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[Excursion Swiss and N-Italian ISOCARP members](#)

The Swiss National Delegation invited all the Swiss and N-Italian ISOCARP members to a special urban development excursion.

The excursion taking place from 14-16 October 2010 was on current urban planning in Milan (N-Italy) and Lugano (Southern Switzerland) and on the connection between the two places/regions, to be considered as a whole metropolitan transboundary region where in 2015 the Universal Exposition will take place (www.expo2015.org). of the excursion are on this link <http://www.isocarp.ch/>. The program was as follows: We stayed in Milan's new Dominique Perrault-towers in the new Fiera, www.hotelfieramilan.com/en_index.htm. In the evening we had a joint dinner on the Navigli, an old revived waterways (canals) near central Milan. Now very happening with tons of lively bars and restaurants. After a great night sleep in the towers we had an introduction to urban planning in Milan in the Politecnico di Milano (Città degli studi). Stefano Wagner, a long time ISOCARP member gives courses there. His colleagues, Piergiorgio Vitillo and Paolo Galuzzi, both architects and planning professors, then accompanied us on a day-long architectural walk through Milan („Itinerari di architettura milanese"). The weather was spectacular and the urban diversity of Milan fascinating. We even managed to have lunch on a terrace overlooking the famous "duomo".

Impressions

In the evening we transferred back to Lugano, Switzerland, about an hour's drive north from Milan. After a night out with great food in a typical "grotto", a tavern in the mountains surrounding Lugano we had a good rest in one of the smaller historic hotels near the lake front. The next morning we met the local ISOCARP members and organizers Felix Günther and Stefano Wagner. We walked from Paradiso to Cornaredo and saw interesting residential, commercial and cultural projects currently underway. End of the excursion was at the Lugano train station which is also undergoing further expansion and development.

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