The world planning schools movement

...a short history
Global Planning Education Association Network (GPEAN) was founded during the first World Planning Schools Congress (WPSC) in 2001 in Shanghai. Four planning school associations, ACSP, AESOP, ANZAPS, and APSA joined together to hold the first WPSC in Shanghai at Tongji University. The congress drew 650 planning scholars from over 250 planning schools in 60 countries. While in Shanghai, leaders of ten planning school associations met to discuss common objectives and possible future actions. At the conclusion of the meetings, they unanimously agreed to what has become known as the Shanghai Statement, signed by representatives of all ten associations at the closing ceremony of the Congress. The statement, which became the basis of GPEAN, highlighted the goal of increasing mutual communication in order to improve the quality and visibility of planning and planning education. To achieve this, it was agreed to establish a global planning education association network.
1st World Congress: Shanghai 2001

2nd World Congress: Mexico 2006

3rd World Congress: Perth 2011

4th World Congress: Rio de Janeiro 2016

- ALEUP
- ANZAPS
- APSA
- ANPUR
- AESOP
- APERAU
- AAPS
- ACUPP
- ACSP
GPEAN Venice 2019 during the AESOP Congress
GPEAN Santiago de Chile 2018 during the ALEUP Conference
GPEAN Denver 2017 in conjunction with the ACSP Congress

4th World Congress: Rio de Janeiro 2016
GPEAN Bali 2015 in conjunction with ASPI congress
GPEAN Istanbul 2014 in conjunction with TUPOB colloquium
GPEAN Recife 2013 during ANPUR Conference
GPEAN Lausanne 2012 in conjunction with PERAUA’s colloquium

3rd World Congress: Perth 2011 Memorandum of Understanding between GPEAN and UN Habitat
GPEAN Helsinki 2010 in conjunction with AESOP
GPEAN Ahmedabad 2009 in conjunction with APSA
GPEAN Chicago 2008 in conjunction with ACSP-AESOP Joint Congress
GPEAN Naples 2007 in conjunction with the AESOP Congress

2nd World Congress: Mexico City 2006
GPEAN Adelaide 2005 in conjunction with ANZAPS
GPEAN Portland 2004 in conjunction with the ACSP Congress
GPEAN Belo Horizonte 2003 in conjunction with ANPUR Congress. A charter was developed, which was later ratified by the nine founding member associations.
GPEAN Volos 2002 in conjunction with AESOP Congress, Decided world congresses would be held every five years.

1st World Congress: Shanghai 2001
Planning association executives at their meeting on the campus of Tongji University in Shanghai during the first World Planning Schools Congress, July 2001.
Chang-Ho Yim, President of APSA, and Geraldo Costa of ANPUR, sign the Shanghai Statement at the closing ceremony of the World Planning Schools Congress, 15 July 2001.
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Planning association representatives at the first meeting of the GPEAN Coordinating Committee, Volos, Greece (in conjunction with the AESOP annual Congress) July 2002.

In the 2002 meeting in Volos, held in conjunction with the AESOP Congress, it was decided that world congresses would be held every five years.
Planning association representatives at the meetings of the GPEAN-WPSC Steering Committee and the GPEAN Coordinating Committee (held in conjunction with the ANPUR biennial Congress, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, May 2003). At this meeting a charter was developed, which was later ratified by the nine founding member associations.
CHARTER
of the
GLOBAL PLANNING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NETWORK

PREAMBLE

This document describes the nature and operation of GPEAN. It is designed to provide the minimum framework needed for the operation of a peer based network of international co-operation.

1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Global Planning Education Association Network (abbreviated as GPEAN).

2. MEMBERSHIP

GPEAN is a network of associations of university level planning programs and schools in urban and regional planning. Members are national or multi-national Associations.

Membership

Membership is available to national or multi-national Associations of planning programs and schools that meet the following criteria:

- Programs and Schools of the Association operate university level planning programs
- The Association has been in existence for 4 years or more
- The Association has active mechanisms for exchange and contact, for example:
  - Regular meetings or congress
  - Journal or other publication route for papers
  - Website
  - Convener or executive structure with contact details
  - Active communication amongst the membership

Nine Associations are founding Members of GPEAN:

- Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS);
- Association of Canadian University Planning Programs (ACUPP);
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (USA) (ACSP);
- Association for the Development of Planning Education and Research (APERAU);
- Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP);
- Association of Latin-American Schools of Urbanism and Planning (ALEUP);
- Asian Planning Schools Association (APSA);
- Australian and New Zealand Association of Planning Schools (ANZAPS); and the
- National Association of Urban and Regional Post-graduate and Research Programs (Brazil) (ANPUR).

