



NEWSLETTER

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*This is the Newsletter edited by the
"International Cooperation Club"
of the FNAU network.*

*FNAU is the non-profit association of the
French public urban planning agencies*

*News from Morocco, Libya and Ethiopia,
conferences to be held in Buenos Aires and Paris,
and also books, upstairs about the towers, or
downstairs about the land governance.*

*A wide variety of places and topics which has
been emphasized during the recent meeting of our
Club last November 19.*

*Thus please enjoy this Newsletter. The next issue
will be published at the end of January 2010
after the annual meeting of the Fnau Clubs.
Wishing a Happy New Year to all our foreign
readers.*

G.Antier & P.Berger, Club Leaders

News from the Club

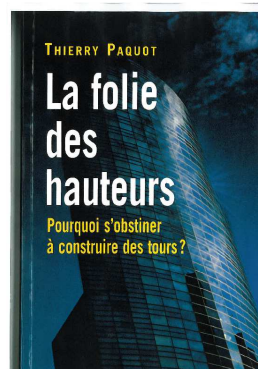
Our Club met in **Paris** last **Nov. 19**, at the IAU Ile-de-France urban agency. Among the participants in the debates: five agencies (Besançon, Dunkerque, Ile-de-France, Lyon, Marseille), but also the MEEDDEM (French Ministry of the Sustainable Development), the AFD / French Agency for Development, Isted and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our foreign guest was Mr. Bachir Belouahem, Head of the Annaba urban agency (Algeria).

B. Belahouem mentioned the recent decision to create a national urban planning agency in Algeria; C. Pointereau (Isted) introduced the French participation to the Africities Summit next December; X. Moiroux (Marseille) has informed us about several new local structures such as the Observatory of the Mediterranean Cities, now developed by the Marseille Agency, or the CNIM (*National Centre for the Mediterranean Initiatives*), in which AFD is leading the topic « Urban transports » when the World Bank leads the topic « Urban Development » with the Caisse des Dépôts Group. R. de la Rochefoucauld underlined the

the fact that the AFD frequently organizes conferences and round tables which might be announced in this Newsletter and on www.fnau-international.org. P. Berger (Lyon), F. Aouaichia (Dunkerque) & G. Antier (Ile-de-France) have also informed the group about various activities of their respective agencies: notably the partnerships set up by Dunkerque with Victoria (Brazil) and Al Jadidah (Morocco), and the contracts in Addis and Rabat (Lyon), as in Libya and within various south mediterranean cities by the IAU Ile-de-France. A synthesis of the **Marseille meeting** « *Cities and Climatic change* » was given by P. Berger: strategies for adapting the cities, challenges for greening them, new linkages between urban planning and urban shape within this new context, etc.. And M. Belliot also mentioned **several important meetings**: the Moroccan agencies in Essaouira last Nov. 13; the Africities Summit in Marrakech next Dec. 16 - 20 (the French participation being coordinated by Isted & *Cités Unies*), and WUF 5 in Rio next March 201. Fnau will prepare a document about the role of the agencies into the urban and social regeneration policy.

Books Review

Delusions of heights (*La folie des hauteurs*)
Th. Paquot, Paris, Bourin 2008, 221 p., 19€



This book is doubly with us: because the 820 m of the Dubai Burj Tower will be inaugurated next January 2010 and, more simply, when considering the present debate about the towers in and around the « Grand Paris ». After a good historical enquiry (served by a well-commented bibliography) and a first charge about « towers as an obsolete fact today », the author refutes the arguments for building new towers in Paris, being the density (do they really improve it?) or the ecology and the social mixity (do they really help them?). As usual with him, the technical information and the philosophical minding mix themselves in order to serve his taste for pamphlet, this time on service of the HEQ areas (HEQ as... « high existential quality »).

Books Review

Land governance and securement of the land rights within the developing countries, Paris, sept.2008, 35 p.

Edited by a working group associating AFD and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this report gives a good synthesis of « land as a the root of major conflicts and of unknown challenges It does also provide a grid for understanding the land situations within the urban and rural contexts, before considering which land policies to be set up facing the various challenges carried on by sustainability and diversity. All for voluntarist policies, it does question some usual practices such as the impact of the securitization on the poverty improvement.



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On your agenda

The next **CODATU XIV** will be held in Buenos Aires on October 25 - 27, 2010, the central topic being « **Sustainable transport and the quality of life in the city** ». The submission of proposals was launched last Oct.15, with a final deadline next December 31.



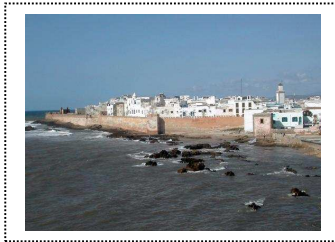
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The **7th International Conference of the AFD** and of the EUDN network will be held on Dec.9 in Paris on the following topic : **fragmentation in a globalizing world**. The speakers will be covering various issues by adopting the standpoint of major regions of the world. Should you need further information regarding the conference and your participation, do not hesitate to contact valadierc@afd.fr

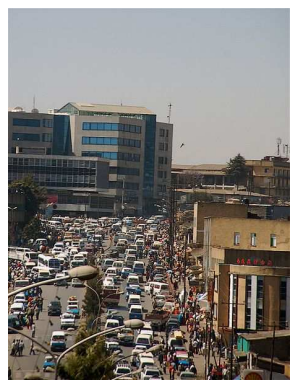
Having already been assigned in **Libya** in Tripoli (Architectural & Urban Charter, Detailed land use plan) and within the Province of Fezzan, the IAU Ile-de-France has just been committed with Egis Bceom to prepare the new urban planning law and the reform of the Ministry of Urban Planning.

On the initiative of MAJAL, the Moroccan Association of the public urban planning agencies, **the 4th meeting of these agencies was held last Nov.13 in Essaouira (Morocco)**. The Fnau Executive Manager M.Belliot attended the meeting, as the agencies of Ile-de-France and of Dunkerque (which concluded an agreement with the agency of Al Jadidah).



The Urban Agency of **Lyon** is on way to sign a new contract of assistance to the city of **Addis Ababa**, financed for 24 months by AFD about urban planning and public transportation matters. On May 2009, Lyon & Addis Ababa had decided to set a decentralized cooperation process. It does include the Agency, which will keep on its previous assistance while articulating itself with the on-going AFD projects in Addis Ababa , particularly :

- the **urban waste** management (training sessions and creation of a public deposit financed by AFD;
- **urban planning** : report about the implementation of the master plan (approved in 2002), preparation of its updating process, setting-up of a regional planning process at the scale of the Greater Addis (at long term, Addis will be more than 12 m inhabitants) and continuation of the assistance to the preparation of various urban projects;
- **public transportation** : development of primary lines / BRT (electrical or thermal bus) as a complement to the study of a LRT project driven for the Government by a Hong Kong consultant along the two main axes of the city.



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