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Seasons greetings for 2008

The New Year is a time for taking stock of the current opportunities and looking forward in the hope that goals can be set. It is a time for looking back on the highlights of the previous year and celebrating the successes. It is a time for remembering those no longer with us and welcoming new graduates into the profession. Landscape architects farewelled an esteemed colleague, Sven-Ingvar Andersson in July this year. His work set high standards in Europe and the world.

We wish our colleagues who celebrate the New Year a little later the very best, and to all other landscape architects may 2008 be yet another very successful year for conservation, planning, design and management of landscapes throughout the world.

Diane Menzies

President



And from Fernando Britos IFLA Delegate of AUDADP in Uruguay: *Today, I walked several metres from my house and I enjoyed this landscape, and wanted to share it with you all: the Plate River, Ramírez Beach and the South "rambla". My best wishes to all of you and your families for this wonderful Christmas and hopeful 2008.*

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Highlights and successes in 2007

Diane Menzies President

What were some of the highlights and successes for our international profession? Our World Congress in Malaysia, held in conjunction with Malaysia's 50th year celebration of independence, was a significant event for the landscape architecture profession in Asia. The National Landscape Department of Malaysia, together with the Institute of Landscape Architecture Malaysia showed what gracious hospitality they could provide. In addition, they held an international student charette that changed the lives of a number of the participants, and a successful World Council meeting and Congress. The highlight for me was the forum on climate change at the conclusion of the Congress, addressing a topic that landscape architects should be dealing with, whether to help find ways to mitigate or to adapt to climate change.

But there were many other highlights:

- We held our first joint IFLA EFLA executive meeting in Brussels in January.
- ISOLA held a wonderful conference in Puna in February.
- We moved our archives to Brussels, to the René Pechère Library in March, thanks to FFP, Michael Downing of the Landscape Institute, and Jeanine Colin, EFLA, in Brussels.
- We held the first World Landscape Architecture Month in April, with CAAP in Argentina holding some thirty events that month.
- The Chinese Society of Landscape Architects called the Asia Pacific region to a summit meeting in Beijing on the Beijing Olympic Forest Park in May.
- The Americas held a Regional Meeting in Mexico in May, which included a well organised conference, wonderful hospitality, successful education and cultural landscapes meetings, and a student competition. Thank you Desiree, Laura, your team, and SAPM.
- St Petersburg was the venue for a joint ALACIS/universities conference during the white nights of summer in June in Russia. Participants from over 20 countries presented papers and visited some of the most elegant historic gardens in Europe.
- Group Han from Korea agreed to sponsor the IFLA International Student Design Competition and some 160 submitted entries on the theme Eden-ing the Earth.
- Every association in the Asia Pacific region attended the World Council meeting in Putrajaya, Malaysia in August.
- And in September the Asia Pacific Region launched their next Awards of Excellence and a new student and university exchange programme for the region.
- The ASLA held their largest-ever annual general meeting in San Francisco with thousands of landscape architects, many exhibitors, many students and many from allied professions and industries. Also in October, Wuxi City in China held an international landscape architecture symposium on city greening, and EFLA held a seminar and General Assembly in Brussels, which was well attended by presidents and delegates.
- Dubai landscape architects held a public forum in November, and the Turkish Chamber of Landscape Architects held a conference packed with intense debate in Antalya. In addition, Burzeit University, Palestine held a conference on conservation of landscapes in conflict regions, again well attended. At the same time landscape architects were meeting in Costa Rica for an ICOMOS IFLA meeting, thanks to Carlos Jankilevitch's hospitality and organisation.
- The World Heritage Centre held meetings in November in Brazil, and in December in Madrid, and we thank Hal Moggridge, Patricia O'Donnell and Teresa Andresen for their participation.
- Landscape architects in The Netherlands (NVTL) are finalising plans for their World Congress in June next year in Apeldoorn.
- IFLA and EFLA have a new joint Executive Secretary to join Jeanine Colin in the office in Brussels, Christine Bavassa.
- And finally in December we thank the Vice President Europe, Teresa Andresen who has completed her term of office, overseeing many changes in IFLA and EFLA.
- The IFLA Exco meet in Dubai in late January 2008 to look forward and develop new strategy and plans for the next three years, as well as join with the Africa committee for a conference (GLADAC08) and the establishment of the African network.



Emotions and Programmes: an interview with Professor Fritz Auweck



On 27 October 2007 Professor Auweck was elected President of EFLA from 2008.

Congratulations for the highest position that a German landscape architect could obtain in Europe: President of the European Foundation for Landscape Architecture, EFLA. What does EFLA mean to you?

