

From Angela Vincent, Region 1 Director, Board of Directors

Register now for the National APA Conference!

Join APA and more than 5,000 fellow planners and officials in Boston for the 2011 National Planning Conference, April 9-12. The Early Bird deadline is approaching. Register by February 10 for the best price: <http://www.planning.org/conference>

New England or Region 1 Reception at the National APA Conference in Boston

Based on the popularity of the Region 1 Reception at the New Orleans, we are currently soliciting feedback on the demand to hold either a New England or an entire Region 1 Reception. New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York members – would you want to participate in a Region 1 reception? If so, please email Angela Vincent ASAP to inform the planning for this event. She can be reached at angela.vincent@iclei.org.

International Forum on Sustainable Urbanization – Next Generation

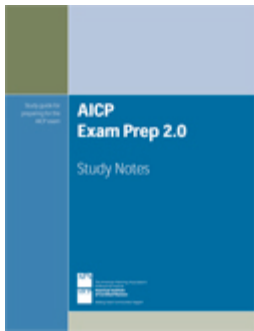
On behalf of American Planning Association (APA) I am writing to invite your young planners group (YPG) to participate APA's "International Forum on Sustainable Urbanization - Next Generation" on **April 9, 2011 (Sat)**. It is a one-day youth forum at APA National Conference in Boston.

We have realized that, as the most urbanized country and fastest growing urban area in the world, the United States and China are facing a challenging future, and the voice from young generations of both countries represents a shape of future. As the first unofficial dialogue channel for young generations between United States and China, the purpose of this event is to provide a venue to get Chinese and American young generations (under age of 40) to express their perspectives on urban issues. Participants are not limited to planners, but all the young people who care about our cities in the future.

We are now inviting roundtable speakers from both China and U.S. with different professional background. We have learned the great effort you have been doing on the engagement of young people in urban planning, we hope you could recommend 1 or 2 influential young leaders to be our roundtable speakers. Also, we will be sending out some event information and advertisements, would it be okay for us to share some of your member contacts?

Please take a look at the introduction document explaining the event. We expect your participation and please feel free to contact Andy Fang by email (chinaprogram@planning.org) or by phone (202-872-0611 ext.1039).

From Debbie Lawlor, AICP, Region 1 AICP Commissioner



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From David Kruse, SRC Representative from Region 1

Student Opportunities for Interaction at the APA National Conference

This year's National Conference will be upon us before we know it! Preparations will include booking travel and lodging arrangements, registering for the Conference, filling out your session schedule, and many more miscellaneous tasks that may be involved. Fortunately, upon arriving in Boston, those efforts will have been worth it.

Between numerous sessions, mobile workshops, tours, and meeting with Planning peers, the prospect of socializing with "young" planners and students may be a bit uncertain. There are opportunities to take advantage of, however. One of the first events that are offered is the **Happy Hour Networking Social at Kings** on Saturday from 4pm to 6pm. Monday will include two more events centered on Young Planners. First, the **Student and Young Planners Discussion**, from 9am to 10:15am, will showcase some of the work that each group has completed. Later in the day, there will be a **Young Planners Groups Discussion**, held from 2:30pm to 3:45pm, session that can "build upon existing resources and strategies."

Additionally, an added benefit to this year's Conference is the presence of Fenway Park and the start of Major League Baseball's 2011 season. The Tampa Bay Rays will be in town for a 3-game series, beginning Monday night. Tickets are available as low as \$29. Groups of tickets are available and can be a great way for professional planners and students to interact in a unique way, building off the mobile workshop earlier in the day regarding **TOD and Sports**.