



## News from the Exco Meeting in Versailles

While your Exco exchange emails daily and are now in frequent phone contact through Skype, they also meet once a year (outside of the World Council meetings). This year the Exco returned to Versailles to hold their meeting in conjunction with a Central Regions council meeting and other activities.

There were some 78 written reports on Exco's agenda. The fact that they were all given consideration was a tribute to Martha Fajardo's careful chairing of the meeting. This report is a description of only a small number of those issues, but will help to explain the breadth of work and current activity of your Federation.

The key matters for the Exco were the EFLA IFLA 'Coming together', which is to be reported separately, Financial Strategy and Svendborg Agreement matters as well as developing a functional HQ and further development of the IFLA website. There were a number of observers from EFLA and the Central Region at the meeting, who made a very helpful contribution.

The most relevant topics were:

- **World Council papers.** These are to be sent to you on CD for ease of transport this year. Delegates may then print papers and take notes prior to the World Council meeting.
- **Winds of Change publication.** Exco have given their support to the publication of a book by IFLA on the role of IFLA and the profession. They were impressed by an example of such a publication produced by EFLA for Europe with the support of Netherlands sponsorship. The contents had been judged as part of a competition so only the top projects from those submitted were published. Martha Fajardo will take responsibility for this project after she stands down in October.
- **New IFLA Region proposed.** In conjunction with the changes to regional structure in Europe a new region has been proposed, of Africa and the Middle East. There are currently few active members in this area: the main one being ISALA. Associations, under this proposal, may affiliate with another region until the new region is viable.
- **Brazilian Capacity-Building programme.** This project has now been completed and a publication has been produced. This may be useful as a model for other areas to adopt.
- **Global State of the Profession Survey.** This has been forwarded to delegates, and associations are asked to support their delegate with any needed information. Software is being procured for this. A report on results is to be presented to the World Council in October.

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## President and Treasurer Election reminder to nominate

The IFLA Secretary General and Regional Secretaries are working on the IFLA election process at present. Radmila Fingerova has recently emailed the nomination papers to delegates for the election of a President and Treasurer for the 2006-2008 period.

**The closing date for this stage of the election for the World level is 30 April.**

Each IFLA delegate is asked to liaise with their association and any past IFLA delegates and to submit their nominations. Most particularly Radmila would appreciate it if those who received their email notices would very promptly acknowledge them.

**The three Regional Secretaries are also working on the elections in their regions for a Vice President and a Regional Treasurer.**

The nomination letters have been emailed to delegates. Please acknowledge their emails promptly.

Please check the dates and details for each because, although the processes run at the same time, the closing dates are slightly different.

The nominations are the first stage of IFLA elections. When nominations have been received and accepted by those nominated the top three nominees for each role are then put on the ballot and ballot papers are then sent to delegates for their vote. This will take place later in the year.

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- **Global Landscape Convention.** The Exco have agreed to make prompt progress on this project in conjunction with a 'bottom up' approach with New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects. A draft structure has been prepared as well as a process and timetable and the next step for IFLA is to liaise with UNESCO and other colleagues for advice and support before forming an expert working panel to prepare a draft template for consideration by members. Exco agreed that it should be simple and broadly based.
- **Safer and Sustainable Cities.** This is to be followed up through the UN Habitat in Nairobi to try to align professional development and collaboration with the African Working Group activities.
- **African Working Group.** A project proposal is being developed with both short and long term aims for education and network support.
- **IFLA Guide for Education Opportunities.** The new Editor, Cora Burgin, is working enthusiastically. This is to be digitised and the regular update survey will become an interactive survey and will be placed on the IFLA website. Software is being purchased for this.
- **EU monitoring report.** IFLA is to continue funding this project for a further year but seeks a broadening of its work. The latest report by Mario Kahl is to be placed on IFLA's website to encourage greater association access and in the hope that more associations in Europe will take advantage of this work.
- **IFLA website.** Further resources are to be allocated to the website to make it work even harder for the profession as well as act as a form of archive. World Council minutes and Congress details are the first group of data to be gathered. The website currently receives 200 hits a day, demonstrating strong interest.
- **IFLA Financial strategy and dues.** Several papers were considered and a process and timetable agreed for discussion with members and reporting to the World Council. The principles agreed for considering dues were:
  - ✓ Simple policy
  - ✓ Per capita, with caps as necessary
  - ✓ Supported by real association numbers
  - ✓ Acrimony to be avoided in developing a formula
  - ✓ IFLA Treasurer could collect regional dues to reduce bank handling fees
- **Constitution changes.** A number of changes to facilitate the 'Coming together' were considered in detail. A final proposal is to be checked by the IFLA lawyer and then circulated to members.
- **World Congresses.** Progress on agreed congresses was reported including the intended date of September 2007 for Malaysia with a World Council venue likely on Radan or a nearby island. The 2008 Congress is planned to be in Apeldoorn, Netherlands with the theme of water. The World Council meeting is likely to be on a boat cruising the Dutch canals. Detailed planning for sponsorship and programme development is underway.

**IFLA Constitution changes**

**The Secretary General will soon send delegates and associations proposed changes to the IFLA Constitution.**

The topics include a new region proposal, changes to provide for the coming together of IFLA and EFLA and a proposed change concerning eligibility for IFLA Vice President Elections, aiming to expand the eligibility list at the regional level.

