

## PRESS RELEASE

### IFHP 2013 LONDON CENTENARY CONGRESS, JUNE 8-11, 2013

#### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO CITIES

3.2 billion people live in cities and urban areas today. By 2030, that number is predicted to be five billion. Improving cities today requires that we face many challenges. Fortunately we have a wealth of knowledge to draw on. The International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP) is a network of professional institutions and individuals in the fields of housing, urban development and planning. Today, members from some 60 countries use the IFHP as a platform to exchange knowledge, experiences and concrete ideas.

#### IFHP CENTENARY CONGRESS: “A Tomorrow for Cities: for people, by people”

The IFHP 2013 London Centenary Congress marks the highlight and pivotal point of IFHP’s centenary. Under the heading “*A Tomorrow for Cities: for people, by people*”, the congress returns to the city where IFHP was instituted, addressing contemporary issues head on, paying homage to the principles of social justice and resilience that the IFHP’s founder set out in “Garden Cities for To-morrow”.

This congress provides a springboard for **new thinking present and future development and planning of cities**. It includes a range of events, including presentations and panel discussions.

#### CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

A cross-section of international high profiles from the private, public and civil society sectors will be giving insight and share ideas on what it takes to lead and plan cities to a greater tomorrow. Among the confirmed speakers at the congress are:

<a href="#">Charles Landry</a> (UK)	Owner, Comedia - the urban futures think tank
<a href="#">Anil Menon</a> (India)	President of Globalisation and Smart+Connected Communities at Cisco
<a href="#">Jay Carson</a> (USA)	Executive Director for C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and Senior Advisor to Bloomberg Philanthropies
<a href="#">Richard Blakeway</a> (UK)	Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property, London
<a href="#">Ilmar Reepalu</a> (SWE)	Mayor of the City of Malmö
<a href="#">Mark Watts</a> (UK)	Director of Energy and Climate Change, ARUP
<a href="#">Toby Lloyd</a> (UK)	Head of Policy for Shelter
<a href="#">Mitchell Silver</a> (USA)	President, American Planning Association
<a href="#">Dr. Koon Hean Cheong</a> (Singapore)	CEO (HDB) and Deputy Secretary (Special Duties), MND Housing & Development Board in Singapore
<a href="#">Kent Martinussen</a> (DK)	Chief Executive, Danish Architecture Centre
<a href="#">Kate Henderson</a> (UK)	Chief Executive, TCPA

[>> Find out who else will be speaking at the congress](#)

## LOCATION

The main venue for the congress will be University College London (UCL), Gower Street, the [Wilkins Building](#), London, WC1E 6BT, United Kingdom.

## ABOUT THE CONGRESS

A prospective view of cities; profiling the important role of urban governance, reflecting on lessons of the past and asking what tomorrow holds for human settlements, how the future of cities can be shaped, and what practical solutions are required to establish the sustainable societies of tomorrow.

Overarching themes: [Resilient Cities](#), [Inclusive Cities](#) and [Cities In Transition](#) each dealing with challenges oriented from the multiple demands of growing urban populations, economics, social, demographic, environmental and political issues, and aiming to present an inspiring, positive vision and exploration of solutions to address these challenges.

[>> More information about the congress](#)

## CONGRESS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Premium members** (IFHP/TCPA/EAROPH): 700 EUR/On-site: 815 EUR. **Young and retired members** (IFHP/TCPA/EAROPH): 350 EUR/On-site: 815 EUR. **Non-members**: 815 EUR/On-site: 930 EUR. **Students**: 175 EUR.

Day Passes for Monday 10th June or Tuesday 11th June. **Premium members** (IFHP/TCPA/EAROPH): 325 EUR. **Non-members**: 375 EUR

## IFHP-membership - free of charge for the IFHP centenary year 2013

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*Join us to celebrate 100 years of dedication to cities and human settlement issues with the centenary Congress co-organised by the [TCPA](#) and [IFHP](#).*

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### PROGRAMME OUTLINE

**June 8th Saturday:** Pre-Congress Study Tour – Letchworth Garden City.

**June 9th Sunday:** Pre-Congress Study Tour – East London. Sustainia event and Congress Opening Ceremony in East London.

**June 10th Monday:** Conference Day 1 – Opening Plenary, Parallel Sessions and Study Tours.

**June 11th Tuesday:** Conference Day 2 – Plenary and Parallel Sessions. Vision for the Future and Closing Reception.

**June 12th Wednesday:** Post-Congress Study Tour – Welwyn Garden City.

[>> Detailed programme](#)

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### IFHP LEGACY

IFHP was founded in 1913 under the presidency of Ebenezer Howard, who was famous for his publication 'Garden Cities of Tomorrow' - an ambitious plan to unite the then-rapidly growing industrial cities with the countryside, ensuring healthier urban living. Strategies and solutions changes, but the focus has always been to understand the most salient urban development issues and possibilities of its time. In 2013 - one hundred years later – the IFHP continues to stand out: it organizes diverse activities and creates opportunities for cross-national and cross-urban exchange of knowledge and experience in the broad field of housing, urban development and planning.

### ABOUT IFHP

The IFHP consists of members from some 60 countries who use the IFHP as a platform to exchange knowledge, expertise and information. Through this exchange, IFHP's aim is to promote mutual learning and inspiration, and generate new ideas amongst professionals in order to equip them to find the best local solutions to the global challenges facing housing and planning today. IFHP has official relationships with intergovernmental organisations, such as UN-Habitat, UN-ECE, UNIP, UNESCO and the Council of Europe. It relates to specialised and regional international NGO's such as ISOCARP (International Society of City and Regional Planners), CAP (Commonwealth Association of Planners) and EAROPH (Eastern Regional Organization for Planning and Housing).

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### ABOUT THE CENTENARY YEAR

The IFHP was founded in 1913 under the slogan 'Cities of To-morrow'. At that time Ebenezer Howard and his contemporaries saw the huge social, environmental and health problems in Europe's rapidly growing industrial cities and thought up a then quite radical overall concept for a better living urban environment – the Garden City. Planning as a new profession arose in order to deliver the spatial answer to burning social questions.

The centenary deals with the need for a new thinking about the present and future development and planning of human settlements and a thought-provoking and innovative programme of activities takes place to celebrate and provide a platform for the next 100 years of the IFHP.

The lectures, tours, interactive events, gatherings and virtual opportunities taking place during the centenary year create opportunities to share, discuss and develop solution-orientated knowledge for a better urban future. The activities target and involve many different professions, interests and ages of participant and include nations from across the world all with an interest in the continued sustainability of our towns and cities.