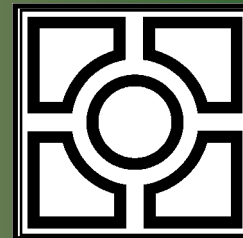


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The 41st IFLA World Congress and World Council Taiwan 2004

I have much pleasure in inviting landscape architects, allied professions, colleagues and decision makers in government and the private arena, to the 41st IFLA World Congress in Taipei on 9-11 September. Join me, and delegates from our many associations, to explore ideas on the theme "Harmony and Integration in Landscape Architecture".

Martha Fajardo IFLA President

Last reminder: World Council meeting

The IFLA World Council 2004 meeting for delegates and observers will be held at the Ta Shee Resort, Taiwan, on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7, with a tour on 8 September.

The World Council meeting is the annual business event of IFLA. Papers for the meeting have been posted to delegates, and a second posting of additional reports was mailed to delegates on 10 August. The Exco and organisers are hoping for the highest numbers of delegates and observers yet to a World Council meeting. The organisers need to uplift reservations on rooms though and have warned that there is another large function at the resort at the same time. The hotel is in a remote location so delegates, if you intend to come but have not registered yet, do it today. Email the organisers urgently to let them know you are coming so that a room is reserved for you. And delegates please remember to bring your Declaration Form signed by your President.

Events

IFLA World Council Meeting

September 6 -7 Venue: Ta Shee Resort

IFLA Student Charette

Sept.6 - 8, Venue: Jiantan Youth Activity Center

IFLA World Congress

September 9-11 Taipei. Venue: Taipei International Convention Centre

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In addition to the World Council meeting, the following activities have been arranged for IFLA delegates' enjoyment.

1. **Sept. 6 evening**- A poolside dinner party in Ta Shee Resort hosted by Taiwan Landscape Contractor Association. There will be a culture show beside the authentic Taiwanese Cuisine.
2. **Sept. 7 evening**- The delegates will be invited to the Shemoon Dam office with briefing from the official of Shemoon Dam. Then we will have a outdoor dinner party in the Dam's garden. The scenery there is fantastic. We can taste the fish dishes from the Dam.
3. **Sept. 8 whole day**-There will be a tour arranged by TLAS. The tour will visit varies spot with ceramic old town street and museum. Traditional Taiwanese Garden. It would be a wonderful tour for you to see the changing Taiwan.

Forward is some detailed information about the Ta Shee Resort. You will find that it is a beautiful retreat. Just come to have a relaxation vacation.

Ta Shee is a marvelous resort for you to mix the business of the World Council meeting with pleasure. Bring your family for an unforgettable vacation.

The Ta Shee Resort is located at Ta Shee Town in Tao Yuan Province. Its convenient geographical location means that Taipei and CKS airport are only about 45 minutes drive from the resort.

Multi-purpose resort facilities and meeting halls make The Ta Shee Resort the model recreational resort for 21 century!

At the Ta Shee Resort are 208 guests rooms fully equipped with air-conditioning, IDD, in-room safety box, mini bar, color TV, audio, hair dryer, tea/coffee pot, slippers. A marble furnished bathroom is complete with bathtub and shower, sanitary equipment. All rooms also have an individual balcony with out-door table and chairs.

The Health Club provides a wide variation of health equipment and expert attendants are prepared for the health enthusiast like you. For those who like "ball" sport, they have the multi-function air-filled in-door center with badminton courts. There are also international standard our-door tennis courts. In addition, the outdoor swimming pool provides an enjoyable place to relax in the fresh air.



World Council Hotel Venue
Ta Shee Resort 166, Jin-Shin
Road, Ta Shee, Taoyuan, Taiwan.

The adjoining hills surrounding The Ta Shee Resort and the Golf Club are like pearls in the palm. Set in an area of 102 hectares, The Ta Shee Resort Golf Course has a 27 hole international standard golf course with typical local country features. There are three sections east, central, and west. East and central are constructed according to the natural slope and curve of the hill, while the west is made especially for a wide view and smooth slope, enabling you to enjoy the open view and the pond.

The Ta Shee Resort golf course has been designed to allow the players to enjoy the beauty of nature

Seasonal flowers along the golf course let you enjoy a variety of flowers all year round, and its environmental protection policy means you can enjoy birds flying in the air and fish in the ponds.

