



ASLA President's Medal 2008

Professor Emeritus at the University of Guelph, **James Taylor** was honored with the prestigious award of the **American Society of Landscape Architects**, the **President's Medal** for his "unselfish and devoted service to the Society at the national level over a period of not less than five years". Prof. Taylor was cited for his current efforts as IFLA Chair of the Africa Project to support the development of the profession in Africa. His work through the IFLA Education Committee related to international education development has been significant and has included the development of the UNESCO/IFLA Charter for Education in Landscape Architecture and a Guidance document for International Accreditation and Recognition.

IFLA President Business trip review

October 6-12. IFLA President Diane Menzies attended the **International Seminary Workshop on Landscape Architecture and Environment in La Paz**, Bolivia during which she gave a lecture on "Global Landscape Architecture Profession. She also visited some rural areas and emerging estates of the city of La Paz and met with the Mayor of Trinidad, Benin: a town with flooding issues, for which they hope IFLA might provide mitigation ideas. In **Istanbul**, Turkey, on **October 17**, she joined Fritz Auweck, IFLA VP Europe and others at a conference for Mediterranean landscape architects, organized by the **Turkish Chamber of Landscape Architects**. The meeting was well supported, especially by students and the lecture hall at the university was overflowing.

From **October 20 to 22**, President Diane Menzies gave a lecture at the **Conference on Landscape** organized jointly by **the Spanish Association of Landscape Architects** (AEP), the Official Landscape master's degree and the Landscape Architecture master's degree of the Polytechnic University of Catalonia which took place on the 21st of October at the Technical School of Architecture of Barcelona. Dr. Menzies was then invited by the AEP to Granada where she visited the Alhambra and the Generalife (in the past, the country estate of the king of Granada), guided by AEP's members Manuel Casares and Tito Rojo who, besides telling her about the history of the different buildings and gardens, informed her of the several lines of investigation opened in the field of restoration and maintenance of this monument's green spaces. Both in Barcelona and in Granada, IFLA President had the opportunity to discuss directly with the managers of the master degrees in landscape taught in both cities as well as with the President of the AEP, Juan José Galán Vivas. They all expressed their will to officially support any initiative adopted to widen the education in landscape and the recognition of the profession of landscape architect. Mr. Galán Vivas thanked Dr. Menzies for her support and for including Spain in her full diary.

The **Portuguese Association of Landscape Architects** (APAP) celebrated in Lisbon the **centenary of Prof. Francisco Caldeira Cabral** (1904-1982), landscape architect and IFLA president from 1962 to 1966 and one of the main architects of the creation of higher education in landscape architecture in his country. At the solemn ceremony which took place on the **25th of October**, Mr. Francisco Nunes Correia, Minister of Environment, Town and Country Planning and Regional Development, Mrs. Diane Menzies, IFLA President, Mr. Enrique Tato Marinho, President of the Portuguese Association of Landscape Architects, Mrs. Teresa Andresen, landscape architecture teacher at the Technical University of Lisbon and immediate past president of EFLA, the European Region of IFLA, among many others, summed up Prof. Cabral's valuable contributions to landscape architecture in Portugal and world-wide. This was the opportunity for Prof. Cabral's family to hand in his personal archives to IFLA's President to be transferred to the general archives of the Federation in Brussels.

Symposium On Education In Landscape Architecture

Organized by IFLA Education Committee and the Bolivarian Pontifical University (Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana), a **Symposium on Education in Landscape Architecture** will be held in **Medellin, Colombia** from **November 13 to 15, 2008**. The aim of this three-day event will be to pool the focus, state and perspectives of educational programmes in landscape architecture in Latin America. For further information, please contact Ms. Gloria Aponte at ecotono@etb.net.co

The European Foundation for Landscape Architecture Seminar

Brussels, Belgium. November 14, 2008. Global Warming: the role of landscape architecture. A discussion of the global warming in relation to EU policy, and discussion of good practice in landscape planning and land management. EFLA's 2008 Seminar is devoted to climate change and global warming. It will examine EU climate change policies and their impact on physical planning and management of the landscape; it will examine the role of landscape architecture and give a platform for examples of good practice. It will also examine how landscape architects across Europe are dealing with these issues at national level. The main themes of the seminar are: What is the effectiveness of EU climate change policies in practice? What can landscape architects do to reduce the impact of climate change or to manage the consequences? and A review of good practice. This seminar will be of interest to: landscape architects in much of Europe, to those advising landscape architects, to fellow environmental design and planning professionals, to those involved in

physical planning, development and management of the landscape. Venue: CIVA Centre International pour la Ville l'Architecture et le Paysage, rue de l'Ermitage 55. For registration details, please contact Ms. Jeanine Colin at efla-feap@skynet.be / www.efla.org

