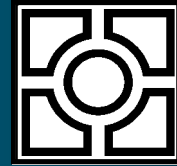


IFLA News



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2006 ASLA Annual Meeting and IFLA 43rd. World Congress

Early Bird Registration Are Now Open! <http://www.asla.org/meetings/am2006/minneapolis.html>



In many ways, we find ourselves at a tipping point in man's settlement of the earth. Global warming, forest destruction, fishery depletion, water scarcity, and air pollution are all the results of our activities over time. In the global economy, there are no more frontiers or untapped resources.

As landscape architects, we are in a position not only to recognize these issues, but also to remedy them. Our profession has always been important, and now it becomes urgent as well. This is a profound moment in our stewardship of the land and we must come together to create a sustainable future.

It is fortuitous that this year is the first year that ASLA and IFLA have come together at our respective annual meetings. This year, in Minneapolis, landscape architects from across the globe will gather to meet, to learn, and to celebrate our profession. The theme for the meeting is "Green Solutions for a Blue Planet", words chosen carefully to suggest that we can effect positive change around the world through our knowledge and our actions. There is much we can learn from each other and the opportunities will be abundant to do just that, both formally and informally. Our education sessions will emphasize stewardship achievements from around the planet. Our exhibit hall will feature a global marketplace of sustainable products. And our receptions will offer convivial environments to meet one another and form friendships that will extend beyond the meeting.

The city of Minneapolis is one of America's greenest, a delightfully walkable urban setting laced with parks, plaza, and lakes. Strongly influenced by great landscape architects over its history, the city reflects an optimism of human settlement that should resonate with all attendees. Many of the city's great parks, gardens, and museums will be the setting for events and tours, so the visitor will come to appreciate the special qualities of this unique place. Our gala will take place on an island in the Mississippi River in the heart of downtown, where the convergence of natural systems and cultural systems will be most evident.

This promises to be an historic meeting - the first between ASLA and IFLA. We trust it will not be the last time we join together to learn from each other and to apply that knowledge to the profound environmental issues of the twenty-first century. This is the century where we must change our paradigm from one of mitigation to restoration. We cannot simply minimize our impacts to the earth's systems; we must also heal them and restore them to their natural function. This is the challenge that faces landscape architects today and in the future. Our meeting in Minneapolis this October promises to be the start of that conversation that will move us forward to meeting that challenge. I look forward to meeting you in Minneapolis!

Dennis B. Carmichael, FASLA
ASLA President



IFLA the International Federation of Landscape Architects takes great pride in its Annual World Congress. They are the center piece of the Organization's goal of bringing together, mobilize

all those who are involved in the territorial transformation and is addressed to all landscape architects, planners, allied professions, students, governmental authorities and non-governmental organizations.

We have an exciting opportunity this year to join with the largest member association, ASLA. We will also consolidate our dialogue with international partners: UNESCO, the World Heritage Centre, UN Habitat, the International Union of Architects (UIA), the International Society of City and Regional Planners (IsoCaRP) and others.

Our joint forum in October, the culmination of much innovative thought and planning, will enable constructive communication, co-operation and collaboration at the international level. IFLA will be able to work more effectively with member associations in the future on the understanding that our priorities reflect and support those of other agencies who also address global environmental issues.

We will also become a more effective voice through greater unity within the profession. We look forward to saluting the coming together of landscape architects within Europe through the European Foundation for Landscape Architecture / IFLA unity. There will also be a coming together of the huge, diverse family of landscape architects from ASLA and throughout the world. We will work together to achieve better understanding and provide inspiration and new tools for participants to contribute to greening our blue planet.

I urge every association to inform their members, and to meet with us in Minneapolis. Learn from the efficient organisation of ASLA, from the skills and experience of ASLA members, and allow ASLA members to learn about different threats and opportunities in diverse places and from diverse cultures.

Let's all meet in Minneapolis!

Martha Cecilia Fajardo
IFLA President



IFLA Member Association Survey

The IFLA 2006 Member Association survey is being conducted to inform IFLA of the current state of the landscape architectural profession worldwide. The results of the survey will provide very important information on the numbers of Landscape Architects, the primary areas in which they practice, and the major activities which representative Associations are focusing on.

This information will also assist IFLA in focusing their projects, activities and actions where they are most needed, and provide direction to the IFLA 2006 – 2009 Strategic Plan.

The survey has been sent to all IFLA Member Associations and IFLA Individual Members where an Association does not currently exist in a country. The survey itself only takes approximately 15 minutes to complete, but additional time is usually needed to research information, particularly relating to the numbers of Landscape Architects practising in each country and the fields of practice in which they are engaged.

At this time, 24 IFLA Member Associations have responded to the survey. **Associations have until 15th May 2006 to reply.** The results of the survey will be collated and presented in a report to the IFLA World Council and IFLA World Congress in October this year. Associations are encouraged to complete the survey as soon as possible.

