Commission 8 chair participated in an Symposium during the EXPO 2000 in Hannover (Germany) about Natural Resources and the Sustainability Challenge and responsible governance in global society.

2001

In Seoul (South Korea) the Commission 8 presented two sessions under the headlines: **Urban Regeneration and Urban Land Readjustment** and **Spatial Planning and Environmental Policies**.

In all contributions the speakers addressed some reasons, influences and results of their work which are responsible for changes in the world of profession.

For example:

- political crisis
- continuity of increasing population in the cities and agglomeration areas
- economical changes and ecological conditions
- the changing in ideals
- high unemployment in most old industrialized areas
- globalization and new forms of financing

It was a little bit sorry, that it was not possible to arrange a technical tour for discussing the very interesting problems of mass-traffic or downtown infrastructure in the City of Seoul.

2002

At the congress of Washington in 2002 the Commission 8 presents more than 20 papers in mind of the terms of reference of the Commission under the headlines as follows:

- Basic Planning Aspects and Examples worldwide
- Landreadjustment and consolidation of Land
- Ecological Aspects of Planning and Implementation
- Economical Aspects of Planning and Implementation
- Urban Regeneration and Environment
- Urban Regeneration and Shaping the Future

4. Conclusions

Commission 8's activities have focused on regional and local structure planning, urban and rural land use planning, planning policies, environmental improvement and measurement procedures.

Urban development and regeneration of industrial areas in big cities have been other key issues and new aspects during the last years of commission activities. It has been an interest in public private partnership (PPP) and informal settlements and problems of urbanisation and infrastructure in developing countries.

Within the four years of handling the existing workplan 1998 – 2002 commission 8 published more than 60 technical papers about these matters in the different events of the FIG.

In regard to the very small number of actually active delegates in this field of daily profession I thank these for their contributions and activities in the past.

It shows the possibility and the most important role of an international organisation as FIG to organize a share holder value process in knowledge and experience exchange for it's member associations in a multinational and multipluralistic way.

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