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FNAU is the non-profit association of the
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News

The preparation of the English version of the FNAU Website (www.fnau-international.org) is now underway : a pre-project has been introduced during the May 3rd monthly meeting of the agencies' CEO's and started to be formatted on June by a specialized consultant. The on-line version is expected to be operational next October, 2006.



Marcel Belliot, FNAU Executive Secretary, has attended on June 2006 in **Vancouver** (Canada) the World Urban Forum and the **World Planners Congress**, which has welcomed about 1,000 participants from some thirty countries.



With reference to a contribution from the "Commonwealth Association of Planners", the Congress has approved a Declaration in favour of a "New Urban Planning", better adapted to the needs of the developing cities and to the expectations of the communities. Preliminary contacts were established with UCLG and with the organizing committee of the 2007' Congress of the Canadian Planners.



Books review

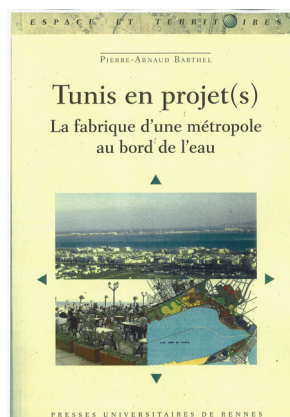
In its issue n°99, Dec.2005, the review **Annales de la Recherche urbaine**, is focusing over the topic of « *Intercommunality and public interest* ». Experiences from abroad are introduced (urban services in Capetown, territorial reform in Berlin-Brandebourg, public enquiry about the land use plans in UK, etc., and compared with various French situations (urban waste collecting in Nantes, housing policy within intercommunal structures, public interest and Franco - German transborder policies, etc.).



Tunis in project : building a metropolis on a waterfront

[Tunis en projet(s): la fabrique d'une métropole au bord de l'eau. P.-A.Barthel, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, mai 2006, 206 p..]

The waterfront urban development is a topic more frequently studied within the developed cities. This book provides thus an interesting synthesis about the urban planning and development operated around and over the Lake of Tunis, a global project concerning some...2,600 ha of land mostly reclaimed from the existing lakes and facing the present downtown.



The author recounts the kind of « frustrated relationship » which Tunis had with its site, this up to the main projects set in order to reconcile the city with its lakes. But he gives also a critical vision of these policies in terms of urban governance,, without concealing the ambiguities of this enormous project.

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Who and where ? News from the agencies



The Mulhouse Agency (AURM) cooperates with Sofara (Mali).

The AURM assists the Municipality of Sofara for an extension project of some 100 ha, by formulating proposals in terms of urban design, management of the public spaces, water provision and collecting / treatment of the urban waste. A young volunteer is now on the site, in order both to ensure the realization of the projects of co-operation decided jointly by the City of Mulhouse, Sofara and the IRCOD, and to associate closely the dialogue with the local population.



The technical assistance developed since 1999 by the **Lyon Agency** with the City of **Addis Ababa** (4 million inhabitants) is now framed by a contract of consultancy with the Municipality. On 2006 / 2007, the agency will support the ethiopian team leader through a permanent technical and scientific advice, training seminars, expert missions, etc..



Addis Abeba

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The main task of the project is to strengthen the control & management by the municipal services over several priority topics, being mostly the preparation of several projects (public transportation axis, retail markets, public landfills) able to be selected by international bodies and financial backers (WB, AfD).

During the recent years, the agency worked about the regional planning of the Greater Addis Ababa, the creation of an E-W public transportation corridor, the ways to improve the local management of urban projects, the low-income land and housing policy.

It is also working in **Porto Novo** (Bénin), in order to set up a « sustainable tourism inter-communal project » with reference to the decentralized co-operation of the Great Lyon urban area.



The Greater Paris Region Agency / IAURIF is driving since 1995 a long-term assistance to the Moroccan urban agencies of Rabat, Agadir, and now **Casablanca**, which selected the agency in order to update its Master Plan and to set up the redevelopment framework of its central waterfront.



Casablanca

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Wish to contact these urban agencies ?

www.aurm.org (Mulhouse)
www.urbalyon.org (Lyon)
www.iaurif.org (Greater Paris)

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The 4th Summit AFRICITIES of the local communities will be held

on September 18-24 in

Nairobi (Kenya),

with the participation of

national & local

governments, NGO's,

the private sector,

international bodies and development agencies.



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Organized by the Partnership for Municipal Development, it will give to the African cities the opportunity of discussing together about the decentralization policies in Africa, and also to position themselves in regard with the UN Millennium Development Goals from now on 2015.

www.africities.org.