If you have any questions on the survey or require additional information that may assist in completing it, please contact the survey manager, James Hayter at vp_east@iflaonline.org.

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IFLA Election progress

The chart below indicates when the next stages in elections for the world level and the regions offices are likely to occur. The closing dates have already been set for the nominations stage, but the dates for the latter stages are proposed rather than final, as they may need to be adjusted if there are delays.

Please carefully check all documents when you receive them concerning closing dates and other details.

	World level	Central	Western	Eastern
	for President and Treasurer	for Vice President and CR Treasurer	for Vice President and WR Treasurer	for Vice President and ER Treasurer
Nominations close	April 30	May-01	May-01	May-01
Voting papers sent to delegates	May-15	May-25	May-25	June 1
Close of voting	July 28	July 28	July 28	July 28
Results published	after August 11	after August 11	after August 11	after August 11



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2006 ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo and 43rd IFLA World Congress Joint Draft-Programme

2006 ASLA Annual Meeting & EXPO and 43 rd IFLA World Congress Minneapolis, MN								
Registration Hours	Tue, Oct. 3	Wed, Oct. 4	Thu, Oct. 5 4:00pm-9:00pm	Fri, Oct. 6 7:00am-8:00pm	Sat, Oct. 7 7:00pm-7:00pm	Sun, Oct. 8 7:00am-7:00pm	Mon, Oct. 9 7:00pm-7:00pm	Tue, Oct. 10
8:30am-8:45am			ASLA CPC Meeting	Tours/Field Sessions/Workshops	Opening ASLA/IFLA General Session 8:30am-10:00am	ASLA/IFLA General Session 8:30am-9:30am	Ed Session 8:30am-9:30am	Tours/Field Sessions/Golf Event
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6:30pm-6:45pm								
6:45pm-7:00pm								
7:00pm-Until??		IFLA Dinner		IFLA Welcome Reception Alumni Reunion 8pm-10pm	Fellows Dinner 7:00pm-11:00pm	Gala 7:00pm-11:00pm	Closing dinner 7:00pm-11:00pm	

Register by August 28, 2006, to get the discount rate!

To register via mail or fax download the [registration form](#) and return with payment:

Via US Postal Service to:

Via Non-US Postal Service to:

ASLA Registration
PO Box 4088
Frederick, MD 21701
USA

ASLA Registration
1888 North Market Street
Frederick, MD 21701
USA

Via Fax (credit card payment only; do not mail original) - 301-694-5124 or 00-1-301-694-5124 if outside the US. For questions please call Registration Customer Service at 888-675-1222 (if within the US or Canada) or 00-1-694-5243, or email ASLA attendee@expoexchange.com.

Definition Developing Countries

International attendees residing in their home country according to the list below qualify for a reduced registration fee of \$350 US (based upon Geographical World Bank Indicators).

Ticketed Events Listing

Participation in these events is limited; please register early to reserve your space. Tickets will not be sold at the door.



General Sessions

Combined event provides learning opportunities with a global focus

This year, ASLA is teaming up with the [International Federation of Landscape Architects](#) (IFLA) to throw the world's largest event for landscape professionals, the [2006 ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo and 43rd IFLA World Congress](#), October 6-9, 2006, in Minneapolis. Registrants will have access to both IFLA and ASLA events, including more than 80 extraordinary education sessions, exciting tours, a large product Expo, and opportunities to connect with landscape architects from around the world.

Keynote Speakers Offer International Perspective

In keeping with the conference theme, Green Solutions for a Blue Planet, two general sessions and the IFLA 43rd World Congress Plenary Session will feature keynote speakers with international perspectives on practice and sustainability.



Keynote speakers include **Jean-Michel Cousteau**, **Kongjian Yu**, and **Catherine Mosbach**

Opening ASLA/IFLA General Session

The opening ASLA/IFLA General Session will feature **Jean-Michel Cousteau**, an explorer, environmentalist, educator, architect, and award-winning film producer dedicated to communicating to people of all nations and generations his love and concern for the world's oceans. His projects include artificial floating islands, schools, and the headquarters of an advanced marine studies center in Marseilles, France. He has also been involved with the Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort, which is designed to demonstrate environmentally responsible and culturally appropriate ocean-oriented ideals.

World Congress Plenary Session

At the world congress Plenary Session, attendees will hear from Kongjian Yu, International ASLA, dean and professor of the Graduate School of Landscape Architecture at Peking University. Yu is also the president of Turenscape, an ASLA Award-winning firm in China. He has served as a consulting expert and planning committee member for the development of numerous Chinese cities and provinces

Sunday ASLA/IFLA General Session

Sunday's General Session keynote speaker will be Catherine Mosbach, International ASLA, a prominent landscape architect from Paris who has a Pan-European reputation. She was the founder and editor of Pages Paysages and has won various international competitions and prizes. She currently has her own practice in Paris, where she speaks out against the "smoothing over of public space," pleading for the connection between person and location with the help of contemporary landscape techniques.

