



EFLA Newsletter

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President's Note

Preparations for the EFLA General Assembly in November are well under way. Following discussions at the 2002 General Assembly, EFLA's Executive Council has made efforts to restructure and simplify work to focus more on priorities. On 13-14 September the Executive Council met, this time our yearly out-of-Brussels meeting took place in Dublin, where we met with our hosts, President Diane Nickels and Helena McGorman of the Irish Landscape Institute and the UK Landscape Institute's President Roderick Edwards. That meeting finished a first round of meetings, starting two years ago in Barcelona, where we have been able to meet for closer talks with almost all of our member associations. As in the preceding occasions, our meeting with ILI and LI proved most useful in allowing for deeper mutual understanding and discussions of EFLA priorities. I believe there is a strong general wish to continue with a second round of meetings, as a valuable source of engagement and initiatives on the European level.

These meetings with the executives of the member associations, just like the invitation of the presidents of the associations to the Presidents' Council at the General Assembly, reflect the ambition of EFLA to strengthen our work by cooperating with member associations. A very promising project is currently developed with BDLA and other associations, to strengthen our ability to influence and act on issues of the EU, the main priority of EFLA. We will hopefully be able to report more about this project at the General Assembly.

A movement to new professional alliances can be found in different parts of Europe. In July 2002 the Swedish landscape architects joined architects, planners and interior architects to form a new unified institute, in which the four professions formed their own chapters. The Swedish landscape architects will have a much stronger association at their disposal, obviously of use in issues where architects fight together, but a possible problem where they are of opposed meanings. As yet the landscape architects seem to have maintained strong positions - the Vice-President is a landscape architect - but it remains to be seen what happens once the pioneering enthusiasm is over. In Italy architects are having to work with landscape architects, conservationists and planners in connection with professional registration. In UK contacts are being considered between landscape architects and planners. With this in mind, the first meeting between EFLA representatives and its equivalents for architects, planners and interior architects on 27 October in Brussels seems to come at the right moment.

We are looking forward to an intense autumn before assembling for the General Assembly on 15-16 November preceded on 14 November by the EFLA Seminar *Landscape Architecture and the EU 6th Environmental Action Plan* with a number of EU representatives. The EU plan is an important document for the future role of landscape architecture. Look up the program on our web site, you are welcome to participate!

Lars Nyberg

Organisation The Newsletter

This is the second information sheet about EFLA and EFLA work. Information about EFLA and the work done within the organisation is crucial. It is easy to see that the communication between EFLA and each landscape architect has been neglected. Using the web page and the newsletter actively, the Executive Council will give priority to the communication versus our members.

Currently the Newsletter is just issued in English and we wish to issue in French as well. Our translating is done by Jeanine Colin in Brussels and also Mary Rieder of the Swiss Association helps a great deal. We do need more help with translating, so this is a plea especially directed to Francophone members to volunteer their help for translation of future Newsletters. If you can help please contact Jeanine Colin email: efla.feap@skynet.be

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Organisation General Assembly

EFLA 2003 General Assembly takes place in Brussels on Saturday and Sunday, 15 -16 November 2003. As well as member association presidents and delegates, some representatives of the landscape architect associations in the accession countries will attend as observers. For information, GA documents are to be distributed and placed on the web page before 15 October.

Delegates to the Assembly can raise additional items to be placed on the Agenda, but are reminded that the Constitution requires ten days notice of any additional item. The Assembly may vote to agree whether or not to discuss each item. If you have any such items please send them by fax as soon as possible to 32-2-656 15 25, or by e-mail : efla.feap@skynet.be."

Landscape Architects' forum hyperlink

There's a new Landscape architects' Forum on the EFLA web site. The Forum has three levels. Level 1 is open for the landscape architects to be used as a forum for exchanging information about landscape architecture. Level 2 and 3 will be used for internal work in EFLA.

The Forum can be accessed by www.efla.org/. EFLA welcomes all sorts of comments and viewpoints on our work on the Forum. The Forum is not only a forum for organisational matters. Questions, viewpoints and information about landscape architecture, technical issues etc in general are welcomed. EFLA secretariat will advise further if you have any queries. .

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EFLA seminar 2003

Landscape Architecture in the 6th Environmental Action Programme of the European Union

is to be devoted to the European Union's *Sixth Environmental Action Programme* (EAP) and takes place in the CIVA Centre International pour la Ville l'Architecture et le Paysage, rue de l'Ermitage 55, Brussels. The three themes of the EFLA Seminar are:

- **landscape and green planning,**
- **sustainable urban design,**
- **tourism relative to landscape development and management.**

For detailed program see www.efla.org. Please register via the EFLA secretariat. Email efla.feap@skynet.be

Professional Practice

BDLA European lobbying project

In February the German association, the BDLA together with the Swiss BSLA prepared a proposal for the Pilot Project on monitoring and lobbying the EU bodies and this will be supported by both EFLA and IFLA. The project is a three year joint project in which BDLA professional staff will follow EU directive and other development on behalf of all European landscape architects. The project is jointly funded by the BDLA, BSLA, IFLA and EFLA, and other national associations are invited to contribute. Information about the program will be given on the EFLA Forum. www.efla.org.

