



### **Outcome of the IFLA 2008 International Student Design Competition: "Transforming with Water, the Way to Paradise?"**

**Philipp R. W. Urech** and co-worker Antonio Sassano, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zürich) students were granted 1st place. The 3,500\$ grant was awarded by the landscape architecture firm HAN GROUP KOREA.

**Kemet**, Mr. Urech's project addresses the transformation of the Alpenrhein delta (Lake Constance) through a process of progressive sedimentation used to make a new settlement responding to a real issue in the area. The project works creatively with the existing natural dynamic forces and adapts to the dynamics in the water cycle.

The IFLA ZVI MILLER Prize rewarding the 2nd place with 2,500\$ was granted to the **Landscape Architecture for Need/Slums** by **Tomas Degenaar** student at Wageningen University (WUR), The Netherlands. The project considers the issues in the Bangladesh slums. The subject treats the cultural setting and human issues in a sensitive way underlining the ethical responsibility of landscape architecture to face difficult issues.

Finally, the 1,000€ Merit Award, granted by the NVTL went to the team composed of the students of the School of Architecture of Tianjin University, People's Republic of China, **Li Jingzhu**, **Zhao Yue**, **Yuan Shouyu**, **Ling Chunyang** and **Chen Jing**.

**Waving Mat** is a clever combination of a technical approach and high esthetic quality to create a new land in a tidal flat coastline. It results in a good combination of landscape architecture, architecture and technology with understanding of natural strategies.

### **Thank you!**

To all of you who have taken the time to prepare a selection of **Landscape Architecture books** published in your country and who have carried them all the way to Apeldoorn....A very big thank you! And thank you to all of you too, who have mailed your books to IFLA's secretariat office in Brussels. The donations this year were to celebrate the centenary celebration of René Pechère as well as the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of IFLA. Please remember that any contribution of the kind to the René Pechère Library is valuable and most appreciated. Your contributions are more than welcome at IFLA Secretariat, 44 rue des Palais, Bte. 21 – B-1030 Brussels (Belgium). Contact: Christine Bavassa.

### **New members**

IFLA's 45<sup>th</sup> World Council approved and welcomed the membership of 1 new association and two new individual members.

The **Iranian Society of Landscape Professions (ISLAP)** and the individual member Ms. **Jala Makhzoumi**, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, Landscape Design & Ecosystem Management at the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences of the American University of Beirut (Lebanon); and Dr. **Kamel O. Mahadin**, ASLA, partner and founder of M.K. Associates, Jordan.

### **IFLA Asia-Pacific Region Elections**

Prof. **Tong Mahn Ahn** (Korea) was reappointed for a 2-year mandate as vice-president of the Asia Pacific Region of IFLA.

Also reappointed was Prof. **Mustafa Kamal Bin Mohd Shariff** for a 2-year mandate as Treasurer of the Asia Pacific Region of IFLA.

Finally, Prof. **Xiaoming Liu** (CHSLA, People's Rep. of China) was appointed Asia Pacific Region Secretary.

### **Delegates to IFLA**

Ms. **Gloria Aponte** was appointed Chair of the IFLA Americas Region Education Committee.

Prof. **Prabakhar Bhagwat** was reappointed for two more years, ISOLA's delegate to IFLA.

### **Le:Notre Mundus Scientific Advisory Group**

**Martha Fajardo**, IFLA Immediate Past President was appointed member of the Le:Notre Mundus Scientific Advisory Group at the invitation of Le:Notre director. Le:Notre Mundus is an extension to the Le:Notre project involving new partners from outside the European Union Erasmus states.

### **Finalists for the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize, Barcelona (Spain), September 25, 2008**

Within the framework of the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial of Landscape Architecture, to which the European region of IFLA is collaborating, an international jury will select the finalists for the Rosa Barba European Landscape Prize from the projects submitted, and subsequently the winner. **Fritz Auweck**, Vice-President of the European region of IFLA has accepted the invitation to join the jury. Full Biennial program at <http://www.coac.net/landscape>

### **1st Congress on Public Space: approaches and interpretations, Mexico city, August 12-15, 2008**

The aim of this 1st Congress on Public Space is to approach the subject within its complexity through an exchange of views from the different disciplines which focus on the same ideas to achieve an integral vision.

Recent decades cast a new vision on public spaces identifying them as places full of symbolic values and functional. Their phenomenological implications combine possibilities affecting their design, formalization and interpretation and force a multidisciplinary encounter that would raise the debate up to its importance. Further information at <http://paisaje.arg.unam.mx/Convocatoria.htm>

### **Nordhavnen, Copenhagen: The Sustainable City of the Future**

CPH City and Port Development launched an open international ideas competition for the Northern Harbour in Copenhagen, a new urban development area with room for 40,000 residents and 40,000 staff in buildings with a total floor area of three to four million square metres. The vision for this unique site, which features waterfronts on three sides, is to create a dynamic, lively and sustainable city district with diverse, effervescent life and room for a broad mix of residents and enterprises.

