



President's matters

President Diane Menzies attended an *IUCN Oceania* meeting on **December 3rd**. The main contact role for IUCN has been transferred to Antonio Sopesens, AEP member of Barcelona who represented IFLA at the World Conservation Congress of IUCN in October. He will also be representing EFLA in Europe and representatives for other regions are sought for developing contacts with IUCN. If you would like to take that role (and live outside Europe or Oceania) please let Christine Bavassa know of your interest at admin@iflaonline.org. President Menzies will also give an opening address on behalf of IFLA at the **Right to Landscape** meeting at **Cambridge University, UK**, on **December 8**, as well as a paper to a workshop session. Later that week she will meet in London with the President of the **Landscape Institute** Neil Williamson and CEO Alistair Capra.

EFLA General Assembly

The European region of IFLA (EFLA) held its General Assembly on November 15-16, 2008 in Brussels, Belgium. On this occasion, a visit of the **René Pechère Library** was organized for the participants and Fritz Auweck, EFLA President and IFLA Vice-President for Europe made the official delivery of the books that IFLA members had been sending for the library found. René Pechère Library's board greeted the attendants and renewed their gratitude for these invaluable. Mr. Jean-Noël Capart, President of the Library seized the opportunity to salute Mr. Michael Downing, EFLA Honorary Secretary General's donation of his entire library to René Pechère. If you wish to make a donation to the library, please contact Mr. Gaspard Jedwab at bvrp@glo.be. Don't forget to sign your book! Within the framework of the "**Coming together**" agreement signed in 2007 whereas EFLA joined with IFLA to act as its European region and extend its full membership to national associations of landscape architects of member states of the Council of Europe and to states geographically within the Council of Europe, the General Assembly approved the full membership of the Association of public organizations of landscape architects of Commonwealth of Independent States (ALACIS). Furthermore, the following member associations agreed to become interim associate members of EFLA as from the 1st of January 2009: the Czech Landscape and Garden Society Civic Association, the Slovak Association of Landscape Architects, the Slovenian Association of Landscape Architects, the Latvian Society of Landscape, and the Lithuanian Association of Landscape Architects. Finally, **elections** for the post of Secretary General, Vice-President for Professional Practice and Treasurer took place. Mr. Poul Pedersen (Denmark) Treasurer's mandate was renewed for two years, Ms. Catherine Szanto (France) was nominated to replace Mr. Robert Holden as Secretary General and as from the 1st January 2009, Mr. Nigel Thorne is to replace Mr. Bernard Capelle as Vice-President in charge of Professional Practice.

CELA 2008-2009: Teaching + Learning landscape

January 14-17, 2009 in Tucson, Arizona, USA. Co-hosted by The University of Arizona School of Landscape Architecture, University of New Mexico School of Landscape Architecture, and Arizona State University. CELA's 2008-2009 program, **Teaching + Learning landscape**, will feature presentations and panels in the following tracks: Design Education and Pedagogy; Sustainability; History & Theory + Culture; Communication + Visualization; Landscape Planning + Ecology; Environment + Human Behavior; Urban Design; Design Implementation; Methods of Inquiry. More at <http://landscape.arizona.edu/CELA/home.html>.

IFLA 46th World Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – Call for submissions

Practitioners, academics and students are invited to discuss, criticize, and demonstrate how through a variety of mediums and a potential mediation of design disciplines we can reconsider contemporary ideas of landscape functions as green-infrastructure. We are seeking submissions of experimental and innovative design projects and critiques, research, written and photographic essays, digital animations or film. Selected speakers will address the audience with a 20-minute presentation on their designs related to the following session categories: **1. Green Infrastructure Design, 2. Green-Infrastructure for New Developments, 3. Recovering with Green Infrastructure, 4. New role of the Landscape.** Within these categories, the themes to be discussed must raise issues on integrating environmental, social and economical aspects of sustainability. For instance, projects related to: Planning and design in the Amazon; Landscape Planning and Design with emphasis on Certificates such as LEED; Cities and climate change; Environmental compensations; Restoration and carbon free issues; Saving natural resources and using renewable energy sources. Flash flood prevention; City water treatment and conservation; Contaminated water treatment and reuse; Accessibility; Public Open Space Network; Landscape Conservancy and Heritage; Landscape and Public Health. Leisure and recreation; Planning and design on degraded sites and brownfields. The increasing value of Landscape Architecture in Commercial and Residential developments; Alternative landscape technologies and City Branding. Presentations should have clear illustrations, either as slides in PowerPoint or videos. Questions and debate will follow each session. Please submit a digital proposal, A4 format, doc file with an abstract of 500-1000 words in Portuguese, English or Spanish, indicate session category number, title and proposed discussion, adding four illustrations. Illustrations may be photos, graphics, or anything that illustrates your presentation, jpeg format 200dpi. It is planned to publish the proceedings of every proposal accepted by the referee selection board, and which at least one of the authors will be registered to attend and speak in the Congress. Selected speakers and some other contributors will be invited to deliver a final digital paper of 2000-2500 words with illustrations for a book publication later on. **Deadline** for submission: **31st January 2009** at http://www.46ifla2009.com.br/en/call_texto.php

