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Best wishes for 2009 to all of you : fruitful cooperation, profitable and innovating readings, conferences and meetings, and mostly the unutterable happiness when meeting other people and other cultures, through which we may hope to improve personally and professionally.

G.Antier & P.Berger, Club Leaders

Nanjing '08, such an event..

Yves Dauge, Senator, Mayor of Chinon, was leading **the french delegation at the IVth World Urban Forum in Nanjing** last Nov. 3 – 7. First good news, this delegation was much more numerous than at WUF3 in Vancouver : about a hundred of participants for only twenty in 2006. The delegation included local mayors, French associations of Local Authorities, various representatives from the Central Government or from the public urban planning agencies (FNAU, Toulouse, Marseille, Montbéliard, IAU Ile de France, Lyon), consultants, and a few private firms....

The networking event set up by the French side about « *the transversal character of the urban policies* » was successful : 60 to 70 people who have appreciated both the quality of the speakers and the "intensity" of the debates...

Another side event has been organized at the « *Alliance française* » of Nanjing with help from the specialized "Ecole de Chaillot"., this about the upgrading process of a historical heritage area within a small-sized Chinese town.



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The French stand, organized and managed by Isted, made easier the meetings with the visitors. Numerous documents were displayed there, such as the Chinese edition of the collective book « **Emerging Cities** » et the booklet about the French agencies Assignments' abroad [see Letter / n°15].



Several people left Nanjing & WUF4 with the feeling of a wide gap between the beautiful models shown on the stands of the Chinese cities and the main topics of the "Western" cities, which were mostly about the efforts to solve the numerous problems of the developing cities.



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For example, the ways to manage the urban explosion (and the slums produced as a direct consequence) remained in the background, regard to the sustainable development and to the climate change (which, however, will have some direct impacts over the poorest urban areas).

Who & where ? News from the agencies



Lalo / St-Omer : official agreement

The project of cooperation between the Urban District of Saint-Omer and the Municipality of Lalo (Benin) is now official (*see Letter n°15*), and the City of Lalo has also confirmed its financial involvement into the project. A delegation of councillors and professionals from the Agency will visit Lalo on the second half of February.



In Ouagadougou (2007) and then in Yaounde and Bamako (2008), the Lyon Agency took part into several **training sessions for the municipal technical staff of some major cities of Western Africa** organized by **CIFAL** (International Training Centre for Local Authorities/Actors). The main topics were the urban planning, the management of the urban mobility and of the transportation, the land policies and the development of the peripheral areas within the African cities.

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These training sessions are usually organized for some thirty municipal officers coming from various major cities of Western Africa such as Niamey, Cotonou, Ouagadougou, Dakar or Bamako... They are set up by CIFAL, of which the main office is in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Supported by the Greater Lyon area, this centre is member of an international network including twelve training centres and created by par the United Nations Institute for Training & Research (UNITAR) around the world.

Read in the next Letter (N°17) a review of the book « *Developing the African City* » | [**« Aménager la ville africaine »**] published by J.-F. TRIBILLON & M.-T. MANCHOTTE in 2008 at the Cotonou-based MDP Press..



The Lyon urban Planning Agency has been working in **Hochiminh City** for the last 15 years. Another good reason for attending there the 13th international **CODATU** Conference (*Cooperation for the urban mobility in the developing world*) last Nov. 12-14, with some other French partners (Systra, Egis rail, Gart, AFD, Isted..) of which some Lyon (Greater Area, Rhône-Alpes Regional Council, SYTRAL..). The main topic was this year « *Sustainable Development Challenges of Transport in Cities of the Developing World: Doing What Works* ». The agency gave a lecture about « *Corridor & Town planning: (corridor urbanisation along main public transportation axes)* ».



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Professionals of the public transport are of course mostly concerned by these conferences. However it is to be hoped that they will pay a better attention to the « urban shape » of the human settlements when considering the quality of the public transportation. And the quickly-expanding developing cities do not take enough into account the ways to make land reservation for transportation axes.

The proceedings will be available on March 15th on the website www.codatu.org



Ten years after its valuable contribution to the first Urban Development Plan of **Santiago de Chile** Metropolitan Region, the IAU Ile-de-France will start in 2009 several short-term consultancies in the aim of the next Regional Development Plan.



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