For me EFLA is a European family of landscape architects, a professional and personal network of people of different nationalities and different cultural backgrounds. They are united in their effort to establish landscape architecture in their respective countries and in Europe. This does not always work according to patterns of action which we are used to in Germany. In this "family", many have a say and therefore the approaches to solve problems are many and diverse. Being, metaphorically speaking, the "head of the family", it is my task to sensitively lead EFLA in to the future.

Within almost 20 years since its foundation, EFLA has been led by an Englishman, a Belgian, a Swede, and since 2004 a Portuguese. You are the first German in this position. Is this because eventually it's the German landscape architects' bdla turn?

Let me say first that the bdla was one of the national associations that founded the European association of landscape architects on [1 April] 1989. Already then a German landscape architect bdla was one of the heads of EFLA: Prof. Arno S Schmid, former IFLA president, today President of the German Federal Chamber of Architects BAK, who had then been elected Vice President of EFLA.

Now about myself: Of course my election has a prehistory, from the time between 1996 and 2000 when I had been Vice President. During those years I won extensive knowledge of procedures, people, and policies in EFLA. As bdla special spokesman for international cooperation in 2004 I also became IFLA delegate, and thus got acquainted with the international arena of our profession. Knowing both associations from the inside is a considerable advantage for the new task. I think a newcomer would have had a hard time. So everything just went well together.

What is on your Agenda 2011, assuming that there would be two terms of office as President of EFLA?

"My" agenda of course is oriented towards the strategic plans for the year which have been worked out jointly within EFLA, currently that's the plan for 2008. I am in a great position because my predecessor, Theresa Andresen, fulfilled very important goals of EFLA. Besides other matters, she achieved the coming together of EFLA and IFLA in three years, and professionalized the Headquarters. Therefore an important task for me is to implement the new solutions. In future I would like to extend the strategic plan for a period of three years as a programme, and add a yearly plan of actions and concrete projects. This agenda has got four corner stones:

- o A central need for action is in the field of internal and external **communication**: homepage, newsletter, the integration of EFLA and IFLA, the linking with ECLAS, LeNotre, ELASA, and an internal communication and data platform.
- o In the field of **professional practice**, it is, amongst other things, about "development aid" for colleagues, e.g. those in Romania, Slovakia and Bulgaria, because the area of EFLA since 2005 covers all 46 countries of the Council of Europe. This aid begins with the formation of professional associations, and ends with the fulfilment of all frame conditions for a membership in EFLA. Especially the young nations require a system of accreditation that is independent from the state.



- o A permanent burning issue is that of **education**, especially in Southern and Eastern Europe. Bachelor and Master are shells for all kinds of contents of study. Standards for education in landscape architecture have been formulated in Europe and worldwide. Now the focus is directed towards advising universities with respect to the arrangement of the courses of study and their evaluation.
- o Of course on the agenda there is the central topic for the EU area as well: The **EU policies** relevant to the landscape.

It's undisputable that the influence of landscape architects on EU landscape policies has to grow. Which concrete tasks and topics are supposed to be the focus?

Behind us lie four years of EU Monitoring, a successful project, which got us into contact with the Directorates-General for Agriculture, Environment, Regional Policy, and the Internal Market. A start has been made towards our aim, to make EFLA better known within the apparatus of the EU and to become a desired partner for talks. In order to extend these contacts, our personal resources play a crucial role, i.e. how many volunteers can be found who are willing to get engaged and what can be achieved.

Now in the first place in your function you are not a German but a European landscape architect. What do the other associations or the "young ones" from Central and Eastern Europe want to achieve?

The driving force of their activities is the desire for a transfer of know-how and support to increase the profession in their countries and assistance to improve the standing of landscape architecture in their, and in European, society and politics. They want to ask questions and get answers, advice, support, and maybe even moral assistance. And they want to be part of it, emotionally.

How do you see the European Region in the structure of worldwide landscape architecture?

IFLA is composed of the Americas Region, Asia Pacific Region, Africa and Middle East Region and the European Region, which is the EFLA. The European landscape architects are thus represented within IFLA as a separate legal body. This construction paves the way towards a flexible structure of the association, away from a hierarchic structure. Thus IFLA is becoming a "holding".

Of course EFLA is doing its homework in its area and delivering political and project related support on the global level, as far as this is possible and relevant. European landscape architects are taking a stand in the discussion about a Global Landscape Charter; within IFLA they are cooperating with UNESCO in the field of World Heritage, and they are supporting the professional associations that

have recently been founded, or are to be founded in the Middle East and Africa, with words and deeds.

What did you take with you from the 44th IFLA World Congress held in 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia?