Urban Forum in Dublin

From **16 to 23 November 2008**, in Dublin, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland will organise a new edition of its urban forum, a multidisciplinary training course offered to architects, landscape architects, engineers, planners and surveyors. The central theme will focus on urban design in a changing environment. Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland <http://www.riai.ie/index.html?id=7351>

Gold Award to an urban integration project in Colombia

An **urban planning project for a commune in Medellín, Colombia** developed by Empresa de Desarrollo Urbano received the **top prize** of USD 100,000 and the **Holcim Awards Gold 2008** trophy for delivering a ground-breaking and comprehensive approach to address slum formation in cities. The overall scope of the project led by Gustavo Adolfo Restrepo includes the refurbishment and extension of the road network and public utilities, construction of numerous health, education, and sports facilities and implementation of social development programs. For further information, please see <http://www.holcimfoundation.org/T845/A08LA-news-EN.htm>

Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation

UNESCO launches a **call for candidatures** for the 2009 session of its Awards for cultural heritage conservation in Asia and the Pacific. It thus recognises individuals or organisations having contributed to highlighting historic structures or buildings restored during the past 10 years. Contributions must reach the organisers **before the 31 March 2009**. Further details at <http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=2080>

Mediterra 2009: 1st Mediterranean Conference on Earth Architecture

13-16 March 2009 in Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy. Under the aegis of the UNESCO, ICCROM, ICOMOS-ISCEAH and the Getty Conservation Institute. Mediterra 2009 aims principally to state the art of research, to study recent achievements in heritage conservation and architectural design, to increase university and professional training and to gather the network activities developed in the Mediterranean region. This 1st Conference will include specialists from throughout the Mediterranean region. It will also have a trans-disciplinary contribution that will bridge natural sciences, social sciences, and professional practices. A new global challenge requires a broad definition of a new discipline, with earth architecture at the crossroads of the sciences. The Mediterranean Region, with its history of many cultures and civilizations, now emerges as the core of new political and societal challenges being shared among Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. The themes of the conference will deal with Earth-building cultures and traditional architecture, Archaeology, history and anthropology, Conservation of cultural heritage, Research about architecture, town planning and cultural landscape and Academic teaching and professional training. Languages: French & English (with simultaneous translation). For more information visit <http://people.unica.it/mediterra/>

Landscape Design in the City: Historical Landscapes in the Modern Era – Call for Abstracts

1-3 June 2009. St. Petersburg, Russian Federation. The theme of the conference will allow discussion of very broad questions such as “European Influence in Russian monuments of garden art”, “Methods of Historical landscape restoration: international and Russian experience”, “Life of historical landscapes in the era of market economy and globalisation: positive and negative experiences”, “Search of historical landscape integration into modern landscapes” and “Historical landscapes as an inspiration for modern landscape architecture”. This conference is dedicated to the 110th anniversary of Tatyana Dubyago, professor of Leningrad State Forest Technical Academy and “mother” of the Russian school of historical landscapes and restoration of historical parks and gardens. One of the very important tasks of this conference is the consolidation of Russian landscape architects with an aim to developing a strong united profession of landscape architecture (scientific, practical and educational). Participants are invited to submit abstracts related to themes as announced above no later than December 15, 2008 at imelnichuk@peterlink.ru (Irina Melnichuk) or ignat.m@gmail.com (Maria Ignatieva). Organized by the St. Petersburg Administration, the Committee of Landscape Architecture, St.Petersburg Union of Architects, IFLA, ALACIS, Russian Federation, the St. Petersburg State Forest Technical Academy and Lincoln University, New Zealand.

World Forum—Nature Action Collaborative for Children Call to Action

The Call to Action beckons families, educators, and community leaders worldwide to take action, to strengthen children's connection to nature – making developmentally appropriate nature education a sustaining and enriching, fully integrated part of the daily lives and education of the world's children. For more information about joining the Call to Action to reconnect the world's children with nature, go to the website of the World Forum – Nature Action Collaborative for Children (NACC) at: www.worldforumfoundation.org/nature.

Climate Change: Faster, Stronger, Sooner – A European Update of Climate Science

http://assets.panda.org/downloads/wwf_science_paper_october_2008.pdf