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EDITORIAL

Less than a year has passed since INURA was founded. The initiative of Hansruedi Hitz, Christian Schmid and Richard Wolff, now representing INURA Zurich, led to the inspiring days of Saletna, Switzerland, and, since then, into a steady increase in the number of interested scholars and regular INURA members. So this bulletin will be sent to almost seventy regular members and more than fifty interested persons in fifteen European countries, in Canada and the USA, in Mexico and Brazil, in India, Kenya, South Africa and in Australia.

The responsibility for editing the Bulletin and coordinating INURA activities has now passed to INURA Rostock, the East German organizer of the next annual meeting. This may confront you with some usually unexpected difficulties in communication: The communication network in East Germany is still underdeveloped, and even though we have tried hard to get telephone and telefax we have not succeeded up to now. We must ask you, hence, to use the good old post-office to mail your information to us. Hopefully this will change by summer.

These problems in communication and other practical reasons have made us - more than expected before - dependent on contacts with and activities of INURA Zurich. In fact, the Zurich group not only edited and published Bulletins No. 1 and 2, but emerged as kind of a "central" secretariat with respect to administering addresses, making contacts and so on. The new INURA headquarter is grateful for the support it got from Zurich.

The annual change of INURA headquarter was agreed upon in Saletna when a plenary session decided to meet again in 1992 near Rostock, on the Baltic coast of East Germany. With Prerow as place of the conference we have not only found a nice, typical northern village in an attractive landscape, it also seemed attractive to go into a region where tremendous changes of urban and rural life occur.

The chance of letting you see, within the limited space of the northern part of Germany, the most contrasting urban and regional developments in East and West led us to the idea of beginning the conference with a guided tour of the Hamburg inner city and harbour area and to contrast it with a similar tour through Rostock, formerly a dominant northern city of the GDR and - after the unification of both Germanys - a city which has lost most of its economic functions.

But the conference will not by any means be limited to the situation of cities and regions in Germany. "Cities in transformation in transforming societies" was chosen as the central conference topic because the relationships between local and regional developmental processes on the one side, and those of societies or even world regions on the other, have become more obvious than ever before. So we do not want to make German affairs a central issue, but to address consequences for urban structure, life and action which result from the remarkable changes in societies and world regions in general.

We look forward to seeing you at INURA '92!

Ian Harknett
 Karl-Otto Richter
 Bernhard Schmidtbauer

INURA Rostock

INURA Annual Meeting 1992

CITIES IN TRANSFORMATION IN TRANSFORMING SOCIETIES

Prerow, Germany
May 25-31, 1992

Organizational and other remarks

The experience of the founding meeting of INURA in Salecina 1991 encouraged the organizers to propose again just an outline programme for our next meeting and to leave the specification of the content to the interests and contributions of the participants. According to the preferences of participants this outline programme can be handled in a flexible manner, particularly with respect to the mixture of plenary and workshop sessions.

Current proposals of INURA members for the formation of project groups are:

- Cross-national comparisons of racism, migration, refugees etc.,
- Developments of and within industrial and port cities; derelict land and redevelopment projects,
- Relationships between city and urban periphery in areas of agglomeration.

Further suggestions are most welcome - do not hesitate to write us about your ideas and expectations!

Those who want to participate are kindly requested to send the participation form, enclosed in this bulletin, as soon as possible to the organizers - together with a short outline of their contribution. (It would be extremely helpful if you could bring 40 copies of your contribution with you.) Please note that the number of participants is limited to a maximum of about 35 persons. If more persons show interest, then INURA members will be privileged. The invitation of others must be made dependent on the date of mailing the participation form (post stamp).

