



IFLA 2008

The Netherlands



45th IFLA World Congress

Transforming with Water

June 30 - July 3, 2008

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION AVAILABLE UNTIL 9TH MAY

Registration

Online registration for IFLA2008 is NOW available. An early bird discount is applicable if you fill out the electronic pre-registration form on the website before the 9th of May 2008.

<http://www.eventpartners01.nl/Default.aspx?alias=www.eventpartners01.nl/ifla>

Speakers

The general program encloses more than 70 International speakers covering the theme 'Transforming with Water'

<http://www.bigfish-events.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=MdDZHPDDBIc%3d&tabid=36&mid=454>

General program

The three days of the congress cover the theme in full breadth and depth. The program offers a mix of keynote speeches, session presentations, workshops and talkshops that include: debates and workshops.

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More Information

<http://www.ifla2008.com/>

FINAL REMINDER

Deadline for the *IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Gold Medal*, **May 2, 2008**.

❖ *President's journey in Europe*

Diane Menzies, IFLA's President, spent three weeks of March in Europe. Firstly attending the **Le:Notre** and **ECLAS** strategy meetings in Brussels. All universities (and also IFLA delegates) are urged to explore the Le:Notre website: www.le-notre.org. A wonderful resource is developing there for educators as well as the wider profession.

Virginia Laboranti, IFLA Secretary General and Diane Menzies met with the President of the **René Pechère library** in Brussels, Jean Noël Capart, and our joint agreement was formally signed, consigning IFLA archives to the library. It is the 100 anniversary to celebrate René Pechère and his contribution to the profession and IFLA joins with the library in commemorating this event. Please check their website for further information: www.bvrp.net/main/home.aspx.

Diane and Virginia also met with IFLA and EFLA Executive Secretary, Christine Bavassa, in Brussels to discuss work priorities.

Then President Menzies met with Charlotte Buys and the **NVTL** conference planner Xander de Bruine in Amsterdam to consult on and inspect venues for the IFLA World Council meeting and Congress in Apeldoorn in June. The next stop for the IFLA President was Moscow to support an **ALACIS conference on Olympic Landscapes and a strategic planning meeting for the profession in Russia**. Speakers included Prof Hu Jie of Tongji University, Mark Blackwell of EDAW London - the project leaders for the London Olympics - Tore Bergaust, (NL, Norway) and Thanos Sklavenitis from Greece who has experience in landscape planning and design for Olympic sites.

The final stop was in Siberia, where President Menzies was invited to support a seminar on **Waterfront Management for Lake Baikal and the River Angara**. Development pressures, particularly for tourism and commercial development are increasing rapidly and impacting on these water bodies and experts from a breadth of disciplines set out to consider the means to achieve best practice for waterfront protection.

❖ *Torsanlorenzo International Prize*

Past President Martha Fajardo was IFLA's nominee as judge for the Torsanlorenzo Prize which was deliberated upon in late March in Italy. The awards ceremony will be held on May 3 at the Conference Centre of Torsanlorenzo Gruppo Florovivaistico (Tor San Lorenzo, Italy).

❖ **World Landscape Architecture Month**

The **Slovenian Association of Landscape Architects** (www.dkas.si) and partners planned and performed the following events in Slovenia to celebrate the world landscape architecture month.

FROM APRIL 1-15: an **Exhibition of student works in the House of Architecture** (*Hiša arhitekture*) organised by students, the landscape architecture department in partnership with the Chambers for architecture, landscape architecture and spatial planning of Ljubljana.

APRIL 8-19: **Exhibition of projects for the Open Space**, from strategies to design proposals at Jakopičeva galerija, Ljubljana, in partnership with the Landscape Architecture Department of the Ljubljana University and the city of Ljubljana.

FROM APRIL 10-11: **International conference on design and management of Public open space** (*Javni odprt prostor*) organised with the Landscape Architecture Department of the University of Ljubljana, the city of Ljubljana and sponsors. Robert Holden, EFLA (the European region of IFLA), Secretary General attended the conference as EFLA-IFLA representative. T-shirts were printed to promote the conference idea and the World Landscape Architecture Month.

See the Future, Be the Future is the theme of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (www.csla.ca) has chosen for the occasion. *See the Future, Be the Future* encourages communities to recognize the significant designed landscapes that enrich their public spaces and the lives of Canadians. CSLA-AAPC, initiated a student poster competition in the fall of 2007 with Canadian Schools of Landscape Architecture. The students were asked to create a poster for World Landscape Architecture Month 2008 that answered the question, what is landscape architecture to you? Sixteen amazing entries were submitted, all of which could have capably represented our profession.

In keeping with National Landscape Architecture Month's "**Each One, Reach One**" campaign, the American Society of Landscape Architects (www.asla.org) hosted 24 second, third, and fourth graders at headquarters. The students were shown a slide show on the positive effects of a green roof and how to be more environmentally conscience overall. They were then taken to the green roof to see firsthand what one looks like, and back to the lower level to build their own green roof from a shoebox. The students were given "Junior Landscape Architect" certificates for completing the exercise. (source: *ASLA Leaders Express* #184 041608)

ARCHINEWS.UGANDA, the Faculty of the Build Environment of the Uganda Martyrs University (<http://www.umu.ac.ug>) newsletter has decided to join the World Landscape Architecture Month by dedicating all its future April issues to Landscape Architecture. The Faculty of the Build Environment offers a Master course of landscape architecture which is being developed with the support of IFLA. To get the newsletter write to archinews@umu.ac.ug

❖ **2008 CSLA Excellence & Recognition Awards**

26 projects located in Canada as well as in South Korea, Cuba and the United States have won national and regional recognition in the prestigious **2008 CSLA Awards of Excellence in Landscape Architecture**. The CSLA Awards of Excellence recognize and encourage excellence in all aspects of the landscape architecture profession as well as promote a strong awareness of landscape architecture among related professions, potential clients and the general public. Furthermore, seven Canadians, among who appears James Taylor (Guelph, Ontario), IFLA Education & Africa Committee, were honored with the **Society's 2008 Recognition Awards** in recognition of their commitment to the profession of landscape architecture.

