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❖ *World level ballots April 2008*

IFLA delegates casted their ballots, in the election for the post of IFLA President and Treasurer. The current President and Treasurer since 2006 were re-elected.

Appointed to the Environment Court of New Zealand as a Commissioner in 2001, Ms. Diane Menzies is past president and life member of the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects as well as past IFLA Secretary General and Eastern Region Secretary, chair of the Congresses committee and newsletter editor. For this second mandate, Dr. Menzies aims to adopt a strategic projects-based approach to focus global activities, further improve communications with international agencies, professions and members and increase membership and contribution to global issues

Mr. James Hayter is a graduate of Adelaide, Sheffield and Harvard Universities, and principal of Oxygen Landscape Architects and Urban Designers in Adelaide, South Australia. He is also a Visiting Fellow at the University of Adelaide. His commitment to IFLA dates from 2001 as AILA National Delegate to IFLA.

❖ *Year René Pechère*

Fritz Auweck IFLA Vice-President, acting as representative of IFLA, attended on April 24, the Year Rene Pechère academic session opening in Brussels (Belgium). In presence of Ms. Evelyne Huytebroeck, Minister of Environment, and Charles Picqué, President of the Honorary Committee, Brussels-Capital Region, and partner of the René Pechère Library among other prestigious guests Fritz Auweck made a speech in which he highlighted the agreement signed between the Federation and the Library to deposit at the RPL, archives relating to Landscape Architecture. The academic session was followed by a cocktail and a private viewing of the exhibition « The Wings of the Expo 58 gardens ».



MALAYSIA

World Landscape Architecture Month 2008 Celebration in Malaysia Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM)

In conjunction with the worldwide celebration of World Landscape Architecture Month 2008, the Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM) has organized two tree planting campaigns at the Faculty of Design and Architecture, University Putra Malaysia (UPM). The first event was held after the National Landscape Act meeting with participation from the members of ILAM on 19th April 2008. The second activity was held on the 28th of April 2008 as part of the Landscape Malaysia Advisory Panel programme. The meeting was chaired by YA Bhg. Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah who has also planted an *Artocarpus spp.* with other council members of the panel at the compound of the faculty. The National Landscape Advisory Panel was the brainchild of our Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and our first lady YA Bhg Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah. This Panel is responsible for consultation, coordination, standardization and implementation with regards to landscape development and management in Malaysia, consistent with the Government's vision to make Malaysia an internationally acclaimed Garden Nation.

Prepared by Charles Teo (Council member)

- ❖ *Terra Dominicana* is the blog created by Juan Pablo Banks, IFLA individual member, and colleagues to inform about their views on landscape architecture in the Dominican Republic. Check it on www.terradominicana.blogspot.com

❖ *Message from the ECLAS Secretariat*

In response to feedback in Brussels, ECLAS offers web tutorials in the meeting room Vitero. New features and developments on www.le-notre.org will be presented as well as the basic functions of the web site. ECLAS plans to hold this as an interactive seminar where they answer directly on questions.

Maximum 20 participants. 19th of May 2008, 18:00 CET and 28th of May 2008 11:00 CET (further dates are offered upon request).

To register log in to www.le-notre.org. Click on meeting room

http://www.le-notre.org/meeting_room/meeting_room_overview.php

Register by clicking on the meeting concerned in the Meetings Overview Press the Register Button

Please wait for the Vitero Password, it will be sent by E-Mail. Download Vitero from

<http://vms.vitero.de/vitero/download.jsp>

For further questions, please contact Barbara Birli at Barbara.Birli@tuwien.ac.at. Tel.: 43 1 58801 26125.

❖ **International Union of Architects (UIA) Communiqué**

A New prize for architects working towards alleviating poverty.

Created on the initiative of the UIA Past President whose name it carries, The Vassilis Sgoutas Prize aim is to highlight actions or realisations that contribute in an efficient manner to the struggle against the misery of those living below the poverty line. It honours an architect or a team led by an architect that has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the living conditions of the most destitute populations, to their habitat, their environment and their well-being. The prize will be awarded every three years, on the occasion of the UIA world congress. The jury met in Bratislava, on 16 and 17 April 2008. It was composed of Gaëtan Siew (Mauritius), UIA President, Jordi Farrando (Spain), UIA Secretary General, Donald J. Hackl (USA), UIA Treasurer, Louise Cox (Australia), 1st UIA Vice-President, Martin Drahovský, 2nd Vice-President (Slovakia), Giancarlo Lus (Italy), Mauricio Rivero Borrell (Mexico), Seif Alnaga (Egypt) UIA Vice-Presidents, Wolf Tochtermann (Germany), Director of the UIA international competitions commission and Vassilis Sgoutas (Greece), UIA Past President.