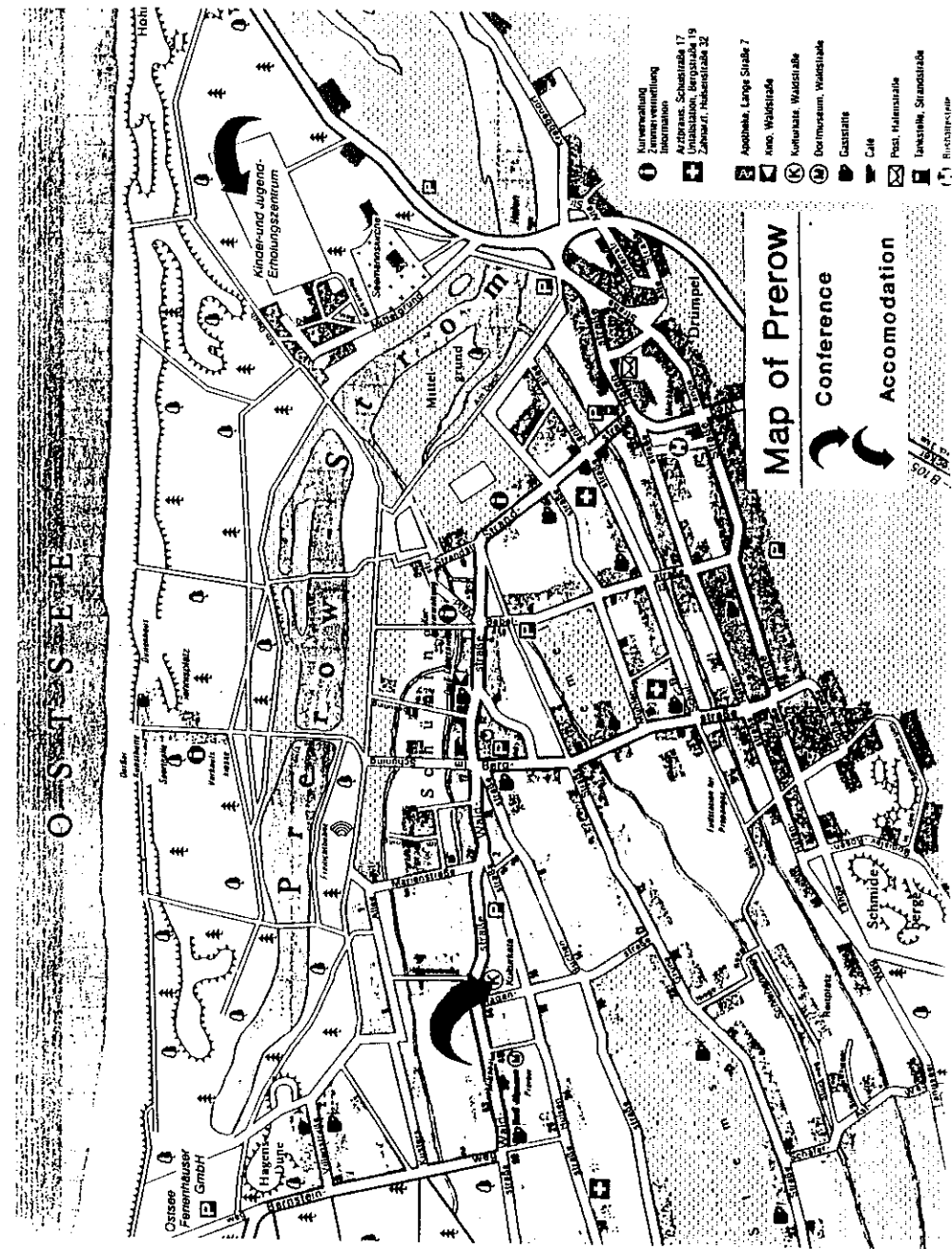
Please note that all accommodation and travel is at your expense, except the bus transport from Rostock to Prerow on Tuesday 26. Costs for accommodation are payable on site. The participation fee includes INURA membership fee and subscription to the bulletin.

Up to now the organizers have not got funding for the conference. We are still trying to get some financial support. No- or low-income participants can ask for reduced participation fees or other reductions: see the participation form.

Hotel is organized only in Prerow. Participants who arrive in Hamburg on Monday, May 25, should make a hotel reservation in Hamburg on their own (contact: Tourismus-Zentrale, Buchard-Str. 14, D-2000 Hamburg 1, Germany, Tel. 49/40/30051-0, Fax 300 512 53).