The proposed changes are required to be sent to delegates at least six months before a World Council meeting, hence the early mail out. Delegates have plenty of opportunity then to consider these matters and discuss them with colleagues and their associations. The material for the World Council meeting is generally forwarded to delegates some time later, and so can be expected in late July/early August.

**IFLA President in Maryland USA**

Dear Martha,

Thank you for opening our eyes to the world around us!

Thank you for sharing your wonderful experience and telling us a sad but in the same time beautiful story!

Thank you for being such an inspiration and incredible energy to all of us -the children of IFLA and the upcoming new generation of landscape architects!

It was an honor to listen to you and to meet you in person... and also to have shots with you in the bar (the last one is a joke!)

I hope our path will cross again some day!

Thank you so much,

Mila (the girl with the red hair)

*LaBash Conference University of Maryland coordinator*

**I was invited to attend the 2006 LaBash Conference hosted by The University of Maryland March 23/26.**

This time the theme was "Be the Change". The intent of the landscape architecture students was to inspire their peers to change themselves. They also sought to change the way they view and implement design; to change the profession and the way landscape architecture evolves as a field, and; globally change people's perceptions of the world and effectively communicate the importance of responsible design and planning to a sustainable future.

I was very touched by the 400 student's aspiration and very impressed by their eagerness to learn more. I met representatives of these schools who outlined their intention to cooperate with IFLA. These students really want to play an important part of the world family of landscape architects—the builders of new landscapes for tomorrow.

**The next IFLA world Congress is in good hands. ASLA is leading what we expect to be the most remarkable event ever done.**

While in Washington, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting with Congress chair Gloria Garcia, JoAnn Brown, Nancy Somerville and Dennis Carmichael.

Planning for the event is ahead of schedule: the IFLA student competition criteria have been finalized and issued under the theme: Damaged Landscapes: Air, Water and Land in Crisis. The goal for the Minneapolis meeting is to draw keynote speakers on the topic "Green Solutions for a Blue Planet",\_who will contribute to helping us achieve this goal.

The 2006 joint meeting will be international, with an international focus and represent a "coming together" of the profession to face the challenges ahead as reflected in the education session program topics. The steering committee has already defined the sessions. In mid-April the web site will be launched with the education program topics and speakers, events and the registration requirements.

We count on you to join us!

## Global State of the Profession



The IFLA Executive have prepared a survey to all IFLA member associations which seeks information on the landscape architectural profession worldwide, including the numbers of landscape architects practicing and the fields in which they practice.

There have been three previous surveys of members carried out by IFLA and this survey will be able to utilise the information gained in these previous surveys to determine trends in the profession and make judgments on the influence that landscape architecture now has worldwide. The information from the survey will also provide a basis for reparation of the next IFLA Strategic Plan which will be the responsibility of the new IFLA Executive.

Unlike the previous surveys, the 2006 survey will be carried out electronically on the web. Associations are asked to complete the survey online which will provide information in a more easily accessible way. The format of the survey also allows for regular annual updating. All IFLA associations are now in email contact with IFLA and have internet connection.

The survey itself has been kept as simple as possible in respect to format and the quantity of information gathered. The survey questions were developed with an awareness of the previous IFLA surveys so the information collected could be compared to the earlier surveys.

**The following program for the 2006 survey has been developed:**  
**Associations have until 15th May 2006 to complete and return the survey.**

Survey sent to associations: 1 April 2006  
 Survey received from associations: 15 May 2006.

Compilation of results: 15 June 2006  
 Draft paper reporting results: 30 June 2006.

Final paper and report (IFLA News and Website): 30 July 2006.

Paper and report to IFLA World Council: October 2006.

Associations, IFLA delegates or members are invited to contact James Hayter at [vp\\_east@iflaonline.org](mailto:vp_east@iflaonline.org) with any questions about the survey.

## Ethics and traveling landscape consultants: reminder of policy

Global servicing is just as frequent for landscape architects as it is for many other professions. When colleagues provide services in non-home countries however, they are encouraged to do so in conjunction with a local partner.

This is because those who are unfamiliar with local customs and politics may inadvertently provide advice, which affronts local cultures and acts in conflict with and to the detriment of the local profession. This issue was originally raised by AIAPP. A visiting landscape architect had undertaken work without a local partner, departed and left local practitioners to deal with some of the derision which the proposals had given rise to. The IFLA ethics policy is not intended to constrain ingenuity or sharing of ideas but to head off attack on our profession caused by insensitive practices.

The following is IFLA's ethical policy. The section relevant to work in other countries is highlighted.

## IFLA Code of Ethics

The Landscape Architects of the world, through their national associations which are members of the International Federation of Landscape Architects – IFLA – recognize the following ethical standards towards society, clients, colleagues and the profession, and towards the landscape and environment. This global code applies to professional conduct within IFLA and member associations are invited to adopt it. The purpose of the code is to advocate and pursue the highest standards and clarify expectations, rather than as a basis for undertaking disciplinary action.