❖ **2008-09 CSLA Executive - Cathy Sears**, a vice president and leader for Stantec's Planning & Landscape Architecture practice, was appointed President of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) during the organization's annual general meeting held recently in Quebec City, Quebec. Linda Irvine of Markham, Ontario was elected to the position President-elect, while Myke Hodgins of Hodgins & Associés in Montreal, Quebec, transitioned to the role of Past President of the 1,500 member national organization.

❖ **International garden architecture competition "best private plots 08 – Die besten Gärten 2008"**. The competition highlights the garden as a place of innovation, as a space for creative expression and action, as contemporary dialogue between architecture and landscape. The award criteria include: idea, artistic and conceptual quality, use of plants and materials, relationship between inside and outside, delimitation of space and organisation of open space, technical and ecological planning. Special attention will also be given to the individual diversity of use and functionality. The open space must be clearly identifiable as intended for private residence and use.

The prize honours exceptional achievements in the design of private outdoor space and gardens, which were completed after January 1, 1998. This is an open competition. Landscape architects, architects, garden owners, designers, florists, gardeners, artists, nurseries and landscaping firms, as well as teams including a combination thereof. Kick-off: April 1st, 2008 | Deadline for entries: June 2nd, 2008
Award Ceremony: September 27th, 2008, 7 p. m., Garden Exhibition Tulln, Lower Austria
Entry forms and competition brief: www.privateplots.at

❖ **9th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity**

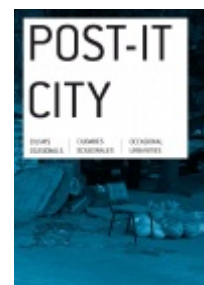
From 19 to 30 May 2008 Germany will host the 9th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity. During these two weeks the international community under German chairmanship will discuss measures against the ongoing destruction of nature. Full information at http://www.bmu.de/english/nature/un_conference_on_biological_diversity_2008/papers/doc/40207.php

❖ Within the framework of the Apeldoorn International Triennale, the international event **A Wider View** will put the European cultural landscape on the agenda. By organizing a conference, a summer university and an exhibition *A Wider View* addresses, in the spirit of the Landscape Convention of 2000, the key question of how centuries-old as well as recently evolved European cultural landscapes can remain living landscapes. *A Wider View* aims to give a critical overview of the diversity of and the development of the cultural landscape discusses the responsibility towards these landscapes and sets the agenda on this issue for the next years. *A Wider View* is the 2008 platform for the general public, professionals, policymakers, researchers and politicians. For the exhibition, the organizers are looking for illustrative examples of cultural landscapes in different countries and contact those able to display this cultural landscape within the exhibition. And if you think other institutions or persons are better equipped to serve *A Wider View* Foundation's goal, please send your information to Ms. Cyane Conijn: cyane@awiderview.eu. For more information, check the website www.awiderview.eu.

❖ **Post-it City. Occasional urbanities.** The project looks at different overlapping uses of urban territory, focusing on the viewpoints offered by architecture, town planning and the visual arts.

Until 25 May, 2008 at the Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (Spain)

<http://www.cccb.org/en/exposicio?idg=16445>



❖ **The European Centre opens new museum space in Athens**

The Dublin-based European Centre for Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies announced plans for the expansion of its European museum facilities in Athens, Greece with the opening of a new space for contemporary art and design in Athen's upcoming district of Rouf—a former industrial area in the Greek capital that is currently experiencing an urban renaissance.

Contemporary Space Athens will be an international showcase for contemporary architecture, design, and art and a vital hub for The European Centre's public outreach programs inside Europe. The new Museum is scheduled for completion by mid-June 2008 with a Grand Opening and an inaugural exhibition of new international design. The new Museum in Athens is developed jointly by The European Centre in conjunction with The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design—one of the world's foremost institutions dedicated to contemporary architecture and industrial design.

For this new Museum facility, The European Centre is also working with other cultural groups in Greece on joint programs: Institute Francais d'Athènes, the Finnish Cultural Institute, The Italian Cultural Institute, and other cultural organizations, universities, and professional associations dedicated to art, design, and architecture in Greece and in Europe. More details at www.europeanarch.eu

Handy tips

❖ **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

Detailed information at <http://unfccc.int/2860.php>

❖ **World Architecture Community.** A Free Database and Forum of World Architecture. For more information: <http://www.planum.net/Nnews/detailNews.php?ID=1051>



The **Documentation centre about Art and Nature** publishes a monthly Newsletter on contemporary art and nature, architecture, and landscape issues. Both in English and in Spanish.

http://www.cdan.info/web/Boletines/0804/Boletin_0804_index.htm

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❖ **Best of Topos** selects best-practice projects that respond in exemplary fashion to the challenges confronting landscape architects, architects and urban planners in the 21st century. Details at <http://www.topos.de/>

