



EFLA Newsletter

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President's Note

Dear Colleagues

Ten new countries have now joined the EU and we welcome them with a very special word to landscape architects in these countries. Their applications to join EFLA and in addition that of Iceland indicates of a growing organization devoted to the promotion of landscape architecture throughout Europe.

I had the privilege to attend the IFLA Central Region Conference in Prague at the beginning of this month at the invitation of IFLA President Martha Fajardo. A stimulating gathering of landscape architects, not just from Europe but from all parts of the world, it was admirably organized by the Czech landscape architects. Martha Fajardo, Jeppe Andersen (IFLA's Vice-President for Central Region) and myself had the opportunity to sign a memorandum of understanding towards the coming together of IFLA and EFLA which recognizes the significance of professional unity. It is important that national landscape associations have a clear understanding of the shared benefits of being part of IFLA and EFLA.

A set of principles were established and a timetable was agreed towards a three year plan for implementation entitled «*The Coming Together of IFLA and EFLA*» that will be prepared for discussion with national associations. Among the principles, I would emphasize the one expressing understanding that IFLA and EFLA endorse the principle of double rather than triple fees and that the development of the landscape architectural profession in Africa is seen as a task to be addressed at the world level. The memorandum requires that IFLA submits a modified regional organisational structure to its World Council for approval and EFLA will make any necessary constitutional changes.

An immediate timetable was agreed implying that each organisation's Strategic Plan be reviewed by August 2004 to determine amendments that may be required prior to tabling at the IFLA World Council meeting in September 2004 and the EFLA General Assembly in November 2004. A draft report is to be prepared by August 2004 on «*The Coming Together of IFLA and EFLA*» which will define responsibilities and competencies and by November 2004 an evaluation of the opportunity for a shared IFLA/EFLA office will be undertaken.

Certainly the subject and the steps to be taken will be a significant task for all of us at our General Assembly in November. I also would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to participate actively in the Conference we are preparing to precede the November General Assembly *European landscapes. Making today's landscapes a resource for the future.*

ORGANISATION

New countries east and west apply to join

Iceland is the latest national association to join EFLA. Other applications in train include the Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania, Hungary and Latvia. Iceland has the distinction of the highest number of landscape architects per head of population (1:50) with over fifty landscape architects in a country of around 250,000. These applications will be considered at the November General Assembly of EFLA.

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EUROPEAN UNION

Ten Accession Countries join

On 1 May the new countries joined the EU adding 65 million people and 645,000 sq. km of land. The new countries are Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Malta and Cyprus. All of these countries except Malta and Cyprus have landscape architecture associations and some have applied to join EFLA. Many of these countries have also signed the European Landscape Convention and the two factors may well give rise to a need for more landscape architecture advice in those countries. EFLA has undertaken a survey of landscape education and is in touch with the landscape associations. In 2007 two further countries may also join: Bulgaria and Rumania.

Robert Holden

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European Landscape Convention

Armenia is the latest country to have signed making a total of twelve where the Convention is operative. The twelve countries are: Norway, Moldova, Ireland, Romania, Lithuania, Croatia, Denmark, Turkey, Macedonia, and San Marino. In total 28 countries have signed it (not 24 as the last Newsletter) and many of the other countries are expected to ratify shortly. The major challenge is in the big three countries, Germany, The Netherlands and the UK where governments have not signed. The BDLA and BVTL are pushing for signing in Germany and Holland (as reported at the November 2004 General Assembly). The British landscape profession has not yet made up its mind.

www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention
(French and English)
www.coe.int/CEMAT

EUROPEAN LANDSCAPES

European Landscape Yearbook

Professor Meto Vroom has been working behind the scenes at initiating this project which will revive the European Landscape Yearbook. Funding has been found for an initial first year's issue. The publishers will be Harry Harsema of the Dutch publishers Blauwdruk in cooperation with Birkhäuser of Basel. It is to appear in English, with a separate edition in German and maybe in other languages. The editorial committee will serve for five years with Editor-in-Chief, Lisa Diedrich of Munich, former editor of *Topos* European Landscape Magazine with an editorial board involving Eric Luiten, of Utrecht, Robert Holden of the University of Greenwich, London and Harry Harsema. There will also be a selection committee for the first issue chaired by Dutch landscape architect, Michael van Gessel, with Professor Maria Goula of the Technical University Barcelona, the Danish landscape architect Stig Andersson of Copenhagen, the Welsh based Irishman Robert Camlin, of Camlin Lonsdale and Professor Henri Bava, Karlsruhe of the University of Karlsruhe. The launching of the Yearbook should be a powerful boost for European