Registrants will have access to both IFLA and ASLA events, including more than 80 extraordinary education sessions, exciting tours, a large product Expo, and opportunities to connect with landscape architects from around the world.

IFLA Student Competition

Damaged Landscapes: Air, Water and Land in Crisis

This competition is sponsored by the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) and is directed by the Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455 USA.

Send submissions to:

Department of Landscape Architecture
University of Minnesota CALA (College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture) have developed a web-based drop box which can be linked to the IFLA website:

<http://www.cala.umn.edu/dropbox/>

this is the address/link to the drop box for the IFLA competition. Competitors need to "Browse.." their files, click on the one to send, and it will appear in the box; then click on "Send File"

Awards

First Award

IFLA Prize: US \$3,500 & Certificate

Second Award

Zvi Miller Prize: US \$ 2,500 & Certificate

Third Prize

Merit Award – MASLA/ASLA

Minnesota:

US \$1,000 & Certificate

Closing Date

All submissions must be received at the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of Minnesota by Monday, 19 June 2006

Any submissions received after this date will be disqualified.

Prof. Lance Neckar

Dean Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Download the IFLA DECLARATION Form from the website

International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) www.iflaonline.org



On-line Registration

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 For questions/problems with your registration, please call Registration Customer Service at 888-675-1222 (if within the U.S. or Canada) or 301-694-5243 between the hours of 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Eastern Time, email aslaattendee@expexchange.com

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Registration Rates

Full Meeting Registration Fees

Category	Received by	
	Early Bird 8/28/06	After 8/28/06
Professional . ASLA Member . International . AIA Member . APA Member . ULI Members	\$ 425	\$ 525
Professional - Non-member*	\$ 825	\$ 925
International Attendees Residing in Developing Countries**	\$ 350	\$ 450
Associate Member 1 yr.	\$ 210	\$ 310
Associate Member 2 yr.	\$ 275	\$ 375
Associate Member 3 yr.	\$ 350	\$ 450
Student . ASLA Member . International	\$ 135	\$ 155
Student - Non-member***	\$ 185	\$ 215
Guest****	\$ 30	\$ 50

* Provides ASLA membership for one year, including chapter dues and all benefits.

** Defined by Geographical World Bank Indicators.

*** Provides Student ASLA membership for one year, including all benefits.

**** Includes pass for exhibit hall and eligible to purchase tickets for educational tour.

One Day Registration Rates (available Friday - Tuesday)

Professional - ASLA Member	\$ 245
Professional - Non-member	\$ 435
Student - ASLA Member	\$ 95
Student - Non-member	\$ 115

Refunds: ASLA will refund registration less a \$55 processing fee, upon written request received prior to Monday, September 18th. **After September 18th registration is not refundable. All ticket sales are final and non-refundable.**



Hotel accommodations

ASLA hope you will choose to stay in one of the five official ASLA Annual Meeting hotels. Special rates have been negotiated on behalf of the Meeting attendees at each of the three hotels listed. By staying at an official ASLA hotel you will help ASLA negotiate better rates at top hotels for future Annual Meetings. Be sure to identify yourself as an ASLA Annual Meeting attendee when booking your room to ensure you receive your discount and ASLA receives credit for your stay.

Contact the hotel of your choice directly to make your reservations. All properties require a one-night deposit (check or credit card) to process and confirm your reservation.

Room rates listed do not include the current state sales and local taxes totaling 13 percent. (Note: these rates are subject to change.)

Deposits may be refunded if rooms are cancelled a minimum of 72 hours before your arrival date. Failure to cancel will result in charges to you from the hotel. Early departure may also result in a penalty. Be sure to obtain a cancellation or confirmation number from the hotel when making any changes to your reservation.

ASLA's room blocks and special rates expire on September 12, 2006. Requests received after the room blocks fill or after September 12, whichever occurs first, will be accommodated on a space-available basis at the prevailing rate at that time.

Headquarters Hotel for the ASLA Annual Meeting Hilton Minneapolis Hotel

1001 Marquette Avenue

Minneapolis, MN 55403

Main Number: 612-376-1000, Guest Fax Number: 612-397-4875, Reservations Number: 888-933-5363 [On-Line Reservations](#)

Rates: \$177 single; \$189 double; \$209 executive single

Check-In: 3:00pm; Check-Out: 12:00pm

Web Site: www.minneapolis.hilton.com

Located in the heart of downtown the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel is connected by skyway to the Minneapolis Convention Center as well as many of the city's finest attractions. The Minnesota Orchestra is next door and The Guthrie Theatre, Walker Art Center, fabulous shopping and superb restaurants are just a short stroll away. The Hilton Minneapolis Hotel is an elegant Victorian brick building that rises 25 stories above the center of one of America's top cities. The hotel is known for its service and quality. Standard guest rooms are newly renovated with warm shades, accented by beautifully hand carved oak. All the rooms have large windows and bright lights allow you to view for miles on a fresh Minnesota day. Additionally, all rooms have two phones with two phone lines, modem hookup, wireless high-speed internet access and voicemail. Iron and ironing boards, coffee makers, hair dryers and a USA Today paper M-F are also in each of the guest rooms. **Several of the meetings events take place at this hotel including the governance meetings, the Alumni Reunion, and the Closing Dinner.**

The IFLA World Council will be held in this hotel October 4 and 5.

