



# EFLA Newsletter

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## President's Note

Dear Colleagues

It is now two months that I have been EFLA President but in fact the starting of my activity the Executive Committee Meeting in Brussels on 30 January and 1 February. A word of thanks to the other members for helping me in a very supportive way to become familiar with such a full and diversified agenda! And another word of thanks goes to the Belgian Association of Landscape Architects who invited us to join their annual New Year event. I hope I get a chance to meet as well with other organizations.

Two weeks later I met in Paris with Martha Fajardo, the President of IFLA. We had a productive meeting discussing possible ways of IFLA and EFLA coming together. A next meeting will happen in early May in response to an invitation by Martha Fajardo to attend the IFLA Central Regional Conference that this time takes place in Prague.

Among the many items on our agenda, at present I would like to emphasize and encourage the participation of the national organizations in our EU Monitoring Project in collaboration with BDLA and IFLA as well as our preparations to the 2èmes Assises Europeennes du Paysage. Lars Nyberg, our past President, has very kindly volunteered to be our liaison for these two projects and we thank him for that.

Many of us will meet in Larenstein for another LeNotre event. Have a very successful meeting!

*Teresa Andresen*

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## EFLA CONFERENCE BRUSSELS 17 - 18 NOVEMBER 2004

**Making today's landscapes a resource for the future. A European vision of sustainable landscape design in the light of the European Landscape Convention and the 6th Environment Action programme**

The European Landscape is the basic environment for the people of Europe in a social context and as the biological framework. The European Landscape convention has been developed by The Council of Europe to emphasize the landscape in a rural and an urban setting. Within the European Union there is an ongoing process of developing programme and policies such as the 6th European Environment Action Programme. This will strongly affect the development of the European Landscape.

The implementation of the European Landscape Convention in the EU programme and policies is an important task on the agenda for EFLA. The aim of the conference is to highlight on the relationship between the Landscape Convention and EU policies that affects on the European Landscapes

The Conference will be at

**The International Association Centre  
Rue Washington 40  
Brussels**

### Wednesday 17 November

11.00 - 11.30 Registration

11.30 - 13.00 Making today's landscapes a resource for the future.

14.00 - 18.00 Sustainable urban and rural development in Europe

18.00 - 19.30 Reception

«Landscape architecture in Norway»

### Thursday 18 November

9.00 - 12.30 Best Practice in Europe

13.30 - 15.00 Developing a Strategy

15.30 - 17.30 Programme - summarising the key issues and concluding the conference

17.30 - Closing session

The conference is a rearrangement of that originally planned for time 2004 in Oslo.

At the conference there will be speakers representing:

- European Union DG Environment and
- DG Agriculture
- Council of Europe
- Norwegian Ministry of Environment
- European Foundation for Landscape Architecture

Key issues in the conference program:

- Sustainable landscape architecture in the context of The European Landscape Conventions and the 6th Environmental Action Program
- Development of the European Landscapes as a result of the EU agriculture policy
- European Tourism a challenge for the European Landscapes.

Invitations and call for papers will be placed on the EFLA web page and distributed to our member associations and others in the beginning of April.

Conference fee including lunches 190 euro.

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## 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)

## EDUCATION

### Schools under threat

Two EFLA Schools have programmes currently under threat. Munich Technical University's undergraduate landscape programmes and the two year postgraduate entry «conversion» programme are both threatened. Both programmes are recognised by EFLA as well as the BDLA and LI respectively and so in January EFLA wrote voicing concern to the university authorities and in the case on Munich also to the Bavarian Minister of Education. The Munich case seems to be because of a concern about oversupply of landscape architects in Germany where the economy is in the doldrums. Newcastle's problems seem to be specific to Newcastle. In both cases long established landscape schools are under threat.

Robert Holden

## ORGANISATION

### Landscape Web sites of the world

NEWS/EASTERN EUROPE  
IFLA Conference «New Landscapes for Old Structures and New Structures in Old Landscapes» - Prague 2004; and much more  
<http://www.planum.net/news/eas-03-12.htm>

## EU RELATIONS

### EU organisation

The EU organisation affects all of us. Knowledge about the EU organisations and its processes makes it easier to understand how EU policies and programmes develop and are put into practice and so to influence that process. The Executive Council plans to arrange a visit to the EU bodies in connection with this years General Assembly for landscape architects and others .

