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News from the Club

First of all, some news about the traditional (but so necessary !) annual coordination meeting of the Clubs, which was held as usual at the Fnau' HQs in Paris last Feb.5, 2008.

G.Antier & P.Berger introduced a brief report : in **2007**, the quarterly Newsletter, of course, the website www.fnau-international.org (which does receive a growing number of visitors, but remains technically hard to be updated..), and last but not least, the Club meetings, mostly through the decentralized meeting in Lyon last Nov.28, thanks once more to our friends & colleagues of the Agency.

In **2008**, the 4th WUF World Urban Forum, to be held in Nanjing / China will be a prominent time in the Club's activities. Another decentralized meeting will soon be held in Marseille at the end of May in order to discuss our participation to the WUF events, conferences and meetings. It will also provide a good opportunity to discuss the future of the cooperation by the agencies of our network with the Mediterranean cities, and possibly the way to associate more of our members to the international calls for bidding in the field of urban development & management abroad. Ways of information, questions about the professional records, the Club is also trying to inform and help as best as possible the agencies on the way to open themselves to the international activities.



**Waiting for all of you in Marseille
next May 27 & 28th !!**

Despite of several « logistical » difficulties (thanks to our friends of the Marseille Agency and of the association *AdP-Villes en Développement* !!), we hope to welcome numerous participants at the **Pharo Palace in Marseille** for the two following events :

- **Tue.May 27th, 7:30 pm** : dinner / conference organized by the AdP Association, the Marseille Municipality and the AGAM / Marseille Urban Agency, the topic being : " *From Vancouver '06 to Nanjing '08*", a multiform french participation to WUF4, but which "message" from the French urban planning agencies ?".
- **Wed.May 28th, 9:00 am to 05:00 pm** : meeting of the International Club : morning session, "Which cooperation with Mediterranean cities ?", afternoon session (once again about WUF4) "Which know-how and assets of the Fnau network, facing the questions and requests from today's developing cities ?".

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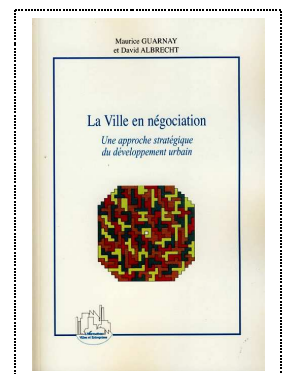
Books Review

La ville en négociation [*The City under Negotiation*], by M.Guarnay & D.Albrecht, Paris, Ed. L'Harmattan, april 2008, 326 p.

This book intends to describe the relationship between the various « actors » within the city as as within the global

economy, and proposes thus several keys in order to better understand the real urban trends, much beyond some supposed urban development "laws".

Because there are no "ideal" cities, the authors set up and suggest a grid for analysis of the urban development, this through a strategic approach.



For lack of negotiation, such a book will probably open more than one debate...

Who & where ? News from the agencies



The agency for Urban Planning & Development of the Flandre-Dunkerque Region, AGUR, starts a new action on 2008 in Morocco and more particularly in the El Djadida Region, of which the local urban agency has now fully integrated the technical cooperation with Dunkerque in its annual program.

A project which is also referring to the growing number of French urban planning agencies cooperating with Moroccan partners, with the help of the Fnau network. The Dunkerque agency will also take much benefit from the positive cooperation developed for the last years with El Djadida by the Regional Council of Nord-Pas-de-Calais and the Urban Community of Dunkerque.



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Our colleague I.de Boismenu (AUDIAR / Rennes Agency) has driven a mission last January to **Mauritania** in the framework of a GRET project (*Twize* Program) financed by the World Bank through the local UDP. The topic being to study “the feasibility of institutionalizing the development of social housing”.

Twize program is now a reality, mostly in **Nouakchott** in which more than 5,000 housing units have been already built. But beyond this first quantitative aspect, one of the main tasks of *Twize* is to contribute to the formulation of a real public housing policy in Mauritania.

This mission came up from this willingness, knowing that the study had also to integrate among others some questions about the land policy and the local ward-scale urban amenities & services. It does provide a grid of references for practices and experiments which might work towards the construction of a housing policy in Mauritania.

On your notebook



We had already announced that the next biennial CODATU Conference was to be held in **Hô Chi Minh-City** (Vietnam) on Nov.12 – 14. The preliminary program is now on-line on the Codatu website

www.codatu.org/english/conferences/vietnam08.htm

with the general organization & program, practical information, fees and registration form..

<http://www.codatu.org/english/conferences/vietnam08.htm>



ISOCARP (*International Society of City and Regional Planners*) is preparing its next Congress in **Dalian** (China) from Sept.19 to 23. Dalian, the former *Port-Arthur*, N.E.China, is the twin-city of the French harbour of Le Havre, where the Fnau network is having its Annual meeting next Oct.22-24.. [more informations on our website www.fnau-international.org/about-fnau/annual-meeting.asp

The main topic of the ISOCARP Conference will be “*Urban Growth without Sprawl : a Way towards sustainable Urbanization*”.

Information and registrations on

www.isocarp.org

Dalian - China Informations



By the way –in China also – the registrations are opened for the IVth World Urban Forum WUFA , Nanjing Nov. 3 to 7.



World Urban Forum 4
第四届世界城市论坛
03-07 November 2008 Nanjing, China

More informations (in Chinese...and in English) on their official website www.wuf4.com. If interested by the previous WUF Forums, please look at www.unhabitat.org.

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