



# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to Dunkerque !

The annual meeting of the clubs held last Jan.15 at the Fnau Hq's gave the opportunity to inform a wider public about the activities of our International Cooperation Club in 2009 : the Marseille Meeting on May, the booklet about the agencies' assignments abroad on September, and the participation in WUF4 on November.

In 2009, we shall organize a third Regional meeting after Lyon (2007) and Marseille (2008). It will be held this year in the Northern Region in Dunkerque, with help from our friends of the local Urban planning & Development agency "AGUR".

Meeting our colleagues and friends from the various agencies of the Regions "Nord Pas-de-Calais" & "Picardie" will make them better informed about the ways offered to the agencies to work abroad. But of course welcome to the other ones..

G.Antier & P.Berger, Club Leaders

## News from the Club

**Next meeting on Thu.May 28, 9.30 am – 4.30pm in Dunkerque**, with a central topic concerning every member of the network : "Creating urban agencies within developing cities". The meeting will include a presentation of the assistance driven by the Dunkerque Agency to Annaba (Algeria) & Bizerte (Tunisia), this following a workshop organized on the same week Then afterwards various case studies by Lyon, St Omer, Grenoble, Paris Region, etc., before two comments given by (a) a representative from the EU programs or from the French AFD, and (b)

by a teacher at the Lille University, specialist of the French urban agencies. The final debate and discussions will be moderated by Ph.Nouveau, former Chairman of our Club.. and of the Dunkerque Agency.

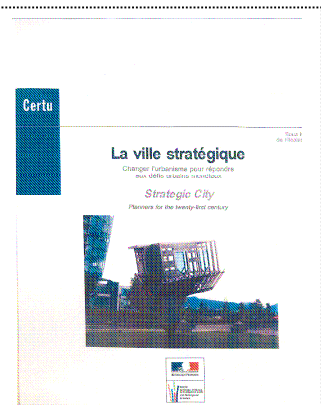


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## Books Review

**Strategic City – Planners for the XXIst century (La ville stratégique)**, N.Buchoud ed., Lyon, Ed. du Certu, 2008, 272 p.

The basic idea of this book was to bring together twenty or so papers from academics (mostly historians) and stakeholders around the world in order to compare their visions of the city of tomorrow.

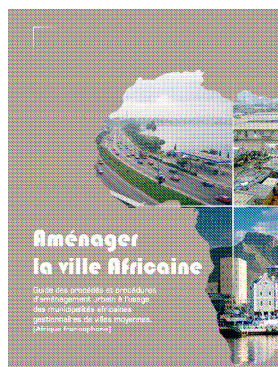


The book is structured by three main topics : 'Lost in urbanization', 'Towards an urban renaissance', and 'Planners for the XXIst century'. Richly illustrated, and with English abstracts, the book reviews the urban decrease, the 'remodelling' and the 'glamour planning' (!), or

the training of tomorrow's planners in China & in the US. Abundant, slightly provocative, it sets a good defence of the urban policies against the economic and environmental priorities of the present crisis. One can read in the conclusion that "we have moved beyond architecture to supersized urban developments, from 'starchitects' to star urban designers'. Well, if only..

**Managing the African city (*Aménager la ville africaine*)**, J.F.Tribillon & M.T.Manchotte ACT Consultants, PDM Cotonou, 2008, 150 p.

This short 'handbook of the processes and procedures for planning and development, for use in mid-sized african municipalities' is based



upon some realistic concepts, introduced through a clear and educational process. Ten chapters of some 15 pages describe the main aspects of the urban policy driven by a mid-sized African municipality: operating, servicing, controlling the land use, parcelling out, redeveloping areas,

managing a development process, planning, organising the municipal services, mobilizing resources, etc.

Without any claim to be a handbook in the school meaning of the word (which would be both unrealistic and unsuitable !), this book is mostly a easy-to-use "memorandum" aiming to help the mayors and their services to better act as urban planners of their own city.

### Who & where ? News from the agencies



#### Lyon & Paris at work with Rabat-Salé

The urban agency of Rabat-Salé is working under a twinning agreement with the Lyon agency since 2007. However, it has also asked the Paris urban agency to update the land use plans of Rabat, Salé and Temara.

In 2008, Lyon has organised with the Paris *Apur* a workshop in Rabat about the ways to better link urban planning and transportation planning. This will be continued in 2009 with a simplified presentation of the proposals carried on by the "Urban Trips Plan", now approved, and the study of its coherence with the planned urban development. *Apur* and the Lyon agency are also on the way to participate into another workshop (associating the municipalities and the Wilaya) about the future of the urban area of Rabat- Salé – Temara.

The idea of this workshop is to precise the proposals and orientations of the so-called "unified land use plans", with regard to the urban growth, and also to:

- the evolvement of the large projects (Bouregreg, the Accrach plateau, Al Boustane, the technological park..)



- the present minding about the layout and the stations of the future high speed train line, - and also the development of the tramway or of other public transportation lines on exclusive lane.

Such a 'dialogue in three parts' will notably help the urban agency of Rabat-Salé to set up a more coherent urban organisation for Rabat and then propose it to its partners (Government, Wilaya, municipalities and private developers..).

### On your agenda



The next **INTA congress** will be held in **Kaoshiung (Taiwan) on Oct. 4-8, 2009**, the central topic being 'Innovating Urban Environments'.

The turbulent and uncertain economic, environmental and financial environments of today make it necessary to reinvent our methods and instruments for the sustainable development of our territories, the conditions of their attractiveness.



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This implies reconsideration of the governance of urban development. Innovation is crucial to re-launch the economic and development machine, and there lies the interest of the Taiwanese experiment.

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