

## President's Note

Dear Colleagues,  
In November the new EFLA year begins, when we proceed with action agreed at the General Assembly. This took place in Brussels on 14-16 November, beginning with a seminar *Landscape Architecture and the EU 6th Environmental Action Programme*.

The General Assembly debated how to develop the work of the profession at the European level. An important outcome of the meeting was the setting up of a number of working groups to take on major projects. The European Landscape Assises as proposed by French FFP provides a framework for further debating responses to the EU and Council of Europe.

The Assembly was attended by observers from Iceland and Hungary, student representatives from Bulgaria and Serbia/Montenegro (for ELASA), and observers from the educational organisations ECLAS and ELEE.

This will be my last Newsletter as president and so I want to thank all colleagues for having borne with me during the past six years, and give my successor as President, Teresa Andresen, my very best wishes for the promising EFLA year 2004 ahead.

Lars Nyberg

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## EFLA NEWSLETTER

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## The New President:

Professor Teresa Anderson was elected EFLA President at the General Assembly 2003. She is .....



## Her Introduction at the General Assembly:

More than eight years have passed since I last was directly involved with EFLA. I am well aware of how much Europe has changed since then and the signing of the 1989 Declaration to form a "European Foundation for Landscape Architecture" that I then signed on behalf of Portugal.

Having attended the 2003 General Assembly as an observer and as a candidate for President of EFLA, I could not help to rejoice with a diversified and renewed agenda.

Education and professional practice have and will continue to be the two pillars of EFLA. However we have to be able to move within a common understanding and commitment towards a changing European landscape and political agenda. Landscape Architecture continues to be a growing profession and education and practice call for a permanent adjustment to the changes.

In the coming years EFLA will have to respond to the enlargement of the European Union, continue to enforce the network with other European and world organizations devoted to the landscape and define frameworks for education and professional practice in partnership with other professions.

I look forward to work with you all!

Teresa Andresen

## General Assembly

The General Assembly took place in Brussels on the 15 and 16 November 2003 with presidents and delegates from the 15 member associations together with observers representing landscape architecture associations from some of the accession countries, the Icelandic association FILA and two IFLA representatives.

AS new president was elected Teresa Andresen from Portugal. Robert Holden was re-elected as Education Committee chair and vice president for another two years. A key issue in addition to organizational matters was the EFLA Strategic plan 2004.

A promising move was the setting up of a number of working groups for 2004: on subjects such as *EFLA 2004 Seminar, Public Procurement, fee scales and regulations*, and *EU Professional Directive*. Already established projects are *EU monitoring* together with BDLA/Germany and *European Landscape Convention*. If you are interested to join in a working group, please get in touch with the EFLA secretariate.

These initiatives tie in with our collaboration with our fellow professionals, the Architects Council of Europe, the European Council of Town Planner, and the European Council of Interior Architect. The opportunity to present the findings of these working groups will be the major initiative of the French FFP, which is a two year programme of seminars under the title of *Une Manière de Protéger la Planète*.

For further information, see [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org)  
Lars Nyberg

## ORGANISATION

### Lars Nyberg leaves office as President.

On 1 January 2004 Lars Nyberg leaves office as president of EFLA. At the General Assembly there were tributes to Lars for his devoted work for EFLA and the international cooperation amongst landscape architects. His involvement in international cooperation amongst landscape architects started as a Swedish delegate to IFLA. For more than 15 years he has engaged in working on an international level. In his work as president he has raised the image and status of EFLA not only within the profession, but in the wider world and in European Union organisations.

Trygve Sundt

**ORGANISATION****First European level meeting of architects, interior architects, town planners and landscape architects.**

On 27 October representatives of EFLA met with our equivalents for architecture (ACE, the Architects' Council for Europe), interior architecture (ECIA, the European Council of Interior Architects) and town planning (ECTP, the European Council of Town Planners), at the ACE headquarters in Brussels. The intention of the meeting was to inform and to identify issues suitable for coordinated action.