Associates wishing to join GPEAN must have the support of two sponsors who are current Members, and must make application using established procedures. The decision to admit new Members will require a two-thirds vote of the existing Members confirming consistency with the criteria above.

If, in the view of two Members, an Association appears to no longer meet the criteria for Membership, they may propose the ending of membership of that Association. In such a case, the Association being reviewed has the right to and must be given the opportunity to defend its Membership to GPEAN at the next Meeting. The proposal for ending Membership must be supported by four-fifths of the existing Members, not including the Association being reviewed.

Observer Associations

Other Associations may be accorded observer status at the discretion of the current full Members. Observer Associations have full rights to participate in discussions, but do not have decision-making power.

3. PURPOSES

The purposes of GPEAN are to facilitate international communication on equal terms amongst the university planning communities in order to improve the quality and visibility of planning pedagogy, research and practice, and to promote ethical, sustainable, multi-cultural, gender-sensitive, participatory planning.

4. STRUCTURE

GPEAN shall have two standing committees. One is the Coordinating Committee and the other is the World Planning School Congress Steering Committee.

Each full member association shall appoint one voting representative to the Coordinating Committee and one voting representative to the World Planning School Congress Steering Committee.

5. RATIFICATION

Associations will have until 31 December 2003 to ratify this charter, thereby retaining their status as founding Members of the Global Planning Education Association Network.

6. AMENDMENT

Amendments may be proposed by a four-fifths vote of the Coordinating Committee, or by the written request of one-third of the Member associations. Proposed amendments are to be forwarded to each of the Member Associations. Member Associations are required to consider the amendment within 6 months and respond in writing. Approval of two-thirds of the Member associations is required to enact an amendment.
ACSP '04 conference participants in roundtable on Global Cooperation Among Planning Schools, organized by GPEAN. October 22, 2004. Portland, Oregon.
Dialogues in Urban and Regional Planning
1: Prize Papers from the Worlds Planning School Associations
Routledge 2005

International Editorial Board
Sigmund Asmervik, AESOP
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Roberto Rodriguez, ALEUP
Bruce Stiftel, ACSP
Vanessa Watson, AAPS
Angus Witherby, ANZAPS
Anthony Yeh, APSA
2005: GPEAN meetings with the ANZAPS Congress, Adelaide
GPEAN meets at the Second World Planning Schools Congress, Mexico City July 2006
GPEAN meetings - 2007 Naples

Left to right: Michael Gunder (ANZAPS), Louis Albrechts (AESOP), (ANPUR), Didier Paris (APERAU), Andrea Frank (AESOP), Vanessa Watson (AAPS), David Amborski (ACUPP), Chris Silver (ACSP), LikMeng Lee (APSA)
2008 Chicago during ACSP/AESOP congress

Back left to right: Ali Memon (ANZAPS), APA representative, Bruce Stiftel (ACSP), Didier Paris (APERAU), Andrea Frank (AESOP), Front: Jo Looye (ACSP), Chris Silver (ACSP), Juan Demeritus (ALEUP), Tom Harper (ACUPP), Vanessa Watson (AAPS),
The 2012 GPEAN meeting was held in conjunction with APERAU’s colloquium in Lausanne
GPEAN 2013 Meeting in Recife

GPEAN Council meeting 2013 (Left to right): Utpal Sharma (APSA), Roberto Monte-Mor (ANPUR), Nancy Odendaal (APSA), Bruce Stiftel (co-opted, HPUI Liaison), Ester Limonad (ANPUR), David Amborski (ACUPP), Isabelle Thomas-Maret (APERAU), Chris Silver (Chair, ACSP), Andrea Frank (Co-Chair, AESOP), Ela Babalik-Sutcliffe (AESOP future rep)
The 2015 GPEAN meeting took place in Bali, in conjunction with the congress of ASPI, another new member to the network.
GPEAN 2017 Meeting in Denver

The meeting was held in conjunction with the ACSP Congress in Denver.
In 2018 during the ALEUP Conference in Santiago de Chile