



Central European Research and Training Centre in Spatial Planning
Slovak University of Technology, Faculty of Architecture

1st AESOP YOUNG ACADEMICS MEETING

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA
February 7-10, 2007

**“Central and Eastern European
Engagement”**

CALL FOR PAPERS

www.aesop-youngacademics.net

Deadline for Abstracts
Abstract Acceptance Notification
Deadline for Papers

October 15, 2006
October 25, 2006
December 20, 2006

The AESOP Young Academics Network and the Central European Research and Training Centre in Spatial Planning cordially invite proposals for individual papers for their meeting of young planning scholars on planning and development issues pertinent to Central and Eastern Europe.

Objectives

Approximately 1/8 of all YA members are currently researching at universities in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). In light of this fact, the YA Coordination Team has decided to hold its 1st AESOP Young Academics Meeting – ‘CE³ – Central and Eastern European Engagement’ – in Bratislava, Slovakia. Together with the Central European Research and Training Centre in Spatial Planning, we aim to stimulate discussion and debate on CEE issues and research interests.

We also seek to encourage the participation of CEE scholars with the network as well as foster the exchange of ideas and research among all YA members on issues most pertinent to CEE regions within a planning and urban design context.

Issues to be Addressed

The internal tensions of an expanding Europe as well as global pressures from rapidly changing geographies of competition and innovation, from climate change and from immigration are present in Europe’s many social, economic, political and cultural dimensions of everyday life. Efforts that have taken these changes into account have sought greater economic and social integration with fellow European Member States.

What have been the peculiar features of these processes for the different nations and regions of Central and Eastern Europe? What implications does this have for planning in Europe?

Model

The event will take place at the Architecture Faculty of the Slovak University of Technology from February 7 to February 10, 2007. It will be structured on four parallel workshops, guest talks, and a ‘world café’ for the dynamic interchange of ideas by workshop participants. An event Dinner and YA Drinks gathering, and a guided visit of Bratislava will provide plenty of time to socialize! Also an edited publication of event proceedings will be made available after the event.

The event is free of charge; accommodation and food are included. However, participants must provide for their transportation to the venue.

Target Audience

The event encourages the participation of *all* researchers currently investigating development and planning issues in Central and Eastern Europe. Simply register at the Young Academics Network website if you are currently not a YA member: www.aesop-youngacademics.net.

Submission Requirements

Each participant will contribute to the event with a short paper of 3,500 – 5,000 words (5-10 pp.). Abstracts must be submitted by **October 15, 2006**, addressing one of the four track themes at the end of this invitation. Deadline for papers is **December 20, 2006**.

Your abstract of 300-500 words should contain the following information:

Central theme: what question are you trying to address?

Relevance of your topic to Central and Eastern Europe

Submit your abstracts online at our website. Go to ‘Media Centre / YA Print’ \ ‘Deposit to YA Print’ \ ‘1st YA Meeting – CE³’. Once you have arrived at the ‘1st YA Meeting – CE³’ category of the ‘Media Centre / YA Print’ section of our website, select the ‘Abstracts’ folder and complete the submission process; select ‘Conference, workshop or other event’ for document type.

Tracks	Sample Issues
01. Growth regions and Centres of Excellence, education and training	gaps between lagging regions and emerging growth centres; lagging regions and their ability to absorb new funding; FDI; divestment and industrial restructuring
02. Transportation and critical infrastructures, housing	housing needs and pressures on sprawl; growth management and land use; home-to-work commutes and polycentric development
03. Migration, social exclusion, economic and cultural integration, and welfare	out-migration; rural-urban migration; high or permanent unemployment; community planning; second homes and tourism
04. Environmental sustainability, food and health safety, energy and new technologies	brownfield vs. greenfield (re)development; alternative energy sources and its location; biofuels and forest management; genetically modified production and organic farming

Organization

AESOP Young Academics Network and the Central European Research and Training Centre in Spatial Planning

Scientific Steering Committee

Young Academics Coordination Team



“The Central European Research and Training Centre SPECTRA-PERSEUS grows and develops its research activities, based on interdisciplinary research of the issues of complex spatial development, with the emphasis on the problems of development of the settlement structures. Their optimization and ensuring of sustainable spatial development are basic preconditions for balanced, environmentally bearable social and economic development. Horizontal and vertical integration and supranational dimensions of its research activities are also the unique features of the SPECTRA Centre in broader European space.”



“The AESOP YA network is a loosely structured organization in which everyone who wishes to is invited to participate. The activities of the AESOP YA network are in particular addressed at planners who have only recently entered the academic world: PhD, postdoc, people starting in academic positions. The activities of the AESOP YA network are complementary to other activities that are being deployed within AESOP as a whole.”

The AESOP YA network has two core aims:

- Make AESOP a challenging environment for young academics; and.
- Open up the structure of AESOP to better encourage young academic involvement.



“AESOP was founded in 1989 as a network of university departments that teach and conduct research in the field of spatial planning. Today it has over 140 member schools and an expanding link with other planning associations and networks across the world.

- Representing the interest of planning schools in Europe
- Promoting the development of education and research in the field of spatial planning
- Facilitating co-operation and exchange between planning schools in Europe
- Articulating a European dimension within planning education
- Fostering and enriching higher education in planning across Europe by mutual support, regular dialogue, exchange visits and dissemination”