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EDITORIAL

ENHR: The first 25 years

Hugo Priemus, Iván Tosics and Christine Whitehead

The idea of establishing the ENHR was first formally discussed at the 1986 Gävle housing conference put forward by Bengt Turner, Director of the Institute for Housing Research in Gävle (later part of the University of Uppsala). On 1 July 1988 the European Network of Housing Research was launched in Amsterdam and Bengt became chairman for almost 20 years until he died in 2007. Bengt's vision was: the ENHR as a pan-European network in which he looked to bring together housing researchers from across the whole of Europe – East, West, North and South – encouraging small groups or individual researchers to take part just as much as the big institutes already in place in Northern Europe. He also put strong emphasis on bringing in younger researchers –reflected in the continued success of the Young (New) Housing Researchers conferences started in 1992.

The first time Iván met Bengt was in 1983, when Bengt was part of an official Swedish delegation visiting the Hungarian state owned building institute. Such visits were very formal, with official discussions strictly limited to technical questions, avoiding any political or structural tensions. These occasions were dominated by eating and drinking when the Westerners arrived in Hungary, and by shopping during the return visits of the Hungarians to Sweden. In Autumn 1983 something unusual happened. Bengt and Iván immediately discovered they were both different from the rest of the delegates – they wanted critical analysis and irony. They analysed everyone and everything, and their sharp opinions and judgements were very close to one another from the beginning.

So it happened that Iván Tosics and József Hegedüs (both directors of the Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest) and Bengt began a period of regular contact. This made possible a deep collaboration in researching the initial stages of the processes of transformation in housing policy and housing markets in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic States. This also contributed to the truly European character of ENHR, including the central and eastern European countries from the beginning – enormously important in expanding theoretical discussions from their usual “western trap” but also in enabling west-east knowledge exchange.

Bengt Turner and Hugo Priemus met each other for the first time on September, 13, 1984 during a field trip as part of the International Federation of Housing and Planning (IFHP) congress in Berlin. They discovered that both were looking to develop an organisation of housing researchers which could promote international exchange and collaboration in the field of housing and urban research.

The conference on Housing Policy, organised in June 1986 in Gävle anticipated the start of ENHR. In 1988 the first ENHR-congress was organised in Amsterdam under the heading 'Housing, policy and innovation'. Hugo Priemus headed the Organizing Committee. At the founding meeting on July 1, 1988 a six person Coordinating Committee was formed: Bent Turner (chair), Hugo Priemus, Lennart Lundqvist, Iván Tosics, Frans Dieleman, Dan Ferrand-Bechmann and Helmut Wollman. Christine missed the 1986 meeting and did not become involved until shortly after the founding meeting in 1988. She and Bengt had housing finance interests in common and she worked with Bengt as joint chair of the Finance Working Group particularly on issues of privatisation and liberalisation across

Europe – and in the end further afield including the Far East – where both were involved with Rebecca Chui in setting up the APNHR.

In the period after the founding meeting objections were launched by Research Committee nr. 43 Housing of the International Sociological Association (ISA). They argued that RC43 was already the obvious meeting point for researchers worldwide, not only for sociologists but also for researchers from other disciplines. On behalf of RC43 Willem van Vliet started meetings with Hugo Priemus, who acted on behalf of ENHR. Rather quickly they concluded that there was room for both organisations: RC43 with a sociological focus and a worldwide scope, ENHR oriented toward interdisciplinary collaboration on a European level. Since 1990 both organisations developed in a fruitful way and had positive, relaxed relations. A number of researchers have been active within both organisations. Quickly the number of participating institutions and individual members in the ENHR increased to a level of 100 and 1,000 respectively. The organisational structure concentrated around working groups covering particular topics as well as larger international conferences.

One of its strengths has been the ENHR's balance between western and eastern countries. This can easily be seen in the ENHR conferences: among the 20 conferences organized between 1988 and 2009, eight were held in eastern Europe (1989 Noszvaj, 1993 Budapest, 1997 Piran, 1999 Balatonfüred, 2001 Pultusk, 2003 Tirana, 2006 Ljubljana, 2009 Prague). In Budapest, for example, one third of the participants came from east-central European countries, a share unimaginable earlier – and also difficult to reach since then, as sponsorship (and, unfortunately, interest in housing research) has decreased in eastern Europe.

It was a great loss to the ENHR when Bengt Turner suddenly died in 2007. Christine Whitehead and Peter Boelhouwer acted as deputy chairs for two years before Peter Boelhouwer was elected as ENHR Chairman in 2010 and in 2011 the ENHR secretary moved from Gävle to Delft. Lawrence Teeland, the ENHR secretary and core organiser of the network since the beginning, retired and was replaced by Marietta Haffner. This gradual shift to a more structured and in some ways less personality based organisation has occurred almost seamlessly resulting in a stable, mature network which maintains all the enthusiasm and commitment of its early years.

In 25 years many ENHR working groups have been active; many forms of research collaboration, often based on European funding, developed; large numbers of research papers were published; and many of the ENHR researchers are involved in policy issues. ENHR is doing extremely well. The prospects for the next 25 years are bright.



CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: FESTIVITIES ENHR 25 YEARS

With the help of many ENHR members, we have put together a programme for the ENHR's 25th birthday. It includes this special edition of the Newsletter and a display of conference bags during the conference. For this anniversary a special t-shirt and pin have been designed. You can order these items when registering for the conference.

And at the conference in Tarragona we will organise a meeting where we can share memories of ENHR activities. This meeting will take place on Friday June 21 after the mayor's reception (20.30 - 21.30 hours;
<http://www.enhr2013.com/conference/programme/>)

If you have ever participated in an ENHR Conference and/or Young/New Housing Researchers meeting and you would like to present something during these evening festivities, please contact us.

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ENHR MEMORIES I

My most memorable conference: Tirana 2003

Frank Wassenberg, The Netherlands

The highlights of the ENHR are the yearly conferences. The most memorable for me probably was the one in Tirana, May 2003. In 2013 Albania for most will be a rather unknown country; in 2003 Albania was totally unknown. Yes, it had been in the media, making up the world's, and the conference participant's minds: until 1990 it had been the world's most locked in country, competing for this only with North Korea, strictly Stalinist oriented; it had been involved in the Serbian-Kosovo war in the 1990s, and only a few years before the conference, there had been violent fights about some got out of hand pyramid-game all over the country.

These conditions made the ENHR-committee reluctant when Tirana proposed themselves to host a conference. Bengt Turner himself showed to be a brave man and explored the place before to get convinced that it really was safe, and to be able to convince the ordinary conference folks like us. I can remember the remarks from the audience when Tirana was mentioned as the next place to meet.

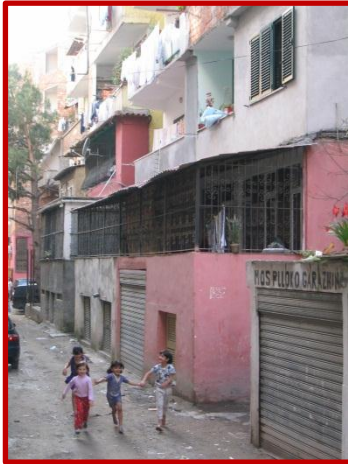
But, all went well, and safety was fine. Albania in 2003 was a country in development. Total communism had changed abruptly into free entrepreneurship. Contrasts were huge, modern developments alternated with very poor conditions. Tirana was booming, surrounded by huge illegal settlements of people from the countryside, who at last were allowed to flee from the poor countryside to the promising city. The third, second and first world in one.



The conference was a major event in the country. There has never been an ENHR-conference with such a media attention. The national television news broadcasted a couple of times this major event at prime time, stimulated by no less a person than the mayor Edi Rama. Some years later, this charismatic man would get a European price as the best mayor on the continent. He had some unorthodox ideas: opening up the main city river, although not Rhine-size, and providing the limited municipal finances to paint only the facades of derelict buildings on the principal streets. Just for the looks.

The working groups were good, as most groups always do well. One evening we ended up at a nice terrace in town, when some person started talking to us, eager to meet so many foreigners from so many countries at the same time. After a while, he went back and returned with some liquor, and not just one bottle, but with boxes with dozens of bottles; brandy, gin, amaretto, ouzo: all Albanian style. He appeared to be the owner of the local factory. Each of us was overloaded with bottles; some of these were left for the cleaning ladies at the hotel, others will still be untouched somewhere in a dark cupboard at home.





Those who wanted could join a tour through the country afterwards. A long bus drive, watching contrasts of old Stalinist and new free market, visiting Stalinist Hoxha's place of birth, seeing many of the country's 750.000 (!) bunkers (all Albanians should be able to defend themselves in Stalinist times), ending up in the deep south, with old Greek temples, and the holiday resort Sarande, just opposite of the Greek island of Korfoe. We were witness of a country in change.



Addition by Iván Tosics, Hungary:

The idea of organizing a conference in Albania came during the slide competition in Cardiff (1998) where I happened to show a section of slides on peculiarities of urban development in Tirana. The audience became excited and the idea to organize a conference in Tirana was raised. Two years later we went with Bengt to an exploratory visit to Tirana and found very good people there whom we could trust that they will organize a good conference. And so it happened...

ENHR WORKING GROUPS

The lists of (former) Working Groups are based on publication in ENHR Newsletters.

