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## SACPLAN's

### VISION

To pioneer the founding spirit of innovation in the facilitation of sustainable and inclusive development in the planning profession.

## Message from the CEO

The year 2013 is a start of a new era. The Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, Mr GE Nkwinti appointed a new SACPLAN Council and an Appeal Board for a new term. Please see the names of the new Council and Appeal Board in this issue of the SACPLAN Bulletin.

I would like all SACPLAN Bulletin readers to welcome the new Council and Appeal Board and to wish them well.

The SACPLAN financial year runs from the 1st April to 31st March. Invoices for the 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 financial year will be sent out in due course.

I would again like to invite you all to contribute to the SACPLAN Bulletin as it will only be through your contributions that this Bulletin will remain a success.

### Call for Articles

SACPLAN Bulletin urge all registered persons to contribute to this newsletter and to share interesting news, dates, facts, happenings, projects, etc. regarding planning and development issues.

## New SACPLAN Council and Appeal Board appointed

The Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, Mr GE Nkwinti, acting in terms of Section 4(7) and Section 24 of the Planning Profession Act, 2002 (Act 36 of 2002), appointed persons to serve in the SACPLAN Council and the Appeal Board for a new term starting from the 23 January 2013.

The Council consists of:

- Ms Nontsundu Ndonga Pr.PlN A/080/2008 as Chairperson (Provincial Government (Section 4(1)(b)));
- Mr Tshisamphiri Madima Pr.PlN A/657/1991 as Deputy Chairperson (Private Practice (Section 4(1)(f)));
- Prof Mfaniseni Sihlongonyane Pr.PlN A/1078/1998 as Alternate Chairperson (Education (Section 4(1)(d)));
- Mr Rajesh Makan Tch.PlN B/8119/2003 (DRDLR (Section 4(1)(a)));
- Ms Leona Bruiners Pr.PlN A/084/2008 (DRDLR (Section 4(1)(a)));
- Mr Peter Gilmore Pr.PlN A/1384/2010 (Urban Municipality (Section 4(1)(c)));
- Mr Sifiso Zondo Pr.PlN A/184/2010 (Rural Municipality (Section 4(1)(c)));
- Prof Matthew Dayomi Pr.PlN A/1052/1998 (Education (Section 4(1)(d)));
- Prof Verna Nel Pr.PlN A/187/1985 (Education (Section 4(1)(d)));
- Ms Mosa Molapo Pr.PlN A/1027/1998 (Community (Section 4(1)(e)));
- Ms Wangeci Karuri-Sebina (Community (Section 4(1)(e)));
- Ms Penelope Beck (Community (Section 4(1)(e)));
- Mr Peter Dacomb Pr.PlN A/521/1987 (Private Practice (Section 4(1)(f))); and
- Ms Lekgolo Mayatula Pr.PlN A/1517/2012 (Private Practice (Section 4(1)(f))).

### SACPLAN Motto:

*Reinvent Planning, Changing Lives*

The Appeal Board consists of:

- Mr Prince Dlodla Pr.PlN A/1459/2011 as Chairperson of the Appeal Board;
- Mr Sydney Holden Pr.PlN A/237/1985 as Deputy Chairperson of the Appeal Board;
- Mr Sunday Ogunronbi; and
- Prof Isobel Konyan.

**GCRO Quality of Life (QoL) survey data now available online**

The Gauteng City-Region Observatory (GCRO) announced the online availability of the Quality of Life (QoL) survey data via the **QoL Survey Viewer**.

Most of the 2009 and 2012 QoL survey variables are available and users have the choice of generating single or multiple variable reports. Single variable reports produce a table and graph of selected variables, with multiple reports providing the functionality to select an indicator variable and cross-tab it by selected list of demographic variables. The reports are generated at a Gauteng or municipal level, in the case of the 2011 data, or at a Gauteng, municipal or city-regional level for the 2009 data. The results can also be printed or exported to Excel, PDF or Word format.

To access this valuable information resource for the Gauteng City-Region, please click on the link to the GCRO QoL Survey Viewer <http://www.gcro.ac.za/qolviewer> or contact Chris Wray at the GCRO for more information.

