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We would like to bring to your attention a new book that will be of interest to readers of *R N I U* who are concerned with sustainable planning and development. The book contains research presented at the Seventh International Conference on the topic organized by the Wessex Institute. It includes the following contributions from Mexican researchers:

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING 2015 brought together scientists and other stakeholders from across the globe to discuss the latest scientific advances in the field. The conference highlighted developments in managerial strategies and assessment tools for policy and decision makers. The meeting addressed subjects of regional development in an integrated way, as well as in accordance with the principles of sustainability.

Planners, environmentalists, architects, engineers, policy makers and economists have to work together in order to ensure that planning and development can meet our present needs in a sustainable manner. Problems related to development and planning affect both rural and urban areas, and are present in all regions of the world. Accelerated urbanization has resulted in deterioration of the environment and loss of quality of life. Urban development can also aggravate problems faced by such rural areas as forests, mountain regions, and coastal areas, among many others.

Energy-saving and eco-friendly building approaches now play an important part in modern development, which places special emphasis on resource optimization. Planning has a key role to play in ensuring that these solutions, as well as new materials and processes, are incorporated in the most efficient manner.

The papers contained in this book are witness to the variety of topics discussed during the meeting and illustrate a series of innovative approaches and new areas of research.

***Sustainable Development and Planning VII*** is Volume 193 in the WIT Transactions on Ecology and the

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