Former Working Groups	
Housing Provision in High-Growth Regions	
Active	1989 - 1991
Coordinators	James Barlow, Peter Ambrose, Simon Duncan
Construction & Productivity	
Active	1989 - 1991
Coordinators	Rolf Abriktsen, David Batten, Rune Wigren
Housing Provision and old Industrial Towns	
Active	1990 – 1991
Coordinators	John Doling, Briitta Koskiaho
Housing Models	
Active	1989 – 1993
Coordinators	Frans Dieleman, Hugo Priemus, Pieter Hooimeijer, Johan Conijn
Housing Self-Provision in Industrialized Countries	
Active	1990 – 1993
Coordinators	Lorenzo Bellicini, Marino Folin, Liliana Padovani
Housing and Gender	
Active	1989 -1994
Coordinators	Annika Almqvist, Ann Schlyter
Social Responsibility and Environmental Accountability in Housing	
Active	1992 – 1993 (in preparation only)
Coordinators	Robert Samuels
Gentrification	
Active	1990 – 1995
Coordinators	Jan van Weesep, Jens Danschat
Urban Change and Housing	
Active	1989 - 1997
Earlier name(s)	Metropolitan Housing System
Coordinators	Stephen Merrett, Liliana Padovani
New Communication Technologies for Housing	
Active	1992 – 1997 (in preparation only)
Coordinators	Michael Conan, Philippe Dard, Ivor Ambrose, Sven Thiberg
Housing, Social Integration and Exclusion	
Active	1992 - 1998
Coordinators	Hans Kristensen, Maurice Blanc, Ray Forrest
Housing for Younger People	
Active	1992 – 1998 (in preparation only)
Coordinators	Michael Conan, Isobel Anderson, Mats Lieberg
Housing and Community Care	
Active	1995 – 1998 (in preparation only)
Earlier name(s)	Housing, Society and Disablement
Coordinators	Chris Allen, Cecilia Henning

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Housing in the Rural Economy	
Active	1996 – 1998 (in preparation only)
Coordinators	Andrew Ford
Housing Quality	
Active	1990 – 1999
Coordinators	Louise Nyström Gaunt, Roderick Lawrence, Valarie Karn
Home Ownership	
Active	1990 – 1999
Coordinators	Chris Hamnett, Jim Berry, Kathleen Dunmore, Marja Elsinga, Stanley McGreal, Richard Williams, Sasha Tsenkova
Gender & Housing in Europe	
Active	1999 – 2000 (in preparation only)
Coordinators	Angele Maye-Banbury
Housing Process and Residents	
Active	1993 - 2000
Earlier name(s)	The Social Structuring of Relationships between Organisations and Inhabitants
Coordinators	Barbara Allen, Michel Bonetti, Barbara Reid
Federal Housing Systems	
Active	1998 – 2001 (in preparation only)
Coordinators	David Clapham, Bob Smith
Housing Movements	
Active	1993 – 2001
Coordinators	Yelena Shomina, Lars Hjärne
Housing Management	
Active	1989 - 2004
Earlier name(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and Real Estate Management • Social Rented Housing
Coordinators	Alan Murie, Göran Lindberg, Birger Ljung, Tim Brown, Suzie Scott
History of Housing & Housing Policy	
Active	2001 – 2004
Coordinators	Pete Malpass, Jon Runar Sveinsson
Rural Housing	
Active	2001 – 2005 (in preparation only)
Coordinators	Tim Brown, Nick Gallent
Housing Practices in South Europe: A Comparative Perspective	
Active	1996 – 2006
Coordinators	Judith Allen, Jesus Leal, Liliana Padovani
Transitory Housing / Logements de Passage	
Active	2001 – 2006
Coordinators	Denise Arbonville, Claire Lévy-Vroeland, Valérie Laflamme
Housing & Social Theory	
Active	1996 - 2010
Earlier name(s)	Housing & Theory
Coordinators	Bo Bengtston, Jim Kemeny, Chris Allen, Craig Gurney, Peter King, Leeke Reinders, Jo Richardson, Helen Carr, Mark Vacher
Large Housing Estates	
Active	1993 - 2012
Earlier name(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Future of High-Rise and Other Problematic Housing Estates • The Future of Large Scale Housing Estates • Large Scale Housing Estates
Coordinators	Thomans Knorr-Siedow, Richard Turkington, Jindrich Marek, Hedvig Vestergaard, Franks Wassenberg, Hedvig Vestergaard

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Active Working Groups	
Comparative Housing Policy	
Active	1989 - now
Earlier name(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and European Integration • European Integration and National Housing Policies
Coordinators	Lennart J. Lundqvist, Michael Harloe, Mark Kleinman, Walter Matznetter, Mark Stephens , Michelle Norris , Marja Elsinga
East European Housing & Urban Policy	
Active	1989 - now
Earlier name(s)	East European Housing Policy
Coordinators	Iván Tosics, Raymond Struyk, József Hegedüs , Sasha Tsenkova
Home Ownership and Globalisation	
Active	2006 - now
Coordinators	Peter Boelhouwer, Marja Elsinga, John Doling , Richard Ronald , Caroline Dewilde
Housing & Living Conditions of Ageing Populations	
Active	1992 - now
Earlier name(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and Living Conditions of Older People • Housing for Older People
Coordinators	Georg Gottschalk, Philip Potter, Jan Paulsson, Siri Ytrehus, Camilla Ryhl, Marianne Abramsson , Sarah Hillcoat-Nallétamby
Housing and Urban Sustainability	
Active	2000 - now
Earlier name(s)	Urban and Housing Sustainability
Coordinators	Evert Vedung, Iván Tosics, Erling Holden, Montserrat Pareja Eastaway , Eli Støa
Housing Economics	
Active	1995 - now
Coordinators	Kenneth Gibb, Michael Ball , Edwin Deutsch , Viggo Nordvik
Housing Finance	
Active	1989 - now
Coordinators	Duncan MacLennan, Bengt Turner, Christine Whitehead , Jens Lunde , Stefan Kofner
Housing in Developing Countries	
Active	1990 - now
Coordinators	Cedric Pugh, Sule Özüekren, Abhijit Datta, Winnie Mitullah, Richard Groves, Christien Klafus, Claudio Acioly Jr. , Kosta Mathéy , Chris Watson , Yurdanur Dügleroğlu , Gülden Erku
Housing Regeneration and Maintenance	
Active	1992 - now
Earlier name(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Renewal and Maintenance • Urban Renewal Housing Transformation • Urban Renewal and Rehabilitation of Dwellings in the Older Housing Stock
Coordinators	Hans Skifter Anderson, Philip Leather, Sheila Macintosh, Knud Erik Hansen, Sheila Macintosh, Douglas Robertson, Ewa Kipta, Barbara Cernic-Mali, Nico Nieboer , Sasha Tsenkova , André Thomsen
Legal Aspects of Housing, Land and Planning	
Active	2004 - now
Coordinators	Wolfgang Amann, Juli Ponce, Wolfgang Amann, Jane Ball , Sergio Nasarre-Aznar
Metropolitan Dynamics: Urban Change, Market and Governance	
Active	2005 - now
Coordinators	Ronald van Kempen, Iván Tosics , Glen Bramley
Migration, Residential Mobility and Housing Policy	
Active	1989 - now
Earlier name(s)	-
Coordinators	Lars Erik Borgegård, Sako Musterd, Roland Goetgeluk, Maarten van Ham , Lina Hedman , David Manley

European Network for Housing Research

Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing	
Active	1989 – now
Earlier name(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing for Minority Ethnic Groups • Immigrant Housing Conditions
Coordinators	Ronald van Kempen, Valerie Karn, <i>Sule Özüekren, Gideon Bolt</i>
Poverty Neighbourhoods	
Active	1999 – now
Coordinators	<i>Jürgen Friedrichs, George Galster</i>
Private Rented Housing	
Active	2007 – now
Coordinators	<i>Aideen Hayden, Bob Jordan, Julie Rugg</i>
Land Markets and Housing Policy	
Active	2010 – now
Earlier name(s)	Provision of land for Social and Affordable Housing
Coordinators	George de Kam, <i>Berit Nordahl, Willem Korthals Altes, Daniëlle Groetelaers</i>
Residential Environments and People	
Active	2004 – now
Earlier name(s)	Residential Environments and Dwellers
Coordinators	Birgitte Marzani, <i>Henny Coolen, Hélène Bélanger</i>
Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance	
Active	2001 - now
Earlier name(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Housing in Europe: Institutional and Organisational Transformations • Institutional & Organisation Change in Social Housing Organisations in Europe
Coordinators	Barbara Reid, Richard Walker, Mary Lee Rhodes, Tony Gilmour, <i>David Mullins, Darinka Czischke, Gerard van Bortel, Anita Blessing</i>
The Residential Context of Health	
Active	1999 – now
Earlier name(s)	Housing and Health
Coordinators	<i>Roderick Lawrence, Terry Hartig</i>
Welfare Policy, Homelessness, and Social Exclusion (WELPHASE)	
Active	2003 - now
Earlier name(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare Policy, Homelessness, and Housing Exclusion • Homelessness
Coordinators	Henk Meert, <i>Isobel Anderson, Evelyn Dyb, Joe Finnerty</i>
Residential Buildings and Architectural Design	
Active	2010 – now
Coordinators	<i>Birgit Jürgehake, Jana Zdrahalova, Ahsen Ozsoya</i>
Social Housing and Globalisation – in preparation	
Active	2010 – now
Coordinators	<i>Claire Lévy-Vroelant, Christoph Reinprecht</i>
Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability of Housing – in preparation	
Active	2012 – now
Coordinators	<i>Ebru Ergöz Karahan, Henk Visscher</i>

Current coordinators are written in red

May the memories of (former) working group coordinators and their future plans on the following pages provide you with much reading pleasure!



HOME OWNERSHIP AND GLOBALISATION

John Doling, Richard Ronald and Caroline Dewilde (coordinators)

The central theme of the working group

This working group was in part established around a group of researchers who have participated in a number of EU-funded projects, three of which have now been completed: Home Ownership, Social and Economic Problems (HOSE), Origins of Security and Insecurity: the interplay of housing systems with jobs, household structures, finance and social security (OSIS), and Demographic Change and Housing Wealth (DEMHOW, www.demhow.bham.ac.uk). These projects were largely concerned with understanding and explaining the relationships between globalisation and home ownership markets as they have been emerging in Europe. Research has attempted to mutually and interactively map the main developments in labour and financial markets, social security systems and housing markets. Attention has also been given to security and insecurity within home ownership and the implications for individuals and society. Research has addressed, firstly, the factors that have impacted upon individual households which have had consequences for their position as home owners, and secondly, how households have perceived security and insecurity, and the advantages and disadvantages of different housing positions. A specific concern was how these perceptions have moulded personal strategies with respect not only to housing, but also to matters such as jobs, family size, education and pensions, and how those positions have provided them with material security or insecurity. This has contributed to understanding of the ways in which housing systems contribute to, and detract from, the EU's growth and employment agenda.