### 1 Society and clients

- 1.1 To promote the highest standard of professional services, and conduct professional duties with honesty and integrity;
- 1.2 To support continuing professional development;
- 1.3 To observe all laws and regulations related to the professional activities of landscape architects in the respective countries;
- 1.4 To be fair and impartial in all dealings with clients' contractors, and at any level of arbitration and project evaluation.
- 1.5 To make full disclosure to the client or employer of any financial or other interest which is relevant to the service or project.
- 1.6 To undertake public service in local governance and environment to improve public appreciation and understanding of the profession and environmental systems.

### 2 Professional colleagues

- 2.1 To promote services truthfully, without exaggeration, or misleading or deceptive claims that are discreditable to the profession of landscape architecture, or to the work of other practitioners.
- 2.2 **To ensure local culture and place are recognized by working in conjunction with a local colleague when undertaking work in a foreign country.**
- 2.3 To act in support of other landscape architects, colleagues and partners in their own and other disciplines. Where another landscape architect is known to have undertaken work for which the member is approached by a client, to notify the professional colleague before accepting such commission.
- 2.4 To respect the fee regulations of the profession in countries where such regulations exist.
- 2.5 To participate only in planning or design competitions which are in accordance with the approved competition principles and guidelines of IFLA, or of the IFLA member organization in the respective country.

### 3 The landscape and environment

- 3.1 To recognize and protect the cultural and historical context and the ecosystem to which the landscape belongs when generating design, planning and management proposals.
- 3.2 To develop, use and specify materials, products and processes which exemplify the principles of sustainable management and landscape regeneration.
- 3.3 To advocate values that support human health, environmental protection and biodiversity.

## IFLA Central Region council meeting Versailles

The Central Region Council meeting took place in Versailles on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2006. The meeting was opened and chaired by Thanos Sklavenitis, on behalf of the VP Central Region, Jeppe Anderson. The chair also introduced the legal advisor from Baker McKenzie, Mr. Wino van Veen, who would be invited to make a presentation on his proposals. Diane Menzies also offered to assist the meeting by taking the minutes.

**The attendance of delegates was:** Heiner Rodel, BSLA; Ilya Mochalov, ALACIS; Jacob Kamp, DL; Radmila Fingerova, CZLA; Catherine Szanto, FFP; Ariel Barnett, ISALA; Thanos Sklavenitis, PHALA; Fritz Auweck, BDLA, Charlotte Buys, NVTL; John Weier, ALAP; Katherine Moore, LI.

**Proxies were given for:** FILA, Jacob Kamp; NLA, Jacob Kamp; SA, Jacob Kamp, MARK, Jacob Kamp; AIAPP, Heiner Rodel.

**Observers attending the council:** M. Fajardo, (IFLA President), J. Hayter (IFLA VP Eastern Region), J. Taylor (IFLA VP Western Region), T. Andresen (EFLA), A. Schmid (IFLA International Liaison), B.C. Tay (IFLA Treasurer), Tamar Darel-Fossfeld (ISALA President); Renella Palmer and Andrea Weier (ALAP), Niyi Kehinde (Nigeria Association of Landscape Architects).

### Then reports and opinions were presented:

**IFLA President:** The IFLA President, Martha Fajardo, thanked the IFLA CR committee for the work they had undertaken and for the support given by other IFLA colleagues. She outlined the steps taken from the approval of the IFLA Strategic Plan in 2003 and the series of decisions that had taken place since then.

**IFLA VP Eastern Region:** James Hayter summarized recent Exco deliberations and discussions on the 'Coming together' and the proposals for constitutional change. He noted that Exco had identified and understood a number of principles and assumptions which applied to the 'Coming together' proposals.

**IFLA VP Western Region:** James Taylor noted that he supported the principle of one organization to promote the landscape architecture profession at a global and regional level and stated goals that the organization should be happy, inclusive, and flexible.

**EFLA President:** Teresa Andresen noted the significance of the steps in the 'Coming together,' and the achievements in the steps taken already towards this. She outlined the history of decision making, the importance of the EU monitoring project in demonstrating mutual interests. She thanked Baker McKenzie for their work and welcomed the new document prepared.

She also thanked IFLA for the invitation to attend the World Council meeting in Minneapolis, and the associations for their help and support.

**Vice President Central Region:** Thanos Sklavenitis presented a report. The report outlined the geographic status of the current Central Region, the steps in decision making, leading to the Minneapolis World Council meeting, and the future. His report was received with acclamation.

**Regional Treasurer Central Region:** Charlotte Buys outlined the report prepared by the treasurers of IFLA World level, CR and EFLA. She noted the assumptions on which the financial strategy and proposed budget had been prepared, including efficient administration, combined invoices for fees into one payment, application of GDP in fees calculations, and a logarithmic calculation based on numbers of members. The delegates received the report with acclamation.

**Wino van Veen** acknowledged that some members were concerned about what they saw in the proposals, but that it was hard to translate the organization culture into words. He stated that if the idea was to give the regions more autonomy, then this was a way to do it, but that work together was needed.

Constructive discussion followed from all representatives and observers present.

Finally, the motion that was put forward for voting was:

**That the document drafted by Baker McKenzie dated February 1 2006, recommending changes to the IFLA constitution and by-laws including agreed amendments to proposals H and I, be approved, subject to the inclusion of minor amendments, in the spirit of the document, as necessary to comply with French law.**

Proposed: T Sklavenitis,

Seconded: J Kamp.

