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To IFLA delegates and member associations

Dear colleagues,

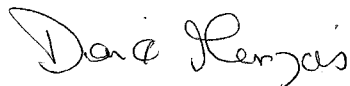
Happy New Year for all those who celebrate New Year on January 1: and to those who are anticipating the Year of the Tiger, best wishes for a wonderful celebration in a few weeks time. For those who celebrate New Year in March or some other time, again best wishes.

I am writing firstly to remind you of the world Landscape Architecture month coming up soon in April. I hope all associations will use this opportunity to publicise our profession. I also ask members if they would contact their university programmes to do the same, if only for self interest as university students inevitably will be looking for jobs and usually have wonderful ideas for publicity, and could write stories for media as well. Publicity now may help to open doors for them. I will be visiting our new member SAPE in Ecuador in early April to promote our profession in Quito and Loja. This is particularly timely as this is also the UN Year of Biodiversity and Ecuador is a 'mega hotspot' for biodiversity. If you have no particular topic in mind already please support the UN year by promoting landscape and biodiversity.

I am also writing to encourage you to publicise the IFLA World Congress which is in May 28-30 in Suzhou China. Most will need to organise Visas to travel so it would be wise to register now and make Visa applications promptly. In addition, IFLA elections are underway for President, Vice Presidents and Treasurers so please come to the World Council meeting, 26/27th May in Suzhou to welcome the incoming President and executive committee.

I look forward to seeing you there and wish you a successful year.

Yours sincerely



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