The most recent – on-going – projects underpinning the working groups are NEUJOBS (OTB at Delft University and Birmingham), as well as two ERC Starting Grant Projects. EU-funded NEUJOBS investigates housing, particularly home ownership, in the context of a future European economy influenced by green technologies and demographic changes. Research on home ownership in the Netherlands has also received European Research Council support with two projects that have started in early 2012. The first is HOUWEL (<http://houwel.uva.nl/>), led by Richard Ronald, concerning housing markets and welfare state transformations. The study will specifically address, in diverse comparative contexts, how family housing property practices and conditions are reshaping welfare regimes. The second is HOWCOME (www.tilburguniversity.edu/howcome), headed by Caroline Dewilde, which will look at the interplay changes in housing regimes and trends in social and economic inequality in advanced welfare democracies. The focus is the interaction between causes and consequences of risk and inequality in different institutional settings. Caroline Dewilde has replaced Marja Elsinga, who has now joined the working group on Comparative Housing Policy.

Recent activities and plans for the up-coming year

A working group meeting was organised in autumn 2012 in Delft. In this meeting new activities and projects on the topic of the working group were communicated: the FP7 project NEUJobs, the final book on Demhow and the two new ERC projects HOUWEL and HOWCOME. The next meeting will be held at Tilburg University, presumably in the Spring of 2014. Also, plans for further edited volumes with a explicitly comparative focus are planned.

Summary of the activities of the past few years

Partly on the basis of the results of the HOSE, OSIS and DEMHOW projects, five successful workshops were organised at the ENHR conferences in Cambridge (2004), Reykjavik (2005), Ljubljana (2006), and Rotterdam (2007) and three working group meetings were held in Delft (2006, 2008 & 2012). Five books associated with these meetings have been published by DUP Science and IOS Press: Globalisation and home ownership (2004); Home ownership: getting in,

getting from and getting out, part I (2005), part II (2006) and part III (2010); The social limits of growth (2006); Home ownership beyond asset and security (2007). Other related volumes include Beyond home ownership (Routledge, 2012) and Demographic Change and Housing Wealth (Springer Publishers, 2012).

HOUSING AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF AGEING POPULATIONS

Jan Paulsson (former coordinator) and Marianne Abramsson (coordinator)

The role of the network and the working group

The ENHR conferences have provided excellent opportunities to meet researchers from all over Europe, and the world, in paper presentations and discussions as well as in plenary activities and social events. Group participants and coordinators are working in many constellations and networks with different initiatives and projects. In between the ENHR conferences, researchers are involved in contacts and mutual activities concerning group themes from the conferences and adjacent themes. Thus, the ENHR has got an overriding meeting and knowledge dissemination based function, which is an important role indeed.

Characteristics of the group

This working group was created in 1992 as a working group in preparation named *Housing for Older People*, to become a formal working group the following year, 1993. The founders and first coordinators were Philip Potter from Germany, and Georg Gottschalk from Denmark. In 1996, after the conference in Helsingør the working group changed to its current name *Housing and living conditions of ageing populations*. Jan Paulsson from Sweden then joined as a coordinator and as he together with Georg Gottschalk stepped down in 2009 this task was taken over by Marianne Abramsson, Sweden, Sarah Hillcoat-Nallétamby, Wales, UK, Siri Ytrehus, Norway and Camilla Ryhl, Denmark. The latter two have since left and the current coordinators are Marianne Abramsson and Sarah Hillcoat-Nallétamby. The group has met in paper presentation/discussion sessions. These seminars have been carefully planned with paper presenters as well as one or two readers of each paper. The purpose of this order has been to enhance the quality of the meetings. To write a research paper takes time and it is certainly important for paper authors to get a carefully prepared and profound response to their efforts. There is a tradition in the group not just to talk but also have a look at reality together, i.e. to visit some housing facility for older people. In Gävle in 2000, the group had a common bike tour to service housing units in the city. At the following conferences the group could arrange bus tours, with the help of the conference organizers, to look at different housing schemes, such as in Dublin, Istanbul and Toulouse. These visits have been appreciated and have added creative breaks to the theoretical sessions.

Members – Participants

We cannot talk about members of our group, but researchers of the field, interested persons and participants in the activities of the group. At the Dublin meeting in 2008, 33 researchers were involved in the writing of 19 papers. 20 – 30 persons attended the session to hear the paper presentations and to take part in the discussions. The group of researchers included persons from Europe, Japan and South Korea. At the Ljubljana meeting in 2006, 20 researchers were involved in the writing of 15 papers. 15 – 25 persons listened to the paper presentations and took part in the discussions. The group of researchers in Ljubljana included persons from Europe, Japan and South Korea. Similarly the conferences in Istanbul, Toulouse and Lillehammer have received a similar number of papers, around 20 maintaining its European focus but with contributions from New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and South and North America.

Themes for the working group sessions

The themes of the group discussions have been based on the papers submitted for each conference. There has not been any intention to delimit or fix the problem area. The area is developing all the time and it has been important to catch new ideas and different ways of thinking. Examples of themes are:

- Housing demands and design
- Residential mobility and choice of housing
- Housing opportunities
- Ageing in place
- Management, health and wealth
- Demography and policy
- Residential issues
- Care and services
- New approaches and design
- Activity, life and well-being

The future of the working group

The last years have seen an increased interest in the issues related to the focus of this working group. Not least as a result of the demographic changes taking place with most participating countries facing an ageing population. As such issues related to ageing populations have been placed on the political agenda as well. Thus, we expect the working group will look forward to many more years as part of the ENHR providing new and exciting perspectives of research on older people's housing issues in the years to come.

Coordinators: Marianne Abramsson and Sarah Hillcoat-Nallétamby

HOUSING AND URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

Montserrat Pareja Eastaway and Eli Støa (coordinators)

Why was the working group started?

Reference to sustainability is unavoidable in any discussion of housing and urban development. The working group was established in 2001 as a reaction towards a tendency to limit the discussion about sustainable development to environmental and rather technical issues such as energy demand, CO2 emissions and urban density. The starting point was the acknowledgement of the need for an interdisciplinary approach where research on housing and urban development brings together various dimensions of sustainability. Bengt Turner was a key person during the start of the group, particularly when the first workshop took place during the ENHR 2000 conference in Gävle. During the years we have dealt with theoretical considerations as well as the concept's transferability into practical applications. A main question has been how sustainability may and should be understood in a scientific context from various perspectives.

Main activities and achievements

Researchers from different fields such as planning, economy, architecture, sociology, geography and anthropology have taken part in workshops addressing issues concerning sustainable development in a housing and planning perspective. It has dealt with social and cultural dimensions of climate changes and other environmental issues. A broad range of topics from questions related to second home developments to urban densification, social equity and lifestyle has been on the agenda.

The coordinators edited a special issue of the Journal of Housing and the Built Environment (2004) on "Dimensions of Housing and Urban Sustainability" consisting of six papers developed from papers presented in the working group at the ENHR conference in Vienna, 2002.

In March 2007 the working group arranged an exploratory workshop in Minorca, Spain, by means of support from European Science Foundation (ESF). The topic for the three day event was: "Changing housing and leisure-time cultures: a threat to sustainable development? Challenges for European practices and policies". The ideas from this workshop were followed up by a research proposal for ESF later on in 2007, but unfortunately we did not succeed to get funding.

Plans for the future

It has become evident that social sustainability has increasingly become a key aspect among the three pillars of sustainable development. Social sustainability analysis comes across links to other contemporary research topics such as social innovation, housing biographies and public private partnerships in housing renewal. Besides, the interplay of social sustainability with environmental and economic sustainability will be a central issue in further research and practice.

During its history the working group has had high numbers of participants at the conferences (normally between 20 and 30). We therefore see it as essential to keep up the work in the group and to meet for further discussions in the future. We will also look for opportunities to meet outside the main ENHR conferences in order to explore possibilities of new directions of the working group such as publications and EU research applications.

HOUSING FINANCE

Christine Whitehead, Jens Lunde and Stefan Kofner (coordinators)

Why was the Finance Working Group started?

Housing Finance was a core topic in the first pre-ENHR conference in Gavle in 1986. This was hardly surprising for two main reasons:

Finance was one of Bengt Turner's main research interests and he already had contacts across Europe and the world, particularly in the United States;

By the 1980s finance was changing rapidly with the opening up of international finance markets. In particular there was a shift away from the assumption that social housing must be funded from public resources towards understanding the potential for using private finance to maintain the impetus in social housing investment in an environment where numerical shortages were being overcome.

Soon a third strand became increasingly important – again close to Bengt's heart as well as his academic interests: how the restructuring of finance and property rights in communist countries would play out and what would its impact be on housing provision and housing standards across Eastern Europe.

Importantly, and in part because of Bengt's links with American academics, from the start there was emphasis on private finance markets. This was an emerging issue in the theoretical literature as well as in real world development. Interest in private sector initiatives involved a quite different group of researchers from the traditionally more geographically, sociologically and social policy oriented European housing academics. This strengthened the remit of the ENHR and meant that the Network was at the forefront of a newly developing area of research that often challenged accepted views.

What are we most proud of – and one we are not

Three related things of which we are proud:

1. Being there: the group was there at the beginning. There has been a finance working group strand at every ENHR international conference; and this has both plotted the changes in finance as they have occurred over the two and a half decades and taken part in more analytic discussion.

2. Its stability but capacity to bring in new people and ideas. Bengt and Christine were joint chairs until his death; since then, Jens and Stefan have come in as joint chairs and others will we hope come forward in 2015 when Jens and Christine step down. Many of those who took part in the early years still have an interest in the group – but more importantly each year new people come in, bringing with them new experiences, research capacities and interests. Topics also evolve – from an emphasis on public/private relationships to crises in mortgage markets and the role of regulation in managing risk ensuring affordability.
3. Our working group based publications, most of which have come out of regular surveys among our members on how markets and policies are developing and our working group seminars – notably with the European Mortgage Federation – which bring professionals and country specialists together with academic researchers.

