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## Board of Trustees

### Report from Wei Yang – President for 2021 of the RTPI

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## 1. Activities

### 1.1 RTPI events and meetings

- 20 Jan 2021, 107<sup>th</sup> RTPI Presidential Inauguration via YouTube.  
The ceremony was watched by RTPI members and others with an interest in planning, including representatives from UN Habitat and some of the world's leading planning bodies.
- 20 Jan 2021, President's Award for 2020  
President for 2020 Sue Manns presented the President's Award for 2020 to the founders of Women in Planning, BAME Planners Network, and Neurodiversity in Planning Network.
- 20 Jan 2021, General Assembly Meeting  
Sue Manns chaired the morning session; Wei Yang chaired the afternoon session.  
Feedbacks: Breakout sessions were welcomed by GA members. 20 minutes discussion time was given during the breakout sessions. People would prefer longer discussion time.
- 21 Jan 2021, launching 'speedy' tree survey for RTPI members.
- 21 Jan 2021, meeting with Landscape Institute President Jane Findlay and CEO Daniel Cook, with RTPI Chief Executive Victoria Hills and Vice President Timothy Crawshaw.  
To explore more collaboration opportunities on policies, COP15 & COP26, joint training opportunities, joint events etc.  
Meeting every 6 months.
- 29 Jan 2021, welcome message with the CEO, RTPI APC Assessor Training Day (1 of 2)

### 1.2 External events

- 26 Jan 2021, speaking at Housing 2021 advisory panel.
- 28 Jan 2021, speaking at TCPA event, the Forgotten Pioneers - Women in the Garden City Movement

### 1.3 Media interviews

- 15 Jan 2021, BBC Chinese
- 25 Jan 2021, CGTN
- 29 Jan 2021, The Nouvelles d'Europe newspaper

## 2. Feedbacks from engagements with RTPI members and external bodies

### 2.1 Early planning meeting for flagship conferences

Background: Housing 2021 advisory panel - a group of external high-level stakeholders were invited to discuss the early planning of the Housing 2021 conference, including:

- Identify the theme(s)
- Highlight those must-see speakers
- What are the key issues you think the sector is facing and will face in the future and where are the solutions
- What key challenges, from an organisational perspective, you are facing
- Thoughts on what formats you think work at events and what you would like to see
- Any speaker recommendations, both in and out of the sector
- What worked at the 2019/20 events (and what didn't)
- Why you attended (or why you didn't)

Suggestion: I would suggest we have similar panel discussions, including both RTPI members and external stakeholders, organised to plan RTPI flagship conferences.

### 2.2 Archive digitisation

Background: TCPA recently digitalised their archive and revealed extremely valuable, yet forgotten information, e.g. the forgotten pioneers of the Garden City Movement.

Suggestion: Suggested by a member, I also consider it would be beneficial in the future if RTPI can carry out similar digitisation activities for the RTPI archive. It would become a rich resource for research on the RTPI's impact on planning.