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

On Nicollet Mall

1300 Nicollet Mall

Minneapolis, MN 55403

Main Number: 612-370-1234, Guest Fax Number: 612-370-1463, Reservations Number: 1-800-233-1234 [On-Line Reservations](#)

Rates: \$144 single; \$169 double; \$25 extra person charge

Check-In: 3:00pm; Check-Out: 12:00pm

Web Site: www.minneapolis.hyatt.com

On Nicollet Mall, located in the heart of downtown Minneapolis near the Metrodome, Target Center, State and Orpheum Theaters. This outstanding hotel is close to shopping and entertainment. Rooms offer skyline view of the city and are spacious with upgrades and suites, (please check with reservations for suite availability). Full service health club and spa, valet parking, swimming pool, and two restaurants for casual dining, along with two fine dining restaurants within the Hyatt complex. The 2006 Fellows Investiture Dinner will take place at this hotel.

Doubletree Guest Suites Minneapolis

1101 LaSalle Avenue

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

Main Number: 612-332-6800, Guest Fax Number: 612-332-8246

Reservations Number: 800-222-TREE [On-Line Reservations](#) enter LAR as the Group Code.

Rates: \$119 single, double; \$139 triple; \$149 quad

Check-In: 3:00pm; Check-Out: 12:00noon

Web Site: www.minneapolisdoubletree.com

Featuring spacious suites and the warm cozy living room lobby. His speed Internet, microwave, refrigerator, pullout sleeper sofa, warm cookie and two phones in every suite. Fifty restaurants, plus shopping and theater just steps away



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About Minneapolis

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

Minneapolis was officially named the "Most Fun City in America," in part, because it's loaded with things to do. The area boasts 59 museums, and more theater seats per capita than anywhere else outside New York.

Geography:

Area 59 Square Miles
Rank 16th Largest City in the Nation
Elevation 824 Feet
Water 2,324 acres

Population:

Minneapolis 382,618
Hennepin County 1,116,200

Coming in October:

Here's a partial line-up of events planned:
On October 1, the Twin Cities Marathon celebrates its 25th anniversary this year - the most beautiful urban marathon in America.
The Minnesota Orchestra performs October 5 and 6 at Orchestra Hall.

Autumn in Minneapolis brings beautiful changes to the outdoors. Take a stroll along the Riverfront to experience the fantastic fall colors. <http://weather.wcco.com/US/MN/Minneapolis.html>

Multicultural

Minneapolis has always been empowered by its people, including pioneers, immigrants and transplants from around the world.

The cultural influences of the city's first settlers – people of many nationalities – can be seen in neighborhood churches, businesses, architecture and events. A massive influx of Scandinavians in the late 1800s had a well-known and lasting impact on area culture. Today, the Minneapolis/St. Paul area hosts one of the largest Hmong and Somali populations in the country.

Minneapolis Arts Explosion

Designs by internationally recognized architects like Michael Graves and Cesar Pelli. More than \$500 million in renovation. Celebrate Minneapolis' new and expanded 5 major cultural institutions.

For more information visit:

<http://www.minneapolismeetings.com/aboutminneapolis/thingstodo.asp>

Facts & accolades

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What makes Minneapolis a unique meeting destination? Read on for some of the accolades that distinguish Minneapolis:

Quality of life

- Minneapolis was named 1 of 5 up-and-coming destinations in 2006 by Travel + Leisure magazine
- Men's Health magazine rated Minneapolis the 10th best city for men to live in (2006)
- Minneapolis took top honors as the best city for sleep in 2005 according to Money Magazine's "Best Places to Live" expert, Bert Sperling
- Minneapolis ranked number 1 in 2005 as the "City That Watches the Least TV," according to Men's Fitness magazine
- Downtown Minneapolis is 1 of 17 business districts in the nation that received the "Best Place for Commuters" Award by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2005
- Central Connecticut State University named Minneapolis number 2 in a 2005 study of "America's Most Literate Cities"
- Majority of Americans (78%) rank Minneapolis a safe city in 2004 Gallup poll
- The "Dubious Democracy 2005" report ranked Minnesota number 1 in the "democracy index" after it led the nation in voter turnout in 2004.
- Healthiest state in the country by United Health Foundation (2004)

Airport

- A survey in 2005 by travelers from around the world ranked the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport 20th in the world, the highest-ranking airport in North America