Landscape Architecture in Asia in general is very powerful and dynamic, and follows the patterns of English and American landscape architecture. The standing of landscape architecture in Malaysia is amazing. There, landscape architecture is not only associated with terms like "protection of species" or "playgrounds" or "gardens", but is also determined by the undisputed insight that landscape architecture is essentially contributing to an improvement of the quality of life of the people. This is visible in the public arena, e.g. an area of 60 ha has been "saved" from being built upon and has been transformed into a park for the people of Kuala Lumpur. But this is also visible behind the scenes, when, for example, the ministers for urban development and the environment welcomes the delegates of the IFLA congress, and the state sponsors the congress to a remarkable extent.

The agenda of EFLA is long. Luckily its work is going to be more professional due to the creation of the post of an Executive Secretary in Brussels. What should and will this person have to achieve?

The Executive Secretary already has a name: Christine Bavassa. She lives in Brussels and speaks five languages. Those who have read the job description have surely found out that the outlined spectrum of responsibilities has been broad enough for two secretaries. In this respect the wish was father to the thought: Coordinate, organise, monitor, react, collaborate - and this for EFLA and IFLA. Her work started on 1 January 2008.

Have you already got a motto as President of EFLA?

"Think with the senses - Feel with the mind".

For those to whom this motto seems to be familiar, it's the leitmotif of the 52nd Biennale in Venice. I could not have been able to find better words with respect to my European family of landscape architects. We will only be able to encourage colleagues to take part in the journey towards the creation of the future of landscape architecture in Europe if we are able to reach their hearts and minds and move forward in a holistic approach.

This interview with Professor Auweck was conducted by Petra Baum; translation - draft by Ch. Gering.



New Staff Appointment: Christine Bavassa



Following the decision of the IFLA Executive Committee to hire and select an Executive Secretary to service IFLA and work in association with the European Region in Brussels (Belgium), Christine Bavassa was appointed on 15 November 2007. The new Executive Secretary's mission will include to give support to the development of a sound communication channel between IFLA's members and affiliates, and to help promote IFLA activities. Christine will also be the IFLA website webmanager from January 2008.

International President, Diane Menzies, and European Vice President, Teresa Andresen, are both delighted to have Christine in the office in Brussels working with Jeanine Colin of EFLA. This new initiative will provide a professional service for IFLA communications and more help in the EFLA office. She will work half her time for each organisation (IFLA and EFLA).

Christine Bavassa is a Belgium-born Congolese with Spanish nationality who has lived in Barcelona (Spain) for 17 years working in PR before moving to Brussels. Christine has earned a reputation for dedication, teamwork, and a roll-up-your-sleeves work ethic.

Joining IFLA (and EFLA) is an outstanding opportunity to develop her career with new challenges. Although she is not a landscape architect herself, she has taken the profession to her heart to promote it to the best of her ability.

Argentina in 2007: a year of achievements and opportunities

Virginia Laboranti CAAP President

2007 was a very positive one for the Argentine Center of Landscape Architects (CAAP), with many activities that have exceeded all our expectations.

Activities began in January with a meeting of the Directive Commission and the Committee of Cultural Landscapes. The main purpose was to study different strategies to preserve the "May Square" (Plaza de Mayo), one of our dearest cultural landscapes from destruction.

In April, during the 1st Landscape Architectural World Month, which was established by IFLA, CAAP organized and/or gave its support to 27 events, which took place in several universities, architecture colleges, and associations involved with the landscape. The month was opened by Bob Mortensen, former President of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) who gave two lectures at the Faculty of Agronomics (FA) of the Buenos Aires University (UBA) and one in the Catholic University of Córdoba, Province of Córdoba. They were followed by a Commemorative Plantation at the FADU-UBA. The month closed at the Central Society of Architects (SCA) by the two Honorary Presidents of the CAAP, Martha Marengo de Tapia and Marta Bonifati de Ibarborde.

Due to the Agreement signed between the International Union of Architects (UIA) and IFLA and to the request of both organizations, CAAP signed agreements with the SCA and with the Argentine Federation of Entities of Architects (FADEA). During 2007, CAAP also signed the Creation Act of the ICOMOS/IFLA Committee of Argentina. In addition, Mirta Alá Rué and Virginia Laboranti were invited to be Representatives of the IFLA Cultural Landscape Committee, in Argentina.

The CAAP Committee on Cultural Landscapes took an active part in the defense of the park of the "House over the Stream", also called "The Bridge House", situated in Mar del Plata, Argentina. This house is considered one of the master works of modern architecture, designed and built by the Argentine Architect, Amancio Williams, for his father, the composer Alberto Williams. For us, the landscape architects, the most important fact is that this house was conceived as a form in the space, in a total harmony with nature, without annulling it.



