

# SUPPORT LETTERS

## JOINT AESOP/ACSP CONGRESS DUBLIN

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Dear AESOP and ACSP conference committee members:

On behalf of University College Dublin and the College of Human Sciences, I am glad to offer my unreserved support for the bid that the School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy is putting for Dublin to host the 2013 Joint AESOP-ACSP conference. We regard this bid as important for the visibility of the School which has for decades offered one of the premier planning professional degree programmes in this region. The School has very active staff with substantial research funding. Their research agenda includes most contemporary issues of policy relevance in Ireland and internationally.

The School is allocated an annual budget and has discretion over spending it for its teaching, research and service activities that contribute to its mission. The School has sufficient flexibility to be able to up-front some of the cost of preparing for the conference during the 2012-2013 academic year. This would be up to €50,000 with an expected return from the conference registration.

In addition, the College will be glad to contribute to the cost of one of the receptions organised for the conference participants.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Brigid Laffan

Principal

UCD College of Human Sciences



Ardmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Lord Mayor of Dublin

**Andrew Montague**

Professor Zorica Nedovic-Budic  
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Dear Zorica,

### **AESOP/ACSP Joint Congress 2013**

We are delighted that the City of Dublin has been invited to submit a bid to host the AESOP / ACSP Joint Congress in 2013. Dublin has played host to numerous prestigious conferences and events in the past and has a very successful track record in this area. Dublin would be an excellent choice for this congress, not only because its fine architectural history, but also because of contemporary Irish planning.

Dublin is an accessible destination and our convivial capital offers a world-class selection of hotels, venues and service providers. An outstanding variety of restaurants, entertainment and activities will help ensure that your delegates' expectations of Dublin as a fun and friendly destination are exceeded and attract high participant levels for your congress. Dublin is a knowledge capital and a vibrant, cultural and dynamic city to visit. We have no doubt that Dublin is the ideal location for your congress in 2013.

We hope that Dublin will be a winning formula and we look forward to extending a sincere *Céad Mile Fáilte* to you and to all your international colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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**Andrew Montague**  
**Lord Mayor of Dublin**