Technology

- Minneapolis tourism site ranked 8th out of 758 North American CVBs by Meetings & Conventions magazine
- Popular Science magazine named Minneapolis the top city for technology in 2005
- Intel says Minneapolis is the 9th most unwired city (2005)
- A study in 2005 by Milken Institute's Life Sciences Index rated the metro area as the 8th most vibrant life sciences cluster and the leader in the medical devices industry
- These products were all invented in Minnesota: Post-it notes, sandpaper, VCRs, synthetic rubber, Thinsulate, Masking Tape, Scotch Tape, Cream of Wheat, Wheaties, Cheerios, the pacemaker and Rollerblades

Business

- Minnesota earned straight A's in vitality in the 2006 Development Report Card for the States, issued by the Corporation for Enterprise Development
- The Twin Cities is the 4th in the nation for small business, according to a study published in January 2006 and conducted by American City Business Journals
- Minneapolis/St. Paul ranked 18th on Forbes magazine's 2005 list of "Best Places to Jump-Start a Business or Career"
- 2nd coolest community for young talent by Next Generation Consulting



News from the Regions

Changing the role of Landscape Architects in Sri Lanka

The fact that the massive earthquake occurred in the deep sea near Indonesia in December 2004 caused a dramatic shock in social and economical arenas in Sri Lanka is obvious. But the major challenge we face today is to minimize the time to rebuild the dis-equilibrium caused to the environment by the tsunami and associated bio and physical changes.

In Sri Lanka, as the environmental conditions have a close association with social and economical factors and the parallel development of above three factors is needed for sustainable development, it is important to rebuild the environment that was destroyed by the tsunami to an optimum level.

In order to rebuild the environment in a short period, active participation of certain professionals is vital and responsibilities and scope of work of those professionals has widened.

It is obvious that the main component of the environment is landscape and the visual landscape and ecological landscape have a close association with the living habitats, especially of human beings. Environmental hazards have a direct impact on landscape and therefore it affects the eco systems.

When managing this complex environmental condition, landscape architecture has emerged as a profession and a landscape architect has been an essential professional. Under this, identifying damage caused to eco systems, assessing and restoration them have become some of the new responsibilities that a landscape architect should be especially concerned about.

Apart from that, using landscape architecture as an eco-system management tool to design suitable restoration methods and introducing them has to be done through experiments. This process is widening the scope of landscape architecture in Sri Lanka. Management of the major components landscape architecture, viz, natural landscape and design landscape needs to be fulfilled.

When setting out to restore the environment and minimize damage that can be caused by the future environmental hazards, a new definition is added to the profession of the landscape architecture in Sri Lanka.

Landscape architecture as a subject in a master degree was first started in Sri Lanka by the University of Moratuwa and it can be defined as a huge step taken for the management of the environment health as well as human welfare.

As a result of using landscape architects in specialized teams when managing environmental hazards, training and giving practical know-how to landscape architects has become vital. To fulfill this aspect, the need for a professional institute for landscape architects is much felt.

In addition to that, an independent international standard classification for landscape architects is justifiable considering the role of a landscape architect has to play when protecting the environment.

Priyanka Ranatunga Individual Member of Sri Lanka

Taiwan initiates the first Landscape Public Servant Examinations



After many years of work, Taiwanese government agencies can finally employ landscape professionals with Senior Civil Servant Examination qualifications!

During recent years the establishment of the "scenic road" has been a major policy including the construction of landscape roadways, townscape transformation, urban parks, tourist and scenic areas, and landscape planning of various scales and sizes. Each year the funding for landscape related construction has reached 5 billion NT, yet a Senior Level Examination, with professional licensing has not been established.

Through the hard work of the Chinese Taiwan Landscape Architects Society and the lobbying of related professional organizations, the first Landscape Senior Civil Servant Examinations are to be held in the autumn of 2006, allowing the legal and rightful employment of landscape professionals.

On the other hand, "Landscape Law" is under review at the legislative Yuan. The landscape profession hopes for its swift completion and the enactment of a professional license for landscape architects.

As a certified "Landscape Architect" license has yet to be established, the Society held a private sector certification exam on April 16, 2006, with 85 participants. The Society hopes to accelerate the process of creating a landscape architect certification system through the private sector.



*Monica Kuo
IFLA delegate and Newsletter committee member*



Know your world

OECD, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

Review by Robert Holden

The OECD is based in the Château de la Muette in Paris. It was founded in 1961 as a successor to the Marshall Plan organisation (the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, OEEC), which administered the post-war American aid programme to rebuild European economies. Now there are 30 member countries, mainly west European, but including Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Turkey and of course the USA (1). Brazil, China and India, while not members, participate in several OECD projects, and discussion of enlargement includes the possibility of Russia joining, or an enlargement with Israel and China and perhaps some Southeast Asian countries. It maintains relationships with 70 other countries. The Secretary General is currently a Canadian Donald J. Johnston to be succeeded by the Mexican Economist José Angel Gurria in June 2006.

