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Society for Planning History Created

The Society for American City and Regional Planning History, conceived at the First National Conference on American Planning History that was held at Columbus, Ohio last March, was incorporated in December of 1986 with Eugenie Ladner Birch of Hunter College as President, Donald Krueckeberg of Rutgers as Vice President, and Laurence C. Gerckens of Ohio State as Secretary-Treasurer, with Marc Weiss of the University of Illinois at Chicago, David Reed of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Robert Cornish of Texas A & M, and Francois-Auguste de Montequin of the University of Georgia also serving on the Board of Trustees.

The Society, created through the efforts of thirty-four founding members from twenty-seven universities representing all regions of the United States, was founded to promote teaching, research, and publication in the history of American city and regional planning history, to publish newsletters, to hold national conferences and publish the proceedings of such conferences. Newsletters will be published twice a year. National conferences are to be held every two years.

Conference

The Second National Conference on American Planning History, will be held at the Great Southern Fireproof Hotel (and Opera House) in Columbus, Ohio 25-26 September, 1987 with the co-sponsorship of the Society for American City and Regional Planning History and the City and Regional Planning Department of The Ohio State University. The detailed program for the conference is available.

Publication

Reprint copies of *The Proceedings of the First National Conference on American Planning History*, sponsored by The City and Regional Planning Department at The Ohio State University, (Columbus, Ohio, March 1986; 654 pp., cloth) may be ordered from the Society for American City and Regional Planning History for \$37.50 (U.S. funds). Proceedings include 25 papers on American planning history and an additional 11 one-page abstracts.

Membership

Individual membership in The Society for American City and Regional Planning History is available at annual dues of \$35.00. Membership provides a semi-annual *Newsletter* and a 20% member-discount on both the registration fees at biennial national conferences sponsored by The Society and on the proceedings of such future conferences.

Institutional sponsor membership is also available, at \$150.00 per year. Sponsorship provides three copies of the *Newsletter* (mailed to one address) and three 20% member-discounts on conference registration and proceedings. Academic departments of planning, urban affairs, community development, and history, as well as public planning agencies and private firms are encouraged to consider membership.

Individuals and institutions taking membership in The Society before October of 1987 will be recognized as **Charter Members of The Society**. Cheques should be made payable to **The Society for American City and Regional Planning History**, and should be clearly marked "Charter Membership." Address all correspondence to:

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Centre Canadien d'Architecture/Canadian Centre for Architecture

The Canadian Centre for Architecture recently announced the following appointments: Timothy Porteous, Associate Director, with responsibility for administration and public programming; John Harris, part-time, Consultant to the Collections, from his office in London; Siegfried Rempel, Head of the Department of Conservation and Preservation. Cynthia Ware has recently joined as Publications Manager and David Harris as Assistant to the Curator of Photography.

Researchers currently involved in special projects with the CAA are Ned Kaufman, Assistant Professor School of Architecture, Columbia University, co-curator of the CAA opening exhibition "Architectural Representation" in September 1988; Alfred Willis, Ph.D. Columbia University, 1984, undertaking research for the CCA on late 18th century and 19th and 20th century drawings and books; Isabelle Gournay, Architect and Ph.D. candidate, Yale University, guest curator of the CCA exhibition "Ernest Cormier, Université de Montreal," scheduled to open in the spring of 1989; Larry Richards, Architect and Director of the School of Architecture, University of Waterloo, guest curator of "The New CCA Building," which will open in September 1988; and David Booth, Ph.D. candidate in the history of architecture, who is undertaking research for the CCA on pre-1750 European drawings.

Publications

Documents of Contemporary Architecture will be co-published by the Centre Canadien d'Architecture/Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal, and the M.I.T. Press.

Planned Assaults: The Nofamily House, Love/House, Texas Zero is the first in the CAA Series. Text and drawings are by Lars Lerup with forward by Phyllis Lambert and postscript by Peter Eisenman.