There will be a guided tour to the EU buildings and an information session about the EU organisation.

Information about the visit write to [trygve.sundt@st-landskap.no](mailto:trygve.sundt@st-landskap.no)

Trygve Sundt

## NATIONAL NEWS

### The Norwegian Association

#### NLA 75 Years

As one of the oldest landscape architect associations in Europe, the Norwegian Association of Landscape Architects celebrate its 75 years anniversary this year. NLA will mark the anniversary with several events.

An exhibition presenting landscape architecture in Norway has been prepared.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### New web-address for the Norwegian Association

NLA has a new web address:  
[www.landskapsarkitektur.no](http://www.landskapsarkitektur.no)

## ORGANISATION

### Landscape Institute leaves EFLA

The Landscape Institute have decide to withdraw temporarily from EFLA because they want to put pressure on EFLA to merge with the IFLA Central Region. EFLA Executive Council deeply regret the decision . All membership rights for the LI have been cancelled.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

### The European Landscape

#### Convention in effect 1 March 2004

Eleven countries have now ratified this Council of Europe Convention wich therefore came into affect on 1 March 2004. The eleven countries are: Norway, Moldova, Ireland, Romania, Lithuania, Croatia, Denmark, Turkey, Macedonia, and San Marino. In total 24 countries have signed it and many of the other countires are expected to ratify shortly. Significant countries, which have not signed, are Germany, The Netherlands and the UK. The Convention includes commitments to provide landscape education and to undertake landscape planning for the whole territory (e.g. on the German model) and not just designated or protected areas. In provides and remarkable opportunity for the establishing the status of landscape planning including the landscape architecture profession.

Details:

[www.coe.int/](http://www.coe.int/)

[EuropeanLandscapeConvention](http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention) (French and English)

[www.coe.int/CEMAT](http://www.coe.int/CEMAT)

## NATIONAL NEWS

### FFP initiative:

*Une Manière de Protéger la Planète.*

#### An Agenda for the European Landscape

- **Landscape Architecture for the entire territory**
- **Agricultural Landscapes**
- **State of the European Environment**

A two-phase European consultation on landcape aspects of sustainable development began in 2003. National associations are invited to formulate conclusions at seminars during 2004, as a basis for a European conference in late 2005. A key value of the project is the synergy: to balance the range of national aspects on specific themes with exposing the variety of the European landscapes.

The initiative for the project was taken by the FFP, our French member association, which is to be responsible for the final 2005 conference. EFLA is coordinating the first phase in contact with the national associations. The reports from the national seminars will be available on the EFLA web site during 2004 and 2005. The initial contribution to this three year *Assises* process, launched by the FFP, was a conference «*Une Manière de Protéger la Planète*» in Paris on 9 December 2003. Read more about the FFP conference on: [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org)

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Grand Prix de l'Urbanisme 2003 (France)

Landscape Architect and Urban designer Michael Corajoud was awarded the Grand Prix de l'Urbanisme on 2 December 2003 at the Institute du Monde Arabe in Paris by the French Minister of Infrastructure, Transport, Housing and Tourism, M Gilles de Robien. This is an annual prize which recognises contributions at a European level to the urban environment.

Michel Corajoud was born 14 July 1937 in Annecy and is a father figure of French landscape architecture. His work has visited the meaning and perception of living in contemporary towns and has involved a new balance of gerography and urban development and nature. His projects include the Park of Sausset in Seine Saint-Denis, the Cité Internationale de Lyon (with Renzo Piano) the Hippodamos of the Plaine-Saint-Denis above the autoroute, the Avenue d'Italie in Paris and the quaysides of Bordeaux.

## The unified professions draft directive

was debated by the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 15 January 2004. This followed debate and amendments in the Committee stage during September to November 2003. The proposed directive wraps up in one form the fifteen sectoral directives and the General System directive, which currently covers landscape architecture. EFLA responded to the consultation exercise on the General System Directive in 2002.