EUROPEAN LANDSCAPES

Apeldoorn Triennale 2007

The Dutch landscape association, the NVTL, have prepared a proposal for a 2005-8 *Policy plan for the edification and entertainment of all*. This will be a big event every three years in Apeldoorn to attract the public beginning in 2007. This will be an international platform with exhibitions, meetings, conferences, etc over a period of six months. Apeldoorn Council will act as project initiator (they see it as part of the effort of raising the profile of Apeldoorn) and currently this involves the Dutch Office of the Chief Government Architect, the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries, Province Gelderland, University of Wageningen, Larenstein University, Hogeschool voor de Kunsten Oost Nederland, Bouwhuis Foundation, Apart Foundation, ACCRES, Stichting Architectuur Binënnale Rotterdam, Netherlands Open Air Museum, IFLA and EFLA.

The web site is www.triennale.nl (operational from mid 2004) contact telephone 00 (0)344 630 286, email: inof@triennale.nl address Triennale Project Office, Stichting Triennale, Gallencamp 4, 4003 GV Tiel. The Netherlands.

EDUCATION

Schools under threat

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne case reported on in the last issue appears terminal, the programme is «suspended» and there is no fresh recruiting for the two year conversion programme. Pessimists fear this is the end of professionally recognized landscape architecture at Newcastle. They are running a one year, non professionally recognized programme. Munich sounds more hopeful, as in Hannover last year there has been a well orchestrated campaign of support and the university authorities are reconsidering the question of the closure of Peter Latz's undergraduate programme, see www.loek.agrar.tu-muenchen.de/orange

EDUCATION

Portuguese Landscape Education Conference Porto, 31 April – 1 May

Two days in Porto was the scene of the Portuguese landscape schools coming together to debate landscape education. Hosted by Teresa Andresen's University of Porto landscape school it was also attended by some lively students from Porto. The Portuguese have a small country of ten million and remarkably have five landscape architecture schools led by the older Lisbon and Evora schools which have been joined more recently by schools in Vila Reale, Porto and the Algarve. The Porto School itself is now three years old and is in the Faculty of Botany.

The Saturday was a day of exploring European perspectives and Jeroen de Vries from ECLAS talked of both ELASA and the Le Notre thematic network as well as his own experience at Larenstein in Holland in response to Bologna, the new Larenstein/ Wageningen Masters and also delivery of education competences and descriptors. Robert Holden from EFLA covered the EFLA School recognition system and European issues including the European Landscape Convention and the new Common Education Platform. The afternoon led to a tour of a private villa and model farm designed by Cabral in the early 1950's. The impression was of a set of highly talented (everyone has a doctorate) educationalists working effectively and developing their profession.

Robert Holden

ORGANISATION

Landscape Web sites of the world: www.e-land.org/

The **European Landscape Architecture Network (ELAN)** was set up in 1995 by a group of former landscape architecture students involved with **ELASA**, the European Landscape Architecture Students Association, to carry forward the ELASA spirit of co-operation into the professional world. There is an annual conference, see below, and it's economic, they run a mailing list. It sounds marvellously unstuffy. Worth checking out as an organisation.

Unified professions draft directive

This 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, which led to this proposal, in 2002. One key issue is that the directive requires the establishment of «Common Educational Platforms» to be administered for the General System professions which include us by the one regulatory or «comitology» committee (but it 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. It is expected the Directive will be enacted in autumn 2004.

Robert Holden

EDUCATION

EFLA Le Notre ELASA Internship Guide

Latest addition is the guide to Hungary by Bernadett Jobbgy, who attended the November General Assembly as both a representative of the Hungarian Association and of ELASA. This guide is to how to find internships or a first job in various countries. It is available on www.efla.org (under infos. downloads and then education) and www.le-notre.org in the password realm.