**Vincent Leggo  
1927 - 1913**

By John Forbes

Vincent Leggo passed away on 29 January 2013; he will however have passed on a living legacy to many in the local planning fraternity.

Vin Leggo was one of the planners, along with Gerry Wassel of Horne and Glasson, who between them to a large degree dominated the local Durban planning consultancy scene from the 1970s through to the 1990s.

Vincent as a youngster joined the land survey department of the City of Johannesburg after the Second World War, but decided planning was more to his liking and eventually qualified through the UK Royal Town Planning Institute via their overseas examinations.

He was circa 1964 to leave Johannesburg and join the City of Durban where he planned, for one, the Hillary Housing Scheme introducing urban design into what had been up until then simple cadastral layouts.

He later left the Council and set up his own town planning consultancy, Vincent Leggo Associates (VLA), run from Aliwal House in downtown Durban out of the B.S. Bergman Consulting Engineers office. The office, later moved to North Ridge Road on the Berea and became renowned for the very high quality visual presentation of both coloured plans and the preparation of photo-plans under his direction.

While much of his work was done in the Highway area (the Inner West and Outer West areas of Durban) for both the public and private sector, the original town planning schemes of Hibberdene, Bendigo, and Port Edward on the South Coast, to name some, owe their genesis to Vincent.

A considerable amount of planning work was done in the emerging nodes of Empangeni (Schacht Cullum, the Tedders, Community Development and SATS), Richards Bay and Newcastle.

Amongst the private sector, some of his major clients included Glen Anil, Schacht Cullum and Anglo-American.

While his public sector clients included Borough of Amanzimtoti (Garden Lots), Borough of Umhlanga (Structure Plan), Newcastle Municipality (Housing), SATS (Empangeni - Legal Succession to the SATS Act), Community Development (Randegebied Ext. & Glenmore West), the KwaZulu Government (Ntuzuma, Magabeni and Gamalakhe) and the KZN Provincial Government (Lovu).

VLA prepared the Pavilion regional shopping centre application motivation with Robert Levitt where they faced a competing centre challenged by Durban with a site in Sherwood. The success of the Pavilion, which is due once again to expand, speaks for itself. He had in fact recently been working on this!

Also working with Robert Levitt in an epic need and desirability application battle he fought for and finally won approval for an industrial township on the farm Upper End of Langefontein. Here he was to experience that Hillcrest was very "different" and did not want industry! Ironically Vincent was much later to re-plan the area for the Cotswold Downs Golf Estate.

Also on the farm the Upper End of Langefontein the Planned Unit Development zone concept was introduced into a local (Hillcrest) scheme.

His office was to introduce the so-called "C" or convenience store on behalf of Shell into many schemes in the province. This is probably now a norm in all schemes.

His work was however not confined to KZN; he opened up a branch office in Johannesburg and worked out of Durban as far afield as Rehoboth in Namibia and Monrovia in Liberia.

He was for a time a part-time or visiting lecturer at University of KZN where he lectured land survey students on their planning module.

Vincent introduced environmental input into planning layouts and designs when it was not yet fashionable, let alone required. Ian McHarg's "Design With Nature" was then a very firm part of the internal reference library.

Similarly geotechnical input into planning layouts and designs was a prerequisite.

Probably one of the very first CAD layouts, certainly in the Durban area, was undertaken in his office - Lovu. Today the CAD design of township layouts has become the norm.

Vincent Leggo Associates was circa 1995 to merge with Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick (SiVest) who had bought out Horne and Glasson. Shortly thereafter the planning component was swelled by the joining of Seneque Maunagh-Brown. Following the merger Vincent, now as a consultant, gradually became less and less involved in

planning. He would however still from time to time undertake the odd project with his son Mark who had gone into the architectural profession. Janet his daughter however was a chip off the old block and she became a planner.

Having suffered a series of mini-strokes some years ago, which he seemingly came through successfully, Vincent had been living at Nazareth House on the Durban Berea.

Planning has lost a great man; an innovator of his time. The many members of Vin's immediate "team" who worked for him over the years, and who gained their initial grounding in his office, will be saddened by his passing. Our sympathies go out to his partner, his immediate family and his grandchildren.

