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ENGLISH ABSTRACTS OF KEY ARTICLES

HABITAT - Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme

In the HABITAT series of articles (4/1999 issue of the Urban Planning and Spatial Development magazine) we have made our readers acquainted with the UN Centre for Settlements (HABITAT) and the Habitat Agenda. This issue follows up with further information - "Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme - BLP"

Jaromír Říha, Flood Prevention as an Integral Part of Physical Planning

Physical planning deals with functional usage of space, sets forth the principles of a territory's organization, and coordinates the activities to develop space in their contents and timing. The experience of floods in recent years confirms that streams represent an important limit of the usage and the development of space. In our opinion, this fact is often neglected in the course of the process of physical planning. The article suggests possible ways of cooperation between physical planners and water engineers in the field of flood prevention.

News & Info is the largest section of this issue of Urban Planning and Spatial Development, containing two blocks of information.

The home block brings two remarks on the current situation in Brno's physical planning, a contribution on the demographic development in the Czech Republic in the last eight years, and some thoughts on the future of physical planning education.

The foreign block starts with an article on the problems connected to the technotronized American society and on the impacts of this situation on the space and the landscape. Other articles deal with land preservation in Styria, Austria, the preservation of monuments in Norway, and the structure of physical planning in Germany.

A contribution is devoted to a newly established OECD committee.

Further in the section we bring information on various specialist events and on the results of the Village of the Year competition. The section is, as usual, finished by the list of urban planning anniversaries, compiled by Jiří Hruža.

Furthermore, this issue contains an index of articles published by the magazine in 1999.

The editors wish their readers a very happy New Year 2000.