The one area where we have less to celebrate is in keeping in touch with theoretical developments. Finance, like economics, has become more technical and less interested in institutions – a position anathema to housing specialists. Yet there is much to learn and we would welcome more involvement from the mainstream discipline.

Where next?

We are extremely pleased that the European Mortgage Federation was ahead of the game in initiating discussion around the next joint EMF/ENHR seminar - which they help to fund. It will be held in Brussels this September - from the afternoon of 17th to 6pm on 18th September 2013 to be precise -and we look forward to a good turnout, updates on how markets are operating in the face of austerity, and a really interesting discussion particularly around Europe wide issues of regulation.

Our other immediate initiative, which will be one of the topics at the Tarragona workshop, is the possibility of producing a book or special issue covering country specific developments and comparisons across countries as well as future prospects in Housing Finance. The aim would be to start now and publish in time to celebrate the 25 years of the Housing Finance group which was formally recognised as a full working group on the ENHR minutes of 1990.

We look forward to everyone's continued participation and interest into the future.

HOUSING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Yurdanur Dülgeroğlu, Chris Watson (coordinators) and Sule Özükren (former coordinator)

Why was the Working Group started?

The Working Group was created following discussions at the ENHR Paris conference in 1990. The aim was to provide a focus for research and discussion on housing issues in developing countries and to encourage contact between researchers in Europe and other regions of the world. The first activity was an international conference, 'Housing for the Urban Poor' held in Istanbul in September 1991, organised by Sule Özükren and Gülsün Sağlamer of Istanbul Technical University, with Cedric Pugh of Sheffield Hallam University and Bengt Turner, Chair of ENHR. About 100 people participated.

Main activities and achievements

Following the success of the Istanbul conference, similar well-attended conferences were held in subsequent years: in Birmingham, UK in 1994, with Rick Groves as lead organiser; in Havana, Cuba, in 1998, organised by Kosta Mathéy; and in Accra, Ghana in 2002, organised by Rick Groves.

Since 2000, regular workshops on Housing and Urban Issues in Developing Countries have been held at many of the ENHR annual conferences such as those at Gävle, Sweden (2000), Cambridge, UK (2003), Rotterdam, the Netherlands

(2007), Istanbul, Turkey (2010), Toulouse, France (2011) and Lillehammer, Norway (2012). The conference workshops have attracted both established and early career researchers, especially from developing countries, and have provided good opportunities for the presentation and discussion of their work.

Many people have been active contributors to the Working Group. They include Sule Özüekren, Cedric Pugh, Richard Groves, Chris Watson, Kosta Mathéy, Claudio Acioly Jr, Winnie Mitullah, Christien Klaufus, and Yurdanur Dügleroğlu of Istanbul Technical University, who has been the Group's contact person since 2011. Sadly our colleagues Cedric Pugh and Richard Groves died in 2001 and 2012 respectively; their contributions and support were particularly valued and are greatly missed.

Plans for the future

The Working Group will continue to hold workshops at future ENHR conferences and, if funding permits, to revive the tradition of occasional specialist conferences on housing in developing countries. It is hoped to attract to the Group a larger and more active core of established researchers from Europe and other regions; and opportunities will be sought to strengthen links with ENHR's sister organisations in the Asia-Pacific and Latin American regions.

We hope to develop our workshop programmes within the annual ENHR conferences to include a panel discussion that relates workshop papers explicitly to the conference theme; and to introduce occasional small-scale interdisciplinary round table discussions to consider research findings and policy recommendations that may be relevant to a number of developing countries. In these ways we hope to achieve closer networking among researchers and closer links between the Working Group and its activities at ENHR conferences.

Coordinators: Yurdanur Dügleroğlu, Chris Watson, Claudio Acioly Jr, Kosta Mathéy and Gülden Erkut

HOUSING REGENERATION & MAINTENANCE

Nico Nieboer, Sasha Tsenkova and André Thomsen (editor) (coordinators)

The working group 'Housing Regeneration & Maintenance' has a long history. The oldest of the two merger legs was originally created in 1993 as the working group 'Urban Renewal & Rehabilitation of Dwellings in the Older Housing Stock' by a group of ENHR scholars, started by Hans Skifter Anderson. According to the ENHR Newsletters*) other coordinators were successively Philip Leather, Sheila Macintosh, Knud Erik Hansen, Douglas Robertson, Ewa Kipta and Barbara Cernic-Mali. From the working group's first years little has survived oblivion. As the name expresses, this working group was directed to renewal and rehabilitation of older existing dwelling stock, a theme that became of growing importance in the eighties as Europe by that time was getting aware of its ageing housing and building stock. In the gamma dominancy of behavioural and economic sciences on the ENHR conferences, the working group became a bolthole of more technical and physical supply sided scientist that visited the workshops, usually named as 'Physical aspects of design and regeneration'.

When in 2001 some of the original coordinators had left and Barbara Cernic-Mali asked André Thomsen to join her as coordinator, the name list of the working group showed some 69 participants from a range of countries and institutions. From Thomsen's first conference as co-coordinator in Vienna in 2002 through the Ljubljana conference in 2006 the working group hosted successful workshops with over a hundred papers on a variety of subjects of physical aspects of housing. In 2006 a new working group 'Housing Management and Maintenance' was started by Vincent Gruis, Sasha Tsenkova and Nico Nieboer, following a joint publication project (Gruis and Nieboer, 2004). As both working groups turned out to be strongly related regarding theme and participants, the groups merged in 2007

under the present name 'Housing Regeneration & Maintenance' and Barbara Cernic left the group. The new working group organised a series of successful workshops on the themes of sustainable management and maintenance, energy efficiency and housing transformation. Two books were published (Gruis, Tsenkova and Nieboer, 2009; Nieboer et al., 2012), which would not have happened without the opportunities for networking and presenting papers that the working group created.

More recently a number of new ENHR working groups on similar adjacent subjects i.e. sustainability, energy efficiency, housing quality, design and regulation have emerged, resulting in a decreasing number of working group participants. This again may bring rejuvenating, merging or closure in consideration.

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LEGAL ASPECTS OF HOUSING, LAND AND PLANNING

Sergio Nasarre-Aznar and Jane Ball (coordinators)

Why was the Working Group started?

The idea of the working group was hatched at the Vienna ENHR conference and came into reality in 2004. The group has taken part in every ENHR conference since then.

What have been its main activities and achievements – what are you most proud of?

This group has pulled together researchers from across the world in an area which is of great importance, but considerably under-researched. Public and private lawyers and non-lawyers can all find a welcome in consistently interesting and well-received workshops. The group has sparked research relationships and has links to later groups working in similar areas, for example, links to the Built Environment Network, communicating to some 700 members across the world. In 2010 the group gathered together apart from a main conference for the first time in Granada. Members of the group have also pushed forward the organization of the ENHR2013 main conference in Tarragona.

What plans does it have for the future?

It is expected that the group will carry on with its cross-cutting and stimulating work with new ideas. Legal environment related to housing is becoming increasingly challenging both at national and international levels.

MINORITY ETHNIC GROUPS AND HOUSING

20 years of experience in celebrating 25th year anniversary of the ENHR: The case of the working group on minority ethnic groups and housing

A. Sule Özüekren and Gideon Bolt (coordinators)

The year 1993 gave birth to the first special project of the ENHR during the CC meeting in Budapest. It was the right time to focus on housing and urban conditions of ethnic minorities as a response to growing research need and also to expand the field of interest for the ENHR, accordingly the number of researchers that might be included in the activities of the ENHR.

In those years, research on minority ethnic groups was still in its infancy in Europe compared to the USA where research in the settlement patterns of immigrants and their descendants, in the concentration and segregation patterns of minority ethnic groups, and in the question why these patterns almost always differed from those of the native population had already started in the 1920s. In European countries, however, a surge in research into immigration, segregation and concentration took place from the end of the 1970s and especially in the 1980s, following a few decades experience with ex-colonials who settled in the countries of ex-rulers, and with guest workers who were invited by Western welfare states.

The CC appointed Sule Özüekren and Ronald van Kempen, who had just completed their individual field studies in Sweden and in the Netherlands to organise the special project to contribute to the development of research in this particular field. This was the first initiative in Europe for a comparative study in this field. Sule and Ronald first decided to select an immigrant group to make cross-country comparisons possible. They decided to focus on a group who initially came as guest workers. Turks have been selected as a research group not only because their relatively large numbers but also because many of them have been residents of many European countries for decades and were among the most disadvantaged in the labour market. ENHR through its members facilitated to reach the researchers in seven European countries for the project. The project group held its first meeting as a workshop organised as part of the ENHR conference in Glasgow in 1994. Soon after the publication of the book entitled 'Turks in European cities: housing and urban segregation' in 1997, the project group has been transformed to a working group of the ENHR.

The working group has organised a workshop in almost all ENHR conferences since the first one in Glasgow as a research project group. Its name has been transformed from 'housing conditions of immigrants' to 'minority ethnic groups and housing' to reflect the fact that many of earlier immigrants had already put their roots down in European countries. Themes selected for each workshop both shaped and reflected the existing shifts in research question to be addressed. During the late 1990s, for example, on the one hand, internal heterogeneity of minority ethnic groups was stressed, on the other hand, diverse and dynamic aspects of concentration patterns and housing conditions were pointed on the research agenda. These efforts contributed to the growth of literature on housing careers of minority ethnic groups.

In 2004, Gideon Bolt, replacing Ronald van Kempen, joined Sule Özüekren in the co-ordination of the working group. The two co-ordinators together continued to organise a workshop at the ENHR conferences in the following years while the themes selected for each workshop, similar to previous years, continued to both shape and reflect new research question that should be addressed. In this context, emerging topics included assimilation and integration issues leading to lively debates on reasons for and consequences of living in multicultural neighbourhoods during the workshops organised. Similarly, particularly since the first decade of the new millennium, second/third generation immigrants have been at the centre of the

debates as research papers presented indicate that they could only show small progress with respect to their housing conditions and positions on the labour markets throughout Europe.

