

# TG19 - Designing for the Ageing Society



The next step for all members of TG19 according to Coordinator Satoshi Kose is to get ready for the first official meeting which will be in Trondheim, Norway from 18th to 20th June 1997.

Dr. Kose's suggested structure for the meeting is to commence introductory discussions in the afternoon of 18th June, to devote the whole day on the 19th for discussions based on prepared papers, and to arrive at some kind of conclusion on 20th June.

He would like to know as soon as possible which members plan to come since he needs to initiate discussions on administration matters with Mr. Dag Kittang of SINTEF, who will be the host.

Dr. Kose notes that there may not be enough time to hear detailed points of each paper. However, he intends to organise the papers, and those qualified may be published in Proceedings from his Institute.

Those who wish to have a paper included, should send him a draft copy by mid April and bring the

necessary number of copies to Trondheim for distribution.

Dr. Kose is also drawing members' attention to MERA 97 to be held in Tokyo from 4th to 6th November 1997.

This Conference is aimed at researchers in the field of people-environment studies, often called environmental psychology.

Since he anticipates some researchers interested in designing for the ageing society to join the Conference, he has requested funds to support hosting an International Workshop on Designing for the Ageing Society. So, as he says, the MERA 97 could be a good occasion to visit Japan, a somewhat different country. MERA 97 will be held in Tokyo, while the Workshop is planned in the Kyoto area the succeeding week, i.e. 10th to 12th November 1997.

The title of MERA 97 is:

**The International Conference on Environment-Behaviour Studies for the 21st Century**  
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In exhorting TG19 members to make an input to the work of the Task Group, Dr. Kose stresses the intrinsic importance of the TG's goal.

As he says: I do believe that we can contribute a lot to improve society and mostly, the sooner the better.