The competition is open to everyone, but is in particular aimed at urban planners, architects, landscape architects and traffic planners, who are very welcome to collaborate with experts in special fields, e.g. sustainability.

Total prize money amounts to DKK 3 million. The jury can select between one and five winners of the competition. If more than one winner is selected, the winners will be invited to negotiations with CPH City and Port Development about adjustments/improvements to their entries so that the assessment panel can select the final winner. If CPH City and Port

Development decides to continue work on the basis of the winning entry, such work will be carried out in collaboration with the winning entrant. **Deadline for submissions: September 26, 2008** (no deadline for registration). For further information Visit <http://www.arkitektforeningen.dk/Home/Service/English/Competitions/Internationals/Nordhavn.aspx> or contact Charlotte Gade, Project Coordinator at [chg@aa-dk.dk](mailto:chg@aa-dk.dk)

### **ILA 3<sup>rd</sup> international Conference on Landscape Architecture - call for papers**

The ILA Institute of Landscape Architecture at the Austrian University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences is happy to announce its 3rd international Conference on Landscape Architecture: "Landscape - Great Idea! X-LArch III 2009". **April 29 - 30, 2009**, Vienna, Austria

Conference topics: changing landscape uses, urban landscapes, landscape architecture and the design of the public realm, sustainability, migration, history of landscape, community development.

The conference is looking for research outcomes on the ideas behind landscapes and landscape architecture. Which is the background for the hype of landscape in a wide range of disciplines? Can landscape work as an instrument, as an example and if so, how?

The conference addresses all disciplines dealing with spatial and societal phenomena of landscape. Scholars from diverse disciplines as well as practitioners: landscape architects, artists, geographers, architects, urbanists, sociologists and others are welcome.

A detailed call for papers will be published on the conference website as well as the on-line registration form on September 8th. The conference is organized by ILA Institute of Landscape Architecture at the Austrian University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences in Vienna and ÖGLA Österreichische Gesellschaft für Landschaftsplanung und Landschaftsarchitektur and the Austrian Society for Landscape Planning and Landscape Architecture. Contact: DI Eva Schwab ([eva.schwab@boku.ac.at](mailto:eva.schwab@boku.ac.at)).

### **Landscape Planning and Design in Arid Regions, "Coastal landscape"**

The **Iranian Society of Landscape Professions (ISLAP)** is preparing for the winter 2010 an international conference which aims at studying landscape planning and design strategies in coastal arid regions. Landscape planning and design is very different from other coastal regions as its environment has many limitations such as the lack of fresh water, a salty soil, high levels of salty ground water, deficient rainfall, tides, high humidity and limited plant species.

Aesthetic values of coastal region and visual assessment; Plants in arid coastal landscape design; Ecotourism and recreational values of arid coastal region; Impact of water pollution on landscape design; Ground water transpiration control and drainage are among the themes suggested for the conference.

In addition to these topics, ISLAP will welcome suggestions and comments. Please contact: [motalebi.ld@gmail.com](mailto:motalebi.ld@gmail.com) or [info@islaponline.org](mailto:info@islaponline.org)

### **UNESCO World Heritage Centre Information**

The World Heritage Committee, meeting for its 32nd session in Quebec City on July 8, inscribed new sites on UNESCO's World Heritage List with the addition of 19 cultural sites and eight natural sites to the List. These new cultural sites are: Preah Vihear Temple (Cambodia), Fujian Tulou (China), Stari Grad Plain (Croatia), Historic Centre of Camagüey (Cuba), Fortifications of Vauban (France), Berlin Modernism Housing Estates (Germany), Armenian Monastic Ensembles in Iran (Iran), Baha'i Holy Places in Haifa and Western Galilee (Israel), Mantua and Sabbioneta (Italy), The Mijikenda Kaya Forests (Kenya), Melaka and George Town, historic cities of the Straits of Malacca (Malaysia), Protective town of San Miguel and the Sanctuary of Jesús de Nazareno de Atotonilco (Mexico), Le Morne Cultural Landscape (Mauritius), Kuk Early Agricultural Site (Papua New Guinea), San Marino Historic Centre and Mount Titano (San Marino), Archaeological Site of Al-Hijr (Madâin Sâlih) (Saudi Arabia), The Wooden Churches of the Slovak part of Carpathian Mountain Area (Slovakia), Rhaetian Railway in the Albula / Bernina Cultural Landscape (Switzerland and Italy), Chief Roi Mata's Domain (Vanuatu). The natural sites are: Joggins Fossil Cliffs (Canada), Mount Sanqingshan National Park (China), Lagoons of New Caledonia: Reef Diversity and Associated Ecosystems (France), Surtsey (Iceland), Saryarka - Steppe and Lakes of Northern Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan), Monarch Butterfly biosphere Reserve (Mexico), Swiss Tectonic Arena Sardona (Switzerland), Socotra Archipelago (Yemen). For further information, please visit [www.whc.unesco.org](http://www.whc.unesco.org)

## **46<sup>th</sup> IFLA World Congress "GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES: High Performance Landscapes". Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. October 21-23, 2009**



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