During its 20 years of life, the working group has provided a debate area for a large number of researchers from various countries. It is our impression that both the ENHR by strengthening its role among European scholars and the scholars themselves by developing new ideas during workshops benefitted from this mutual development. Contribution of the working group to the literature includes two edited books, four edited journals and several chapters in books edited by other scholars. The most recent example of our output is a book published last year: Bolt, G., Özüekren, A.S., Phillips, D. (eds.) (2012) Linking integration and residential segregation. London & New York: Routledge. (ISBN13: 978-0-415-50445-4).

We expect that the relevance of our theme will not be weakened in the future. As a consequence of the economic crisis, disparities between minority ethnic groups on the housing market are growing. Next to that, debates on immigration and the effects of ethnic diversity are growing in intensity. Therefore, we will continue our work and keep organising workshops at future ENHR conferences.

POVERTY NEIGHBOURHOODS

Jürgen Friedrichs and George C. Galster (coordinators)

Why was the Working Group started?

The WG was initiated and chaired by Jürgen Friedrichs in 2001 (in preparation since 1999), since 2006 with George C. Galster. It was the observation of a dramatic increase in poverty neighbourhoods in almost all large European cities that led to founding such a working group. Unemployment and social assistance were concentrated in more and more urban areas, often as result of (adjacent) closed or relocated production sites. The aim was to study the impact of the neighbourhood – the context – on the living conditions of their residents, more specifically, in which respect their behavioural options are restricted. In a methodological sense, the Working Group is serving as an example of the much more general problems that multilevel analyses, endogeneity and geographic selection pose for the accurate measurement of neighbourhood effects.

What have been its main activities and achievements – what are you most proud of?

The WG has been and is a platform for presentations and discussion of new studies on concentrated poverty (its geography, origins and effects on quality of life), neighbourhood effects on the residents and, more recently, social mix policy. Papers presented (both qualitative and quantitative methods) have had high scholarly standards. Since our procedure has been to give 20 minutes to the presentations and 10-15 minutes to the discussion, those presenting were sure to have their papers critiqued at length. We are proud to have achieved participation rates of 20-25 scholars in each of the sessions, in each of the ENHR meetings over nearly a decade. Furthermore, the feedback of the participants has been very positive and we have both many returning and new members in the WG. We all have gained more insight into neighbourhood effects, including the scepticism that these effects may be smaller than those of the family or school.

What plans does it have for the future?

Basically, we will stick to the aims of the WG to study the living conditions in poverty neighbourhoods, in particular from the methodological approach as context effects of the structure of the neighbourhood. As we learned from the discussions in the last meetings, we still have to explore more precisely how the context “neighbourhood” transpires to the individuals / residents. Furthermore, four other problems remain to be studied more intensively: (i) the impact of time spent in the neighbourhood (“exposure”) on the resident, (ii) threshold effects of a given

context, (iii) how to overcome the selection bias when surveying only a few specific (poverty) neighbourhoods of a city; and (iv) how to overcome bias arising from neighbourhood selection based on unobservable characteristics of households. Since one of the strategies to improve deprived neighbourhoods is social mix, we will as well invite papers on this topic. In particular, we hope to explore if social mix is analysed as a structural, i.e., contextual characteristic of the neighbourhood, who gains/loses from social mix strategies, and how well have social mix policies been implemented internationally.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Birgit Jürgehake, Jana Zdrahalova and Ahsen Ozsoy (coordinators)

Why was your working group started?

Our working group has become a part of ENHR since 2010. In our opinion, ENHR did not sufficiently covers the topics concerning architectural and urban issues. In addition to housing policies, housing economics and other topics discussed at ENHR, we regard the research of the architectural design of residential buildings and the built form of cities as important and interesting. As more and more people will live in the cities, residential buildings are an important part of the built form of the city.

What have been its main activities and achievements - what are you most proud of?

Our working group is quite new, so our main activities consist of the organization of the conference workshops. Moreover, in 2012 we organized a meeting with members from the working group "Residential environment and People" in the form of a small workshop discussing and sharing our on-going research projects. We feel we have learned a lot from each other. We are keen on attracting new people to participate in the workshop.

What plans do you have for the future?

We would like to consolidate the working group by introducing new hot issues about residential building design in the city from the viewpoint of architects and, ideally, to find a topic that would interconnect architectural perspective with economic or housing policies views.

RESIDENTIAL CONTEXT OF HEALTH

From Housing Quality to the Residential Context of Health

Terry Hartig and Roderick Lawrence (coordinators)

We started the Working Group on the Residential Context of Health because we saw a need for perspectives from the behavioural and social sciences on a range of issues at the interface of housing, residence, and health. Our discussion of these issues began at the ENHR conference in Helsingör in 1996, where we both participated in the workshop on Housing Quality. The Housing Quality working group was concluding its work in Helsingör, and we thought that an appropriate way to continue and extend the work done on housing quality would be to form a working group concerned with housing and health. We shared the view that many determinants of housing quality were relevant to health in a broad sense, but we saw that research concerned with health as situated in residence still focused mainly on physical characteristics of dwelling units as predictors of symptoms of physical and mental ill health. To support research and exchange concerning a broader set of issues, we convened our first workshop on housing and health at the 1998 ENHR meeting in Cardiff. Some of the papers discussed there were included in a special supplement in *Scandinavian Housing and Planning Research*. To better distinguish the concerns of our Working Group from the relatively narrow set of concerns more traditionally organized under the banner of housing-and-health,

after Cardiff we moved to change the name of the Working Group to its present one. It should be emphasized that with this change we did not mean to deny the importance of research on those more traditional concerns nor did we mean to de-value the work of colleagues on problems having to do with ill health in relation to physical attributes of housing. Rather, we wanted to call more attention to the relevance for health of the acts and facts of residence, to encourage discussion of the psychosocial processes mediating relationships between residence and health, and in other ways to mark broader boundaries for our common research area. The new Working Group on the Residential Context of Health convened its inaugural workshop at the ENHR conference in Gävle in 2000. With funding from different Swedish research councils, we were able to invite a number of luminaries in the field to build the backbone of the program. Excellent independent submissions filled out the program, and our intensive discussions of the contributions filled all of the available working group time slots at the Gävle conference. Two sets of papers discussed in the workshop were later published, one in an issue of the *Journal of Social Issues* suitably entitled “The Residential Context of Health” and the other in the journal *Open House International*. Since Gävle, one or both of us have facilitated a workshop at most of the ENHR conferences: Vienna (2002), Cambridge (2004), Reykjavik (2005), Ljubljana (2006, in cooperation with the Poverty Neighbourhoods Working Group led by Jürgen Friedrichs and George Galster), Rotterdam (2007), Dublin (2008), Prague (2009), Istanbul (2010), and Lillehammer (2011). Of course, we would not have been able to continue this series without support and encouragement from colleagues who have been willing to make the considerable effort to submit their complete papers in time and come prepared to discuss their papers and those of others. We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to collaborate in this way with excellent researchers from many countries. We take a measure of pride in the quality of the discussions held in our workshops, and in the fact that many of the works put forward for discussion have been published in good journals and other significant outlets, thereby helping to further stimulate the kind of broader discussion of residence and health that we have always wanted to support. Our colleagues’ enthusiasm for and commitment to this discussion has motivated us to continue, and we look forward to our next workshop, in Tarragona.

RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTS AND PEOPLE

Henny Coolen and Hélène Bélanger (coordinators)

The *Residential Environments and People* working group was first created in 2004 by Henny Coolen, from OTB Research Institute for the Built Environment (Delft University of Technology), and Ritsuko Ozaki, from the Imperial College of London. The general idea behind the creation of the working group was to give a proper platform for researchers interested more specifically in the reciprocal relations between people and residential environments from the perspective of individuals. The working group activities fulfilled their mission to allow its members, and other researchers interested by the same topic, to present their work, exchange ideas and develop collaborative works.

Since its creation, the working group has presented a workshop at every ENHR conference. From the beginning, the dynamic changed from a completely open workshop based on the general topic of the working group (residential environments and people) to the organization of a workshop based on more specific aspects of the reciprocal relationship from the perspective of individuals.

Between workshops organized at ENHR conferences, other activities have taken place for members of the working group, such as follow-up workshops or conferences : “Doing, Thinking, Feeling Home: The mental geography of residential environments” organized by Leeke Reinders and Marco van der Land of OTB Research Institute for Housing, Urban and Mobility Studies (Delft, October 2005); “Researching Residential Environments: Approaches – Methods – Impact”

organized by Doris Felbinger and Helga Jonuschat of the Technical University of Berlin (Berlin, October 27 and 28 2006); and “Researching houses and their Environments” organized by Henny Coolen and Birgit Jürgehake from the *Residential Buildings and Architectural Design* working group (Delft, November 30 and December 1st 2012).

Publications have resulted from the different activities of the working group. In addition to individual publications made by members, three collective projects have been published.

- Reinders, Leeke and Marco Van Der Land (eds) (2008) “Special Issue: Mental Geographies of Home and Place”, *Housing Theory and Society*, 25(1).
- Jansen, Sylvia J.T., Coolen, Henny, C.C.H., Goetgeluk, Roland W. (eds) (2011) *The Measurement and Analysis of Housing Preference and Choice*, New York, Springer: vi, 272 p.
- Coolen, Henny and Meesters, Janine (eds) (2012) “Special Issue: House, Home and Dwelling”, *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*, 27(1).

As a result of the working group fulfilling its mission, two accomplishments can be emphasized. First, given that many housing researchers have participated in the workshops, the need for the platform that is now offered by the *Residential Environments and People* working group has become apparent. And second, several of these participants have subsequently decided to start their own working group: *Residential Buildings and Architectural Design*. Both working groups have enriched the palette of ENHR topics. For the next few years, the working group will pursue its mission to give a platform for researchers interested in questions concerning the reciprocal relationship between residential environments and people from the perspective of individuals. Furthermore, the working group will continue its fruitful collaboration with the *Residential Buildings and Architectural Design* working group.

