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Building issues

The external evaluation of the Building issues programme was presented to Sida in May 2005. The evaluators consulted 52 of the 1935 persons that receive Building issues and state that: "The Building issues publications have been a successful initiative and have been well implemented by HDM. HDM has committed itself far more than what was agreed or was specified in the contract agreement with Sida. However the potentials of the initiative have not been exploited up to its limit." The evaluators also give valuable recommendations to Sida such as "Broaden the context from Building Issues to Urban Development Issues. On the content of subject matter issues of more integrated and sustainable developmental aspect on the broadest spectrum of a developmental scheme."

HDM is now looking forward to Sida's follow up to the evaluation, possibly in the direction of a new series of Urban Development Issues. HDM also intends to continue to publish the Building issues as a series of publications and to maintain the network. Therefore HDM asks everybody interested in supporting this work to spend five minutes in responding to the enclosed questionnaire. You can send it by fax or airmail to the number/address on the questionnaire, or you can respond on internet by going to www.hdm.lth.se and clicking on "Building issues questionnaire". The questionnaire will allow all 1935 members of the Building issues network to comment and give proposals. HDM would appreciate it if comments could be submitted 31 December 2005 at the latest.

In July HDM distributed the study *Planning for Good Indoor Lighting* by **Rikard Küller**, and we hope you have received it.

6th N-AERUS Conference Promoting social inclusion in urban areas: policies and practice

HDM hosted the 6th annual N-AERUS research conference in Lund on the 16–17th of September 2005 at IKDC designcentrum. N-AERUS is a network for European researchers on urbanization in the South.

(<http://www.naerus.net>)

Karin Grundström was the conference coordinator for HDM.

The conference was attended by 60–70 researchers from Europe and developing countries to exchange experiences on the theme of social inclusion in urban areas.

HDM invited three speakers to the conference. The key note lecture was given by **Dr. David Satterthwaite**, International Institute for Environment & Development (IIED/UK). He emphasized the importance for multilateral donors to support local organizations in order to reach the Millennium Development Goals of improving the lives of the urban poor, giving good examples of bottom-up development from developing countries. The text is available at <http://www.hdm.lth.se/naerus/2005/Summary.htm>

Gustavo Riofrío, Senior Researcher at DESCO, Peru, raised the issue of the production and re-production of cities referring to studies in Lima showing the development of spontaneous settlements over time and the importance of planning for building cities.

Tekn. Dr. Ann Schlyter, Centre for Global Gender Studies (CGGS), Gothenburg University, lectured on urban housing, the power of ownership and the exclusion of women, drawing on experiences from southern Africa, showing the complex and difficult survival strategies developed by poor women in urban areas.

Papers were presented in parallel sessions on the themes:

- Eviction processes: trends and policy responses.
- Privatization of services and promoting organizational change for pro-poor growth.
- Micro finance as a tool for urban development.
- Promoting social inclusion in urban areas.

Courses

Master Programme

The 18 students in the Master of Arts in Urban Management & Development who chose to specialize in Housing arrived in Lund on 1 May 2005. The entire course lasts 12 months, and graduation was in Rotterdam in September. The programme is organized by the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Research.

Conservation & Management of Historic Buildings

The first part of the 2005 course was held in Lund during September and October with 31 participants from Asia and Latin America. The continuation course for Asia will be held

in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in February 2006. **Keat Toby CMHB 04** will help with the local arrangements. The continuation for Latin America will be held in Quito, Ecuador, with help from **Mariana Torres HD02** and **Cristina Peña AD97**.

The course starting in September 2006 will invite applications from countries in Africa and the Middle East. There will be only one continuation course for the entire group, tentatively in North Africa. Check the HDM website for the course announcement.

Shelter Design & Development

This course will be offered for the first time in April 2006. Course brochures have been distributed and are also available on the HDM website. The closing date for applications is 31 December 2005.

Countries invited to apply for 2006 are

Angola	Colombia	Honduras	Panama
Afghanistan	Costa Rica	India	Peru
Bangladesh	Cuba	Indonesia	Philippines
Bhutan	East Timor	Jordan	South Africa
Bolivia	Ecuador	Kenya	Sri Lanka
Botswana	El Salvador	Libya	Tanzania
Brazil	Ethiopia	Malawi	Tunisia
Cambodia	Ghana	Nepal	Uganda
Chile	Guatemala	Namibia	Vietnam
China	Haiti	Nicaragua	Zambia

If you know anyone from these countries who would be interested, please pass on the information. Other countries will be invited to apply for the next course, so keep checking the website if your country is not listed.

PROMESHA

Organized Self-help Housing (OSH)

Participants have been selected for the course in San José during January – February 2006.

Preparing the Next Phase

At the start of the new phase, during the end of November, HDM staff are visiting programme countries to meet with responsible Swedish Embassies and with PROMESHA cooperating organizations. **Alfredo Stein** and **Laura Liuke** will be in Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras. **Johnny Åstrand** and **Maria Isabel Rasmussen** will be in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

PhD Research

Carlos de la Espriella

Carlos conducted field research in Liberia, Costa Rica in September. He has found evidence of territorial correlation between the predominant typology of social housing projects and areas of the city with high degrees of residential segregation. He is preparing for fieldwork in Nicaragua in December and in Honduras in January.

Erik Johansson

Computer simulations of the influence of urban design on microclimate in the cities of Fez and Colombo using the software ENVI-met (to be published in a journal). He plans to submit his thesis in the spring 2006.

Karin Grundström

Karin completed fieldwork in Costa Rica in February and will present her work for the degree Tekn Licentiat in December 2005. She will continue her PhD studies with fieldwork in Tunisia.

Christine Wamsler

Christine conducted fieldwork in El Salvador and had a thesis seminar in Lund in November with **Dr Mohamed Hamza** as opponent. Currently, she is working on an operational framework with performance targets which shall provide guidance for social housing organisations to initiate and pursue by degrees the process of integrating risk reduction within their work. Related workshops will be held in Costa Rica and El Salvador in February 2006.

Other Activities

Jordan

As part of a larger programme *Improving Thermal Performance and Minimizing Energy Consumption in Buildings*, the first training session to Train the Trainers was held in Lund for seven staff members of the Royal Scientific Society including **Hala Shaker al-Asir AEE 2000**. The training was completed in Amman in the second week of November when the participants presented their individual papers. The session also included the visits of housing areas in Amman and a trip to Petra. **Hans Rosenlund, Erik Johansson** and **Djamel Ouahrani** were in Amman on 9 November when the hotels were bombed, but they were safe in another part of the city.

The next training part, where RSS staff will train local professionals, was planned. The work with thermal regulations continues; the next step is to divide Jordan into climate zones and to define thermal comfort limits.

Alumni

There is no space for alumni news, but one item must be included since it involves three alumni:

Maria Pocatererra AD01 OSH02, Silvia Soonets AD00

OSH02 and **Victor Gastier Prieto** OSH05, all with Proyectos Arqui 5 CA, Caracas, Venezuela. They won a Bronze medal in the 1st. Holcim Awards for Sustainable Construction. More details http://www.holcimfoundation.org/awards/latam/bronze_latam.html

Next year they will compete in Bangkok, Thailand with the three winners of the five other regions.

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