

Message from ACUPP- APUCU

The Association of Canadian University Planning Programs / Association des programmes universitaires canadiens en urbanisme is very pleased to have been one of the 'midwives' for the launch of this scholarly publication on planning in Canada. This grand event follows many years of debate about the appropriate balance to strike in *Plan Canada* between academic and professional articles. Through the foresight of CIP President David Palubeski conditions were opened for resolution of this debate, and the solution at which we have now arrived provides for two distinct publications, each of which plays a particular role in providing information and fostering debate about planning among professionals, academics and the broader community.

In working toward this solution, ACUPP asked Jill Grant, Adrejs Skaburskis and Ian Skelton to survey the academic community in Canada, investigate publications options, and recommend an approach that would enjoy broad support. Their report contributed to the establishment of a partnership between CIP, the *Canadian Journal of Urban Research* and ACUPP which we hope will continue for many years to come.

While *Plan Canada* will continue to publish relatively short, topical articles about planning in Canada, *Canadian Planning and Policy – Aménagement et politique au Canada* provides a venue for more lengthy articles that will provide a record of leading-edge planning thought and practice in Canadian contexts. Further, the publication of this material in association with *CJUR*, a well established scholarly journal with strict peer review procedures, ensures that the issue will include high quality contributions about planning in Canada that might otherwise have been directed to international journals that are not readily available to many Canadian planning practitioners.

Finally, this new publication provides an outstanding opportunity to develop synergy between reflection about planning practice and proactive policy development. A measure of its success will be the extent to which it helps CIP advocate for more effective planning policies and practices in Canada.

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