In Prerow, a nice and typical northern village on the Baltic coast, we have found accommodation in a youth holiday centre (Tel. of the administration: 37/8283/303). The conference takes place in the local House of Culture, see the map of Prerow. For bed in dormitory and food (breakfast, dinner, lunch) think of about 35.- to 42.- DM per day. Those who insist on a small apartment should give us a note.

There are no particular facilities for handicapped persons. Please write if you need special facilities. From experience the organizers further want to inform vegetarians that vegetarian food is not a great tradition in East Germany. Also the kitchen of the holiday centre will probably show some surprise if you prefer vegetables *instead* of meat!



Outline programme for the 1992 Annual Meeting

Monday - May 25

Arrival of participants in Hamburg.

1 to 6 p.m. Guided tour of the Hamburg inner city and harbour area
(Meeting point: Deichtorhallen, exposition halls 150 m south of the main station.)

Night at Hamburg.

Tuesday - May 26

Train to Rostock, see timetable on page 8.

until 1 p.m. Meeting for lunch in the Bahnhofshotel.
(Use the main entrance of the station, the Hotel is directly opposite.)

1 to 6 p.m. Guided tour of the Rostock inner city, harbour and new residential areas.

6 p.m. Departure by bus to Prerow.

8 p.m. Meeting with dinner.

Wednesday - May 27

9 to 12 a.m. Opening plenary session.

2 to 5.30 p.m. Plenary session.

from 7 p.m. Formation of special interest project groups.

Thursday - May 28

9 to 12 a.m. Project groups and workshop sessions.

from 1.30 p.m. Choose your excursion:

Excursion to Stralsund, an old Baltic Hanseatic town.

Guided tour around the Nature Conservation Area of Darss.

Walking tour through Ribnitz-Damgarten (near Prerow) probably with occasion to meet local representatives and to discuss the social and urban development problems of a small town.

Friday - May 29

9 to 12 a.m. Project groups and workshop sessions.

2 to 5.30 p.m. Plenary session.

from 7 p.m. INURA-Meeting: reports, future perspectives, and fundraising ideas.

Saturday - May 30

9 to 12 a.m. Project groups and workshop sessions.

2 to 5.30 p.m. Final plenary session. Reports of the project groups and workshops.

evening Party.

Sunday - May 31

Departure to Rostock.
See connections to Hamburg and Berlin on page 8.

Information on public transport

The following selected information is thought to be helpful in planning your travel, particularly for participants who plan to travel completely individually and who intend not to take part during all of the conference.

1) Trains from Hamburg/Main Station to Rostock and Ribnitz-Damgarten

Note: Ribnitz-Damgarten (West) is the last railway station on your way to Prerow. To get from there to Prerow you have to take a public bus. We would advise you, however, to meet us at latest in Rostock to leave for Prerow with our rented bus. Departure to Prerow is Tuesday 6 p.m., next to the last station of tram line 4. To get there from the main entrance of the railway station allow approximately 40 min.

<u>Train-No.</u>	<u>Hamburg</u>	<u>Rostock</u>	<u>Ribnitz-Damgarten</u>
D 1033	d 8.46 a.m.	a 11.39 a.m.	a 0.19 p.m.
IC 533	d 10.06 a.m.	a 0.47 p.m.	a 1.20 p.m.
D 1035	d 1.34 p.m.	a 4.23 p.m.	a 5.01 p.m.
D 1037	d 4.05 p.m.	a 6.57 p.m.	a 7.36 p.m.

2) Trains from Berlin-Lichtenberg to Rostock and connections to Ribnitz-Damgarten

<u>Train-No.</u>	<u>Berlin</u>	<u>Rostock</u>	<u>Ribnitz-Damgarten</u>
D 520	d 8.15 a.m.	a 11.23 a.m.	
D 1033		d 11.49 a.m.	a 0.17 p.m.
D 322	d 10.36 a.m.	a 1.36 p.m.	
3158		d 2.12 p.m.	a 2.53 p.m.
D 322	d 2.11 p.m.	a 5.01 p.m.	
D 732		d 5.09 p.m.	a 5.40 p.m.
E 416		d 6.23 p.m.	a 6.47 p.m.

3) Bus connections from Ribnitz-Damgarten (West) to Prerow

Note: The bus station in Ribnitz-Damgarten is next to the railway station. Use bus line A 210, heading for Barth.