The clean and clear stream and ponds and the natural hills form a special environment where you can enjoy the blue sky above and golfing to your heart's desire. No other place offers you such a fascinating feeling! Therefore, those who enjoy playing golf, welcome to bring your golf wedges with you to Ta Shee Resort! If you would like to come here earlier before World Council Meeting to enjoy the facilities, please don't hesitate to let us know. Secretariat will be very glad to reserve the room for you with discounted price.

Best regards,

Mingkuo Yu

Chairperson

2004 IFLA Taiwan

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The 41st IFLA World Congress September 9-11, 2004, Taipei, Taiwan

The World Congress includes scientific papers, social events, a post Congress tour, a separate student charette and congress, announcement of the UNESCO IFLA international student design competition award winners, presentation of the Eastern Region landscape design competition awards and a media roundtable. For those landscape architects and colleagues not already registered, please join us for a stimulating event.

Registration Form

<p>Fill in with block letters or type and return the form together with payment either by fax or postal mail:</p> <p>Congress Secretariat, c/o We Plan PCO 9F, No. 57, Yung-Ho Rd., Sec. 2, Yung-Ho City, Taipei County 234, Taiwan Tel: +886-2-2927-5500; Fax: +886-2-2924-5511</p>	<p>For Secretariat Use</p> <p>Reg. No: _____</p> <p>Date RCVD: _____</p>
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Institution/Organisation _____ Mailing Address _____

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Tel _____ Fax _____ Email _____

2. ACCOMPANIED PERSON INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

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3. REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees (For International Participants)		USD	No. of Persons	Total USD
IFLA Member				
	After June 1, 2004	400		
Non-IFLA Member				
	After June 1, 2004	450		
Student				
	After June 1, 2004	150		
Companion				
	After June 1, 2004	250		

Congress Venue Taipei International Convention Centre



Social Program	USD	No. of Persons	Total USD
Welcome Reception –Sep. 9, 2004, 18:30–21:00	FREE		
Technical Tour A – Sep. 10, 2004, 13:00–18:00	25		
Technical Tour B – Sep. 10, 2004, 13:00–18:00	25		
Technical Tour C – Sep. 10, 2004, 13:00–18:00	25		
Technical Tour D – Sep. 10, 2004, 13:00–18:00	25		
Farewell Party – Sep. 11 2004, 18:30–21:00	50		
Taipei Tour—Sep. 12, 08:00-18:00	30		
Taroko Gorge National Park Tour—Sep. 12, 08:00-18:00	140		
Yilan County Tour—Sep. 12, 08:00-18:00	60		

Total Amount _____

4. PAYMENT METHOD

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5. CANCELLATION OF PARTICIPATION

Cancellation must be made in writing and shall be subjected to the following policy:

1. By August 1, 2004 refund with an administrative fee of USD 50.
2. By August 31, 2004 of 50% total registration fee is refundable.
3. After August 31, 2004 forfeiture refund of total registration fee.
4. The same policy as mentioned above will apply to all ticketed events.
5. Only full congress registrations will receive congress proceedings.

Travel itinerary for post World Council Meeting Tour

08:30	Ta Shee Resort Lobby
08:50-10:00	C.K.S Park & Ta Shee old street
10:30-11:30	Cihu
12:00-13:30	Lunch in Fugui Restaurant: Yingge Ceramics Street
13:30-15:00	Taipei County Yingge Ceramics Museum
15:10-15:40	Sanhsia & Tsu Shih Temple
16:10-17:10	Taiwan County Government
17:10-	Departure to Taipei

- **Ta Shee Old Street**

The Chin dynasty Kiang Shoe period was the most significant historic time for Ta Shee. Numerous merchants set up from 3 to 4 hundred shops and it was recorded that sails from ships bringing merchandise were never still. Ho Ping road, which was near the port still maintains an impression of that ancient prosperity. Unfortunately the interior decorations of the old buildings have been modified. Now only the outer shell of the buildings retain the images of the old times.

- **Cihu**

Cihu is located in Ta Shee. This was the place for paying respects to President Chiang on his death in 1975. The combination of beautiful sculptures and the arcadian pastoral outlook gave people a sense of being in proximity to a divine presence. The ash-black dolomite gates stand tall and upright at either side of the entrance to a monastery. There is a simple unadorned four-sided courtyard which is surrounded by green mountains and water. President Chiang Chung Cheng thought the beautiful landscape scenery was similar to the view of his home towns in Chekiang. Every time he stood here, he thought of his kind mother, Madam Wang. So he called the lake Suhu which means kind mother in Chinese.