The 2008 Vassilis Sgoutas Prize in the "Collective" category was granted to Health Habitat Pty Ltd, directed by Paul Pholeros (Australia)

As for Hany Hassan Mahmoud El Miniawy (Egypt), he was awarded for the 2008 Vassilis Sgoutas Prize in the "Individual" category

For full details check www.uia-architectes.org

- ❖ International conference on **"Biodiversity & Design"** Erfurt in Thuringia - the "green heart of Germany" from 21-24 May 2008. The conference will summarise in a global context current scientific and practical approaches to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity in urban areas. Detailed scientific program of the conference is available at:

http://www.urbio2008.com/content/documents/DetailedscientificprogramURBIO2008_000.pdf

❖ **International Day for Biological Diversity - 22 May**

The United Nations proclaimed May 22 the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. When first created by the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in late 1993, 29 December (the date of entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity), was designated The International Day for Biological Diversity. In December 2000, the UN General Assembly adopted 22 May as IBD, to commemorate the adoption of the text of the Convention on 22 May 1992 by the Nairobi Final Act of the Conference for the Adoption of the Agreed Text of the Convention on Biological Diversity. This was partly done because it was difficult for many countries to plan and carry out suitable celebrations for the date of 29 December, given the number of holidays that coincide around that time of year.

❖ **XIII International Fair ARCH MOSCOW**

Will take place on 28 May-1 June at the Central House of Artists as part of the 1st Moscow Architecture Biennale (27 May - 3 June 2008). The theme chosen is **"Ways of Living"**

The question of mass housing has been one of the most urgent problems for Russia in the last decades. Although the rich part of Russia's population can now solve its housing problem on a private scale, the living conditions of the majority of the population are still far from comfortable. Currently, prices for housing are skyrocketing, but this demand is not followed by a rise in quality. At the first Moscow Architecture Biennale, architects and urban designers from various countries will be invited to show how they approach the problem of mass housing. Visitors to the exhibition will be able to see and form an opinion on a great variety of housing environments. The local professional community will be challenged to look beyond everyday practice. For foreign participants, the Biennale will be an invitation to participate in the design of a way of living for a new Russia. Curator's (Bart Goldhoorn) manifest

<http://cih.ru/pr/33q.html>

❖ **New Journal – Call for Papers**

ICOMOS-ICLAFI, an international scientific committee for legal, administrative, and financial issues of ICOMOS, is launching an E-Journal in heritage conservation in September. The journal will look at the development and diffusion of conservation science, especially on legal protective systems and World Heritage issues. Submission guidelines and more information are online. Deadline for manuscripts for the first issue: May 31.

<http://www.icomos-iclafI.org/pagina%20principal/CALL%20FOR%20PAPERS%20ICLAFI%20E-JOURNAL.pdf>



Featuring the theme **"Liveable and Vibrant Cities"**, the Summit will discuss the challenges of urbanization and examine best practices for the sustainable development of cities. The discussion topics will include issues related to effective governance, urban planning, infrastructure development, environmental sustainability, quality of life and economic

competitiveness. The Summit will bring together Ministers, city mayors, senior government officials, experts and business leaders from around the world. The international delegates will include a good number from the Asia Pacific and Middle East, providing excellent opportunities for networking and exchange of ideas.

The inaugural World Cities Summit will be held at the Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre. It will be held at the same time as the inaugural Singapore International Water Week 2008, which has the theme "Sustainable Water Solutions for Cities". In conjunction with World Cities Summit 2008, Singapore will also be holding the East Asia Summit Conference on Liveable Cities. An initiative proposed by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the 3rd East Asia Summit (EAS) held in Singapore last November, the EAS Conference on Liveable Cities aims to give EAS cities a platform to network and exchange best practices and expertise in developing sustainable and ecologically friendly cities. Prime Minister Lee will be officiating at the joint opening ceremony for the three events and will deliver the keynote address. Visit the official site <http://www.worldcities.com.sg/main.htm>

Source: The European Journal of Planning <http://planum.net/>

Handy tips

❖ **EU funds 2008 are now available with new rules and new funding opportunities.**

Welcomeurope, specialist of European Funding and projects management since 10 years, proposes the forthcoming updated 3 modules training sessions: "**How to get European Funds?**" on 25th & 26th June in Brussels, and "**To successfully manage a project financed by the European Commission**" on 27th June in Brussels. For further information please write to training@welcomeurope.com or [click here](#) to get the on-line form.

❖ UNESCO has launched a **new online database of international cultural heritage laws**. To date, 757 laws from 113 UNESCO Member States have been published. The Cultural Heritage Laws Database provides a valuable tool for the fight against looting, theft, and illegal export and import, as well as illicit trafficking of cultural property. <http://www.unesco.org/culture/natlaws>



A digital interactive publication designed for **Landscape & Urban Design** specifiers. The publication provides a comprehensive look at the latest design innovations, landscape design and management, garden design, the built and natural environment sustainability, giving an informative read that promotes the best in the profession. To view the latest edition, go to:

http://www.webmags.co.uk/mag.aspx?magcode=LandUrbanDesign_April08

❖ **Science for Environment Policy. European Commission's Environment Directorate-General News Alert Service**

There is evidence that the results of research are not always fully exploited. It is thus important to improve the dissemination of research results so that they are both more usable for policy makers and help to communicate understanding of environmental issues to the general public.

That is the reason why the DG has decided to establish this service in order to reinforce the links between science and policy. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/integration/research/newsalert/themes_en.html

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