<u>Ribnitz-Damgarten</u>	<u>Prerow</u>
d 0.45 p.m.	a 2.19 p.m.
d 2.00 p.m.	a 3.13 p.m.
d 5.30 p.m.	a 6.34 p.m.
d 8.30 p.m.	a 9.33 p.m.

4) Trains from Rostock to Hamburg and Berlin - current arrival times (subject to change)

Arrival in Hamburg: a.m.: 9.20, 10.22, p.m.: 0.20, 3.24, 5.49, 9.48

Arrival in Berlin-Lichtenberg: a.m.: 9.35, 11.03, p.m.: 0.10, 3.03, 6.51, 9.16, 11.38

PARTICIPATION FORM

I want to participate in the 1992 Annual Meeting of INURA:

CITIES IN TRANSFORMATION IN TRANSFORMING SOCIETIES,
Prerow, Germany, May 25-31.

Name and address, telephone (and telefax) number:

Institution:

Contribution:

Do you need special technical facilities? Which?

Special interest/proposal for project group:

Date and place of your arrival:

I will join the conference in Hamburg, May 25

I will join the conference in Rostock, May 26

I will join the conference in Prerow, date:

Date of your departure:

Please do not forget to transfer the participation fee (DM 200.- or equivalent) before April 14 to:

Sparkasse Rostock, Bank Code No.: 130 511 72, Bank Account of UCEF: 37 20 10 66.

Please let us know if you need financial assistance. The organizers will try hard to raise some funds to make participation as little dependent on your financial resources as possible. We will inform you if we have succeeded or not.

I can participate only if I can get some financial assistance (approx. DM)

Date and signature:

PIN Board

News from SPECTACLE, London

In a letter Mark Saunders raises an objection to the editors of Bulletin 2 because he and Slobhan Cleary were listed as representatives of DESPITE TV instead of SPECTACLE. The editors agree with Mark that identity is important and apologize for this mistake.

SPECTACLE did co-operate already with the new media-group in Rostock by running a workshop at Rostock. There they gathered a large amount of video material covering the docks, the new residential areas, the decaying inner city area and the rush-in of West German shops and businesses - including extensive interviews and commentary. All this material is available. Furthermore they took part in a cable experiment using existing aerial cables in a village outside Rostock. This is also on video. SPECTACLE offers a certainly welcome presentation of it during our Annual Meeting in May.

Mark Saunders, SPECTACLE, 100 Tennyson Street, London SW8 3TH, Great Britain

Video-work documenting changes in the built environment in Rostock

In Rostock-City a media-workshop was constituted last year. The workshop is not only active in the field of teaching but began to work on video-documents about the rapid changes of culture and built environment in the inner city. INURA may gain from it because the group is ready to present some videos during our Annual Meeting in May.

Thomas Pätzold, Medienwerkstatt Rostock im Netzwerk e.V., Ernst-Barlach-Str. 2, D/O-2500 Rostock 1, Germany

Attitudes toward political refugees and foreigners in Rostock

In Germany an increase of militant attacks against political refugees is registered, performed by usually young, right-wing oriented people. Popular protest against those attacks has remained small-scale, and greater parts of the non-militant population seemingly share a hostile view on refugees. UCEF is preparing an empirical survey on attitudes toward refugees, based on a sample of about 200 adult citizens of Rostock. The survey shall indicate answers to the question if there are particularities of hostility against refugees among the population of East Germany, which result a) out of the GDR-past and b) out of the way the process of German unification actually goes. The study is thought to be the beginning of a larger project. We are strongly interested in relevant experiences of other researchers - including fundraising ideas - and we would like to develop a comparative project.

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Housing Environment Network

INURA London got a letter from the Leicester Ecology Trust Ltd. which runs an ECO House project there. Recently they have been investigating possible links between the realms of housing and environment. The letter stresses the need for a Housing Environmental Network and raises the question if INURA already fulfils such a role. If relevant themes are investigated by INURA members, please contact:

Mike Barker, Leicester Ecology Trust Ltd., Parkfield, Western Park, Hinckley Road, Leicester LE3 6HX, Great Britain

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