Issues discussed were the EU strategy for the Internal Market including the Directive on Services and the revision of the Professional Directives, the 6th Research Framework Programme and the Environmental Action Programme. It was decided that the participating organisations should investigate how to cooperate to enhance the effect of the European Council Resolution on Architectural Quality. EFLA has already sent ACE suggestions to develop this Resolution to specify a commitment to rural landscape planning. EFLA will host the next meeting on 26 April 2004.

Lars Nyberg

**EDUCATION****New Internship Guide Recognition of Schools New Internship guide**

This is a European-wide, country by country guide to how to get a job for students and 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, Bulgaria, Germany, The Netherlands, Ireland, Italy, Sweden and United Kingdom and there's a short note on US opportunities. Promised are entries for Finland, Norway and Spain.

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. Best student work prospects at present are in the UK, Switzerland and Portugal with prospects improving in Italy. Germany is difficult as is much of Scandinavia. In Italy don't necessarily expect to get paid. If you can cover your own country or offer further suggestions then send them to R.Holden@gre.ac.uk.

Robert Holden

**EDUCATION****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 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 info go to [www.le-notre.org](http://www.le-notre.org)

**ELASA**

The European Landscape Architecture Students Association held its annual conference in Bulgaria in September 2003. Next ELASA Mini Meeting will be next Easter in Berlin and next year's annual conference will be in Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

ELASA was represented by two observers Dobromir Borislavov from Bulgaria and Visnja Nikolic from Serbia/Montenegro. EFLA November General Assembly. For more info. go to [www.elasa.org](http://www.elasa.org)

**EFLA Recognition of Schools**

Schools which have submitted applications which are in train are Rapperswil and Lulliers, the two Swiss schools. For full information about recognised (and unrecognised) schools, see [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org).

**EU RELATIONS****European monitoring project**

Following an initiative by the German and Swiss national associations (the BDLA and BSLA) EFLA and IFLA are working with the BDLA and BSLA in a project to influence on landscape architecture issues to the European Commission and European Parliament.

The project has a steering group of Prof. Arno Schmid, BDLA and EFLA President Lars Nyberg. Staffing is being provided by the BDLA will provide a project coordinator, landscape architect Mario Kahl. Fritz Auweck and Doris Klughardt are members of the project network.

Currently the Working Group is surveying areas of concern to landscape architects and is drawing up a programme of lobbying action. It is open to other national associations to also join in and offer their own financial aid to this excellent initiative.

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE****FFP initiative: European Landscape Conference**

FFP and EFLA has agreed to cooperate in this three year project consisting of two phases:

The EFLA member associations are asked to arrange national seminars or conferences during 2004. The conclusions from those national events will provide the basis for a large European level conference in 2005 on the theme "*Une Manière de Protéger la Planète / A Method for Protecting the Planete*"

The initial contribution to this three year *Assises* process launched by our French member associations FFP was a seminar *Une Manière de Protéger la Planète* in Paris on 5 and 6 of December 2004.

Lars Nyberg

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE****European Landscape Convention**

It was agreed that it was important that national associations lobby their own national governments to sign and ratify the Conventions. This was discussed at the General Assembly and list of signees and ratifiers distributed and national associations urged to pursue this. The working group met Friday 14 November and is to attend the November 2003 Strasbourg Council of Europe Landscape Convention meeting.

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE****Seminar 2003****Landscape Architecture in the 6th Environmental Action Programme of the European Community**

This seminar attracted an audience of over 80. It featured EU representatives presenting EU aspects on Urban Environment and Tourism, and a number of prominent landscape architect speakers giving a broad demonstration of landscape planning and architecture as instruments to implement the EU policies.

A Report and copies of the papers from the seminar can be found on EFLA WEB page Landscape architects forum: [www.efla.org/](http://www.efla.org/)

**Landscape Web sites of the world**

The Landscape Information Hub is a UK based site set up by Tom Turner of the University of Greenwich. It covers computing and web sites from a landscape point of view, landscape and garden history, theory, info. on UK offices, organisation, places to visit, and UK planning policies and resources. It is a wealth of information and a model and mini encyclopaedia of landscape from a British point of view.

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