The Aesop website is expanding in support of the various activities of our members. The last expansion in the row is the 'New Books' page, for individual planners being part of our member schools to present their latest work. The three books added this week to this page are being presented below. To get your book and a brief introduction on this page, please do get in touch with Aesop's web wizard. The conditions are threefold:

- 1. The book should be about planning.
- 2. The book has to be of interest to the European planning committee,
- 3. The author or editors should be related to a member school.

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Yours, Gert de Roo Secretary General of Aesop

Gert de Roo and Geoff Porter

Fuzzy Planning, The Role of Actors in a Fuzzy Governance Environment. Many of the key notions associated with spatial planning are essentially 'fuzzy' in their nature. For example, while almost everyone accepts 'sustainability' as an important goal of planning, the actions of the actors involved can render the achieved 'sustainability' minimal, or even counterproductive. Putting forward an innovative way of looking at planning problems and policies, this volume suggests actor-consulting is important in addressing the fuzzy nature of planning.

Patsy Healy

Urban Complexity and Spatial Strategies develops important new relational and institutionalist approaches to policy analysis and planning, of relevance to all those with an interest in cities and urban areas. For more information, please see the website.

Bruce Stiftel

Volume 2 of <u>Dialogues in Urban and Regional Planning</u> has been released by Routledge in cooperation with the Global Planning Education Association Network. Featuring 12 urban planning research papers authored on six continents, originally in four languages, and nominated by nine planning school associations, this volume seeks to expand access to regional planning scholarship. The papers discuss planning issues of economy and urban place; environment and conservation of heritage; planning processes and the nature of decision making; the development of planning ideas; transport; and gender; each from a different planning scholarship perspective. The editor's introduction proposes directions to overcome regional isolation in planning research.