



### **President's matters**

President Diane Menzies will be meeting members, giving presentations to students, association members and others, and signing Agreements with partner organisations in the next 5 weeks. Her schedule is:

September 17: Christchurch, NZ. Sign Memorandum of Understanding with International Parks and Recreation Association (IFPRA) and gave presentation

September 26: Presentation to North Carolina A and T State University landscape architecture students

September 29: Meeting with UIA President Louise Cox, Quebec City

September 30: Sign memorandum of Understanding with ICOMOS and ICOMOS conference, Quebec City

October 3: Brief presentation to Trustees of ASLA, Philadelphia

October 3-5: ASLA conference

October 6-12: Bolivia for presentation and meetings with SAPEMA

October 14-16: Hangzhou, P R China for Tri-nations conference

October 17-19: Istanbul for Mediterranean Landscape Architects conference

October 20-23: Meetings with AEP members and presentation to Barcelona university

October 23-27: Lisbon, Portugal and centenary celebrations for Francesco Cabral.

### **Call for articles for IFLA News**

IFLA News No. 79 in November will focus on **Climate Change**. What it means for the public, the landscape and landscape architects. . **Deadline** for articles (500-1250 words) and illustrations: **31 October 2008**. No. 80 scheduled for January 2009, will deal with **Cultural Landscape**. **Deadline** for submission: End of **December 2008**. Finally, No 81 due in March 2009 will focus on **Americas**. **Deadline** for submission: End of **February 2009**. Expressions of interests from potential contributors to: [john.clemens@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:john.clemens@canterbury.ac.nz)

### **4th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF4) – “Harmonious Urbanization”.**

The World Urban Forum is a biennial gathering that is attended by a wide range of partners, from non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, urban professionals, academics, to governments, local authorities and national and international associations of local governments. It gives all these actors a common platform to discuss urban issues in formal and informal ways and come up with action-oriented proposals to create sustainable cities. It was established by the United Nations to examine one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies and policies. The first World Urban Forum took place in Nairobi in 2002, the second World Urban Forum in Barcelona in 2004 and the third session of the World Urban Forum was held in Vancouver in 2006. **Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, Nov. 3-6 November 2008**. Official website of the 4<sup>th</sup> Forum: <http://www.wuf4.com/>

### **Historic Districts for All: A Social and Human Approach for Sustainable revitalization**

Published for a training session scheduled during World Urban Forum IV (Nanjing, China, 3-6 November 2008), this brochure, designed for local authorities, will help them become aware of the role of political will, of the importance of preserving tangible and intangible heritage and of enhancing cultural diversity, and above all, to have a better understanding of the importance of building new forms of social cohesion in cities. For over a decade, the Social and Human Sciences Sector of UNESCO has been studying cities as “arenas of accelerated social transformations”. At the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, which took place in Istanbul in 1996 (HABITAT II), UNESCO organized a round table on “Democracy and citizenship in the city of the twenty-first century”. Since then, the Management of Social Transformations Programme, in cooperation with all UNESCO Sectors, has carried out several international comparative research projects to draw attention to the different components of inclusive cities in the world. “Small historical coastal cities”, “Old Beijing”, “Rehabilitation of Quito’s historic centre” and “Social sustainability of historic districts” are just four of these projects. Read the brochure at

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0015/001583/158331E.pdf> and visit [www.unesco.org/shs/urban](http://www.unesco.org/shs/urban)

### **Your Development web portal, Australia**

Provides urban developers with valuable information, including fact sheets and national and international case studies, on the creation of greener neighbourhoods. **Your Development**, produced in partnership with the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) and CSIRO’s Division of Sustainable Ecosystems, will help shape more sustainable neighbourhoods across the country, delivering expert and up-to-date advice for private and public developers, government agencies, designers, planners and builders. Your Development is a unique opportunity for the urban development industry to share best practice ideas about the creation of more sustainable neighbourhoods and get access to information on topics ranging from water and energy efficiency to climate change adaptation and site ecology.

Visit **Your Development** at: [www.yourdevelopment.org](http://www.yourdevelopment.org)

### **Landscape Architecture. Look From Home 2008**

**Moscow, Russia, 22-26 October 2008.** The annual Bolotov Award is made in recognition of substantial contribution to forming and development of landscape architecture. The main idea of the competition is to choose the best proposals within 6 categories architecture-planning, architecture-artistic and landscape means of planning area.

#### **CATEGORIES:**

- City Area: Presentation of improvement projects of streets, squares, boulevards, parks.
- City Yard Area: Presentation of improvement projects of the yards of districts and house-holdings with organization of the transport system, parking, and arrangement of pedestrian zones.
- Garden Area: Presentation of projects of the organization of the area around the country buildings.
- Element of Landscape Design: Separate parts of implemented landscape project are appraised: flowerbeds, decorative compositions, etc.
- Object for Landscape Design: Implemented landscape compositions and objects.