Usefull web addresses

European Commission homepage
http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/index_en.htm

European Commission documents
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

The Council of Europe. The Landscape Convention
www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Landscape/

EU RELATIONS

European monitoring project

This important joint EFLA/IFLA/BDLA/BSLA project, which we have reported on before, is making good progress. In April members of the project, Mario Kahl, as co-ordinator with Doris Klughart and Fritz Auweck as network members, assembled in Brussels and met contacts with the EU Commission DG Regio and DG Environment. There was a briefing of the new EU funding reform that will come into effect in 2007. This will give an increased role at the national level. One important thing will be to identify how Landscape Architecture can obtain funding, less in its own right and more by relating to bigger issues such as economics and employment, which have greater importance as arguments for funding. Following this summer one or two assistants will probably be recruited to aid this project

Lars Nyberg

FROM ACE MONTHLY: QUALIFICATIONS DIRECTIVE

The proposal for a directive on the recognition of professional qualifications took a significant step towards adoption on May 18th when the Council of Ministers reached political agreement on the text. It is now possible that the new directive could be adopted before the end of 2004.

However with the new Parliament of 25 countries taking up office over the summer period it is not possible to predict how it will react to this proposal. There is some speculation that the new Parliament might call for a new First Reading. If this happens then the adoption of the directive could be significantly delayed.

DUTCH PRESIDENCY OF THE EU - JULY TO DECEMBER 2004

The Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs has set out the economic priorities of the Presidency and they will include several matters of interest to the profession. Among these are the preparations for the mid-term review of the Lisbon Strategy, the ambition to make good progress on the proposal for Services in the Internal Market, to progress the REACH regulation, to evaluate the Action Plan for Better Regulation and to discuss consumer policy especially measures to tackle unfair commercial practices.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

FFP initiative: European Landscape Conference 2004-5

Une Manière de Protéger la Planète.

Following a call in early 2004 to national associations to propose national events to provide a basis for the 2005 European Conference, eight associations have responded positively up to now: Norway, Denmark, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Ireland, France and Sweden. They have already arranged national seminars. Members of those associations not mentioned are urged to propose responses from their own associations. The conclusions from the national events will be published on the EFLA web site – www.efla.org - as a basis for the autumn 2005 Conference.

Lars Nyberg

ARCHITECTS COUNCIL OF EUROPE Architectural policy and quality

The Architects Council of Europe (ACE) has just published a policy book. «*Architecture and the Quality of Life*». The objective of the book is to make politicians, decision-makers and the professionals aware of the need to bring the major political goals in Europe with sustainability, and relating the issue to the quality of life.

The book points out the main challenges for developing a sustainable environment in Europe within the framework of the major political goals of Europe. It gives recommendations and points out the need for an architectural policy in Europe. All professionals working in the fields of architecture are «*urged to take full cognisance of the responsibilities*» for developing the urban and rural Europe with sustainability in their daily work and as participants in the debate about the political and economical development of Europe.

The book is available in pdf format on the ace web site www.ace-cae.org. For further information, contact the ACE Secretariat by e-mail: info@ace-cae.org

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The European Foundation for Landscape Architecture is arranging a Conference in November at the International Associations centre (MAI) in Brussels. This will be concerned with the Council of Europe Convention on Landscape, the EU 6th Environmental Action Program and related legislation intended to improve the management and maintenance of the European environment. The Executive Council of EFLA are particularly keen to invite you to attend in what we believe will be a very significant conference.

The Foundation is the representative body for the professional national associations of Landscape Architects throughout the European Economic Area. The members are professional bodies fully accredited among the recognised professions in the majority of major EU members. This is the one profession whose expertise extends from scientific investigation of environmental issues to the preparation of designs and management plans for the present and future use and management of sites and areas.

The Conference is to be entitled «European Landscapes: making today's landscapes a resource for tomorrow» and is to consist of a combination of invited speakers representing European Organisations and papers submitted by professionals and academics. It will also offer the possibility for the development of discussions.

The conference is arranged to coincide with the meeting of the Foundation's General Assembly and we expect that representatives of all the countries of the EU will be present. For the majority of national associations it is anticipated that their presidents will attend. In addition we expect a large number of other delegates. The total number of participants are expected to be between 150 and 200.

Invited speakers are:



EFLA CONFERENCE 17TH AND 18TH NOV 2004

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 17. NOVEMBER

SESSION 1 : INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION AND THE 6TH EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PROGRAM.

European landscape : a resource for the future - introduction.

The European Landscape Convention, a tool for development and protection.

The European Landscape Convention, implementation into practical strategies for landscape development.

