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Dear Prof. Christa Reicher,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposal to host the 28<sup>th</sup> AESOP Congress 2014 in Dortmund by the Faculty of Spatial Planning and the Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development (ILS). Not only for the TU Dortmund University and the ILS, but as well for the City of Dortmund it will be a great honor to host an international Congress of this size and reputation.

The congress theme "*Paths are made by walking – Planning in a world of change*" is chosen with great foresight and capability. I am looking forward to welcome all AESOP-Delegates in Dortmund and present a city which has made some interesting *paths by walking*, just to name the former steel mill "Phoenix" which is now home of the Dortmund Centre of Micro- and Nanotechnology and the recreation area "Lake Phoenix".

As Lord Mayor of the City of Dortmund I am pleased to confirm the City's support for the AESOP-Congress 2014. The Cooperation could imply:

- Assistance from the Tourist Information regarding accommodation of the delegates and special rates for congress delegates.
- Assistance from the Tourist Information regarding the guided tours in Dortmund and the Ruhr area.
- Assistance regarding the access to the cultural heritages of the city and the organization of the social events in the historic sites of the city.

Further arrangements should be made in the event of a successful application.

Yours sincerely

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