

Prof. Paulo Pinho
AESOP Secretary General

24 June 2016

Re: Application for Associate Membership, Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management, University of Copenhagen

Dear Paulo Pinho,

Hereby, I send you my review of the application submitted by the University of Copenhagen, Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management, to join AESOP as 'Associate' member. I have reviewed the contents of their application, which outlines undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in Landscape Architecture, Geography and Geoinformatics, and Nature Management. Considering the 'planning' specificity of these degree programmes are not immediately apparent, I also have consulted the contents of their departmental website for module content, and staff backgrounds and research interests.

Upon closer examination of the degree programme modules and staff research, it is clearly apparent that 'planning' related content is researched and taught at the department. In particular, I refer to the 'Landscape Architecture and Planning' section that includes research in the areas of landscape architecture/urbanism, spatial change and planning, and nature health and design. The Landscape Architecture programme specialisation in 'Green Space Management', for example, is a testament to this research focus, including modules in health design, conflict management, and theories of urban planning and design.

In conclusion, despite their portfolio of broad based degree programmes, I find the department sufficiently delivers on the research-led teaching of planning specific content across select modules. In my view, this should warrant the inclusion of the Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management as 'Associate' member of the Association of European Schools of Planning.

With my best wishes



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Dear Dr. Pinho,

I am pleased to send you a review concerning the application for Associate Membership submitted by the Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management at the University of Copenhagen. The present review has been generated on the basis of the description of the three master degree programmes offered by this department as well as additional information concerning the scope and contents of such programmes as stated in the Department's website in both English and Danish.

The Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management at the University of Copenhagen offers three master's degrees **with planning-related content**. First, the *MSc in Landscape Architecture* is fairly large in terms of student intake (88 in total graduated in 2015) and offers three design-oriented specialisations with the possibility to take elective urban planning courses (both theoretical and practice-based). Second, the *MSc in Nature Management* offers students the possibility to shape their own specialisation through compulsory as well as restricted elective courses, several of which related to spatial planning. A total of 19 students graduated from this programme in 2015. Finally, the *MSc in Geography and Geoinformatics* is also large in size (a total of 49 students graduated in 2015) and offers 5 specialisations. In particular, the specialisation labelled Transformation of Cities and Landscapes offers several courses with planning-related content.

In general terms, the three master programmes fully comply with AESOP's core curriculum – a crucial precondition for membership. On the basis of the above assessment, I highly recommend that AESOP grant the Department of Geosciences and Natural Resource Management at the University of Copenhagen the status of Associate Member.

Yours sincerely,



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