The commitment of CAAP members to the institution in 2007 has been extremely active, and membership has increased by 50%. CAAP also had several meetings with legislators of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires to spread the influence of the profession in governmental offices in order to address Landscape Law, to organize contests, and to assess urban forestry. As a result of all these, on 11 December 2007 we approved the CAAP Contest Rules, and a Framework Agreement was presented to the Government of the City of Buenos Aires to be ratified. CAAP took part in negotiations with the Professional Council of Architecture and Town Planning (CPAU) in order to obtain the Professional Register for Bachelors in Landscape Planning and Design, FADU-FA-UBA.

At the Recoleta Cultural Center, CAAP, under the auspices of IFLA, organized the *Seminar on Landscape Architecture 2007* and an Exhibition *Tribute to the Great Masters* who have worked and are working today in our country. Prof. Dr. Agr. Eng. Rolando León, Director of the Grade Career at the FADU-FA-UBA and Prof. Dr. Arch. Ángel Navarro, Chief of the Cathedra on Landscape History, among others, were the keynote speakers. The *Tribute to the Great Masters* of the past included Jules Charles Thays, Benito Carrasco, Martín Ezcurra, Carlos David, and Ricardo de Bary Tornquist. Pradial Gutierrez, Nora Jofre, and Martha Marengo de Tapia, who are still active, were also honored. CAAP also took part in the organization of the 5th Ibero-American Congress on Public Parks and Gardens - PARJAP 2007, in Tucumán, under the auspices of IFLA.

As CAAP Delegate and as Representative of the Americas Region of IFLA, Virginia Laboranti was invited to the *Summit of Landscape Architecture in China*. Later, she took part in the Regional Council of IFLA, in Mexico, and three months later was elected as IFLA Secretary General, assuming her duties during the end of the meeting of the World Council of IFLA, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Regarding press releases and the dissemination of information, news about CAAP activities and its members was published by many national newspapers and magazines, and by another media, such as the internet and IFLA News. Cora Burgin continues as the editor of the *Red Book of IFLA* on Educational Opportunities and Internships. In 2008, CAAP will continue to spread the achievements of its professionals in the community. We celebrate the contribution that professionals who work on landscape and environment issues offer to the quality of life in our country and to the sustainability of the planet.

Some landscape architecture events in China in 2007

Professor Xiaoming Liu CHSLA delegate to IFLA

National Landscape Architecture Education Conference

The National Annual Conference of Landscape Architecture Education with the theme *Research on the Landscape Architectural Education System* was held by the Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture (CHSLA) in Nanjing Forestry University, Nanjing, on 17-18 November 2007.

There were nearly 180 attendees of faculty members and students from 64 universities across China. It was the largest and most broadly ranging national LA education conference since the first of its kind was held by CHSLA in 2006.

Invited speakers were from China's oldest and most powerful landscape architecture program at Beijing Forestry University, and other leading universities in this field, such as Nanjing Forestry University, Huazhong Agriculture University, Tongji University, Tsinghua University, Southeast University, and Nanjing Agriculture University. Delegates shared the following views:

- o It is high time to look at landscape architecture discipline development, course arrangements, and educational aims for the students;
- o Upgrading the discipline nationwide is a key strategy to integrate different forces and programs with different emphases; and
- o The discipline is highly comprehensive and, whilst all the programs should share education goals and core courses, each university program is encouraged to develop its own individuality.



Diane Menzies lecture tour in China Universities

Invited and sponsored by CHSLA and the universities, IFLA President Dr Diane Menzies gave successful lectures on landscape architecture at six leading universities in China in 2007. Termed *Tour-Lecturing in China Universities*, the activity was important for Chinese landscape architecture education. Dr Menzies brought an international vision to current challenges and educational issues. In May she talked about *Landscape Architecture and International Issues* at Tsinghua University, Beijing Forestry University in Beijing, and Zhejiang Forestry University in Linan, Zhejiang Province. In October she focused on *Landscape Stewardship* at Nanjing Agriculture University in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, Huazhong Agriculture University in Wuhan, Hubei Province, and Sichuan Agriculture University in Yaan, Sichuan Province. These six universities are among over a 100 universities in China offering landscape architecture or related programs with an enrolment of at least 15,000 students.



Dr Menzies highlighted key issues, such as IFLA's role, professional development, professional regulations and laws, educational goals relating to the conservation of nature and cultural heritage, and landscape architects' contribution to the control of global warming. She encouraged the students to "look beyond local environment, to connect with colleagues around the world".