Landscape Architecture Chair position

The **Landscape Architecture Department at California State Polytechnic University**, Pomona (CalPoly Pomona) invites applications and nominations for the **position of Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture beginning in Fall, 2009**. The Chair is expected to provide vision, leadership, and administration in support of the Department's mission, its academic programs, facilities, scholarship and outreach activities; work collaboratively with faculty, staff and students to set departmental priorities and allocate resources; provide leadership in mentoring tenure-track faculty and lecturers, advocate for the department within the college, university, region, state, and nation as well as internationally; cultivate a collegial environment that encourages excellence in teaching, scholarly and creative activity and service; promote opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration in the classroom as well as in scholarly production; maintain and enhance relations with program alumni, as well as the American Society of Landscape Architects and their local chapter; identify and obtain additional resources for the department. Applicants whose work incorporates a global perspective and a demonstrated commitment to diversity in higher education are particularly encouraged to apply. To be considered for a position, applicants are required to submit the official application available on-line at <http://www.csupomona.edu/~academic/faculty/positions/index.htm>; a letter of interest, describing how the applicant's vision, leadership and administrative philosophy will serve the Department's mission and future directions, as well as leadership experiences and qualifications; a curriculum vitae; a minimum of three (3) letters of reference and two (2) additional names and contact information of references. Please submit all materials to the Department of Landscape Architecture, 3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768. **Review of applications will begin on February 1, 2009**, and continue until the position is filled. Materials submitted by the candidate will be available for examination by all tenured and probationary faculty of the Department. For more information, please contact: Andrew O Wilcox, Chair, Search Committee, at awilcox@csupomona.edu, 909-869-6943 or the Landscape Architecture Department Office at 909-869-2673.

The Big Picture: Managing Large Scale Landscape Change

2-4 April 2009, Queenstown, New Zealand. Large scale changes to our landscapes can challenge our values, our sense of beauty and even our regional identity. The 2009 NZILA (New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects) workshop conference will explore these issues with site visits and workshop sessions relating to conflicting interests and pressures associated with managing large scale landscape change. The setting for this conference is the alpine resort town of Queenstown. The Queenstown Lakes District is known nationally for both the tourism that its spectacular landscapes attract and for a series of Environment Court decisions that made significant findings regarding landscape management. These have resulted in specific provisions to the District Plan that are relevant to New Zealand as a whole. The focus of the workshop and site visits is to examine some of the pressures and management responses which have developed in this area. The conference has four themes: Landscapes of recreation; Landscapes for rural living; Landscapes of production and Landscapes of energy. Participants will choose one of the two themes offered each day to examine. Site visits in the mornings will be followed by workshops at the conference venue in the afternoons. The themes have been paired so that all participants will have the opportunity to experience a wide ranging sample of the landscapes of the District. For further information, please visit the conference website at www.conferencequeenstown.co.nz/nzila.

2009 Student Design Competition

Sponsored by IFLA and directed by the Brazilian Society of Landscape Architects Organization Committee (ABAP), the objective of the competition is to recognize superior environmental design achievements made by students in Landscape Architecture programs. The 2009 46th IFLA World Congress in Brazil aims to encourage achievement of the highest standards in landscape architecture education worldwide. The competition invites submissions from teams of students in Landscape Architecture programs or allied disciplines. The theme of the competition is: **"Green infrastructure: landscape, infrastructure and people for tomorrow"**. This competition challenges students of landscape architecture to explore IFLA World Congress theme of **sustainability in landscape** through new visions for the future. Participants are invited to select a site that challenges the concept of sustainability and to develop designs which investigate, interrogate, challenge and propose sustainable options to the site conditions. The design proposals should also reveal something about the social, cultural, economic and/or political conditions related to the site's context, and that convey them through technologies, approaches and aesthetics. The Competition is open to all students in Landscape Architecture, or allied discipline (where a country or university does not include a formal Landscape Architecture program). Both individual and group submissions will be accepted, and each student or group is permitted only one entry. Broad interdisciplinary submissions are welcome; however, the project must be about landscape architecture. The number of members in each participating group shall not exceed five (5). Professional collaborators and associates of the members of the jury and their relatives up to the third degree may not enter the competition. The panel of judges will consist of three to five members from IFLA and the local organizing committee, or their appointees, and will conform to the protocols of the IFLA Student Design Competition. 1st prize sponsored by the Group Han Prize for Landscape Architecture is \$US 3,500, the 2nd prize, the IFLA Zvi Miller Prize is \$US 2,500 and the Merit Award Prize granted to the 3rd winner is \$US 1,000. The winners of the prizes will be announced by IFLA President upon recommendation of the international jury and presented at a ceremony during the Congress where the projects will be exhibited. All entries must reach the 46th IFLA World Congress Competition Director by **no later than the 18th of August, 2009**. For further details, please contact Saide Kahtouni at kahtouni@uol.com.br or IFLA Executive Secretary at admin@iflaonline.org. Website data will be announced as soon as more information is available.