Professional Practice

Oslo Conference 2005

The Norwegian Landscape Association NLA and EFLA will mark NLA's 75th anniversary jointly with an EFLA's 15th anniversary at the conference in Oslo 10-12 June 2004. The subject is the 6th Environmental Action Programme and the European Landscape Convention. Information about the conference will be placed on the EFLA web page. For current detailed information please contact trygve.sundt@st-landskap.no

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New EFLA countries

The Landscape architect associations in the accession countries are being invited as observers to the General Assembly. The Landscape Architects' Association of Lithuania has applied to become member of EFLA.

Iceland is not a accession country (being already a member of the European Economic Area) but landscape architects on Iceland very much are affected by EU policy and decisions. The Icelandic association (FILA) has approximately 50 members. FILA has been invited to have an observer at the 2003 General Assembly

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Education

New Internship guide

This is a European-wide, country by country guide of how to get a job for students to which Le Notre and EFLA are contributing. It is in the process of being published on the EFLA and Le Notre web sites and has been offered to ELASA, so far entries have been made for Austria, Germany, The Netherlands, Ireland, Italy, Sweden and United Kingdom and there's a short note on US opportunities.. It covers length of time employers expect to offer internships; sources of

names and address of offices; where offers of employment are advertised and guidelines of salary level per month, and other useful notes. Currently the guide is just in English but it is anticipated it will be translated into French, by early next year. Promised are entries for Bulgaria, Finland, Norway and Spain. If you can cover your own country or offer further suggestions then send them to R.Holden@gre.ac.uk.

Robert Holden

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Le Notre Project

This ECLAS inspired thematic network of landscape academics and friendly parties (like EFLA) has received a second year of funding from the European Union. It covers getting on for 100 universities, from Moscow to Lisbon to Ankara and lists 180 Study Programmes, has contacts for 399 academics and summarizes 1337 Course units, as well as refs. to 458 theses and a multi-lingual landscape glossary of 10,245 terms: The next year's steps include working out what all this means. The Le Notre working groups meet at this year's ECLAS annual get together which is in Lisbon 24-26 October. For for info go to www.le-notre.org

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ELASA

The European Landscape Architecture Students Association held its annual conference in Bulgaria in September.. Next ELASA Mini Meeting will be next Easter in Berlin and next year's annual conference will in Slovakia and the Czech Republic. ELASA is to send two observer representatives one from Bulgaria and one from Serbia/Montenegro to EFLA November General Assembly. For more info. go to www.elasa.org.

Mathias Voell of EFLA

Sustainable Urban Design Working Group reports

In March 2001 EFLA was invited to participate in the DG Environment's working group on Sustainable Urban design. The work began in December 2003, and the group has met 4 times since then. The final meeting was in Helsingfors in September 2003. The WG is chaired by s Mrs Gabrielle Langschwert, Austria. Tony Lloyd Jones is the consultant who will prepare the report.

The final report will be a part of EC preparations for the development of the 6th Environmental Action Programme.

The other Working Group reports are:

- Sustainable Urban Management
- Sustainable Urban Transport
- Sustainable Urban Construction.

DG Environment will summarise the work from all working groups and in a report as a input to the development of the Environment Action Programme for 2005.

EFLA Web Site

The EFLA web site has been thoroughly improved recently. Among things a new Forum for debates and working groups has been started. Visit our web site www.efla.org read more about what EFLA is doing, and participate in open debates!

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
2003		
27 Oct	Joint meeting ACE, EFLA and Interior Designers Organisation representatives	Brussels
13 Nov	EFLA Executive Council Meeting	Brussels
14 Nov	EFLA Seminar Landscape Architecture in the 6th environmental action programme of the European Union	Brussels, CIVIA
15 Nov	AM EFLA General Assembly	Brussels Rue Washington 40
15 Nov	PM EFLA Presidents' meeting, EFLA Committee meetings	
16 Nov	EFLA General Assembly part 2	
26-27 Nov	European Landscape Convention	Strasbourg
2004		
January	EFLA Executive Council	Brussels
Easter	ELASA Mini Conference	Berlin
10 -12 June	Oslo Conference European landscapes Making today's landscapes a resource for the future. The European Landscape Convention and the 6th Environmental Action Programme Landscape architecture as a tool to a sustainable development of the European landscapes	Oslo
September	ELASA Annual Conference	Slovakia and Czech Republic
2005		
7-9 June 2005	<i>Leading the Way</i> IFLA World Congress jointly with the Landscape Institute	Edinburgh