China: contrasts and commonalities

Diane Menzies IFLA President

Located to the north of Tai Lake in Jiangsu Province, Wuxi is a city well known for its nearly 3000 year history and culture. Situated 128 km from Shanghai, it has over two million city residents in an area of 1628 km². Currently, Wuxi is a city determined to take 'greening' seriously. It is also economically one of the strongest cities in China whose basis has been dominant industrial development. CHSLA, IFLA and the city government jointly held the 2007 International Landscape Architecture Exchange Conference, *Better Garden, Better Life*, in October 2007 to understand in greater depth what "greening" implies. A range of international and domestic speakers were invited from landscape planning and design and conservation management, to floriculture and green roofs. In addition, they invited city administrators from 40 cities in China to help formulate goals and methods for city greening and to address the types of problems being faced, such as sourcing tree stock and water quality issues.

Wuxi retains historic links with other areas in China through the ancient canal, constructed to transport silk and other products inland. The city also maintains parks constructed several centuries ago and residential areas of antiquity. Their challenge is to integrate these parts of the city with the commercial and industrial sectors, while maintaining and enhancing local resources such as their lake water and air. In this they are not alone: many other cities struggle between retaining their local assets and globalising influences. The city also celebrates garden arts, such as the 9th China Chrysanthemum Exhibition, bonsai, azalea, and azalea cultivation which draws their population, particularly the elderly, to their parks. The international conference was linked to these events so that visitors could enjoy the city's horticultural skills. "But a city must continually innovate to maintain a competitive edge, to move forward," a city leader explained. In 2007 it was the landscape architecture profession's turn to assist.

By contrast the small city of Yaan in Sichuan Province in the southwest of China is in a rural area that retains its agricultural productivity. The impacts of industrial competition and globalising influences are not so evident and the small city retains fertile fields producing crops on its periphery rather than wasteland waiting to become city. The river encourages migrating herons to its banks and local



people practice Tai Chi on the embankments in the early morning. The city maintains its village connections with amplified wake up music and a close knit community, but acknowledges its designation as one of the ten most 'liveable' cities in China by enhancement of its historic bridge with two storey wooden shops and restaurants, and recognition of hillsides and waterways.

So what do these contrasting cities suggest to landscape architects? In my view it is to encourage citizens to recognise and staunchly protect local landscape assets so that they are able to evolve rather than require makeovers to address environmental issues.



The 9th China Chrysanthemum Exhibition, Wuxi: an entrance featuring chrysanthemums as structural elements in the landscape

2007 - 30 years of landscape architecture in Thailand

Ariya Aruninta

Education

Landscape architecture education in Thailand was approximately three decades old in 2007. It started in 1977 after the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) curriculum was approved by the Ministry of University Affairs. One year later the Faculty of Architecture, Chulalongkorn University, had the first 5-year BLA admission. It became the only university in Thailand to teach a BLA programme for 20 years, before being joined by the Faculty of Agricultural Production, Maejo University, and the Faculty of Architecture, Kasetsart University. Thammasart University started a 4-year BLA programme in 2007. Chulalongkorn University also has an MLA programme.

TALA

The Thai Association of Landscape Architects (TALA) plays an important role as a professional body. It aims to encourage its members to share professional knowledge, to develop acceptable professional standards of landscape architecture, and to foster the collaboration of landscape architects with others involved in the landscape architecture industry. TALA is a private organisation founded in 1987. In the most recently reported figures for 2006, there were 468 members in all categories (98 Associate members, 220 Professional members, 145 Senior Professional members, and 5 Founder/Honorary members).

The umbrella of the Council of Architects

New challenges and opportunities for landscape architects are presented in the regulations of the Architects Act of 2000 covering registered, built environment architects. Four professional branches of "architect" are recognized under the umbrella of the Council of Architects (CoA): interior architecture/interior design, architects, landscape architects, and urban designers. A key role of the CoA is the issuing of licenses for registered architects in the four related fields. The licensure examination, which has been used for architects, will be applied to landscape architects in the near future.



There were approximately one third of TALA members in the CoA in 2005, 84 of whom had registered licences (183 members: 31 Charter, 15 Fellow, 38 Associate, 99 Regular or non-licensed). The proportion of the 183 CoA members who in 2005 were landscape architects (1.48%) was small compared to those who were Architects (86.68%) and Interior Architects (Fig. 1). The smallest grouping was Urban Designers (0.10%).

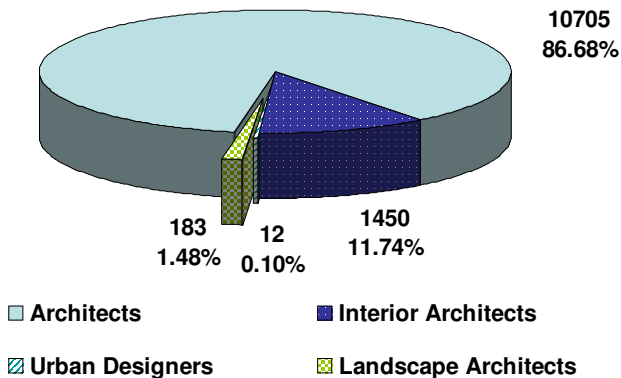


Figure 1. CoA members according to the four recognised branches of professional architect (2005).