Wherever Vin goes, he will certainly be taking his planning to even "higher levels"!

## New Book

**TARDIN, Raquel. System of Open Spaces: Concrete Project Strategies for Urban Territories. New York: Springer, 2012.**

The book was first published in Portuguese (Rio de Janeiro, Editora 7 Letras, 2008), and then in Spanish (Buenos Aires, Editorial Nobuko, 2010). For this English version, an important review was carried out, improving the content of the book.

### Editor's Note:

*"This book is an elaboration of a method of recognition, analysis, evaluation, and proposal of the planning of open spaces in a system for the purpose of spatial planning. The topic addressed is a currently much debated issue and interest in the proposed problem will continue to grow. In that sense, there is a demand for this type of work, a new methodology from the point of view of landscape and spatial planning. The work reflects the landscape*

*planning approach to spatial planning, using open space as a structuring element of the urban territory and taking into account its functions within the urban context.*

*In general, in the majority of cities, open spaces tend to be treated as land put aside for future urban occupation, environmental reserves, or simply no man's land. Conversely, what this book proposes is reversing this perspective and thinking positively about open spaces. In this manner, the existing values of these spaces and the permanence of these spaces in a system of open spaces interrelated with urban occupation can be used for possible territorial restructuring. The work highlights the importance of considering open spaces as components and structuring elements of urban occupation. Here, open spaces and urban occupation are interrelated and have mutual influence, and their direct relationship allows for new intervention opportunities for the development, maintenance, and management of the territory in a sustainable way, through planning and design.*

*This book takes a practical approach to answering a relevant question, instead of simply providing information or making a simple claim. At the same time, it presents a theoretical approach and introduces the issue under discussion in a general way, providing new arguments. Although the book focuses on a case study in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the conclusions drawn are of global relevance.*

*The book is fully illustrated and will be of interest to planners, landscape architects, urban designers, geographers, and architects, whether they are professionals, researchers, or students."*

For further information:

Springer

<http://www.springer.com/environment/sustainable+development/book/978-1-4614-4351-3>

<http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-1-4614-4352-0/page/1>

Amazon

[http://www.amazon.com/System-Open-Spaces-Strategies-Territories/dp/1461443512/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1351480413&sr=8-1&keywords=raquel+tardin](http://www.amazon.com/System-Open-Spaces-Strategies-Territories/dp/1461443512/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1351480413&sr=8-1&keywords=raquel+tardin)

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**WTPD Online  
Conference  
Recordings now  
available**



The recordings from the 2012 World Town Planning Day (WTPD) Online Conference - Smart Communities Connect - are now available online. These recording can be accessed at the following website:

[http://www.planningtheworld.net/World\\_Town\\_Planning\\_Day\\_Online\\_Conference/conference\\_recordings.html](http://www.planningtheworld.net/World_Town_Planning_Day_Online_Conference/conference_recordings.html)

You may download the zipped files and then view them with the Cisco WebEx Player.

## Job Opportunities

Please forward any information on Planning Positions (Full time, Internships, Experiential learning / Work Integrated Learning) being advertised in your organization, to [planner@sacplan.co.za](mailto:planner@sacplan.co.za).

You can also keep a lookout on the SACPLAN LinkedIn group where opportunities are made available from time to time.

## 2013 Rusty Bernstein Memorial Lecture. Making Slum-Free Cities: Global Urbanism in the Asian Century

The School of Architecture and Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand, invites you to attend the 2013 Rusty Bernstein Memorial Lecture.

Making Slum-Free Cities: Global Urbanism in the Asian Century

Delivered by Ananya Roy, Professor of City and Regional Planning and Distinguished Chair in Global Poverty and Practice at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Date:** 16 May 2013

**Time:** 17h30 for 18h00 to 20h30

**Venue:** Dorothy Susskind Auditorium, John Moffat Building, East Campus,

University of the Witwatersrand

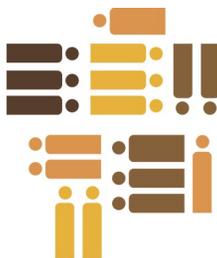
See the attached invitation for the programme outline.

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