Acquisitions

The Library of the CCA acquired a major collection on Japanese architecture, 788 government reports (838 volumes) issued by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and local governments which document buildings prior to the Meiji period 1868, under the supervision of the Japanese government. Compiled by architects, architectural historians, celebrated carpenters, scholars of Japanese history, the reports analyze in detail construction techniques of temples, shrines, castles, public and residential buildings. They document, record and illustrate all restoration undertaken. (*ICAMNEWS* 5 [February 1987]).

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Summit of Major Cities

The first Summit Conference of Major Cities of the World, held in Tokyo in May 1985, proved a singular success with the heads of big cities in 19 countries taking part. In accordance with an agreement reached on that occasion, a Directorate of Cities Meeting was held in Tokyo in May 1986 to determine the next host city of the summit conference, and chose Istanbul. The summit will be held in May 1988.

The meeting also decided the following:

1. The participating cities for the conference will be limited in principle to those 19 cities that took part in the first summit. The principle of one city from one country will be observed. But the host city will be able to invite other cities if it so wishes, provided no major change is caused as a result in the pattern of the summit conference.
2. The subjects for discussion at the second summit will not be limited to any specific spheres so that a wide

ranging exchange of views will take place among the participants.

3. As regards to liaison and information exchange on municipal management and policies, Tokyo will serve as a secretariat and prepare a collection of data, such as information on basic problems confronting major cities and related important policies, on the population problem and topics of contemporary concern.

(*Tokyo Municipal News* 36 [Autumn 1986]).

CONFERENCES

European Forum on the Urban Environment

A major conference, the **European Forum on the Urban Environment**, organized by the Institut Européen des Hautes Études Internationales with the support of the City of Nice and the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, is being held in Nice, France, November 17-20, 1987.

The protection and the improvement of the Urban Environment are among the major challenges faced by European cities and towns. The **European Forum on the Urban Environment** will focus attention on the role that the bettering of living and working conditions plays on economic growth of the European Member States. An environmental policy is part of the general economic and social development of the European Community. New technology demands a different physical environment, that, in turn, requires further investments in urban infrastructures as a prerequisite for new activities, innovation and growth. Investments in the living and social environment are conditions for the protection of employment, for industrial investments, for the slowing down of urban decay. The private and public sectors have a joint responsibility in formulating environmental policy on a European, regional and local level. The **European Forum on the Environment** will offer an opportunity to take stock of all the experiences gained by European towns in stemming urban decay. This international *rendez-vous* will provide a unique occasion to assess existing policies as well as the prospects or the difficulties to deal with urban environment. The scope of the conference offers an exceptional meeting ground for the concerned industrialists and contractors, local councilors, engineers, town-planners and various municipal partners in Europe.

For further information, contact:

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Palais de Marbre
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Fifth Kingston Conference

The Canadian Science and Technology Historical Association will sponsor the fifth national conference on Canada's scientific and technological heritage on 23–25 October 1987 at the Chimo Inn in Ottawa. More than a dozen paper sessions will be devoted to such topics as the history of public works, the emergence of scientific disciplines, agriculture, industrial archaeology, scientific and engineering policy, public health and science-technology museums. A registration bulletin, with preliminary program and information is available. For more information, contact: The Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. R.A. Jarrell, Department of Natural Science, Atkinson College, York University, North York, Ontario M3J 1P3 Canada.

Docklands to Host Major Urban Development Conference

A major international conference on urban development will be hosted by the London Docklands Development Corporation in October 1987. Five hundred delegates, from more than 25 countries, are expected to attend the 11th International New Towns Association (INTA) Conference, 18–23 October 1987, which will focus on the theme, "Transforming the City." Delegates will be looking at urban initiatives in and around London, particularly the regeneration of the eight and a half square miles of Docklands, in comparison with city projects worldwide, including Paris, Berlin, Baltimore, Glasgow, San Francisco and Vancouver. They will also discuss and debate the mechanisms and operational styles that can be used to change the image of cities around the world. INTA is an international association for the development and management of existing and new towns which draws its members from the public and private sectors worldwide.

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Women and Housing

A conference focusing on women and housing, entitled **Our Homes: Ourselves** is being planned in conjunction with the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless for Third World and First World women, to discuss women's global experience in housing. The conference will be held July 12–19, 1987 in Sheffield, England.