SOCIAL HOUSING INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

Social Housing Institutions, Organisations and Governance celebrates our first decade of activity!

David Mullins and Anita Blessing (coordinators)

As a newcomer to academia after working in social housing policy reform, I (Anita Blessing) first encountered the Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance Working Group through the individual publications of its members. These were the papers that addressed the problems I had encountered at work. When I attended the 2010 ENHR conference as a new PhD candidate, I found that many of the researchers I'd been quoting were sitting in the room with me for the WG07 sessions. During my PhD, the group has been an ideal forum to support research on institutional and organizational change in social housing, including international comparative work. It brings together academics from within Europe and further afield to better understand how common trajectories of change play out in specific national, sector and organisational contexts. Conference workshops bring forth debate, international collaboration and opportunities for joint publications. The regular participation in 'WG07' of academics across disciplines, including some who maintain strong links to social housing policymaking and practice, has provided a unique and valuable space for exchanging ideas.

In this 25th Year review of the European Network of Housing Researchers, two coordinators of this working group take the opportunity to reflect on how the group's identity has developed over its first decade in action, to consider achievements and to set out plans for the future.

Anita Blessing, working group coordinator as of 2012

Our research

Over recent decades, policy reforms and evolving social and economic contexts have seen social and public housing providers charged with greater responsibilities, whilst simultaneously, direct public subsidies have diminished. Policies encouraging partnering with the private sector and/or direct private market provision of social housing have blurred boundaries between public and private realms. New modes of private sector finance and provision of social and affordable housing have emerged, characterized by a blending of social and commercial goals and activities. In these processes, the strong community or societal identities that have characterised the founding of non-profit social landlords in certain settings seem to have been diminished. The interplay between state, market and community drivers has therefore informed our analysis leading to an increasing focus on the causes and consequences of hybridity for housing organisations and the wider housing system. The overall objective of the working group is to explore and develop concepts for analysing institutional and organisational change and dynamics in social and affordable housing provision.

Activities and publications

In addition to numerous lively and sometimes heated debates, WG07's workshops have led to international collaborations, including four special issues in leading peer-reviewed journals.

- Housing Studies, Special Issue: Social Enterprise, Hybridity and Housing Organisations, 2012, Volume 27, Issue 4, 2012. (also selected for publication as a book later in 2013 by Routledge under the title 'Hybridising Housing Organisations: Meanings, Concepts and Processes of Social Enterprise in Housing')
- European Journal of Housing Policy, Special Issue: Market Concepts, Coordination Mechanisms and New Actors in Social Housing. 2009, Volume 9, Issue 2
- Housing and the Built Environment Special Issue: Exploring Network Governance in Urban Regeneration, Community Involvement and Integration, 2009, Volume 24, Issue 2
- Housing, Theory and Society, Special Issue on Network Theory and Social Housing, 2007, Volume 24, Issue 1

History

The origins of the group can be traced back to a meeting between Richard Walker, Barbara Reid and myself in England in 2001. We talked about the changes we were seeing at the annual conference of the English social housing sector (National Housing Federation) that we all happened to be speaking at that year and we wanted to develop a theoretical understanding of these changes, building on our earlier work on partnerships and networks (Barbara), new public management (Richard) and governance and regulation of non-profit housing (myself). We could find little work within the housing studies field at the time that illuminated these changes and therefore set out a research agenda of our own on 'modernisation and change in social housing' (Public Administration 79,3 pp599-624), and set out to identify research partners interested in similar changes in other European countries by proposing a new ENHR working group and holding a first meeting at ENHR in Vienna in 2002.

Of course we needed to form a co-ordination group with a wider geographical base and we were delighted when at ENHR Cambridge in 2004 we had interest from OTB initially from a young researcher called Arjen Wolters and also from Vincent Gruis and Nico Nieboer who were already running a working group of their own but were really supportive to our newer group. At the same conference Viv Milligan introduced herself and highlighted the need for European: Australia collaboration on social housing research. The contribution of Vincent, Nico and Viv to the group has been pivotal ever since.

However, around that time Barbara and Richard moved on to new interests and the time was ripe to widen the co-ordination group's geographical base. This succeeded beyond expectations when three new co-ordinators joined the group for their first ENHR conference in Reykjavik in 2005. Mary Lee Rhodes from Dublin, Gerard van Bortel from Delft and Darinka Czischke then at CECODHAS, moved the group on to a higher level leading to three journal special issues (in network theory, market concepts and new actors in social housing and network governance in urban regeneration) in three highly productive years as joint coordinators. Later, the Antipodean link fostered by Viv Milligan was cemented with excellent input from first Tony Gilmour and more recently Anita Blessing and another special issue followed on hybridity and social enterprise.

Thus, despite several changes of name and a succession of active coordinators, the group remains essentially focused on those early aims to understand change in housing by theoretically informed and comparative analysis with a special focus on the organisational level to complement and illuminate impacts of research at the policy or system levels. Its achievement of these aims has been strengthened immensely by a European and indeed global comparative approach fostered through the participants who have consistently chosen to present at our workshop over years of dramatic change in housing systems and hence in housing organisations.

David Mullins, founder member and current coordinator

Our plans for the future

In the context of global financial turbulence and projected demographic change, demand for social and affordable housing is growing. Policy responses to the Global Financial Crisis have ranged from attempts to stimulate economic growth through social housing construction, to austerity measures that hinder new development. Yet public subsidies remain scarce, and political support for state provision of housing remains low, even as markets stall. Hybrid arrangements between state and market are becoming core infrastructure for the finance and provision of social and commercial rental housing, and the construction of new homes for purchase. Our field of research appears set to expand, and we welcome new participants! At ENHR 2013, Tarragona, Spain, our workshops follow the theme, 'Social Housing in Transition: Organisational and Neighbourhood Impacts'. We will explore how housing organisations are changing by examining new types that are emerging to respond to the challenges of recession, unstable housing markets and public expenditure retrenchment. We will consider how social enterprise and hybrid models can best be regulated - avoiding the risks of 'monstrous hybrids' out of control while preserving independence and flexibility. We will also be exploring new community-led forms of housing emerging as alternative responses to the crisis.

Coordinators: David Mullins, Darinka Czischke, Gerard van Bortel and Anita Blessing

Anita and David would like to thank current fellow co-ordinators Gerard van Bortel and Darinka Czischke and past fellow co-ordinators Tony Gilmour, Mary Lee Rhodes, Arjen Wolters, Barbara Reid and Richard Walker for their contributions to the long term impact of the Working Group.

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ENHR MEMORIES II

ENHR Coordination Committed

Peter Boelhouwer, The Netherlands

It's not an easy task to express my most precious ENHR memories. Actually there are too many to make an honest choice. Of course my first ENHR conference in Gävle, 1986 was unforgettable. My first international conference in an amazing environment (reindeers and fall out from Tjernobil on the meadows) with people I only knew from books. But also the many conferences after 1986 were unique and had their own precious moments. Swimming in a lake in Albania, visiting a Luna Park in Gävle just after a plentiful diner, watching several football matches with supporters from different countries, dinners on boats, churches and castles, dancing on Irish folk music, a dinner with a view on the Bosphorus at night are just some unforgettable examples.



But if I had to make a choice with a pistol on my chest, I probably would choose the days we were together and traveling with the ENHR Coordination Committee, at places where ENHR Coordination committed something exciting (see picture). We were invited by universities all over Europe, and met all kinds of friendly committed housing researchers who were eager to get in touch with ENHR. Sometimes during the official meetings we had to deal with

difficult and tough decisions, but this was always followed by a an excellent dinner (although we sometimes ended up in a snack bar like in Dublin) and an interesting fieldtrip. Working together with so many researchers from different parts of Europe with their own specific peculiarities, there ideas, wishes and culture is really challenging and exciting. Also my companionship with Lawrence Teeland after the death of Bengt Turner was memorable for me. It was hard to get back on track, but with the help of Christine we managed to do that perfectly: preparing the meetings on Thursday evening or early Friday morning and drinking some excellent coffee at a café somewhere in Lisbon with a beautiful view of the Sea.





NEW HOUSING RESEARCHERS

The Young Housing Researchers Seminar: Forerunner of the New Housing Researchers Colloquium

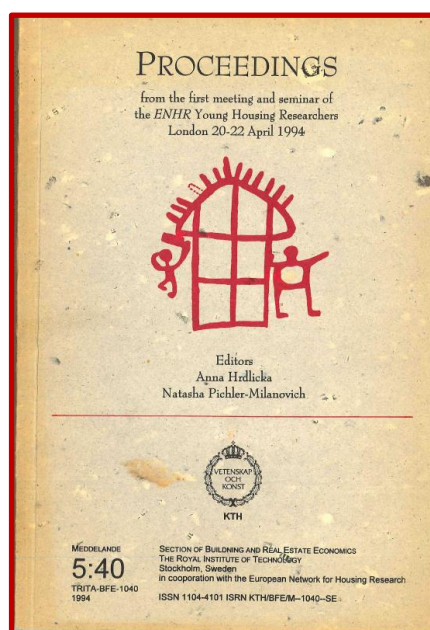
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The creation

Once upon a time, a group of PhD students attended a summer course organised by the ENHR Working Group on Housing Education. The year was 1992 and the location... you guessed, Gävle of course. Due to its success, a similar summer course was organised the following year in Wassenaar (The Netherlands), which attracted even more participants than the previous one.

The meeting was a success but the students wanted more, another kind of Forum to discuss Theoretical and Methodological issues. Therefore, by initiative from the students it was proposed to the ENHR to form "the ENHR Young Housing Researchers". The decision to create an official young housing researchers group was made during the 1993 Budapest ENHR conference. Prof. Bengt Turner was always a strong advocate of this initiative, taken by and organized by the PhD students themselves.