*The motion was carried (by 18 votes out of 19)*

This significant Central Region Council meeting following the 2005 EFLA General Assembly showed clearly the way forward. The intention of the clear majority of the Europeans is the strengthening of the profession through the 'Coming together' of IFLA and EFLA and the creation of a new region, the European Region represented by EFLA.

From now on, there are two milestones. The Minneapolis World Council and the Brussels 2006 EFLA General Assembly. In good faith, the Europeans believe that from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2007 there will be no more segregation, but unity and the European Region will be formed!

Thanos Sklavenitis

## 2006 IFLAer Conference



The International Federation of Landscape Architects' Eastern Region conference will be held at Darling Harbour in Sydney, Australia May 25- 27, 2006.

The conference speakers will explore the theme of TIME through three sub-themes:

- TIME as Catalyst
- Designing with TIME
- TIME and Technology

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## “IFLA & EFLA Coming Together”

*The Coming Together of IFLA and EFLA* is a process initiated in February 2004 when Martha Fajardo and myself met for the first time, in Paris. We began then a dialogue, which went through a series of steps:

- First in 2004 was the *Prague Memorandum of Understanding* when EFLA President was invited to attend the IFLA CR Council and the intentions to work together towards a united organisation were outlined.
- Meanwhile the ongoing EU Monitoring Project was the beginning of the experience of really working together.
- In November 2004, IFLA President and IFLA Central Region Vice President attended EFLA General Assembly in Brussels.
- In June 2005, EFLA President attended IFLA World Council in Edinburgh and the Edinburgh Protocol was signed with the aim of achieving a single co-ordinated body in Europe to benefit the landscape architecture profession.
- In consequence EFLA President agreed to ask EFLA General Assembly to discuss and as necessary amend EFLA Statutes in order to clarify that EFLA: is composed of national associations of landscape architects of all of Europe, and represents its Effective Members with regard to consultation with the EU, the Council of Europe and other organizations in the preparation of programmes, directives and agreements related to the landscape.
- Meanwhile IFLA World Council agreed to recognise associations in EFLA as a regional grouping within the IFLA world body; and amend its statutes where necessary, to permit within a regional grouping: the agreement of regional budgets, accounts and balance; the election and dismissal of members of the regional Executive Council and able to decide its capital requirements and to fix the value of contributions and methods of payment.
- At EFLA General Assembly November 2005, in Brussels, EFLA revised its statutes to extend EFLA membership to encompass national associations of all the countries belonging to the Council of Europe and for EFLA to act and function as a region of IFLA.
- At the same time IFLA sought legal advice regarding the revision of its constitution and by-laws and this was the basis of the IFLA Central Region council held in Versailles, February 2006

Really, this is a long journey summarised in a few lines omitting various other steps and just highlighting some of the most relevant achievements. However, it is still important to point that IFLA CR and EFLA have effectively operated in a combined way since September 2005 with joint Executive Council meetings, developing a joint 2007 Strategic Plan, and working for the European profession and the Treasurers of IFLA, IFLA CR and EFLA have, since last April, been exploring the practical aspects of coming together from sharing offices to dues.

I find it particularly significant that IFLA CR and EFLA have started to operate jointly and that it can be envisioned that as of 1 January 2007, EFLA becomes the European Region of IFLA. We still have our eyes on the IFLA World Council in Minneapolis, next October and EFLA General Assembly in November. Major changes in the culture of organizations of this kind require significant and vital investment of time in dialogue and sharing information. Now I feel confident that both organizations IFLA/IFLA CR and EFLA are ready to take up the challenges and enable our profession to move forward together and more effectively.

The role for landscape architecture in today's world continues to be of increasing importance as answers to the problems and challenges facing the environment and society become more and more demanding in complexity and scale. To accomplish our mission as landscape architects we can only benefit from organisations that are broadly representative and form robust structures that understand the strategic value of sharing information, representing and operating through and supported by the national organisations they represent.

*The Coming Together of IFLA and EFLA* has been a real challenge and learning experience for EFLA. It has been possible so far because the participants were particularly interested and devoted to knowing and understanding each other's concerns. EFLA was initiated 15 years ago to meet the challenges placed by the European Common Market that covered then 12 countries and that since then evolved into the European Union, which is today an organization of 25 countries. Now we hope to become an organisation working for and representing landscape architecture in more than 46 countries and contributing to the world-wide dialogue. So, we are following what happens in the wider world, environmentally, economically and politically and wishing to place ourselves in the right position to meet the challenges, to represent our profession and enable landscape architecture to grow.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the experience and the impressive landscape architects that I have met through work with *The Coming Together of IFLA and EFLA*. A final and special word of thanks to IFLA President, Martha Fajardo!

*Teresa Andresen, EFLA President*



### New bdlA homepage

relaunch of [www.bdlA.de](http://www.bdlA.de) on-line practice register and search engine established

The Association of German Landscape Architects bdlA launched its newly designed web site on 26 January 2006. Thus a creative work process in the association - from the decision of the bdlA's advisory board up to the new start - was finally accomplished. Goals as the implementation of the corporate design of the bdlA, an improved functionality, a clearly structured navigation, the continuous updating of the contents and a high topicality were realized in the new web site.