Career paths

In a developing country like Thailand, with its mega-city Bangkok of ten million people (including estimated off the record immigrants), there is a high demand for landscape architects. There are currently 30 local landscape architecture practices mostly based in Bangkok and around 80 freelance landscape architects in small firms. There are around 100 new landscape architecture graduates each year, which should satisfy anticipated market demand in both private and public sectors.

However, the new graduates seem to be disenchanted with this employment prospect. Chulalongkorn University 4th year BLA students prefer to go to international firms abroad for their Practical Training. After graduation up to one third intend to have extended training in other countries: Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, China, and the USA. New graduates have to choose their career path when confronted by a three-way intersection:

- work in Thailand under the regulations of the Architects Act in order to establish a firm career path in their motherland;
- work abroad in neighbouring countries in order to gain more experiences and earn twice the salary; or
- work abroad in western countries under conditions of high competitiveness, and find an opportunity to undertake higher education.

Questions

These matters raise a number of questions: What are the pros and cons of new Thai landscape architecture graduates starting their career in Thailand? And what might be the future of landscape architecture in Thailand under these circumstances? Moreover, landscape architects have tended to be only marginally involved in recent large-scale infrastructure projects, leading to a further question: What's wrong with a landscape architecture career?

These and other questions are addressed by Ariya Aruninta in the full text of her article *Newbies and their landscape architecture career paths: the situation in Thailand*, reproduced on the IFLA website. This was excerpted from the author's paper for the *Landscape Urbanism...Blurring the Line* symposium hosted by the Singapore Polytechnic University (DLA), 10 February 2007.

Ariya Aruninta recently wrote her dissertation in Urban Environmental Management at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Thailand. After graduating from the University of Colorado at Denver, she started her career as a landscape architect at the Public Works Department, Thailand. During the economic boom, she was transferred to a Lectureship at the Department of Landscape Architecture, Faculty of Architecture, Chulalongkorn University, and became an Assistant Professor in 2000. She was promoted to Associate Professor at the end of 2006. She is also a member of the Administrative Committee of Chulalongkorn University, Social Research Institute – CUSRI. Her research interests are urban landscape and urban management. In 2007, Aruninta was appointed by the Prime Minister of Thailand to be one of the five honorable board members of Thailand's Council of Architects (2007-2009) and has represented Thailand as an IFLA delegate. Email: aariya@chula.ac.th, homepage: <http://pioneer.chula.ac.th/~aariya>, Tel: +66(0)81 8429241



2007 - Landscape and Public Spaces Year in Uruguay

Fernando Britos

IFLA Delegate of AUDADP

During 2007, a series of academic level activities took place that were open to the general public, with *Landscape and Public Spaces* as a central theme. These activities were actively followed by members of our Association, AUDADP (the Uruguayan Association for Landscape Architecture) as organizers and/or participants.

Landscape and Public Spaces

"The cultural landscape of our cities is a collective construction" (Margarita Montañez, Architect). It was with this spirit that AUDADP co-organized with the Municipal Government of Maldonado and the Bios University Institute the first activity in July. Entitled *Landscape and Public Spaces*, this was a meeting of specialists and the community in which professional presentations were accompanied by very active intervention on the part of the public present at the Conference Hall of the Municipal seat. Use and Conflicts, Design and Sustainability, Community and Multi-disciplinarity of Public Spaces were issues that started to be addressed during this first forum, which will be continued during 2008.

Ideas and Policies for the Design and Management of Open Public Spaces

This workshop was held on 8 November. The role of university professionals in the design, execution and management of public open spaces was the topic for discussion proposed by the Uruguayan Society of Architects, through its Advisory Commission for Landscape and Environment, coordinated by the current president of AUDADP, Margarita Montañez, and with the participation of practically all the members of this Association. The objective was to enhance the social function of open public spaces, proposing guidelines for design and management, with an interdisciplinary methodological approach. Sociologists, anthropologists, agronomists, and architects took part in this activity as panel members.

Celebration of World Heritage Day

Streets, squares, parks, beaches, and gardens are just some of the public spaces that make up our common landscape heritage. During the weekend of 6-7 October, World Heritage Day was celebrated; an event organized every year by the Nation's Cultural Heritage Commission. Our Association took part, presenting tours of a botanical and landscape nature of various gardens having heritage value, guided by AUDADP members Luis Carrau, Architect and Fernando Britos, Architect.

