

The "Speakers' Corner" is a quarterly newsletter to provide information regarding the progress of the IP-work. It informs about ongoing processes, decisions and events. Its content is the result of the close consultation of IP-Speaker, Manager and WP-Speakers. In the event of queries or requests for additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

WP-Research



In [WP 1](#) (Concepts/Synthesis) the exhibition "[The change of Leipzig, reflected by UFZ urban research](#)" was shown during November at Neues Rathaus in Leipzig. The exhibition was frequently visited and the accompanying scientific events also were highly successful. The exhibition is now shown until January 31 at UFZ Leipzig, (main building, first floor). Within [WP 2](#) (Urban Land Use & UES), a positioning paper focusing on social impacts of nature-based solutions and greening strategies in cities has been elaborated (as a follow-up of the workshop). Several scientists of WP2 took part as session chairs and speakers at the [BfN conference on nature-based solutions in Bonn](#) from 17-19 Nov 2015. In [WP 3](#) (Sustain. Water Infrastructures) several

follow-up publications have been released on the "Leipzig Model" of financing quaternary treatment developed for UBA (e.g. in [Korrespondenz Abwasser](#), [ZUR](#), and [GAIA](#)). In [WP 4](#) (Env. Risks & Vuln.), the CLAVE research group held a series of workshops in Santiago de Chile (October/November), in order to discuss research results regarding vulnerabilities and adaptation to climate change, evaluate the adaptive capacity of municipalities as well as barriers to the implementation of adaptation. This included an overarching transnational workshop (world-café), six municipal workshops as well as a workshop with academics experts from other Latin American cities. Furthermore, a panel discussion was organized with representatives of different sectors (academics, NGO, ministry, private sector) in order to discuss the preparedness of Santiago de Chile to climate change. Here, a key note speech was given by scientific expert Patricia Romero-Lankao from Boulder (Colorado).

Wissenschaftsjahr Zukunftsstadt - Science Slam Leipzig



One of the highlights of this year's Wissenschaftsjahr "Zukunftsstadt" by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research was the Science Slam Competition. Several Urban Studies Scholars presented their research results in front of a non-expert audience and the audience in Leipzig had to decide on the best performance. Our IP member Manuel Wolff presented his research on housing markets and housing vacancies in a very funny and entertaining way and won the third prize. Congratulations!

New Scholar



We want to welcome Jingxia Wang, a Geographer from Beijing University China who will undertake her PhD study at UFZ, concentrating on the impact of urban land-use changes on quantity and quality of water. She will start her scholarship in December 2015, financed through the Chinese Scholarship Council.

Governance of Water Infrastructure

Two anthologies on "[Governance of water infrastructure](#)" have been published and written by E. Gawel (with N. Bedtke, M. Reese, W. Köck). The interdisciplinary articles from science and practice analyze the future viability of water supply and wastewater disposal in Germany and Europe. On this basis, they develop ideas for the design of "institutions" to secure a sustainable governance of long-term infrastructure decisions.



IP-Flashlights

- Ellen Banzhaf was invited to Université de Strasbourg, Faculty of Geography, Lab. Image, Ville, Environnement (LIVE) to stay for almost a month and share the experiences from TERENO Urban System and the only urban-environmental French "Zone Atelier". During her stay, concepts for funding urban research collaborations were elaborated.
- Erik Gawel presented findings from the UBA project "German wastewater charge and quaternary treatment" at the annual BDEW conference on water management (29./30.9.2015) and was thereby part of an expert panel on micro-pollutants.
- The IPs Proposal for a side event on Sustainable Urban Transformations at the [German Future Earth Summit](#) in Berlin in January 2016 was accepted.
- Our IP Book proposal on Urban Transformations in the series Future City by Springer was recently approved by the editorial board. Currently 43 authors work on 26 interdisciplinary papers on urban challenges.