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## "It Began in Blois" Summing up and the Way Ahead



**By Adrian Phillips**

*The following summary was delivered at the end of a one day workshop held in London on 28 February 2006, and organised by ICOMOS/UK and IUCN/UK. The topic was the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in the UK.*

It began in Blois. That is to say, it was in that French town that the idea of a convention on landscape in Europe was given its first public airing. It was at a conference on Europe's landscape heritage convened jointly by the UK's Landscape Research Group and the French body, *Paysage et Aménagement* in 1992.

The recently retired Countryside Commission's Director General presented proposals for a convention on Europe's rural landscapes. It gained support among delegates at Blois. By the mid 1990s, these ideas had been taken up by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, a constituent part of the Council of Europe. The text of the Convention was eventually adopted in a glorious Renaissance palace in Florence in October 2000.

But despite the strong UK input to the development and refinement of the convention, the Government was initially reluctant to sign. At long last pressure to sign has paid off. The UK has now signed what is the world's first landscape treaty.

So what have we learnt? We have reaffirmed the importance of landscape, not as mere scenery but because it links people and nature, and past and present; because it has many values, not all of them tangible; and because it matters to people. Indeed the central place of people in understanding landscape has been repeatedly emphasised. The ELC is very relevant to this contemporary view of landscape. It puts stress on the *whole* landscape, not just the "best" bits; it puts people at the heart of landscape protection, management and planning; it takes a democratic rather than elitist view of landscape; and it adopts a realistic view about the inevitability of change in the landscape.

The ELC could provide the potential to give a whole new impetus to work to ensure that existing landscape schemes prosper and endure, and generally to get landscape thought about much more in the shaping and implementation of public policy, as well as in land planning and management of all kinds.

Yet landscape still does not sit comfortably in much decision-making. It is too often seen as elitist or 'only' about what places look like. And before we get carried away with national pride at our landscape successes, look around you. Soulless, decaying environment, unredeemed by any sense of civic design, local sensitivity or aesthetic awareness on the part of the public and private forces that have combined to bring it about, is what passes as the landscape setting for the lives of many people.

So we need the ELC and the new momentum it could give to landscape work of all kinds in the UK. But how do we take forward the ideas in the Convention? How can we translate the good intent of the words of the treaty into reality? In fact a great many useful suggestions have been made and I will try to draw these together into suggestions for action:

1. Guidance documents should be prepared for local authorities and others on how to incorporate the principles of landscape protection, management and planning into Regional Spatial Strategies, Local Development Frameworks and the like. In this way the ideas in the Convention can be driven down to the local level where they really matter.
2. The Government needs to put in place a sort of "landscape proofing" process so that policies, in sectors as varied as agriculture, transport, marine, urban development and energy, internalise and mainstream landscape considerations. The Sustainable Communities initiative would be a good place to start.
3. Landscape agencies could offer to host a technical European workshop on the implementation of the ELC, to follow those planned in Slovenia and Spain. A theme that seems to enjoy a lot of support is that of education and public awareness, along with the related topic of the role of the expert v. that of the public. There is much to learn from and share with other countries in such fields.
4. The agencies and the leading 'landscape NGOs' might take steps to set up a Landscape Forum, which would promote the implementation of the Convention. This would not be in order to standardise approaches; indeed a diversity of responses to the Convention is highly desirable, so as to reflect different local and country circumstances. But it would help to encourage the exchange of experience and promote good practice.
5. Such a forum might be launched with a high level conference at which Ministers would be seen to make statements in support of the Convention. The aim of such an event would be to raise the profile and underline the determination to take the Convention seriously.
6. (The) Landscape Institute(s) might wish to take up this challenge: to develop some kind of national landscape award scheme that would lead to a nomination each year for the European Landscape Award scheme set up under Article 11 of the Convention.
7. The landscape projects might make links with similar projects in Europe under the auspices of the ELC. While this would encourage technical exchanges, it would be even more valuable if it brings the people and communities in such schemes together – linking for example communities in the Scottish Islands with those affected by similar projects in the Greek Islands or those in the South Hams with those on the Breton Coast.

The ELC is what you make of it. It gives all of us a chance to bang the drum for landscape and speak about it with more confidence. Let's bang that drum!

## 9th Annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium

**April 19 - 23, 2006 in Newport, Rhode Island**

The World Heritage List as a rich source of models for the protection and management of heritage sites with a particular focus on World Heritage cities.

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## News from the Americas

### Mexico and Chile: Working Together

An academic experience is about to take place at the Faculty of Architecture of the National Autonomous University of Mexico through a proposal made by Rocío López, full time teacher at the Landscape Architecture Programme. This is a course on:

#### **Landscape Perception Language as a Sensitive Experimental Tool for Public Space Design May, 19<sup>th</sup> to 22, 2006**

The course has been based on the relationship of public space and citizen participation and identity - where perception of the landscape contributes to find a better link between space, user and identity within a globalization atmosphere.