European landscapes in a world context.

SESSION 2 : LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING TO CREATE UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE.

European Landscapes as an issue in the 6th European Environment Program.

Monitoring the Landscapes of Europe, a necessity for understanding and controlled development.

Monitoring the Landscapes of Europe, the present status.

Landscape management in the context of regional planning, future needs of monitoring.

The European Landscape Convention and the 6th EAP as models in a world context.

SESSION 3 : BEST PRACTICE FOR LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PAPERS.

RECEPTION, PRESENTATION OF EXHIBITION

Thursday 18. November

SESSION 4 : SHAPING EUROPEAN LANDSCAPES

Landscape development in the context of the Agricultural policy of the European Union. A landscape for production or a landscape for leisure? How does the common agricultural policy influence the future landscapes in Europe.

Regional planning in Europe.

Regional development; a EU tool for development and protection.

Landscape planning; building the landscape with knowledge and understanding.

Discussion

SESSION 5 : BEST PRACTICE IN EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE: HOW TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION.

SESSION 6 : THE LANDSCAPES OF THE NEW MEMBERSTATES

Economic growth, challenges and prospects for the ancient landscapes. The Landscape Convention and the development and protection of ancient landscapes. Environmental problems associated with the landscape.

SESSION 7 : CONCLUSION AND CLOSING

Round Table Discussion.

CONFÉRENCE DE L'EFLA -17 ET 18 NOV 2004

PROGRAMME

MERCREDI 17 NOVEMBRE

1ÈRE SESSION : INTRODUCTION A LA CONVENTION EUROPEENNE DU PAYSAGE ET AU 6^E PROGRAMME EUROPEEN D'ACTION COMMUNAUTAIRE POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT.

Paysages européens : une ressource pour le futur - introduction.

La Convention européenne du Paysage, un outil pour le développement et la protection.

La Convention européenne du Paysage, implémentation dans des stratégies pratiques de développement du paysage.

Paysages européens dans le contexte mondial.

2ÈME SESSION : GESTION DU PAYSAGE ET CONTRÔLE POUR CREER LA COMPREHENSION ET LE SAVOIR

Paysages européens en tant que sujet du 6^e Programme européen de l'environnement

Contrôler les paysages de l'Europe, une nécessité pour la compréhension et un développement contrôlé.

Contrôler les paysages de l'Europe, la situation actuelle Gestion du paysage dans le contexte de la planification régionale, les besoins futurs de contrôle

La Convention Européenne du Paysage et le 6^e Programme d'action pour l'environnement comme modèle dans le contexte mondial.

3ÈME SESSION : UNE MEILLEURE PRATIQUE POUR LA GESTION DU PAYSAGE ET LES DOCUMENTS DE CONTRÔLE.

RECEPTION, PRESENTATION DE L'EXPOSITION

Jeudi 18 novembre

4ÈME SESSION : FACONNER LES PAYSAGES EUROPEENS

Développement du paysage dans le contexte de la politique de l'Agriculture de l'Union Européenne. Un paysage pour la production ou un paysage pour les loisirs ? Comment la politique agricole commune influence les futurs paysages de l'Europe.

Planification régionale en Europe.

Développement régional : un outil de l'Union Européenne pour le développement et la protection.

Planification du paysage : construire le paysage avec du savoir et de la compréhension.;

5ÈME SESSION : UNE MEILLEURE PRATIQUE EN ARCHITECTURE DU PAYSAGE EN EUROPE : COMMENT METTRE EN APPLICATION LA CONVENTION EUROPEENNE DU PAYSAGE.

6ÈME SESSION : LES PAYSAGES DES NOUVEAUX ETATS MEMBRES

Croissance économique, challenges et perspectives pour les paysages anciens

La Convention européenne et le développement et la protection des paysages anciens

Problèmes environnementaux associés au paysage

7ÈME SESSION : CONCLUSION ET CLÔTURE



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REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM (page 1 of 2) DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: 17 September 04

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2. REGISTRATION

Please fill out
the prices.

Conference both days (**compulsory**) Price before 1st July • 175, -

incl. lunch, beverage and coffee breaks Price before 1st September • 190, -

Price after 1st September • 250, -

Reception in the evening Wednesday 17th (**optional**)
Taste of Norway; finger food buffet and wine • 20,-

TOTAL • _____

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