

Internationalization of ACSP – Annotated Chronology

- 1988 Bish Sanyal organizes a conference at MIT, resulting in the edited volume, *Breaking the Boundaries: One World Approach to Planning Education* (1990)
- 1990 Himi Jamal and Bish Sanyal organize a conference at SUNY Buffalo on “Global Approaches to Planning Education”
- 1991 ACSP appoints a Commission on Globalizing Planning Education, chaired by Himi Jamal
- 1991 first Joint Congress of ACSP and AESOP (Oxford)
- 1994 report of the Commission on Globalizing Planning Education, *Global Approaches to North American Planning Education* submitted to ACSP; recommendations accepted by the ACSP Executive Committee (now called the Governing Board)
- 1994-98 a “global group” functions informally within ACSP; at least one proposal to formalize the group is rejected by the Executive Committee because it doesn’t fit within ACSP’s structure
- 1996 second Joint Congress of ACSP and AESOP (Toronto)
- 1996 Executive Committee agrees to support a World Planning Schools Congress in concert with AESOP, the Asian Planning Schools Association (APSA), and the Australia-New Zealand Association of Planning Schools (ANZAPS); a steering committee is established with representatives of the four associations
- 1997 ACSP’s annual conference (Ft. Lauderdale) has significant participation from Latin American scholars, including several sessions and plenaries with simultaneous Spanish-English translation, thanks to outreach by the local hosts and Bill Siembieda, efforts by ANPUR, and support from the Lincoln Institute
- 1998 Bish Sanyal hosts a workshop at MIT to develop an appropriate structure and mission to enable the formalization of the “global group” within ACSP; the Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG) is established and formally recognized by the Executive Committee at their Fall 1998 meeting; the GPEIG website is at <http://www.gpeig.org/>
- 2001 first World Planning Schools Congress (WPSC) (Shanghai); ten regional associations from around the world form the Global Planning Education Association Network (GPEAN), and issue the Shanghai Statement; the GPEAN website is at <http://www.gpean.org/>
- GPEAN’s major activities up to the present include

- Create/maintain the Coordinating Committee, which oversees GPEAN
- Maintain the WPSC Steering Committee, which organizes periodic global congresses
- Produce the *Dialogues* series of edited books containing the best scholarly papers in planning from around the world
- Organize and support meetings among people holding counterpart positions (e.g., presidents, journal editors, conference organizers) in the member associations

- 2001 ACSP president Wim Weivel appoints the Planning Globally Task Force, chaired by Ruth Yabes; it is directed to prepare recommendations and plans for discussion in the three areas of curriculum, research and study abroad, and international associations and conferences (see *JPER* vol 21 (2002), pp. 424-5); the report of the curriculum subcommittee (chaired by Bish Sanyal) is on the GPEIG website at http://www.gpeig.org.php5-4.websitetestlink.com/images/uploads/Sub-Comm_Rept_Curriculum.pdf; there was also a report from the research and study abroad sub-committee (chaired by Salah al-Shakhs), but I can't locate it; and there may have been an overall report from the task force, but I can't locate it
- 2003 third Joint Congress of ACSP and AESOP (Leuven)
- 2005 International Association for China Planning (IACP) is established; this is a formal group that has an informal presence within ACSP; their website is at <http://www.chinaplanning.org/index.htm>
- 2004-05 China Planning Network (CPN) is established; this is a formal group that is trying to build links to ACSP but does not have a presence within the Association; their website is at <http://chinaplanningnetwork.org/english/index.htm>
- 2006 WPSC 2 (Mexico City)
- 2008 fourth Joint Congress of ACSP and AESOP (Chicago)
- 2011 WPSC 3 (Perth, WA)
- 2013 fifth Joint Congress of ACSP and AESOP (European location TBA)