Main objectives are:

- To recognize and be sensitive to landscape sensorial values
- To acquire a methodology to analyze and register sensorial landscape values
- Develop a language on the perception of a landscape and apply to a design situation
- Find relationships between natural and cultural landscape
- Value interaction of identity and language perception
- Value relationships between citizenship and design

The course is structured in theoretical and practical sessions during five days and will be directed by Mónica Morales Núñez and María Eugenia Muñoz, landscape designers from Chile, graduated at the University of Chile, and Rocío López, Master of Architecture and Biologist, National University of México, full time teacher at the Faculty of Architecture.

The course will be of relevant importance since there is no academic or professional experience based on a certain method in México, dealing with senses to evaluate landscape values.

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### Colombia: 25 Years of Landscape Architecture

The Colombian Society of Landscape Architects SAP will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 6 of June, 2006. This being the official date for Landscape Architecture formalization in Colombia that started in 1981 on 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

#### **Foundation members were:**

Lyda Caldas de Borrero: The first Colombian landscape architect  
 Graciela Mejía, already passed away  
 Alfonso Leiva: The proudly "best gardener"  
 Michele Cescas: A French-Colombian quota to SAP  
 Jorge Gómez: Leader in the Constitution and By-laws  
 Ernesto Guáqueta: a very active member  
 Martrha Fajardo: its first SAP president

The society has been very active through all this time. Among some of the main achievements are the following:

- SAP is officially recognized by Colombian government
- The association becomes a member of IFLA
- 1986-1992 During this period the IFLA WR Vice President has been a Colombian landscape architect for three terms
- 1989 The first issue of the magazine *Arquitectura del Paisaje*, a first Spanish language landscape architecture magazine
- 1991 XXVIII IFLA World Congress, organized by SAP and held in Cartagena, Colombia
- 1992 Creation of a Specialization Programme in Landscape Architecture at the Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia.
- 2002 Martha Cecilia Fajardo, a member of SAP is elected IFLA President
- 2004 Martha Cecilia Fajardo is re-elected President of IFLA

*Flora in Public Space*: An outstanding Publication by Lyda Caldas.

This publication is an example of a whole life dedicated to research, teaching and professional practice, complemented and supported by the architect Harold Borrero, her husband.

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### 2006 ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO and 43rd IFLA World Congress **October 6-9, 2006** **Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA** **Green Solutions for a Blue Planet**

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**The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has proclaimed April 2006 as National Landscape Architecture Month.**

ASLA chapters across the country will celebrate with public outreach activities to help communities "Discover Landscape Architecture," the theme for this year. The month encompasses Earth Day on April 22 and the birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted on April 26, who founded the American landscape architecture profession.

Each week will focus on a different aspect of the profession.

"Landscape architecture touches our lives every day in hundreds of different ways," said Dennis Carmichael, FASLA, president of ASLA. "National Landscape Architecture Month is a great opportunity for Americans of all ages to learn more about how landscape architecture can improve our communities, increase property values, and protect our environment through creative, sustainable design."

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### Uruguay: Landscape Professional Practice 1<sup>st</sup> Seminar

A challenge towards urban & rural: Montevideo's transformation. March, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Aim: To encourage development of urban and rural landscape to the highest standards in accordance with local and regional reality.

The event has been organized by ULAP Latin-American Landscape Union and the University Institute BIOS; and sponsored by The Uruguay Design Web, The Landscape Architecture Association AUDADP, The Agronomy Faculty of the Republic and The Urban Department of Montevideo City Hall.

Works presented will be orientated to find potential and responses for a professional practice framed within the economics and political context of Uruguay.

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Minneapolis market

**Welcome to Minneapolis!**  
**2006 ASLA Annual Meeting and**  
**43<sup>rd</sup> IFLA World Congress**



Lake Harriet



Stone Arch

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Known as the City of Lakes, Minneapolis is scenically situated on the Mississippi River and embraces more than 22 lakes within the city limits.



## Regions and Capitals Madrid 2-6 May 2006

METREX and its president Dr. Bernd Steinacher, Professor Sir Peter Hall and Mr. Mariano Zabia Lassala through the IFLA president had invited IFLA members to attend the International Conference on the theme of 'Planning and Sustainable Development of Metropolitan Capital Regions' in Madrid 2-6 May 2006.

METREX is the Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas. It is a network of practitioners, that is, politicians, officials and their advisers, concerned with the spatial planning and development at the metropolitan level.

The programme is available at their site: [www.eurometrex.org](http://www.eurometrex.org)

## Professor Sun Xiaoxiang: nominee for the IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Gold Medal



**First teacher of Chinese Modern Landscape Architecture; Individual Member of IFLA, from 1983 to 2005; Vice-President of CHSLA, from 1993-1999**

The IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Gold Medal is the highest honor that the International Federation of Landscape Architects may bestow upon a landscape architect.

The nominees for the inaugural IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Gold Medal, judged in 2005, were of such high merit that IFLA News has taken excerpts from the nominations for the information of members. Professor Sun's nomination features in this issue: in later issues other nominees will be included.

