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Portusplus is the online-magazine of **RETE**, the Association for the Collaboration between Ports and Cities, dedicated to the study of themes involving the relationship between port and city and the regeneration of urban waterfronts. Since 2011, **Portusplus** has been a supplement to **Portus**, the bi-yearly printed magazine published by RETE.

Exploiting the advantages of communicating on the Internet, **Portusplus** will become an opportunity to present original works, theoretical studies or the results of research, conducted in many countries around the world and concerning the fields of interest described, reserving specific attention to the works of young scholars.

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Call for papers 2011

The "Call for papers" for **Portusplus** is finalized towards the collection and diffusion on the web of interdisciplinary scientific documents, focused on the many themes of interest concerning **port cities** and **urban waterfronts**. The objective is to satisfy the demand for knowledge and for the diffusion of new research studies, policies, processes and actions in order to stimulate the interdisciplinary debate. The call for papers is open to articles from the world of science, academics and culture, from experts and technicians, from contributors who operate within institutions and research centers and in general from anyone who in any position has knowledge and experience in the various disciplines that deal with the following themes:

- A. **The contemporary port city and the new models of port-city relationships**
- B. **The regeneration of urban-port waterfronts**
- C. **Teaching the port city**
- D. **The Latin-American port city**

The papers submitted will be evaluated by a "Review Committee", composed of prestigious international experts in the field, and, if they are considered worthy, will be published in the **Portusplus** digital magazine. The articles which are considered to be of particular interest will also be published in an abridged version in the printed magazine **Portus**.

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All the papers selected by the Review Committee to be published by **Portusplus**, will be given an **ISSN code** (International Standard Serial Number), the international number that identifies standard publications. Participation in the selection of articles may be requested by responding to the "Call for papers" before **July 15, 2011**, following the instructions for submission.

Themes

The themes addressed in the single papers may concern the plurality of dynamics involved in port cities and urban waterfronts, from the point of view of different scientific-disciplinary approaches (economic, social, city-planning, cultural, etc.). In particular, the proposals should concern an issue related to the thematic areas specified below:

- A. The contemporary port city and the new models of port-city relationships**
- B. The regeneration of urban-port waterfronts**

The relationship between port and city has always evolved according to physical and functional models that have been reproduced over the centuries with little or no significant changes. In recent decades, these models have undergone important modifications, generated primarily by the profound transformations underway in the field of port organization and its inclusion in urban and regional contexts.

To improve the quality of the relationship between cities and their ports it is important to understand the various aspects of these changes that have taken place both in the way the port structures function and in the interactive dynamics between the two elements in question. The study of specific cases, in different countries, will help provide a better description of these phenomena, verifying the factors they have in common as well as their distinctive features, thus helping to adjust the tools of intervention to use in city plans.

- C. Teaching the port city**

Currently, more than half the world's population is concentrated in cities, nuclei that basically act as organizers of the totality of the space on our planet. Within this global network of cities, port cities not only play a vital role in the dynamics of a globalized economy, but because they can rely on this type of infrastructure, they can count on a series of spatial, economic, social, cultural and environmental factors that define their dynamics, operation, and lifestyle.

Nevertheless, the port, the agent that characterizes this group of cities, on the average represents an unknown factor for most of society, including the people who live in the areas in which these infrastructures are located. This situation is also reflected in the way ports are treated in accredited studies, where they are generally considered from various points of view, with very different focuses on the contents in terms of conceptual impact and extension, and with a relative importance in the programs that, in many cases, do not appear proportional to their social economic and regional importance.

Considering that it is during the period of schooling that we acquire most of the concepts we use to interpret our world, and shape many of the perceptions which we use to construct the reality that surrounds us, we believe it is of extreme interest to introduce a line of investigation in the field of education, oriented towards teaching the port city, in the understanding that the end results, which should lead to the development of specific teaching products, might contribute more positively, in the medium and long term, to the improvement of the relationship between ports and cities.

- D. The Latin-American port city**

The major port cities in Latin America were founded between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries. During the nineteenth century, the independence of the countries and the diffusion of steam navigation triggered a new phase of development in all the ports which, in general, has continued through the present day.

Currently more than thirty Latin-American port cities and their ports offer opportunities to develop projects to renovate some of the spaces they share or projects for their maritime heritage. To explore the history and the current possibilities for the conversion of port spaces in Latin America also means studying the intense relationship they have maintained with many European countries, especially Spain

and Portugal. This type of exploration or line of research can and should advance the technical and economic cooperation between the two sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

Language

The papers may be submitted exclusively in the following languages: English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian.

Presentation of the papers

The rules for participating in the “Call for papers” require, **under penalty of exclusion**, that the following documents be submitted:

- the **Declaration of Responsibility (Attachment A)** and the **Registration Form (Attachment B)** filled out and signed by each author (.DOC file format with digital signature, or .PDF or .JPG file format with scan of the original signature).
- an “Abstract” in the .DOC file format with a maximum of 1.000 characters – spaces included – in English, in the **Required Format (Attachment C)**
- a “Report” in .DOC file format maximum 20,000 characters – spaces included – with images, charts, tables and relative captions, in the **Required Format (Attachment C)**
- images in high definition, 300 dpi, files in format .JPG/.TIFF
- a brief **Profile of the Author (Attachment D)** in the .DOC file format

The **Attachments** may be downloaded below or on the website of RETE (www.reteonline.org) in the section “**Portusplus**” – “**Call for papers**”

Attachment A: Declaration of Responsibility

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Attachment B: Registration Form

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Attachment C: Required Format

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Attachment D: Profile of the Author

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Deadline for the submission of the papers

The papers submitted for the evaluation of the Review Committee must be sent to the Scientific Secretariat of Portusplus before **July 15, 2011**.

The results of the selection by the Review Committee will be communicated by e-mail to the individual authors. The selected papers will be published in the “Portusplus” section of the RETE website presumably in January 2012.

Review Committee

The papers sent in will be submitted to a “Review Committee” composed of members of the **RETE Scientific Committee** and a **Committee of International Experts** in these specific issues. Its role will be to select the articles that respond to the requirements and satisfy the following criteria: originality of approach and methodology, clarity and order of contents, quality and completeness of presentation, scientific-academic level, scope of application of the results.

Each paper will be submitted anonymously to the evaluation of at least two members of the Review Committee and the opinion they express will be final. In case of disagreement in the evaluations by the experts, the final decision on whether or not to publish the article will be made by the Director of the Scientific Committee of RETE.

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