A winner in each category will be awarded a certificate and bonuses. Special prizes of organizers, sponsors and participants. Contact person: Olga Kruglova at [info@dom6.ru](mailto:info@dom6.ru)

### **II Seminar on Landscape Architecture**

ICHAP (Chilean Institute of Landscape Architects) is hosting the 2nd Seminar on Landscape Architecture within the 26th Biennale of Architecture in Santiago, Chile. The Seminar will take place in the Museum of Contemporary Art located in the 'Parque Forestal' on November 3rd to 5th 2008. Topics which the seminar will deal with are: Cultural Landscapes, Landscape Education: Sustainability and Shape in the Landscape and Bicentenary Projects: Public Space. The seminar working language is Spanish. For further information, please contact [extension@colegioarquitectos.com](mailto:extension@colegioarquitectos.com)

**II Seminario de Arquitectura del Paisaje, 2008 - XVI Bienal de Arquitectura. Santiago, Chile. Días 3, 4, 5 de noviembre.** Día 1, Lunes 3 Noviembre: Jornada de Paisajes Culturales con las ponencias "Paisajes Culturales de Chile" por Gabriela Bluhm, Liliana Lanata, Marta Viveros y Juana Zunino. "El Paisaje Cultural de Lota Alto" por Leonel Pérez, Universidad de Concepción. "Paisajes Culturales, Visión Transversal interdisciplinaria" por Franz Kroeger, geógrafo, Bernardita Ladrón de Guevara, antropóloga, Carlos Aldunate, arqueólogo. Día 2, Martes 4 Noviembre. Jornada de Educación sobre el tema "Sustentabilidad y Forma en el Paisaje" y la participación de profesionales áreas públicas y privadas y académicos. Día 3, Miércoles 5 Noviembre: Jornada de Proyectos Bicentenario, Proyectos de Espacio Público a lo largo de Chile. Para más información, contacte [extension@colegioarquitectos.com](mailto:extension@colegioarquitectos.com)

### **New NGO report says more concrete is no solution for Europe's rivers**

A new study published today by environmental groups European Environmental Bureau (EEB) and WWF reports that the major causes of Europe's poor water quality are at risk of being totally ignored. While governments across Europe are increasingly busy preparing a major water policy overhaul by 2009, climate change impacts such as increasingly extreme floods and droughts underline the need for major changes in the way Europe's water is managed are more urgently needed than ever before. Apart from the need to tackle older problems such as diffuse pollution of nitrates and chemicals from agriculture and urban areas more effectively, the NGOs argue that the biggest priority in the plans should be given to reducing pressures on rivers from the construction of infrastructure for navigation, hydropower and flood management. According to the report, measures such as restoration of floodplains and rivers, including the removal of dams where necessary, should be given top priority to properly address these problems. Alarming, despite the body of evidence against water body modification [3], the report points out a disturbing trend in countries such as Portugal, Austria and the Czech Republic, that are actually stepping up their efforts to dam some of the last stretches of free flowing rivers in Europe instead of protecting them. For further information, please contact Pieter de Pous, EEB Water Policy Officer, [pieter.depous@eeb.org](mailto:pieter.depous@eeb.org).

### **Des Jardins en Lumière**

Peut-on accepter aujourd'hui qu'un jardin reste une zone d'ombre dans la nuit, un lieu d'incertitude et d'insécurité, alors qu'une fois éclairé, il devient un espace de convivialité et de promenade ? Les mises en ambiance nocturne plaisent aux habitants d'une ville et ceci ne peut échapper au monde des décideurs locaux. Quel formidable attrait de s'ouvrir sur une nouvelle façon de vivre en ville ensemble dans une logique d'économie et d'écologie, en symbiose avec nos parcs et jardins ! Depuis quelques années, les collectivités reconnaissent l'importance et la qualité de l'éclairage public, les plans lumière portent leurs effets et mobilisent élus, techniciens, et architectes... Pour clôturer cette journée d'échanges entre professionnels, le Jardin des Plantes de Nantes se transformera en une véritable « féerie nocturne » et restera illuminé les trois jours suivants pour le plaisir des habitants de Nantes et de sa région. Le Club Technique de la Gazette des communes. Maison des Associations - 10, Boulevard de Stalingrad - 44000 Nantes. Inscription sur internet obligatoire : [lagazette.fr/exclusif/jardins-nantes/](http://lagazette.fr/exclusif/jardins-nantes/).

### **AUDADP website**

The Uruguay Association of Landscape Architects is happy to announce the creation of its brand new website, [www.audadp.org.uy](http://www.audadp.org.uy)