The Chinese Society of Landscape Architects (CHSLA) nominated Professor Sun Xiaoxiang for the Gold Medal. President Zhou of CHSLA wrote:

*'Professor Sun is a famous scholar at home and abroad. He is honest and has outstanding academic achievements.... During the past over 50 years Mr Sun has travelled throughout China. As a designer he has made great contributions to the protection and improvement of human habitat through his works. As a professor he has educated a large number of students. As a scholar his literature has deeply influenced several generations. Mr. Sun is one of the founders of Chinese landscape architecture discipline.'*

Professor Sun is a landscape architect and Landscape Architecture professor combining theory and practice, art and landscape planning and design successfully. He is not only a garden designer, but also a botanist, floriculturist, and landscape planner. He is also one of the first practising professional landscape architects in China. He is the Professor of Landscape Architecture; Head of Landscape Architecture Research Office, Beijing Forestry University, and since 2002 the Chief Landscape Architect, Honorary Dean of the Landscape Architecture Institute, Shenzhen, and Beijing Forestry University.



Professor Sun has designed seven large botanical gardens, from 200ha to 900 ha in area, from the cold north of China to tropical southern China; beginning when he was 31 years old, up to this year. He is now 85 years old. While his design and master planning focus has been on Botanic Gardens such as 'The Master Planning of Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden,' Yunnan Province, Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2004, he has also undertaken a number of other park master plans.

He was Project Consultant of Sasaki Associates Inc. (USA) in 2000-2001 and from 1999 till today has been the Consultative Expert of The Urban Planning Committee of Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province. He holds a number of similar roles.

Professor Sun has also written many papers and received numerous award including one of 99 National Distinguished Papers awarded by The Chinese State Association of Science and Technology for his paper *Landscape Architecture —From Garden Craft, Garden Making, Landscape Gardening to the Landscape Planning and Earthscape Planning* in 2004.

His book *Garden Art and Landscape Design*, published by Beijing Forestry College and Beijing Forestry University, from 1962—1992, is a text book in Chinese of classics, and used by all of the Departments of Landscape Architecture of the Universities in China.



## Taiwan: Launches into a New Coastal Era

By Monica KUO



Penghu JiBei Island  
by Chen, MinMing



YiLan GuiShen Island  
Photo: Chen, MinMing



Keelung Hoping Island By  
Wang, Peggy

### Full commencement of the Taiwan Coastal Landscape Restoration Project

Taiwan and its offshore islands have 1600 kilometres of coastline, leading to the designation of 12 Coastal Protection Areas in 1983. After 20 years of change, to enhance ecological quality of the Protection Areas, the administration have commissioned research teams to designate a coastal wetlands preservation corridor.

Proceeding simultaneously is the monitoring of the landscape quality of adjacent buffer areas, and a sustainable coastal consultant group established and headed by Prof. Monica Kuo is to formulate a four-year plan.

Preliminary selection of 16 different types of coastland areas has been made to proceed with landscape transformation and ecological restoration. Landscape architects with special interest and expertise in coastal landscape restoration from all over the world are invited to participate in this important task.

### Exploring Formosa through mountains and forests: Establishment of the Taiwan Trail System

58% of Taiwan is mountainous with an altitude range of 0-3952 meters, presenting a diverse landscape and also being a treasure trove of biodiversity.

Taiwan has 33 beautiful mountains with altitudes surpassing 3000 meters, while the Central Mountain Range is the main landscape corridor and a paradise for mountain hikers and explorers.

To ensure the ecological well-being of the mountain range and to provide sufficient recreational opportunities for domestic and international mountain hikers, since 2002, a full-scale trail resource survey has been carried out. At the end of 2005 the Taiwan Trail System master plan was completed, and each year 30 million NTD of funding is committed towards the restoration and maintenance of the trails and related environmental education facilities. International landscape architects are also welcome to participate in this challenging task.

## KILA (Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture) KILA Annual Meeting

By Prof Tong Mahn Ahn, Secretary, IFLA ER

KILA will have spring time annual meeting on March 25, 2006. Some 29 research papers of academics and/or students will be presented and two planning/design projects will be exhibited and presented at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea. At this meeting next president of KILA for the two years term for 2007 – 2009 will be elected by the board members of KILA.

### CheongGyeCheon Stream Restoration Project



CheongGyeCheon Stream is flowing east in the center of Seoul, the capital city of Korea.

Two story urban expressways, a concrete mega structure which shed dark shadows and was unsightly and a noise problem, was constructed in 1962 covering up the stream.

Now the 5.84 kilometers long section of the stream is day lighted and became a very popular place not only for the eleven million citizens but also for many domestic and overseas visitors.

## A Passionate Profession

The Australian Landscape Foundation has been established to promote the activities of the landscape architectural profession in Australia.

Its aims are:

- Advance awareness of achievements in Landscape Architecture and its contribution to the environment and community.
- Advance research, education and the practice in the discipline of Landscape Architecture.



A DVD has been prepared by the Foundation to promote projects by the landscape architecture profession in Australia. Further project related DVDs will be used to raise funds for ALF, in partnership with Government and private organisations.

Details of the Australian Landscape Foundation can be found through the AILA web site: [www.aila.org.au](http://www.aila.org.au)

Foundation's Development Director: Mr Michael Ewings.

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## What's happening in New Zealand?

Way down at the bottom of the globe things of interest to landscape architects and the public are taking place.

### Visit to NZ by Professor Joan Nassauer

Some years ago the NZILA established an Education Foundation. The task of the Foundation is to bring a landscape architect or other professional to New Zealand to raise the profile of landscape architecture and to inform the public about landscape issues. The inaugural Foundation Scholar was Professor Robert Thayer, from California who spent a month touring New Zealand and giving public lectures and seminars in 2004. The previous year Professor Tong Mahn Ahn had visited New Zealand and been a guest of the Foundation.