- **Yingge Ceramics Street**

Yingge is known as a global center of the pottery industry. It is called the "Taiwanese Jing De Jen". Yingge earned its reputation because there is such a wide variety of types of pottery here. The shops which produce and sell pottery are clustered together. Most of them are in the Yingge Ceramics old street. In the "Pottery Festival" during the summer vacation, the abundance and the diversity of pottery is apparent through dynamic demonstrations, exhibitions, and multi-media presentations. Sometimes people can enjoy the experience of making pottery themselves.

- **Taipei County Yingge Ceramics Museum**

The Yingge Ceramics Museum is the first professional pottery museum in Taiwan. The museum presents 200 years of ceramic techniques and folk culture in Taiwan. It is constructed of modern materials and transparent glass, presenting an expansive sense of space and simple beauty. The museum also has educational functions with its modern technology, making it an ideal place for families to visit at leisure.

- **Sanhsia & the Tsu Shih Temple**

Sanhsia is a highly valued cultural centre and has many traditional artisans. The scenic attractions include the Tsu Shih Temple, Li Mei-Shu Memorial Hall and White Chicken Art Village. The three features are filled with private cultural artifacts. Tsu Shih Temple has special engravings and intricate columns and has earned the name of "Art Palace". Besides Tsu Shih Temple, the Sanhsia Bridge, ancient and memorial tablets, an ancient battlefield, an old street, an old farmers' association building, and an historical artifacts museum are worthy of appreciation.



IUCN (World Conservation Union)

Welcome from IUCN

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend the **3rd IUCN World Conservation Congress, to be hosted by the Kingdom of Thailand in Bangkok (17-25 November 2004)**. The World Conservation Congress is the Union's most significant gathering of our global conservation community. Many of the conservation policies, initiatives and global agreements we have today bear testimony to the power of the ideal of IUCN, where governments and civil society come together to shape the future agenda for conservation and sustainable development.

The world has changed since our last Congress held in Amman, Jordan and the conservation movement is being called to respond to new opportunities and challenges from global to local levels. Our Congress theme: **"People and Nature - only one world"** is designed to help position conservation as an integral and essential component of sustainable development.

Over the past four years the Union, through its members, Commissions and Secretariat, has played a unique and urgent role in bringing the knowledge we have about biodiversity, ecosystems and species into the mainstream of decision-making in our societies. More importantly, we have sought to demonstrate that our knowledge and capacity can make a significant contribution to reaching the targets of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, as well as the Millennium Development Goals. Separating economic development and peoples' livelihoods from the natural resource base of our planet is a recipe for disaster. Conversely, conservation cannot succeed without recognizing that it is people who are the key variable to effective and equitable development. In that sense, conservation is "knowledge for development" - albeit a very different course of development.

The Bangkok Congress will explore how our core competencies speak to these changing contexts and how we can pursue our vision and mission in the future more effectively. It will do so by providing forums for reviewing the state-of-the-art of conservation science, practice and policy, as well as convening multi-stakeholder dialogues and exercising the members' governance mandate for the future of our Union.

This Congress comprises three distinctive but related elements: We hold this Congress at a time when there is increasing need for integrating the skills and capacities of our members, Commissions and Secretariat to help the conservation community and our Union becomes a more powerful voice and resource for biodiversity and livelihoods.

We look forward to meeting and working with you in the preparation of the Congress and eventually in Bangkok.

Yolanda Kakabadse **Achim Steiner**
President Director General

What is the World Conservation Forum?

The World Conservation Forum (18-20 November) is one of the key elements of the 3rd IUCN World Conservation Congress. It will convene over 3,000 of the world's leading specialists and practitioners to address the key challenges in conservation and sustainable development today.

The World Conservation Forum will present a more comprehensive, accurate, and up-to-date assessment of the state of biodiversity on our planet than ever before. Through Global Synthesis Workshops and a series of related events and platforms the Forum will explore and demonstrate how cutting edge knowledge can be applied to address the world's most pressing sustainable development challenges through four broad themes.