The first **Young Housing Researchers Meeting** was thus organised in 1994 at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in London, UK. The LSE meeting was organised and coordinated by Nataša Pichler-Milanović, a PhD student at the LSE, and Anna Hrdlicka, a PhD student from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm. They were guided by Prof Christine Whitehead. The seminar was attended by 21 PhD students from various European countries. Anna and Nataša also edited the *Proceedings from the First Seminar and Meeting of ENHR Young Housing Researchers*. The LSE meeting has, since, been recognised as the event that marked the beginning of what we, today, know as the New Housing Researchers Colloquium (NHRC).

The second **Young Housing Researchers Seminar** took place in Vienna in 1995. It was coordinated by Jackie Smith from De Montfort University and Ronald Camstra from the University of Amsterdam who had taken over as the new coordinators of the group. The following seminar (1996) took place in Hørslølm, Denmark and was organised by Anton Smets and Tine Traerup. For the chronology of all subsequent meetings, venues, organisers and mentors, see table below.

Chronology of Meetings: Young Housing Researchers – New Housing Researchers Colloquium

Year	Location	Organiser(s)	Mentors
1992	Gävle, Sweden	ENHR Working Group on Housing Education	Marco Cremaschi, Keith Kintrea, Tage Klinberg, Moira Munro, Liliana Padovani, René Verhoeff
1993	Wassenaar, Netherlands	ENHR Working Group on Housing Education	Duncan MacLennan, Moira Munro, Liliana Padovani, Hugo Priemus, Ivan Tosics, Bengt Turner, René Verhoeff,
1994	London, UK	Nataša Pichler - Milanovic Anna Hrdlicka	James Barlow, Mark Bhatti, Chris Hamnett, Mark Kleinman, Duncan MacLennan, Anne Power, Christine Whitehead
1995	Vienna, Austria	Ronald Camstra Jacqueline Smith	Walter Matznetter, André Thomsen, Bengt Turner, Christine Whitehead
1996	Hørslom, Denmark	Anton Smets Tine Traerup	Walter Matznetter, Alan Murie, Hugo Priemus
1997	Budapest, Hungary	Csilla Sárkány Herman Kok	József Hegedüs, Austin Jaffe, Zoltán Kovacs, Walter Matznetter, Iván Tosics, Richard Turkington
1998	Cardiff, UK	n.a.	n.a.
1999	Istanbul, Turkey	Azime Tezer Reyhane Yigiter	Fulin Bolen, Pieter Hooimeijer, Valery Karn, Sule Özuekren, Liliana Padovani, Richard Turkington, Bengt Turner, Ali Türel
2000	Gävle, Sweden	Eva Andersson, Johan Edman Karin Tillberg-Mattsson	David Clapham, Ronald van Kempen, Lena Magnusson, Robert Murdie, Sule Özuekren, Christine Whitehead,
2001	Warsaw, Poland	Elena Vesselinova	David Clapham, Nataša Pichler-Milanović, Bengt Turner, Grzegorz Węclawowicz
2002	Vienna, Austria	Birgit Kasper Freia Steinmetz	Ingrid Breckner, David Clapham, Jens Dangschat, Anna Hrdlicka, Nataša Pichler-Milanović, Bengt Turner, Christine Whitehead
2004	Cambridge, UK	Stefan Wiese Jennie Abbott Fiona Lyall Grant	Isobel Anderson, Peter Boelhouwer, Sarah Monk, Sule Özuekren, Mark Stephens, Hedvig Vestergaard Christine Whitehead, Judy Yates
2006	Ljubljana, Slovenia	Maša Filipović	Andreja Cirman, David Clapham, Ronald van Kempen, Srna Mandič, Montserrat Pareja Eastaway, Mark Stephens, André Thomsen, Bengt Turner, Tadeja Zupančič Strojjan
2008	Dublin, Ireland	Chris Paris Michaela Keenan	Andrew Beer, Bo Bengtsson, Thomas Knorr-Siedow, Chris Paris, David Silke
2010	Istanbul, Turkey	Ebru Ergöz Karahan	Isobel Anderson, Ronald van Kempen, Christian Kesteloot, Thomas Knorr-Siedow, Lena Magnusson Turner, Montserrat Pareja-Eastaway, Richard Turkington, Ali Türel
2011	Toulouse, France	Christiane Thouzellier	Thomas Knorr-Siedow, Michael Oxley, Örijane Svane, André Thomsen, Sasha Tsenkova, Christian Tutin
2013	Tarragona, Spain	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

It is vital to point out that several of the university professors and senior researchers we now meet at the various ENHR conferences constituted the group of PhD students that participated in the first summer course in Gävle, as is the case with several of the participants in subsequent YHRS. Yes, indeed many of them have made it to the very top.

The name

As already stated, it all started with the organisation of summer courses for PhD students. The summer schools then turned into seminars and the meetings continued to be organised under the name **Young Housing Researchers Seminar (YHRS)** until 2002 when the word 'Young' was replaced by 'New'. The change was made in recognition of the fact that some of the researchers participating in the meetings were not necessarily 'young'. The principle idea behind the change was to remove any semblance of age limitations that might dissuade some researchers from participating in the meetings. Henceforth, the event was organised as the **New Housing Researchers Conference**, until it was realised that the word 'conference' in the New Housing Researchers name was occasionally causing confusion with the main ENHR conference. As such, the event was, yet again, renamed in 2007 into the **New Housing Researchers Colloquium (NHRC)**, which is its current name.

Networking and other relations

Apart from being a platform for advancing knowledge, the NHRC events also offer an opportunity for researchers to meet counterparts, exchange experiences and establish new contacts. Throughout the years, many participants have established various forms of contact, be it professional/academic ties or long-lasting friendly relations. It has been reported, for example, that some of the participants in the 1992 Gävle meeting continue to occasionally hold a reunion. But the meeting between two researchers at the 1997 Budapest YHRS was a special one. A couple of years later, in one of the 1999 Newsletter, Bengt Turner wrote:

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Heman Kok from The Netherlands and Tuna Tasan from Turkey will be married on the 12 June 1999 in Ankara. These two researchers first met at the ENHR Seminar for Young Housing Researchers held in Budapest in August 1997. Congratulations and warm wishes for future research from the Editor!

Update June 2013:

***Herman and Tuna
are still happily
married!***¹

This is also something worth noting for potential participants to future New Housing Researchers Colloquia.

The key message for future researchers, however, is that the New Housing Researchers Colloquium is one of those events that everyone embarking on a research career ought to take part in, and later include on their CV.

Acknowledgement:

The information included in this historical review was collected with the help of many previous YHRS/NHRC participants, organizers and mentors. I am very grateful to all of them.

At the same time, however, we do regret that we have not been able to obtain complete information on all previous YHRS/NHRC meetings. We also apologise for any eventual inaccuracies in the information presented in the chronology table.

¹ Tuna and Herman have kindly given consent to the republication of this message in memory of Bengt Turner.

ENHR MEMORIES III

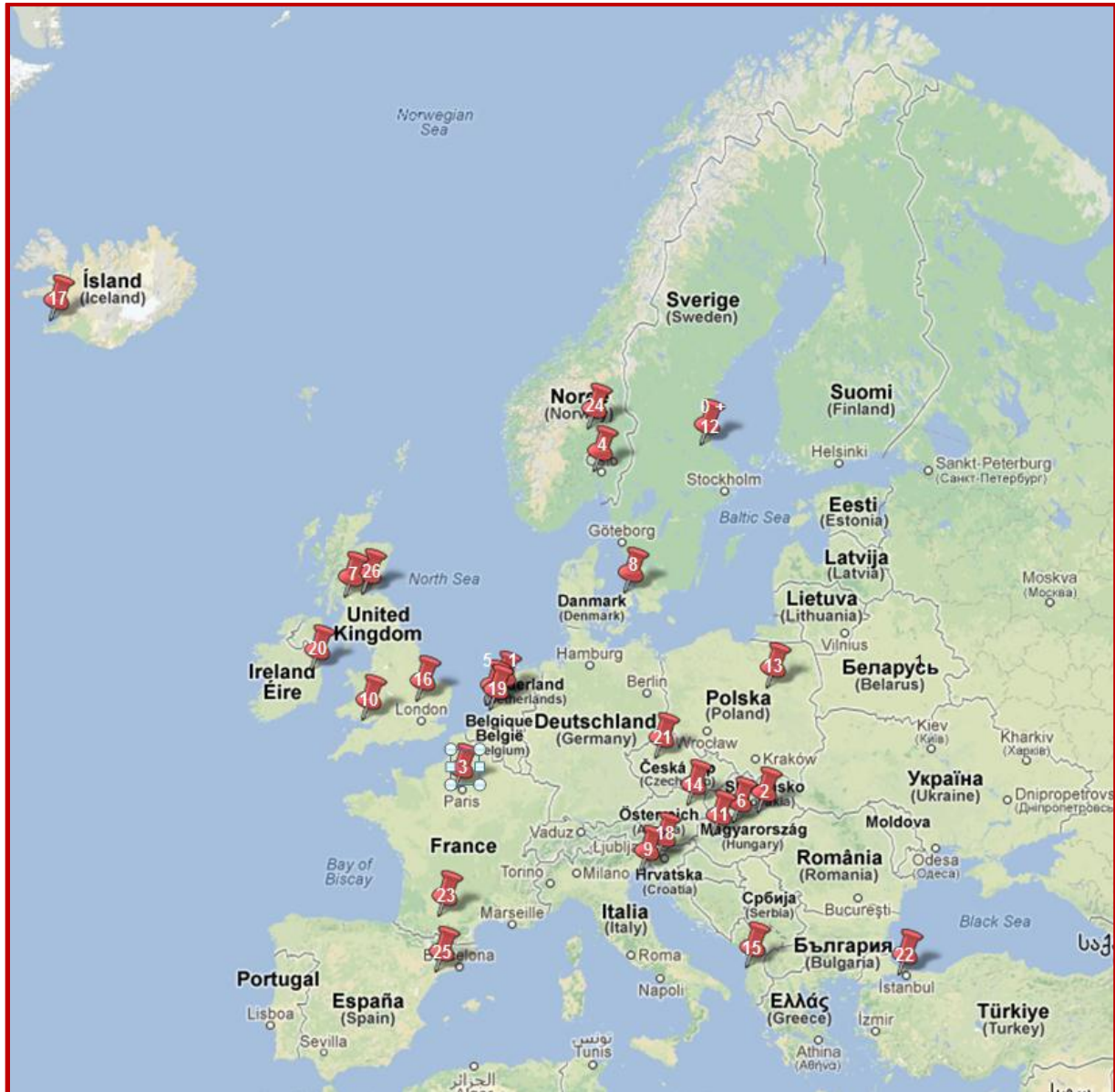
Frédéric Bougrain, France



These pictures were taken during the ENHR conference in Tirana (2003). Some people of a workgroup (I think it was “Housing maintenance and asset management” –it was coordinated either by Nico Nieboer or Vincent Gruis) were having a drink (I was among them) when a man from Tirana came and offered us about 40 bottles of a local alcohol (quite strong). You can see the bottles on the tables.

