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Registration.

Online registration for IFLA2008 will be available four months prior to the event (starting Monday 17th March 2008). An early bird discount is applicable if you fill out the electronic pre-registration form on the website before the 28th of April 2008.

<http://www.bigfish-events.com/Visitors/Registration/tabid/133/Default.aspx>

Hotel accommodation.

IFLA2008 will service you in different types of accommodation.

<http://www.bigfish-events.com/Visitors/Hotelaccomodation/tabid/132/Default.aspx>

Student Competition.

Files can be submitted until the 1st of May 2008. <http://ifla2008.wur.nl/>

❖ **Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Gold Medal Award**

Those submitting nominations shall forward the nomination package to:

IFLA - Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Gold Medal. Secretary General, IFLA, c/o MVillage, Rue des Palais, 44, Bte. 21, 1030, Brussels, Belgium before the closing date for the Medal. The deadline for the second quadrennial is 5pm, May 2, 2008.

The medal recipient will be notified by IFLA's president and will be presented in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in October 2009 at IFLA World Congress closing when the results of the deliberations are announced.

See regulations at www.iflaonline.org

❖ **5th IFLA-APR Awards for Landscape Architecture**

Beijing's **Olympic Forest Park**, one of the key pieces in the mammoth planning exercise for this summer Olympic Games in China was granted the IFLA-APR President's award in the planning category during IFLA-APR-ISOLA Conference held on 26-27 February 2008 at Chennai.

The other award-winners in the Planning category were **Zhangzhou Landscape System**, China which received the Excellence Award and **Gwacheon Raemian Landscape** from Korea which got the Merit Award. **Mahindra Institute of Quality**, India was conferred the President's Award in the Design category, **Geum Gwang Raemian Landscape**, Korea the Excellence Award and the Merit Award went to **Tanglin Core** from Singapore.

❖ **Voting forms for IFLA President and Treasurer for 2008-2010** have been posted to voting delegates of IFLA and will close on 24 April 2008. Members are advised of the results of the election within 3 weeks of the ballot closing.

Regional elections for Americas and Asia Pacific Vice Presidents and Regional Treasurers will follow suit soon.

❖ **Martha Fajardo**, IFLA's Immediate Past President has been nominated as the IFLA judge for the jury of the **Torsanlorenzo International Prize** for 2008, which will convene in Italy on **28 March 2008**. More information on this prize for landscape design and protection, see www.premiotorsanlorenzo.it



Throughout 2008, the **René Pechère Library** (Belgium) will organise numerous events reflecting faithfully René Pechère's works and thought. From the 25th of April to the 19th of September, the public will be able to discover at the CIVA (International Centre for Urbanism, Architecture and Landscape) the exhibition on the EXPO 58 gardens' wings. Beginning of June, Jean-Claude Pechère's book dedicated to his father will be published by the RACINE publishing house. On the 28th of September, thanks to the support of the Brussels-Capital Region Minister of Environment, the first edition of «FESTIVE GARDENS» will be launched. On just this one occasion, thousands of people will be able to visit different private gardens of Brussels, the gardens' capital. Finally, at the end of November, René Pechère Companions will conduct the PECHÈRE PRIZE awards, established to reward, every year the best French-speaking book on the art of gardens. Other projects, such as the garden architecture contest to design Brussels' Parliament hanging garden, will also be realized.

www.bvrp.net/main/home.aspx

- ❖ The International Ranger Federation (IRF) and IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) call for nominations for the prestigious **Young Conservationist Award**. The award aims to recognize and raise awareness of the outstanding contributions made to the management of protected areas, and leadership shown, by young conservationists. It also seeks to encourage young professionals and help them develop networks by inviting winners to join WCPA. Nominations/applications are invited for/from: young people working in conservation and actively managing protected areas. **Deadline for submissions: 28 April, 2008.** See details at [International Ranger Federation \(www.int-ranger.net\)](http://www.int-ranger.net) and [World Commission on Protected Areas \(www.iucn.org/wcpa\)](http://www.iucn.org/wcpa)



AIAPP (Italian Association of Landscape Architects) National Meeting **Landscape and Tourism, May 9, 2008**, at **Villa Careggi, Florence, Italy**. For further information, please contact Anna Sessarego at segreteria.nazionale@aiapp.net

- ❖ **ELASA** (European Landscape Architecture Student Association) **minimeeting 2008, at the border – approaches to sustainable landscape, May 21-25, 2008 Kleinwalsertal, Hirschegg, Austria** www.elasa2008.de - Contact details: elasa2008@gmx.de. Contact person: Florian Lorenz.
- ❖ **Call for nominations** for the **Equator Prize 2008: Celebrating Community Success in Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction**. Awarded biennially, the Equator Prize recognizes community-based initiatives that demonstrate extraordinary achievement in reducing poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the equatorial belt. Special recognition will be given in the following categories: one for each region of eligibility (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean), one to the initiative that best exemplifies community approaches to adapt to climate change, and one to the initiative that best exemplifies the conservation of agricultural biodiversity. The Equator Prize will be presented in October 2008, in Barcelona, Spain, at the IUCN World Conservation Congress. The Equator Prize 2008 nomination process will be open through **May 31, 2008**. Details on the criteria for the Prize, information on the award process, and the online nomination system can be accessed through the Equator Initiative website at www.equatorinitiative.org.
- ❖ **Symposium on Open Public Urban Spaces**. Stavanger, Norway, **June 26-28, 2008**. See details at www.uis.no/opus2008?
- ❖ **NZRA National Conference and IFPRA Asia/Pacific Congress, September 15-18 2008, Christchurch, New Zealand**
The 2008 congress theme **"Making Connections"** will focus on the interpersonal, intersector and international connections that are transforming the parks and recreation environment.
See details at www.ifpra2008.com.
- ❖ **2008 LivCom Awards The International Awards for Liveable Communities**.
The LivCom Awards were launched in 1997 and are endorsed by the United Nations Environment Programme. LivCom is the world's only Awards Competition focussing on Best Practice regarding the management of the local environment. The objective of LivCom is to improve the quality of life of individual citizens through the creation of 'liveable communities'.
For more information, check www.livcomawards.com/index.htm and LivCom E-Newsletter at <http://www.livcomawards.com/email/email-feb-08.htm>
- ❖ **UCN, WWF and Nokia launch connect2earth.org, a green community for young people**.
Two of the world's largest environmental organizations, WWF and IUCN, supported by Nokia, launched on the 7th of March connect2earth.org an online community where young people can have their say on the environment by uploading videos, pictures and comments. It is also a competition culminating in the presentation of the winner's video, text or images to world leaders at the IUCN's World Conservation Congress in Barcelona in October. To find out more, contact Gaëlle Cuillerot at gaelle.cuillerot@iucn.org or + 41 22 999 0181.

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