OECD role:

Unlike the World Bank which gives loans or the International Monetary Fund which offers bailouts (albeit with conditions), the OECD aims to gather data and narrow policy differences among members to aid economic growth. Policy is consensual and this possibly explains why the USA continues to fund 25% of its annual budget of \$314 million. It is a forum to explore policies such as reduction of health care costs, raising education standards, privatization, cross border investment, labour rights and environmental issues. It also offers scholarships and sponsors workshops.

What success?

So what success can the OECD point to? In the 1990s its statistics on the ways countries grant state aid helped trade negotiators break the international deadlock over agricultural subsidies, and members also agreed on ways to prevent companies from paying bribes. It promotes free market and trade policies, and provides statistics, which for instance allow its members to check effectiveness in education, to health care to the environment.

What's in it for landscape architects?

Topics of interest to landscape architects include:

- **Agriculture, fisheries and food:** for example its work on water management, it is participating on the 4th World Water Forum, or its work on farm management indicators and the environment.
- **Education:** for example, its *Economics of Knowledge* report of March 2006, its February report arguing China should boost spending on health and education, or its work on European higher education lagging behind, and its policy brief of January 2006 on E-learning.
- **Environment,** its March meeting on climate change, or its February report on fostering economic prosperity and a healthy environment, or its environmental report card on the USA recommending more efficient use of energy and water.
- **Science and Innovation,** there is its March report a study on innovation and the knowledge intensive service sector, which focuses on four areas including tourism and leisure, and resource based industries such as mining and forestry (landscape architecture is of course a knowledge intensive service sector activity).
- **Sustainable development where activity has included its Johannesburg workshop on sustainable development last November or its review of sustainable development of the 30 OECD countries of January 2005.**

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And of course its statistics. See for example its statistics brief no.10 of last September Measuring Sustainable Development or its 2005 Factbook of economic, environmental and social indicators with comparable figures of CO2 emissions or of nutrient use in agriculture. Here, for instance, you can learn that the USA is the biggest producer of Co2 emissions (5,529 million tonnes in 2001 compared with the EU 15's 3,132million tonnes and China's 3,093 million tonnes). All this is an international source of information for IFLA and member associations if landscape architects want to use it.

Refs.

The OECD website is <http://www.oecd.org/home/>

(1) members are now Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the USA. The OECD also maintains relations with the EU European Commission.

(2) <http://www.oecd.org/sah>

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.

The speakers represent a diversity of professional approaches to the subject. What they have in common is working methods that link analysis and planning, city and landscape as well as urban planning and garden art. The conference is organised by the Association of Danish Landscape Architects and Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning - KVL, Denmark.

Registration and information

Date: June 2nd 2006

Price: 3.000 DKK or 400 EUR. Students: 500 DKK or 70 EUR. Members of the

Association of Danish Landscape Architects and subscribers of the Forest and Landscape

Extension Service: 2.200 DKK. The prices are excl. VAT.
Place: Danish Architecture Centre DAC, Strandgade 27B, 1401 Copenhagen, Denmark

Registration: Register for the conference online at <http://www.sl.kvl.dk/KurserOgEfteruddannelse/Kurser/VerdeniDanmark.aspx> or call +45 3528 1904. Deadline for registration is 1st May.

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New IFLA member: the Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture

Founded in November 1989, the Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture (CHSLA) is composed of voluntary professionals of landscape architecture across the country. It is a national academic organization of the People's Republic of China. CHSLA devotes itself to preservation of natural and cultural resources, improvement of the scientific system of landscape architecture with Chinese characteristics, raising the level of science and technology of the profession and advancing the growth of the professionals. The officially recognized Chinese translation of Landscape Architecture is *Fenjing Yuanlin* and the term for Landscape Architect is *Fenjing Yuanlin Shi*.

To promote the construction of LA discipline and the development of the LA industry, the Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture is actively organizing academic exchanges at home and abroad. The organisation compiles books and periodicals, popularizes LA knowledge, consults, holds professional exhibitions and competitions, takes part in research & promotion of important projects and development strategy. It also advances professional collaborations and distributes professional information.

Each year CHSLA organizes annual academic conferences, symposiums, seminars and forums, offering a platform for its members and LA professionals to exchange ideas. The Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture, Japanese Institute of Landscape Architecture and Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture, have held landscape architectural symposiums in China, Japan and Korea eight times since 1998. Together with the Ministry of Construction of P. R. China and Shenzhen city government, CHSLA held the Summit Forum on Ecological Gardens & Sustainable City Development.

CHSLA has established relationships and/or mutual visits with countries such as the US, the UK, Canada, Germany, France, Russia, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, and Singapore.

As co-organizers, CHSLA has directed exhibitions such as the International Garden & Flower Exposition and the International Horticultural Exposition sponsored by the Ministry of Construction of P. R. China and local governments many times. CHSLA also hosts regularly national Penjing (Potted mini-Landscape), Art Stone and Chrysanthemum exhibitions.

