



AESOP YOUNG ACADEMICS NETWORK CHARTER

1. GENERAL

Article 1

AESOP Young Academics Network is an AESOP Working Group established in 2002 on the basis of the resolution of the AESOP Council of Representatives (Bergen, 1999).

Article 2

AESOP Young Academics Network is not a legal person.

2. OBJECTIVES

Article 3

The Young Academics Network pursues the aims of:

- a) providing an intellectual platform for young planning scholars especially PhD students, post-docs and early career researchers within planning and other related fields,
- b) introducing young planning scholars to AESOP and enabling exchange between AESOP and the YA Network,
- c) promoting AESOP among young planning scholars and practitioners,
- d) enabling young planning scholars to partake in AESOP activities.

3. MEMBERS

Article 4

AESOP Young Academics Network membership can be granted to:

- a) PhD students in the field of planning and other related fields,
- b) early career researchers in the field of planning, including post-docs and junior academics,
- c) young planning practitioners,
- d) young activists involved in planning.

Article 5

The Young Academics network shall consist of natural persons.

Article 6

1. The Young Academics Coordination Team (as defined in Article 10) shall determine application for membership.
2. A member may withdraw from the Network by notifying the Coordination Team in writing.
3. The Coordination Team shall have the power to exclude a member if and when serious grounds occur.

4. RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Article 7

Members shall have the following rights:

- a) to apply to attend the annual conference of the Young Academics Network,
- b) to participate in YA Network activities,
- c) to express interest in partaking in the organisation of existing activities,
- d) to suggest and contribute to the development of new activities,
- e) to receive the Network's newsletters and publications,
- f) to stand for election to the Coordination Team as defined in Article 10 and 13 respectively.

Article 8

Members shall have the following duties:

- a) to notify the Coordination Team of circumstances that might affect their membership,

- b) to register on the Young Academics Network website,
- c) to keep their profile on the Young Academics Network website updated.

5. ADMINISTRATION

Article 9

The administrative organs of the Young Academics Network shall be:

- a) the Coordination Team,
- b) the General Assembly.

5.2 COORDINATION TEAM

Article 10

1. The Coordination Team shall hold the managerial powers of the Young Academics Network.
2. The Coordination Team is allowed to confer specified powers, duties or to assign tasks to other persons from within the YA Network.
3. All undertakings of the Young Academics Network must be approved by the AESOP Council of Representatives via the AESOP Executive Committee.

Article 11

1. On the basis of the resolution of the AESOP Council of Representatives one member of the Coordination Team will be invited to attend AESOP Executive Committee meetings.
2. Normally the Chair of YAN CT is a YAN representative in the AESOP Executive Committee. Coordination Team can designate the other representative in case the Chair cannot represent the YAN in AESOP ExCo.
3. Only a member of the Coordination Team affiliated to an AESOP member institution can be invited to the AESOP Executive Committee.

Article 12

1. At minimum the Coordination Team shall consist of:
 - a) an Executive Officer (Chair),
 - b) a Website and Communication Officer,
 - c) a YA Conferences and Event Manager,
 - d) two further core CT members,
 - e) the Senior Advisor.
2. The normal period of the members of the Coordination Team shall be two years. The mandatory period of the member of the Coordination Team occupying the position defined in 1e can be extended up to three years.
3. Membership election occurs on a rotational basis. Three members shall be elected in the odd years and two members shall be elected in the even years.
4. Members who have served a one year period within the Coordination Team are eligible for election as the YA Executive Officer (Chair).
5. The Executive Officer is elected from within the Coordination Team according to a democratic process and holds the position for a period of one year.
6. Having completed the mandatory period the Executive Officer (Chair) shall move to the position of Senior Adviser for a period of one year. The role of Senior Adviser is to share experience and advise the Coordination Team. The Senior Adviser does not hold any executive or voting rights within the CT.
7. The Website and Communication Officer is responsible for updating Young Academics website regularly as well as for uploading any important information on the AESOP website.
8. The Coordination Team assigns tasks and responsibilities to its members.
9. The names, contacts and responsibilities of the members of the Coordination Team shall be made available to the members on the Young Academics Network website.
10. On the expiry of their period of office, the members of the Coordination Team shall not be eligible for re-election.