One key issue is that the directive requires the establishment of «Common Educational Platforms» to be administered by the one regulatory or «comitology» committee one (but will set up an expert group for the professions) and that specific provisions will be written to deal with concerns over the health professions and consumer protection. Especially significant is the wish to have «Common Education Platforms» It is expected the Directive will be enacted in autumn 2004.

Robert Holden

## Usefull web addresses

European Commission homepage

[http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/index\\_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/index_en.htm)

THE Irish Presidency

<http://www.eu2004.ie/>

European Commission documents

[http://www.europa.eu.int/prelex/rech\\_simple.cfm?CL=en](http://www.europa.eu.int/prelex/rech_simple.cfm?CL=en)

COMMISSION CONSULTATION ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

[http://europa.eu.int/yourvoice/pubproc/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/yourvoice/pubproc/index_en.htm)

The Council of Europe. The Landscape Convention

[www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural\\_Co-operation/Environment/Landscape/](http://www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Landscape/)

Architects Council of Europe

<http://www.ace-cae.org>

European Council of Town planners

[www.ceu-ectp.org](http://www.ceu-ectp.org)

International Federation of Landscape Architects Central region

[www.ifla.net](http://www.ifla.net)

## EU RELATIONS

### European lobbying and monitoring project

This project, following an initiative by our German and Swiss member associations BDLA and BSLA, addresses a main priority of EFLA. The project has the combined purpose to monitor the European Commission and the European Parliament in order to influence the EU on landscape issues, and to improve methods to strengthen landscape aspects in EU's work. Project coordinator is Mario Kahl from our German association, BDLA. Doris Klughardt and Prof Fritz Auweck, both from Germany, are members of a network to work with the issues of interest. At present a survey is being carried out of areas of concern to landscape architects and a programme for lobbying is drawn up. Member associations are invited to join in, to propose new members to the network and to offer their financial aid to this excellent initiative. This is a joint EFLA/IFLA project together with our German and Swiss member associations. Read more about the survey of relevant EU issues on: [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org).

## EUROPEAN UNION

### Environmental liability directive

Following a conciliation procedure, the European Parliament and the Council have reached agreement on the proposed directive on environmental liability. This agreement paves the way for a swift adoption of the text. The directive will be the first Community legislative instrument specifically based on the so-called «polluter pays» principle. It will guarantee the prevention and repair of damage caused to the environment (fauna, flora, natural habitats, water resources, soil) and will hold those who cause the damage responsible. For more details consult the following site:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/liability/>

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### Interprofessional meeting in April

As a follow up from the first meeting between representatives of the European Council for Town Planners, The European Council for Interior Architects, The Architects Council of Europe and EFLA, EFLA will host the second interprofessional meeting in April 2004.

Editing of this issue of the EFLA information sheet was closed 21 March 2004

## EU RELATIONS

### EU Constitution

GREEN 8 are a grouping of Europe's largest environmental organisations and including Birdlife International, Climate Network Europe, European Environmental Bureau, Friends of the Earth Europe, International Friends of Nature, Greenpeace, The European Federation for Transport and , and World Wide Fund for Nature. They have been lobbying in relation to the European Constitution, which was debated in the final days of the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers in December, 2003. Failure to agree a constitution gives more time to lobby on environmental issues.

«What we are looking for is simple: solid assurances that the draft Constitution's objective for «a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment» is backed up in its policy sections. This primary objective has already been laid down in the draft Constitution and the existing Treaties. Now it's a question of consistency: the policies must be brought in line with the agreed goals.» .....» This also means bringing an end to the institutional promotion of nuclear energy, as contained in the Euratom Treaty, another vestige of the 1950s. Along with Austria and Ireland, the GREEN 8 call on the Council to launch a full review of Euratom in 2004.»