- ✚ **Ecosystem Management - Bridging sustainability and productivity**
- ✚ **Health, Poverty and Conservation - Responding to the challenge of human well-being**
- ✚ **Biodiversity Loss and Species Extinction - Managing risk in a changing world**
- ✚ **Markets, Business and the Environment - Strengthening corporate social responsibility, law and policy**

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NEWS

The Institute Of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM)

Members from ILAM participated in the 1st Malaysian International Landscape and Garden Festival (LAMAN 2004) held in the Kuala Lumpur Lake Gardens on 17 – 25 July 2004. The President and the Vice-president were appointed as judges for the garden design competition. More than 100 participants took part in the event. Members from ILAM also participated in designing several gardens for the festival. The first ever festival of its kind in Southeast Asia attracted both local and international participants including from Singapore and Holland. The one week event attracted more than 100,000 visitors.

ILAM, together with the National Landscape Department organized a national landscape conference on July 19 – 20 2004 in a leading hotel in Kuala Lumpur. The Conference theme "Colours Amidst Green" focussed on the various aspects of landscape planning, design and management of the Malaysian tropical landscapes. Invited papers ranged from the philosophy of colours to the management of recreational grounds for diverse uses. More than 150 participants from Malaysia and other countries participated in the two-day conference

ILAM is also formulating the Landscape Architect Act for Malaysia. The draft of the Act has been finalized and is expected to be handed over to the Attorney General's office for further action. Once tabled and approved by the Malaysian Parliament, the Act will become the basis for the conduct of landscape architecture practice in Malaysia. It will put the Malaysian landscape architecture profession at par with the more established profession such the architects, planners and engineers.

ILAM was also represented in the formulation of the National Landscape Policy. This effort is being spearheaded by the Malaysian National Landscape Department. The policy aimed at guiding future development of the Malaysian landscape towards sustainability. The preservation and conservation of local landscape characters and diversity are also among the components that constitute the contents of the policy.

Mustafa Kamal (ILAM)

THE NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (NZILA)

Landscape architects joined lawyers, environmentalists and others to participate in The Coastal Conference, hosted in partnership with the Environmental Defence Society in the first week of August. Issues presented and debated included development of the coastal landscape and how heightening demand could be managed. The next NZILA conference and AGM is planned for 28-30 April 2005 in Dunedin with the theme 'Looking forward to heritage landscape.' Their website for further updates is www.nzila.co.nz/conf_coming.htm

NZILA formed an Education Trust several years ago with the objective of bringing people to New Zealand to stimulate interest in and to advance skills in the practice of landscape architecture. The first Visiting Scholar was Professor Robert Thayer of Davis, California, who spent over a month in NZ. During that time he gave 13 presentations in 8 centres throughout New Zealand on 3 different topics. He also had TV, radio and print media interviews, thus not only providing a focus for the profession but also raising the profile of landscape architecture. In addition he gave some time to university students and presented a keynote paper at the CELA (Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture) conference, held at Lincoln University in July.

NZILA has a university accreditation panel which is currently reviewing a new course at Victoria University, Wellington. In addition the panel will progressively assess and reassess programmes of Lincoln University, and UNITEC in Auckland. The three member panel has a mix of academic, practice and other experience and includes Glenn Thomas, Associate Professor of QUT, Australia. An intention is to develop a consistent approach to accreditation of university programmes between Australia and New Zealand.

A High Country group of NZILA has been formed to promote sound management practices and processes in the High Country. The focus has been on agriculture and conservation issues.

NZILA now has a new administration officer: Melanie Whittaker info@nzila.co.nz Anita Fulton the retiring administration officer, served NZILA well for ten years, providing a consistent and efficient service. Anita is currently providing IFLA with secretarial services including monitoring of inflaonline.

Diane Menzies, NZILA.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's)



ISOCARP Collaborations

Re: ISoCARP

International Federation of Landscape Architects - IFLA

The Executive Committee of ISoCaRP and the Executive Committee of IFLA see mutual benefit to become each other's Institutional / Corporate Members. Besides the usual benefits of an Institutional/ Corporate Membership, ISOCARP and IFLA agree to:

1. Have an open attitude to explore possibilities for collaboration. Specific agreements of collaboration can be drawn up when appropriate opportunities arise.
2. Maintain open channels of communication between the Executive Committees of both organisations.
3. Inform the counterpart organisation of the events and activities being undertaken by the organisation.
4. Establish a link on the web-sites of the respective organisations.
5. Waive the annual fees for Institutional/ Corporate Membership.
6. Where appropriate, to invite the counterpart organisation to be officially represented at the Main Events of the organisation.