In order to improve the level of planning and design of young professionals and students, and promote exchanges on theories and technology, CHSLA has organized the International Landscape Architectural Design Competitions for Youth Professionals and the China-Japan-Korea Students Design Competition. CHSLA also awards the "Excellent Landscape Architectural Construction Prize", "Master of Chinese Penjing", "Master of Chinese Traditional Gardens" and "Chinese Art Stone Connoisseur";

In the past two years, CHSLA has organized three books from three important experts for publishing: *A History of Ancient Chinese Gardens* by Prof. WANG Juyuan (member of Chinese Academy of Engineering), *A History of Garden-making in China* by Prof. CHEN Zhi and *Chinese Landscape Architecture in the Early 20th Century* by Prof. ZHU Junzhen. In addition *Chinese Penjing*, *Chinese Art Stone* and *Chinese Chrysanthemum* were also compiled and published by CHSLA over the years.

CHSLA actively invites experts to conduct research on key subjects in important fields. CHSLA also gives decision-making & administration advice on professional management issues locally and nationally.

The office of CHSLA is located in the Ministry of Construction, Beijing, capital of the People's Republic of China. According to professional development, CHSLA includes eight committees Urban Greening Committee, Famous Scenic Sites Committee; Landscape Planning & Design Committee; Landscape Plants Committee; Landscape Plants Protection Committee; Landscape Architectural Economics & Management Committee; Chrysanthemum Research Committee and Landscape Architectural Information Committee; and two branches: Flower, Penjing & Art Stone Branch and Landscape Construction Branch. The addition a new branch of Landscape Architectural Education is now in the preparation.



Prof. PhD Xiaoming Liu CHSLA delegate

CHSLA includes 110 corporate members and 150 council members. CHSLA members are involved in a broad range of works such as planning, design, construction, maintenance, plant cultivation, management, history & theory study, education and so on.

CHSLA President ZHOU Ganshi, member of the Chinese Academy of Science, and the Chinese Academy of Engineering, has outstanding academic achievements in Landscape Architecture and urban & countryside planning.

As former deputy minister of Ministry of Construction of PR China, Mr. Zhou has taken charge of urban planning, city construction, famous scenic sites management and landscape architecture and has abundant experience of professional administration & management.

Ten of the vice-presidents of CHSLA are MENG Zhaozhen (member of Chinese Academy of Engineering), XIE Ninggao, GAN Weilin, WANG Bingluo, ZHANG Shulin, HU Yunhua, LIU Chuxiong, REN Chunxiu, SHI Diandong, GAO Guohua and Secretary General- Ms. YANG Xuezhi are important experts in LA profession, having worked in planning & design, administration & management, and education for decades.

CHSLA hosts and publishes two journals: *Chinese Landscape Architecture*, *Landscape Architecture* and one magazine: *Garden*. *Chinese Landscape Architecture* is the academic periodical of CHSLA. Established in 1985 the 21-year-old journal is the first and the most influential journal in the landscape architectural field, recognized as one of the national key periodicals.



Landscape Architectural Education in China

Modern Chinese landscape architectural education started in the middle of the 20th century. In 1951, the first landscape architecture program in New China was co-founded by the Department of Horticulture, Beijing Agricultural University and the Department of architecture, Tsinghua University.

This was soon transferred to Beijing Forestry University. Since the Reform and Opening of China in late 70's, with the development of landscape architecture, urban greening and the establishment of the famous scenic sites system (similar to the national park system in US), landscape architecture education has made substantial progress and improvement. In the 1990's, bachelor, master and doctorate degree programs were created as landscape architecture or LA oriented.

More than 80 universities across Mainland China offer LA programs, including agricultural and forestry universities such as Beijing Forestry University, Nanjing Forestry University, North-eastern Forestry University and Forestry College of Central and South China, and engineering universities such as Tsinghua University, Tongji University, Suzhou College of Urban Construction and Environment Protection, Wuhan College of Urban Construction, and Chongqing Architectural University. Landscape architecture is also taught in vocational schools.

The Chinese landscape architectural profession is undergoing a new development phase. The foundation of landscape architects licensing system in China is the main focus by CHSLA so as to better standardize the LA profession.

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CHSLA has recently appointed Prof. LIU Xiaoming as national delegate in IFLA. LIU Xiaoming is a Professor of Landscape Architecture in Beijing Forestry University and Vice Secretary General of CHSLA (since 1998). He is a reliable and responsible person with excellent academic achievement.

IFLA Eastern Region Award for Landscape Architecture 2006

There were 16 entries from 6 countries this year, compared to 9 entries from 5 countries in 2005.

Every national delegate from 13 member countries of IFLA Eastern Region was asked to evaluate the entries, and 6 evaluations were accepted in time. The highest score and the lowest score for each entry were excluded and the remaining scores were summed to get the results. All the entries were highest quality and the summed scores had only minor differences.