For further information, contact Katharine Mill, Media Officer, Greenpeace European Unit, tel +32 2 274 1903 (for the GREEN 8)

*Towards a Green EU Constitution* (August 2003):

<http://eu.greenpeace.org/downloads/eucon/GreeningEUConst-Eng.pdf> (English)

<http://eu.greenpeace.org/downloads/eucon/GreeningEUConst-Fr.pdf> (French)

## EUROPEAN UNION

### Architectural policy and quality

The Irish Presidency of the EU, in the context of the European Forum for Architectural Policies is organising a major Seminar that will explore how the adoption of Government Policies on Architecture can positively influence the quality of the built environment. The event will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2004 at Dublin Castle. Further information on Seminar and on the Irish Government Policy on Architecture can be accessed at: [www.actiononarchitecture.com](http://www.actiononarchitecture.com)

## EFLA Calendar

Date	Event	Place
<b>2004</b>		
25-28 March	Le Notre Annual Meeting	Larenstein Arnhem
6-12 April	<b>ELASA (European Landscape Architects Students' Association Mini Conference)</b> details <a href="http://www.elasa.org">www.elasa.org</a> & <a href="mailto:TorstenBachmann@gmx.de">TorstenBachmann@gmx.de</a>	Berlin
24-25 April	EFLA Executive Council	Brussels
26 April	<b>Interprofessional meeting 2004</b> Joint meeting EFLA with Architects' Council of Europe, European Council of Town Planners. European Council of Interior Architects.	Brussels
3-5 May post congress tour 6 May	<b>New Landscapes for Old Structures and New Structures in Old Landscapes</b> IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects) - Central Region Conference, intended for landscape architects, architects, planners, and specialists of monument conservation and for all those interested, the conference provides the platform for interdisciplinary discussion, exchange of know-how, approaches and strategies. <a href="http://www.ifla.net/">http://www.ifla.net/</a> <a href="http://www.iflaprague2004.cz">http://www.iflaprague2004.cz</a> and <a href="http://www.planum.net/news/eas-03-12.htm">http://www.planum.net/news/eas-03-12.htm</a>	Prague – Czech Republic
<b>9-11 June</b>	<b>Aalborg +10 FOURTH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON CITIES AND TOWNS</b> Organised by the European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign. The conference will look back at 10 years of local action on sustainability, evaluating progress, <a href="http://www.aalborgplus10.dk">www.aalborgplus10.dk</a>	Aalborg, Denmark
24-25 June	<i>What on Earth....</i> Students' Landscape Institute Council, University of Nottingham <a href="http://www.slic.info">www.slic.info</a> or <a href="http://www.l-i.org.uk/">www.l-i.org.uk/</a>	Nottingham
28 August to 8 September	ELASA Annual Conference Details <a href="http://www.elasa.org">www.elasa.org</a>	Czech Republic and Slovakia
4-5 September	EFLA Executive Council,	Brussels
16-19 September	<b>Critique of Landscape Architecture: a tool for development of the profession and the education</b> ECLAS conference 2004 Contact Karsten Jørgensen, professor Tel +47 64948418 Fax +47 64948390 e-mail: <a href="mailto:karsten.jorgensen@ilp.nlh.no">karsten.jorgensen@ilp.nlh.no</a> <a href="http://www.eclas.org/content/future_conferences/as_2004.php">http://www.eclas.org/content/future_conferences/as_2004.php</a>	Agricultural University of Norway, Ås,
17 – 18 November	<b>EFLA Conference 2004</b> Making today's landscapes a resource for the future	Brussels
19-20 November	<b>EFLA General Assembly 2004</b>	Brussels
2-4 December	<b>From knowledge of landscapes to landscaping action</b> International conference organised by the French Ecology and Sustainable Development Ministry with support of Cemagref, it marks the conclusion of a French national research programme started in 1998 and focuses on a comparison of the programme's results with those attained in other European countries. <a href="http://landscape.lyon.cemagref.fr/">http://landscape.lyon.cemagref.fr/</a>	Bordeaux,
<b>2005</b>		
7-9 June 2005	<i>Leading the Way</i> IFLA World Congress jointly with the Landscape Institute details <a href="http://www.l-i.org.uk/">www.l-i.org.uk/</a> or <a href="http://www.iflaonline.org">www.iflaonline.org</a>	Edinburgh