Laid down in a memorandum of understanding signed by the presidents of both associations.

Prague, Czech Republic 4th May 2004

Prague Memorandum of Understanding

"The coming together of IFLA and EFLA"

This document outlines the intention of IFLA and EFLA to work together towards a united organisation. It is important that national landscape associations have a clear understanding of the shared benefits of being part of IFLA and EFLA and recognise the significance of professional unity. IFLA and EFLA have commenced this process through the current EU Monitoring Project.

The following principles are agreed:

1. IFLA and EFLA will jointly work towards one organisation.
2. National associations will be consulted in the process of decision-making.
3. In decision-making, IFLA and EFLA endorse the principle of one vote for each association.
4. There will be one delegate from each association who represents both IFLA and EFLA.
5. IFLA and EFLA will investigate a shared office for administration.
6. IFLA and EFLA will promote joint conferences, work groups and other opportunities for professional development.
7. Membership fees will be kept to a minimum. Both IFLA and EFLA endorse the principle of double rather than triple fees.
8. The development of the landscape architectural profession in Africa is seen as a task to be addressed at the world level.
9. In the transition period, national associations are not required to join both organisations but are encouraged to do so.

Signed on behalf of IFLA

Martha C. Fajardo - Jeppe Aagaard Andersen
President VP Central Region

Signed on behalf of EFLA

Maria Teresa Andresen
President



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International Green Roof Congress

Tuesday, September 14- 15,, 2004 Nuertingen, Germany

Join the International Green Roof Congress for news, facts, discussions, skills and valuable benefits.

Autumn 2004 bring about an outstanding international green roof event in Germany, the homeland of green roof research and industries.

The International Green Roof Congress in Stuttgart/Nuertingen (14-15 September 2004) offers a platform for green roof experts from all over the world in a quality and composition never seen before. More than 25 speakers (landscape architects, scientists, planners etc.) will discuss trends and challenges of the future green roof market. You will see from the enclosed press report that the two-day congress will offer an interesting and competent insight into all current green roof topics. In addition, the conference will serve as an international platform for an intense exchange of information and stimulating initial talks.

I would be very grateful, if you could introduce this event to the members of your organisation and people who are interested in the green roof topic in your country. Maybe you can list it on your homepage. This would be very helpful.

Don't hesitate to contact me for more information about this outstanding event.

P.S.: Please visit the website of the International Green Roof Congress - www.greenroofworld.com - which contains the detailed congress programme, short biographies of the speakers, and an overview of the subjects as well as an online registration form.

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For more information visit the resource link: <http://www.greenroofworld.com/start.html>

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In communities across the nation, there is a growing concern that current development patterns -- dominated by what some call "sprawl" -- are no longer in the long-term interest of our cities, existing suburbs, small towns, rural communities, or wilderness areas. Though supportive of growth, communities are questioning the economic costs of abandoning infrastructure in the city, only to rebuild it further out. Spurring the smart growth movement are demographic shifts, a strong environmental ethic, increased fiscal concerns, and more nuanced views of growth. The result is both a new demand and a new opportunity for smart growth.

Smart Growth Principles	Smart Growth Issues
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'The Landscape Architecture of Ildefonso P. Santos' BOOK

5 August 2004

In his latest endeavour to define landscape architecture in the Philippines, Arch. Ildefonso P. Santos is set to launch his first book entitled 'The Landscape Architecture of Ildefonso P. Santos' on the 3rd September 2004 at Powerbooks, Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, Makati City, Philippines.

The book chronicles the projects and creations of Arch. Santos throughout his illustrious career.

If you would like further information or have a request please contact us. TEL. Nos.: 635-5767, 635-57 /68 E-mail: ipsa_mail@yahoo.com

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Forwarded by Darwina Neal ASLA FASLA

UIA 2005 ISTANBUL International Call to ARCHITECTS and Allied Professionals, Academics, Students of THE WORLD

The XXII World Congress of International Union of Architects (UIA) will take place in Istanbul, from 3rd to 7th July 2005. Organised every three years since 1948, UIA World Congresses are platforms where the global agendas of architecture are discussed. The UIA 2005 Istanbul Congress, hosted by the Chamber of Architects of Turkey, will convene under the theme "**CITIES: Grand Bazaar of ArchitectureS.**"

The theme builds upon concepts that the "bazaar" metaphor suggests in cultural and economic terms: market, capital, investment, exchange... The challenge of the profession facing new tasks in city building and maintenance will be explored in relation to the prime responsibilities of architecture concerning urban culture and economy. The International Union of Architects and its national member organisations have constantly voiced their strong commitment to sustaining biological and cultural diversity in human settlements. Today, against the background of natural disasters, ecological threats and global violence, architects are compelled to take stronger positions in their discipline and profession, against irresponsible building practices that degrade their honorable profession.