At the IFLA ER meeting in Sydney (May 25 - 27, 2006 www.aila.org.au/time) we will have award ceremony and visual presentation of all the entries at 5:00 pm on May 26 (Friday) at the Parkside Auditorium (Main Theatre), Sydney Convention Center.

All the colleague landscape architects who entered for the competition are highly appreciated for their excellent works, and congratulations for the award winners.

All the competitors are invited to the award ceremony and the winners are strongly recommended to come to the award ceremony to be bestowed the award plaques.

Awards

IFLA Eastern Region President's Award (one project):
 "CheongGye Plaza" (Seoahn Total Landscape, Korea)

Awards of excellence (two projects): "Seoul Forest Park" (Dongsimwon Landscape Design/Leisure Consulting and Mr. Kyung-Jin Zoh, Korea); "Aakash" (M/s. Prabhakar B. Bhagwat, India)

Merit awards (three projects): "Taranaki Wharf" (Wright + Associates Ltd., New Zealand); "Goldenhill Park Condominium Landscape Architecture" (SITE CONCEPTS INTERNATIONAL, Singapore); "Rocks Riverside Park" (Brisbane City Council, City Design, Landscape Architecture, Australia)

James Hayter, President of IFLA Eastern Region
Prof. Tong-Mahn Ahn, Secretary, IFLA ER

Danish Dogma Landscape Camp 2006 International Master class for Professionals

Dates: 24/08/2006 - 26/08/2006
 Place : Copenhagen (Denmark)
 Organizer: Association of Danish
 Landscape Architects
 Link: <http://www.iflaonline.org>





ABAP Associação Brasileira De Arquitetos Paisagistas
1st INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS :
Methods and Project Practices in Landscape
Architecture in Latin America
Rio de Janeiro November, 22-24 2006

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, ABAP (Associação Brasileira de Arquitetos Paisagistas), in partnership with PROURB – Programa de Pós-graduação em Urbanismo from Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo of Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro and the support of IFLA – International Federation of Landscape Architects, is pleased to invite you to its 1st International Congress, to be held in Rio de Janeiro from November, 22nd-24th 2006. The theme will be Methods and Project Practices in Landscape Architecture in Latin America, focusing on the practice and professional production over the last 30 years.

The objectives of 1st ABAP International Congress are:

- Discussing the theoretical and practical production of landscape architecture over the last thirty years;
- questioning about the future of the profession through key issues concerning Latin America landscape architecture, as well as reflecting over specific concepts, technical solutions and design alternatives found by professionals in each country;
- revealing contemporary Latin America landscape architecture which, although geographically close, is rather unknown by the majority of landscape architecture professionals within the continent;
- promoting academic and professional improvement, creating opportunities for a better communication and cooperating among latin american colleagues.

The Congress structure covers the following sub themes:

- Landscape and Memory;
- Landscape, Nature and Culture;
- Landscape and Graphic Representation: challenges and possibilities;
- Landscape and Future: developments and perspectives.

Competition

Together with the Congress, it will take place the 1st ABAP International Landscape Architecture Competition, open to all Latin America professionals and students. This competition aims to be a novel and comprehensive exhibition covering recent latin american landscape production.

Activities

November, 22-24, 2006: Conference sessions

November, 25, 2006: Technical visit

More information is available at the ABAP official web page: www.abap.org.br



The third session of the World Urban Forum (WUFIII) will be held in Vancouver, Canada from 19–23 June 2006.

UN-HABITAT established the World Urban Forum to examine one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies and policies.

The main theme of this session is Our Future: Sustainable Cities – Turning Ideas into Action with the following sub-themes:

Sustainable Cities: Urban Growth and Environment
 "The shape of cities: urban planning and management"

"Energy: local action, global impact"

Sustainable Cities: Partnership and Finance

"Municipal finance: innovation and collaboration"

"Urban safety and security: taking responsibility"

Sustainable Cities: Social Inclusion and Cohesion

"Achieving the MDGs: slum upgrading and affordable housing"

"Public engagement: the inclusive approach"

More information:

<http://www.unhabitat.org/wuf/2006/Organization.asp>

Call for Landscape architectural projects

Landscape Design Magazine in China

Landscape Design magazine is a professional full-color periodical in landscape architecture field in China. Landscape design is a hot field in China in the 21st century. China, with an area of 9600,000 km², can provide a large market for landscape design. We would like to report outstanding international landscape design and planning projects in our magazine so as to promote international communication and cooperation. If the contents of the projects can be approved by our editorial department, we would report these projects for free. After publication, we will send 2 copies of our magazine to the relevant person as soon as possible.

The magazine is bimonthly. The themes of our magazine for 2006 are as follows:

1. Memorial Landscape Design
2. Entertainment Landscape Design
3. World Garden Expo
4. Ecological Wetland Landscape Design
5. Healing Gardens
6. Low Density Landscape Design

For the detailed contribution requirements for the projects contact:

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<http://www.landscapedesign.net.cn>.