For further information, contact:

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REPORTS

Solomon Aremu, Richard Brundrige, Jeffrey Lowe and Ioannis Ziotas, *C.N.R. East Yards Redevelopment '84: A Showcase of Winnipeg's Past and Future* (1986), 100 pp., illustration, maps, tables, graphs, \$16.00. Report No. 17.

Since 1965, a host of potential alternative uses have been proposed and debated for the Canadian National Railway's under utilized storage and transfer yards abutting Main Street South in downtown Winnipeg: showpiece park; cultural centre; high-rise office district; sports complex; luxury apartment towers; and national historic monument. The authors of this report have reviewed the previous conceptual plans for the area, and have put forth their own detailed proposal for this historic and valuable property.

Alan F.J. Artibise and Wendelin A. Fraser, comp., *New Directions for Urban Universities: International Perspectives* (1987), 320 pp., tables, graphs, \$20.00. Report No. 18.

This publication includes select presentations and remarks from a very successful conference held in Winnipeg in September 1986. The second **International Urban Universities Conference** was attended by over 150 university presidents, chancellors, and senior administrators from Canada and the United States. There was representation from the United Kingdom as well.

The conference speakers addressed a variety of issues including: faculty responsibilities and involvement in public/professional service; serving urban students; inter-institutional collaboration; the role of the urban university in economic development; meeting the learning needs of urban residents; and innovative roles for urban universities. All thirty papers presented at the conference are included in this 320 page report. The three important plenary session papers are also published: 1) "The University: An Extramural Perception" by Robert P. Purves, Inter-Ocean Grain Company Limited, Winnipeg; 2) "City-University Interaction: A Politician's View" by Major Donald Fraser, City of Minneapolis; and 3) "The Relationship Between Industry and Academe" by Vice Chancellor John M. Ashworth, University of Salford, England.

WINTER COMMUNITIES SERIES

Robert Robson, *Planning for Winter Livability in the Resource Sector* (1987), 30 pp., illustrations, maps, \$7.00. Winter Communities Series No. 2.

This report, the second in the *Winnipeg Communities Series*, is a critical appraisal of the resource community phenomenon. In this paper, Robson reviews the evolution of winter city planning in the resource sector — planning which follows a long line of theory that stretches from the Commission of Conservation in 1909 through to the Polaris Mine project on Little Cornwallis Island in the mid-1980s. It does not recommend the creation of domed cities, compact land use planning, wind-screen building principles, climate controlled pedestrian walkways, high-density housing or solar access neighbourhood planning, as the optimum winter design solution in the resource sector. Instead, it proposes as a more practical response to the issues of winter livability in the resource sector, the non-permanent community. Robson contends that the non-permanent community, the fly-in camp or the short-term residency style townsite, are all not only valid

expressions of winter livability but are also the most feasible methods of providing for workers engaged in the exploitation of a non-renewable resource.

RESEARCH AND WORKING PAPERS

Deborah Lyon and Tom Carter, *Alberta Housing: Seminar Summary* (1987), 80 pp., tables, graphs, \$8.00. Research and Working Paper No. 29.

Adaptation and dislocation in a boom-bust economic context were the dominant themes of discussion during a seminar on **Housing in Alberta** held in Edmonton in November 1986 under the sponsorship of the Institute of Urban Studies. The 1½ day event occurred in the midst of the second serious downturn to afflict Alberta's economy in the 1980s, and shortly after the provincial government announced several restraint measures to cope with the projected \$3 billion deficit for the 1986–1987 fiscal year.

Some thirty participants from government, financial, development, consulting and academic organizations reviewed a wide range of housing issues — including developments in elderly persons' and special needs housing; research; renovation activity, and training/upgrading programs. However, discussions consistently turned to the impacts of sharp economic reversal on government and industry perspectives, decision-making and structures; consumer expectations and behaviour, and the market outlook for housing. This publication summarizes the discussion at the conference.

Journal of Community Development

The *Journal of Community Development* is a new publication focusing on all aspects of community life and community development. The review includes feature articles, short information exchange items, book reviews and regular columns. The *Journal* is published six (6) times per year at \$35.00 per year (Canada) or \$45.00 per year U.S. and international.

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