CALL FOR PAPERS, DISPLAYS and FORUM ACTIVITIES

The idea of a bazaar or marketplace -as a "forum" in which ideas are exchanged, discussed and compete for recognition- shapes the structure as much as the content of the Congress. The UIA 2005 will be realised in the Congress Valley of Istanbul, which will be organised along the concept of bazaars, to include alternative events besides conventional congress sessions. Participants can select the mode of participation most appropriate for their contribution, and send an abstract or outline accordingly. Modes of participation include papers, displays (poster and multi-media) and forum activities (workshop, panel, mini-symposium, chat room, speakers' corner, etc). Participation is expected from diverse disciplines and professions, from any interest group concerned with cities worldwide.

The academic program of the congress is designed around four themes:

- 1) "Celebration of World's Cities" Program of UIA (2002-2004),
- 2) Architecture and Life in Cities,
- 3) Architecture of Cities,
- 4) Architectural Profession and Education Facing the City.

For complete information on congress theme and sub-themes:

<http://www.uia2005istanbul.org>

Media release – July 30, 2004

New Zealand 1st, 3rd and 4th in International Landscape Architect awards

New Zealand has taken first, third and fourth placing in the inaugural International Federation of Landscape Architects' Eastern Region excellence awards.

The New Plymouth foreshore project in NZ was first, the Seonyudo Park on the Hangang River in Seoul, South Korea, was second and the Manukau project in Auckland NZ was third.

The awards will be presented at the IFLA World Congress in Taipei on September 9-11

Eastern Region president James Hayter said they wanted to encourage and recognize the best quality landscape works in IFLA eastern region countries. These countries include Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Australia, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan and Indonesia. India and China will join the group next year. "The best of landscape design and planning is vitally important for the future of the planet in order to blend man's footprint with nature," he said.

"The value of landscape architecture for safety, and sustainability is crucial to protecting our culture, allowing natural systems to be understood and to flourish."

He said landscape architects around the world were striving to enhance landscape and to contribute to the design, conservation, and management of the environment.

The winning project was done by the Isthmus Group for the New Plymouth foreshore in New Zealand.

New Plymouth wanted to develop the foreshore as part of its revival of the city centre. The seawall needed to be repaired.

Auckland based Isthmus Group were engaged to design and project manage the \$3.2 million project.

The design reconnected the city with the sea and accentuated the experience of being on the west coast.

Mayor Peter Tennent said he was thrilled but not surprised about the award.

"It is unusual to have a project that has had such a profound effect on the community. The foreshore was neglected for generations but with significant ratepayer expenditure and immense community support, we now have a facility that is used by thousands of people each day – locals and visitors alike – who are walking, running and rollerblading in a unique coastal setting.

"To have international recognition of a local project is, quite simply, fantastic."

Mayor Tennent congratulated the community for their absolute support toward the entire project, as well as David Irwin of the Isthmus Group, local landscape architect Richard Bain, and the council's project manager Grant Porteous.

The Koreans second-place getter, Seoahn Total Landscape Company in Seoul, was recognized for its efforts in its Seonyudo Park island project on the Hangang River.

Seonyudo is one of a few islands lying in the Hangang which flows majestically through Seoul. The main design concept for the Seonyudo Park was to reveal the geographical and spatial potential of Seonyudo, situated in the midst of the city of Seoul.

Auckland's Project Manukau was third in the competition. The project was one of New Zealand's largest construction projects at a cost of \$451million. It involved a major upgrade of the Mangere wastewater treatment plant, the removal of 500 hectares of oxidation ponds and the rehabilitation of 13 kilometers of coastal foreshore.

Boffa Miskell, the landscape architects, developed a concept to provide for passive recreation, met the needs of migratory birds, restored ecosystems, mitigated the visual impact of structures, and rehabilitated the coastal environment. The design was seen in tune with nature and the original form and character of the Manukau Harbour.