IFHP 47th World Congress in Vienna, Austria
5-8 October 2003

Theme: Cities and markets, Shifts in Urban Development

With this congress, IFHP will be celebrating its 90th anniversary. A lot has changed in our cities since 1913. But the pace of change today is accelerating ever more rapidly and the planning profession finds itself in a shifting playing field. Power relations are becoming increasingly dominant, while moving far beyond the influence of local actors. This congress sets out to bring about a better understanding of the urban market as a system of supply and demand, of different interests. The agenda includes the internal structures of the urban market and the question of how they could be influenced to the benefit of our urban living environment. How do we protect vulnerable spots against uncontrolled market forces? Is spatial quality marketable? How will competition change the framework of future urban development? And what can we learn from globalisation? Which social, economic and physical strategies do we need today, and which urban-planning and management instruments will be necessary to secure social coherence and spatial quality? Vienna will supply at least some of the answers, and certainly a lot of inspiration for the urban planners of today.

Professional Programme:
The central questions of the congress will be covered systematically by 25 speakers in a three-day programme, each day with a special focus: urban economy, urban society and urban space. There will be plenary sessions in the mornings, and more small-scale parallel sessions and study tours in the afternoons. The result will be the formulation by the congress of a set of conclusions that we hope will benefit the whole planning profession. There has been a call for papers (deadline for submission: 31 December 2002), for which a series of parallel workshops will be organised. In addition, the IFHP Working Parties will of course be issuing invitations for special meetings during the congress.

Speakers List (d.d. 14-02-03):
Linda A. Apelt (AU), Deniz Baharoglu (TR), Dr. Philip Booth (GB), Prof. Joan Busquets (ES), Prof. Peter W. Daniels (GB), Jean Piero Elmgren Mhassi (BJ), Dr. Bruno Ettenauer (AT), Dr. Wolfgang Förster (AT), Prof. Christian Kesteloot (BE), Prof. Jan G. Lambooy (NL), John K. McTwain (US), Mohamed Rafik Meghji (TZ), Prof. Rahul J. Mehrotra (IN), Bryan Moulds (AU), Dr. Aylin Orbasi (TR/GB), Prof. Nicholas Ordway (Hawaii), Katarzyna Pruta (PL), Michelle Provoost (NL), Prof. Tsuyoshi Setoguchi (JP), Prof. Elizabeth Slikhardt (DE), Gotthard Stan Dyck (DE), Dr. Erik Swingedouw (GB), Prof. Rachel Weber (US), J.R Carlos Zarzo Hamma (ES).

There will also be ample opportunities to hear Viennese politicians and scientists, and meet the entire urban planning group of the city.

Student Competition:
On the occasion of the congress, there will be a student competition on the theme “The Local and the International in Your City of the Future”. The rules of the competition are available from the IFHP Secretariat or on the web.

Social Programme:
On each evening of the congress, there will be a different and exciting opportunity to learn about Vienna, to meet kindred spirits and enjoy good food and company. The first will be on Sunday 5 October, and the last on 8 October with the farewell gala. There will be a substantial accompanying persons programme on each day of the congress.

Information:
For more information: consult the website: www.ifhp2003.at or contact the IFHP Secretariat: Joke Bierhuys; congress@ifhp.org, tel. +31-703244557.