ENHR CONFERENCES

In the 25 years that ENHR exists, twenty-five ENHR Conferences have been organized. In the map and table below you can see what the locations of these conferences were and will be!



European Network for Housing Research

	Year	City	Theme
0	1986	Gävle, Sweden,	International Research Conference on Housing Policy
1	1988	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Housing, Policy, and Urban Innovation
2	1989	Noszvaj, Hungary	East European Housing Reform
3	1990	Paris, France	Housing Debates - Urban Challenges
4	1991	Oslo, Norway	Housing Policy as a Strategy for Change
5	1992	The Hague, The Netherlands	European Cities: Growth and Decline in the Netherlands
6	1993	Budapest, Hungary	Housing Policy in Europe in the 1990s: "Integration in West, Transformation in the East"
7	1994	Glasgow, United Kingdom	Housing: Making the Connections
8	1996	Helsingør, Denmark	Housing and European Integration
9	1997	Piran, Slovenia	Housing in Transition
10	1998	Cardiff, United Kingdom	Housing Futures: Renewal, Innovation and Sustainability
11	1999	Balatonfüred, Hungary	New European Housing and Urban Policies
12	2000	Gävle, Sweden	Housing in the 21 st Century: Fragmentation and Reorientation
13	2001	Pultusk, Poland	Housing and Urban Development in New Europe
14	2002	Vienna, Austria	Housing Cultures – Convergence and Diversity
15	2003	Tirana, Albania	Making Cities Work
16	2004	Cambridge, United Kingdom	Housing: Growth and Regeneration
17	2005	Reykjavik, Iceland	Housing in Europe: Challenges and Innovations
18	2006	Ljubljana, Slovenia	Housing in an Expanding Europe: Theory, Policy, Implementation and Participation
19	2007	Rotterdam, The Netherlands	Sustainable Urban Areas
20	2008	Dublin, Ireland	Shrinking Cities, Sprawling Suburbs, Changing Country Sides
21	2009	Prague, Czech Republic	Changing Housing Markets: Integration and Segregation
22	2010	Istanbul, Turkey	Urban Dynamics and Housing Change
23	2011	Toulouse, France	'Mixité': an urban and housing issues?
24	2012	Lillehammer, Norway	Housing, Local Welfare and Local Market in a Global Context
25	2013	Tarragona, Spain	Overcoming the Crisis; Integrating the Urban Environment
26	2014	Edinburgh, Great Britain	To be determined

ENHR MEMORIES IV

Remarkable moments from the 25 years of ENHR

Iván Tosics, Hungary

The 25 years of ENHR history is full with good, funny or even strange stories. As usual, I will tell now two stories to which I have illustrations – unfortunately many good moments of ENHR remained un-illustrated, at least from my side.

1. Night swimming in Portoroz, Slovenia, 1997

The conference in Slovenia was very well organized. The professionalism of the organizers was already shown before the conference with the very detailed instructions for the preparation of the papers – these had to be prepared in a „camera-ready” form following the two page long formatting instructions. The efforts paid off, the proceedings of the Portoroz conference are the most extensive volume ever produced after ENHR conferences.

The most remarkable moment of the conference came, however, not during the organized events. It was a totally unexpected and improvised event: night swimming in the sea. The following pictures illustrate well the atmosphere of this event. (I have to assure you that I was not only the reporter of this event but also one of the active participants!)



According to my memories a similar event happened in 1999 in Balatonfüred. Does anyone have any other memories of remarkable night-swimming events...?

2. Standing on the table – first spontaneously, second expected by everyone

Two important housing conferences in Cambridge: the first the „official” ENHR 2004 conference, while the second a smaller one, organized (also) by Christine Whitehead in the autumn of 2010, to mark 20 years of housing related research at the University of Cambridge. The second conference was also attended by many ENHR members. These two events were linked to each other not only by the place

and the main organizer but also by a special action. The first two pictures were taken at the 2004 conference. The large dining room was very comfortable to seat all conference participants. Everyone was eating, drinking, chatting with the neighbours – feeling well. What was good for eating was bad for organizational matters – it was extraordinarily difficult to announce anything to the participants. Thus there was no other choice for Christine than to stand up on a table and shout. This unexpected moment was captured (from a distance) in the second picture.



After a few years it came the time for the second conference, organized by Christine, as well. This was smaller than the full conference of ENHR, therefore the setting was different, a historic hall of the university. People were closer to each other, acoustic was better – but what was the action everyone was waiting for? Of course, Christine had to step up again on the top of the table!



This was really a remarkable moment: no one planned it but everyone was waiting for it – and the table speech happened again!

PROPOSALS WELCOME FOR ENHR CONFERENCE CITY 2015 & 2016

Last call

The ENHR Coordination Committee would now like to begin discussions with research institutes or research centres which would be interested in organising an ENHR conference somewhere in Europe in 2015 or 2016.

A formal hard copy proposal for the year(s) 2015 and/or 2016 should be submitted **by September 19, 2013** to the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl). In its meeting on **19 October 2013 in Leipzig (Germany)** candidates will be asked to present their proposal. The Coordination Committee will make a final decision for both years after the presentations.

Interested organisations are invited to attend the Tarragona Conference from 19 to 22 June 2013, when there will be the opportunity to discuss proposals with the Coordination Committee chair, Peter Boelhouwer, and with Committee members.

Guidelines for ENHR conferences are available on the ENHR website (http://www.enhr.net/guidelines_conferences.php (for members only)) or can be requested at the ENHR Office (ENHR@tudelft.nl). These guidelines include a description of how such conferences are generally organised and what an application to host an ENHR conference should contain.

Application should contain information about:

- the date of the conference
- the profile of the organising institute and its reasons for hosting the conference
- a proposed conference theme
- a statement on academic quality
- former experiences in hosting conferences
- a budget which clarifies how to ensure the viability
- accessibility and affordability and hotel capacity of the location
- attractiveness of the location for housing researchers (what is there to be seen, esp. regarding to housing issues)
- the ability to attract an audience usually of 300-600 people. If a smaller conference is envisaged, a clear statement of the planned scale should be presented
- the availability of enough assistants (as students or junior researchers) during the conference
- the creation of a well organised conference webpage, which is maintained and updated on a regular basis
- the establishment of a Local Organising Committee (LOC).

Applications will be evaluated by the Coordination Committee based on these criteria. Affordability of the conference to the participants will be an important criterion.

Participants from all parts of Europe should be able to participate in the conference. Therefore, while setting the fees the organisers should take the affordability of the conference (travel costs, hotel accommodation and fees) into account. Ideally some conferences should have lower fees and fees should preferably not exceed the fee of former conferences, as shown in the table below.

Year	Location	Member		Non member		From selected countries	Accompanying persons
		Early	Regular	Early	Regular		
2006	Ljubljana, SLO	390 €	440 €	450 €	500 €	-	90 €
2007	Rotterdam, NL	435 €	485 €	495 €	545 €	-	100 €
2008	Dublin, IE	450 €	520 €	510 €	570 €	420 / 470 €	130 €
2009	Prague, CZ	-	450 €		520 €	100 €	110 €
2010	Istanbul, TR	400 €	450 €	450 €	510 €	100 €	120 €
2011	Toulouse, FR	-	280 €		330 €	230 €	100 €
2012	Lillehammer, NO	± 400 €	± 475 €	± 475 €	± 550 €	± 375 €	± 350 €
2013	Tarragona, ES	300 €	400 €	400 €	500 €	-	150 €

Research institutes or research centres which are interested in organising a conference in 2015 or 2016 are encouraged to contact the ENHR Chairman Peter Boelhouwer (P.J.Boelhouwer@tudelft.nl).



ENHR MEMORIES V

Sergio Nasarre Aznar, Spain

I spent 2002-2003 taking an MPhil at the Land Economy Department of the University of Cambridge. It was then when I got to know Prof. Whitehead and other eminent professors but sadly I had to leave Cambridge by end-2003. But then I realized that ENHR2004 was taking place in Cambridge and Christine had a main role in it. I did not think it twice, especially when she invited me to take part for the first time in an ENHR plenary; it was an extraordinary experience. Seeing how well organized the event was I remember myself thinking: "I should organize something like this in Tarragona". And 2013 is the year and Christine is coming.

My first two ENHR conferences

Marietta Haffner, The Netherlands

The first ENHR conference that I joined was the one in Paris in 1990; the second one followed in the year after in Oslo. The contrast in size between both conferences was huge. Meeting people in Paris was relatively easy, but communication could be quite hard, as the lunch with Italian architects showed. Their French was much better than mine. Keeping track of these colleagues was even harder. In the evenings conference participants spread out in the city. Being new in the field, it was a good way to meet Dutch colleagues. In Oslo, the ENHR conference was located in a conference centre, relatively small-scale. Only the joggers explored the surroundings. Conversations with colleagues of all nationalities were endless. Many good relations started. Every conference has something special; too much to be recalled here. Very noteworthy in Paris was the discussion between Michael, Michael and Michael about the Structures of Housing Provision. The first conferences will always remain special to me!

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