11. The Coordination Team is responsible for submitting an Annual Report describing all the activities of the Young Academics Network to the AESOP Secretary General at least one month before the first annual meeting of the AESOP Council of Representatives, usually held in March.

Article 13

1. The AESOP Secretary General announces the Coordination Team election agenda before the end of March each year on both the AESOP and Young Academics Network websites.
2. The Website and Communication Officer is responsible for making the election agenda available for the Young Academics Network members without any delay.
3. The elections of the members of the Coordination Team shall be completed before the end of May each year.
4. From the time the AESOP Secretary General announces the election agenda no new member shall be accepted to the network until the election process has been completed.
5. The agenda of the election shall define:
 - a) the deadline of completing the list of candidates,
 - b) the date of beginning of the election process,
 - c) the date of terminating the election process.
6. The candidates shall present their statement of motivation, programme and CV to the Young Academics Network members via the YA website.
7. The election process shall last a minimum of 14 consecutive days.
8. AESOP Secretary General announces the results of the elections on the AESOP and YAN website immediately after the completion of the election process.
9. The official change of the members of the Coordination Team takes place during the Young Academics Network General Assembly.

Article 14

1. The Coordination Team shall meet at least once per year on the call of either the Executive Officer or of at least three other members of the Coordination Team.
2. The quorum for the Coordination team meetings shall be four members.
3. The Coordination Team shall be chaired by the Executive Officer or their proxy.

Article 15

1. The resolutions of the Coordination Team shall be passed on a simple majority. On a split vote, the Executive Officer shall have the casting vote.
2. The resolutions of the Coordination Team shall be made available to the AESOP Executive Committee.

5.1 YOUNG ACADEMICS NETWORK GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 16

1. The General Assembly shall be the Young Academics Network formal means of consultation.
2. The General Assembly shall discuss challenges for young planning scholars and practitioners.
3. The General Assembly shall consider the activities of the Young Academics Network.

Article 17

1. The General Assembly shall be open to the Young Academics Network members and to academics and students from schools represented in AESOP, as well as to AESOP individual members.
2. The General Assembly takes place during the AESOP Annual Congress.

Article 18

1. The General Assembly shall be chaired by the Executive Officer of the Coordination Team.
2. The contents and minutes of the General Assembly shall be recorded in a register signed by the Executive Officer or any other member of the Coordination Team and made available to



members of the YA Network, as well as for AESOP members via the AESOP Secretary General.

6. BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS

Article 19

The accounting year shall end on 31st December.

Article 20

1. The Coordination Team may apply for the financial support to AESOP for Young Academics Network activities and projects to be approved by the AESOP Council of Representatives.
2. The application for financial support for each year shall be submitted to the AESOP Treasurer before the end of October of the year preceding the year the application is made for.
3. The application shall contain a detailed budget.

Article 21

1. The Coordination Team is responsible for preparing the annual Young Academics Network Financial Report.
2. The YA Financial Report of each year shall be delivered to the AESOP Treasurer before 31st January of the following year.

Article 22

The Coordination Team can apply for the financial support of third-party institutions or organisations only after approval of the AESOP Executive Committee.

7. MODIFICATION OF THE CHARTER AND DISSOLUTION

Article 23

1. Any proposal for modifying the AESOP Young Academics Network Charter or of dissolving the Working Group must emanate from the Coordination Team, AESOP Executive Committee or from the AESOP Council of Representatives.
2. Any change of the AESOP Young Academics Charter requires the approval of the AESOP Executive Committee and AESOP Council of Representatives.
3. The AESOP Council of Representatives shall decide upon the manner of dissolution of the Young Academic Network.