Public Spaces, Society and Landscape in the Contemporary World

This seminar was held on 12 November and 13-14 December, and was co-organized by National Landscape Planning Office of the Ministry of Housing, Land Planning and Environment, the University of the Republic (UDELAR), and the Municipal Governments of Montevideo and Canelones.



33 Square, Montevideo. XIX Century patrimonial space public.

In the opening ceremony, the Rector of UDELAR, Rodrigo Arocena, expressed his concern over what he defined as the two major challenges of our times: climate change and public spaces. During this forum it was stated that landscapes are of public interest and require policies on a national and municipal level, as landscapes are a determining factor in the citizens' quality of life. The interest of the national government in the management and protection of landscapes in the land planning of our country is manifest. As pointed out by Rodrigo Arocena, "The landscape is the feeling people have about their territory". Therefore, as from the year 2008, intervention in public spaces is the major challenge for our national and municipal authorities, and more specifically for the professionals who, in their capacity as technicians, must participate in this desired process.



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ISOLA, Chennai, India – February 2008



We take great pleasure in inviting you to an annual ISOLA Asia Pacific Region Conference being held in Chennai on 26 and 27 February 2008. The theme of the conference is *Responsive and Responsible Landscape Practice*. We welcome your participation, and invite papers and presentations by 25 January 2008 on the following themes:

- o Site innovation
- o Regional landscape planning
- o Disaster management in landscaping
- o Landscape rehabilitation in derelict land

From: Mr K Raghuraman and members of ISOLA APR Conference 2008, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India.
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Olympic Landscapes, Moscow – March 2008

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the 5th International specialized exhibition *Landscape Architecture: Floristic - 2008*, the largest landscape trade fare in Russia based in the Crocus Expo International Exhibition Centre that will take place in Moscow on the 20-23 March 2008.

We are glad to inform you that in conjunction with the exhibition Association of Landscape Architects of CIS (ALACIS) and Moscow Association of Landscape Architects (MOLA) will organize a seminar *Olympic Landscapes* on 21-22 March. This event is also supported by IFLA (President Diane Menzies will attend the meeting) and the Russian Union of Architects.

As you might know, the Black Sea resort of Sochi in southern Russia has been selected as the city hosting the Winter Olympic Games in 2014. Therefore our professional landscape association, MOLA, has decided to prepare several events to support the idea of sustainable development of the Olympic site. One of them is *Olympic Landscapes* seminar. Some well known international speakers, including as Mark Blackwell (EDAW, UK), Jie Hu (Tsinghua University, China), Tanos Sclavinitis (Greece) and Tore Edvard Bergaust (Department of Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning, Norway), have agreed to take part in the seminar and will speak about Olympic landscape projects in their countries. This seminar is bilingual (English and Russian) with simultaneous translation provided.

High level officials from the Russian Olympic Committee and the State Olympic Corporation are invited. During the seminar and panel discussions, you will be able to contact all the participants and have a good professional discussion. I welcome your participation in both exhibition and seminar. For more contact details, please refer to the following information. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE: FLORISTICS - 2008

Dates **20 March 2008 - 23 March 2008** [Total number of days – 4]
Organizer CROCUS EXPO International Exhibition Centre; <http://eng.lafexpo.ru/>
Exhibition director Irina Dementieva; dementieva@crocus-off.ru

SEMINAR: OLYMPIC LANDSCAPES

Dates **21 March 2008 - 22 March 2008** [Total number of days – 2]
E-mail alacis@mail.ru



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Participation Form
 In Professional Seminar
Olympic Landscapes
 Moscow, Russia, 21-22 March 2008

Crocus Expo International Exhibition Centre, Pavilion 1, Hall №3

Participant (full name) _____
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 Profession/Duties _____
 PO Box _____ Country _____ City _____
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Rates (mark the appropriate fields):

1. For participation in the seminar* (2 days package inclusive coffee-breaks & lunch)	If paid before 20.02.2008, EUR	If paid after 20.02.2008, EUR
1.1 For all participants	240	320
1.2 For pensioners and students	18	18
1.3 For Exhibition participants	185	265
2. CIS Landscape Architects Council	Free	Free
3. Excursion: "Moscow Kremlin: the Great Kremlin Palace "	50	50
4. GALA DINNER	70	70

Total:

*Accommodation is not included in this price.

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ATTENTION: Number of participants in the Seminar and other activities is LIMITED!