This year Professor Joan Nassauer, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, is giving 8 public lectures and 3 workshops with different groups in various places in New Zealand. Her main topic, selected by various groups, is *A home in the country: examining the effects of urban sprawl and implications for ecology*. This reflects concerns at domestication of New Zealand rural landscapes.

### Pride of Place Awards

The presentation of NZ landscape planning, research, sustainability and landscape design awards are to take place on March 13 in conjunction with the NZILA AGM and a members workshop on 'Helping communities engage in Landscape Change,' with Professor Nassauer.

With over 40 entries the Awards evening will be a major event for this small profession.

Meanwhile our President Renee Lambert is currently in India at the ISOLA annual conference, to give a paper. The family of IFLA is growing closer all the time.

### Joint ER Conference and Exec meeting

The New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects is also working with the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects for the planning of the Eastern Region conference in May: an event many will be looking forward to. A combined NZILA /AILA Exec meeting is also planned, to collaborate on issues of mutual interest.

## NZILA Professional Awards: Judges busy at work.



(photo: L to R: Sally Peake, Diane Menzies, Robin Simpson)

"Every two years the NZILA Professional Awards honour the best in landscape architecture from New Zealand, while the NZILA student awards give us a glimpse into the future of the profession.

Award recipients are honoured at the prestigious awards ceremony and dinner, this year being held on 13 March 2006. The award objectives are to encourage best practice and quality landscape works in New Zealand.

To enhance the recognition of the landscape profession and the practice of landscape architecture, design and implementation within New Zealand"

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### Obituary

## Ron Flook New Zealand



The New Zealand landscape architecture profession is in its relative youth. That in particular is why the death of a past president, past IFLA delegate and leading landscape designer comes as a shock. Ron Flook provided a living legacy for the town in which he settled in New Zealand,

Nelson, and was well known as a tree advocate. He initiated a tree evaluation method and promoted the New Zealand Notable Trees Scheme, now both widely adopted. His passion was the protection of trees as heritage. He said:

"Trees are a symbol of endurance and are paramount in our lives. They must be planted and handed over intact from generation to generation."

Ron designed a number of award-winning civic landscapes and was particularly interested in how people use space, arguing that a designed landscape should be satisfying and comfortable rather than startling. He also had a strong appreciation for 'sense of place.'

Ron served for two terms as President of NZILA from 1989-1993 and at that time also served as IFLA delegate. He was later made a fellow of the New Zealand Institute. The profession in New Zealand will miss his inspiration and attention to quality design.

## International Scientific Conference “Landscape Planning for Russia: Results and Prospects”

Russian Academy of Sciences Siberian Branch,  
Ministry of Natural Resources of the RF German  
Federal Agency for Nature Conservation

In Russia, the advancement of landscape planning has not yet been adequate, although the implementation of its tools in the Prebaikalia, and in some other regions has produced good results. In an effort to seek ways for further progress toward the practical implementation of landscape planning, an International Scientific Conference on “Landscape Planning for Russia: Results and Prospects” will be held at Irkutsk during 5-7 September 2006.

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## European Landscape Conference

### Tending the Planet: The Landscape Project for Sustainable Development

European stage

Lille, 2006 May 31 to June 2

The second “Assises européennes du paysage” (European Landscape Conference) will take place in Lille (France). The Assises are organised by the French Association of Landscape Architects (FFP, Fédération Française du Paysage) and the European Foundation for Landscape Architecture (EFLA), supported by the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) and the Regional Council (Conseil Régional) of Nord-Pas-de-Calais.

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## Connecting the World's Children with Nature

Working Forum on Nature Education for Young Children  
Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City, Nebraska  
October 16 – 19, 2006

Early childhood educators, members of the environmental community, environmental designers, and community planners are called together to effect changes that make developmentally appropriate nature education a sustaining and enriching part of daily lives of the world's children.

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## World in Denmark – Between Garden Art and Urban Planning



### Conference June 2nd 2006

It is increasingly apparent how much urban landscape contributes to the quality of the city. Today we find a significant interest in landscape as a parameter for urban planning. The conference World in Denmark – Between Garden Art and Urban Planning aims to present speakers who have worked to enhance the quality of that urban landscape.



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## WHERE WILL WE GO TO RELAX IN THE FUTURE?

Designing Space. Understanding  
Nature. Constructing Landscapes

This exhibition provides an overview of contemporary landscaping projects and concepts that have played a key role in the renaturation of fallow land and the revitalisation of urban space. It shows clearly that abandoned areas can be transformed into parks and green areas. Videos and animations, models, drawings, computer presentations, and large-format photos present more than twenty projects from North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

The exhibition »Groundswell: Constructing the Contemporary Landscape« was first held in the Museum of Modern Art in spring 2005. New projects have been added to the exhibition for ENTRY2006. Moreover, ‘Groundswell’ focuses on the topical debate about strategies for the future design of parks.

**Groundswell: Constructing the Contemporary Landscape** exhibition curated by Peter Reed MOMA New York as part of the Urban Drift series of exhibitions <http://www.entry-2006.de/>