Transforming with Water, The Netherlands - June/July 2008



45th IFLA World Congress 2008

30 June-3 July 2008

Orpheus Congress Centre, Apeldoorn, The Netherlands

The **45th IFLA World Congress** will be held in the Orpheus Congress Centre, Apeldoorn, The Netherlands. It runs parallel with the Triennale, which hosts various other cutting-edge landscape events, such as the European Summer School, A Wider View on Cultural Landscape Challenges in Europe, the conference Landscape and Leisure, and various exhibitions on garden history and landscape architecture.

Theme: Transforming with Water

Water is transforming the landscape and it will continue to do so. Urban structures will have to be rethought in order to cope with extreme peaks in precipitation, or to optimize scarce freshwater resources through smart retention planning for surface and subsoil water. Transforming with Water is based on the opportunity to transform water into an engine driving forward new development, fresh opportunities, renewed optimism, and a visionary landscape for people.

Programme

The three days of the congress cover the theme in full breadth and depth. The programme offers a mix of keynote speeches, presentations, debates, excursions, workshops, executive lectures, an interactive forum, and social events. The programme, which is currently in development, features the following preview highlights:

Keynote Living with Water: Adriaan Geuze

Adriaan Geuze is founder of West 8 urban design and landscape architecture b.v. and leads an international team of architects, landscape architects, urban designers, and industrial engineers, designing landscape interventions, urban plans, waterfront projects, squares, parks, and gardens. Recently Adriaan and his team won a prestigious international design competition, a master plan and detailed design for Governors Island, to be transformed into a new park for New York, and the second park of Manhattan. This will be an extraordinary new public park that embraces all New York Harbor, its ecology, its history, its culture, and its magnificent beauty. Surrounded by water, steeped in the natural and cultural history of the estuary, Governors Island will re-emerge as the next great "world park": an icon for the city, a beacon in the Harbor.

Excursions: water landscapes

Several excursions are planned to parts of The Netherlands connected to the theme. On the excursions you will see and experience the continued transformation of the soft, resilient soil of the country into a man-made landscape through water control, wetland management, and land reclamation. In coastal regions, dams and dikes to defend agriculture and human settlement from the tides of the sea gave a harder solution to the problem. A need for architecture was felt from the earliest times, such as is reflected in the design of roads and waterways in the 17th Century reclamation north of Amsterdam, inspired by Vitruvius' tradition and part of which is now designated as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also the post-war sea defence works have a strong architectural quality. But too constrained, functionalism negates nature, and has proved to be inadequate and too simple, certainly in the face of the increasing complexity and dynamics of the landscape processes today.

- o *Excursion Sea Bed* is a visit to 20th Century landscapes reclaimed from the Zuiderzee sea bed.
- o *Excursion Lakes and Marshes* is a visit to an older and more complex, vernacular landscape reclaimed from lakes, marshes and wetlands, north of Amsterdam.
- o *Excursion Delta* is a visit to the post-war coastal landscapes of the delta of the Rhine and Scheldt rivers. An in-depth lecture will be given on site at lunch time. We visit the bold, outer coastal works and inner lakes, where civil engineers and landscape architects have worked on challenging projects.



- o *Excursion Harbour* is a visit to the harbour landscape of Rotterdam.
- o *Excursion River in Balance* is a visit to the Nijmegen-Arnhem area and involves visits to retention landscapes along the Rhine and revival efforts for run-off streams of the Veluwe hills.
- o *Excursion Controlling the Floods* is a visit to the lower Rhine branch Waal to see how reinforcement works to control high river floods fit in with the older landscape.

Discussion on possibilities

The primary focus of the congress is to facilitate a full discussion on the possibilities to design with water, whether not enough or on the contrary too much, and whether there is insufficient design input into waterscapes or indeed on the contrary, there is too much. Through the juxtaposition of water as either friend or foe, the debate is intended to facilitate the discovery of new ways to live together with water's transforming power. With excursions and on-site lectures you can visit the Dutch landscape, see the struggle of trial and error, and the - at times - successful dialogue with nature that has been achieved. The indoor lecture sessions are reserved to hear about experiences from other parts of the world and reflect in a global perspective on wisdom, experience, and universally sound knowledge when it comes to Transforming with Water. Currently the selection of contributions is in progress and will be announced at www.ifla2008.com.

Other information and accommodation

The Orpheus Congress Centre is surrounded by good hotels, restaurants and bars, while the city centre and its attractive environment, pavement cafés, tourist attractions, and entertainment facilities are in close reach by public transport.

You will be able to book your stay in a bungalow in the beautiful surrounding landscape of Apeldoorn. This type of accommodation provides the comfort of a personal room combined with 'home' facilities at reduced rates. Alternatively, you will be able to book your stay in several hotels in Apeldoorn.

Accommodation prices and information on registration facilities and fees for IFLA2008 will be published soon at www.ifla2008.com. Please check this website for up to date information.



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