



# EFLA Newsletter

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## President's Note

Dear Colleagues

Fall is here again and soon the EFLA General Assembly 2004 will take place in Brussels, on 20-21 November. We look forward to a very «participatory» gathering and to welcome some new member national associations and also more observers from the new EU countries. Some national associations have new Presidents and Delegates so we will have lots of new faces to meet and old ones to miss.

This year IFLA will be represented by President Martha Fajardo, Central Region Vice-President Jeppe Andersen and Arno Schmidt, ECLAS by President Richard Stiles and Jeroen de Vries (the next ECLAS President) and ELASA by Bernadett Jobbágy from Hungary, Joana Milewska from Poland and Johannes Wolff from Germany. With such a wide forum we will take the opportunity to clarify, among other issues, the position of EFLA regarding the process of organising international cooperation at an international level amongst landscape architects in Europe.

As most of you must know by now, the Executive Council was faced with the difficult decision to cancel the Conference *European landscapes. Making today's landscapes a resource for the future* where we planned to address the European Landscape Convention and the EU 6<sup>th</sup> Environmental Programme. A very interesting group of speakers had generously agreed to participate as well as we had a significant submission of papers to be presented. A promising event that still was not capable of attracting enough participants by the beginning of September and we felt that we could not risk being faced with a serious financial loss. We hope to be able to find partners so that in the near future we can bring together some similar event.

We will have as usual a seminar on the Friday before the General Assembly focusing on the European Landscape Convention. This seminar will take place in the afternoon of Friday 19 November see the programme included in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there!  
*Teresa Andresen*

## EUROPEAN UNION

### Common Education Platform

The proposal for a directive on the recognition of professional qualifications, took a significant step towards adoption. On 18 May the Council of Ministers reached political agreement on the text (Germany and Greece voted against). This followed the Commission's publication of the Amended Proposal in late April. It is now possible that the new directive could be adopted before the end of 2004. The directive to go to the European Parliament for a second reading.

For landscape architects the special attraction of this directive proposal is the Common Education Platform proposed for each General System profession (that includes us). The new mechanism will consist of the establishment of an Expert Group that will advise the regulatory committee to manage the implementation of the directive.

EFLA can propose such a Common Education Platform providing it meets the representative conditions of the directive when passed. It has to represent 3/4 of the countries and all the countries, which have «regulated» professions. Presumably the countries where landscape architecture is a registered profession (Germany, The Netherlands, Austria and Italy). A possible way forward will be to make a joint common education platform with IFLA. This is to be raised at EFLA November General Assembly. For the text of the Commissions amended proposal visit: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/internal\\_market/qualifications/future\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/internal_market/qualifications/future_en.htm)

### Call for entries

*Landscape Architecture Europe* is to be the name of the review of landscape architecture representing the European profession. The first publication will appear in the autumn of 2005, and then every three years. The idea is for it to appear in a number of language edition,; English, German, French, Spanish and Italian. The deadline for the call for entries is 1 December 2004. Info [www.landscapearchitectureineurope.org](http://www.landscapearchitectureineurope.org)  
*Robert Holden*

## EUROPEAN UNION

### EU Monitoring

The following observations are reported from our project: The new period EU Structural and Cohesion funds will increase the role and influence of member states. They will largely take over operating the programs by setting priorities and deciding on funding.

Consequently, a major task for our national associations will be to influence their national governments to enhance landscape aspects in the funded projects. The EU Cohesion Policies contains three areas: convergence, regional competitiveness and territorial cooperation. Landscape aspects and work for the profession have been analysed for the three areas.

Generally, EU support will be concentrated to less developed member countries and cross-border projects. This should be met by strategies of the profession. The emphasis in the Agricultural funds on rural development is of an apparent interest. Their three lead aspects are: competitiveness, management of environment, and quality of life. The two latter are of particular interest to landscape architecture. Read more on EFLA web site: [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org).  
*Lars Nyberg*

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### New web site

The EU Institutions, together with youth organisations, have launched a multilingual European Youth Portal. It covers issues ranging from travel and volunteering to employment and social rights. If you would like to check it out, then go to: <http://europa.eu.int/youth>

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

#### Environmental funding, public tenders and conferences

A monthly booklet that contains information about environmental and energy-related funding, opportunities, public tenders, conferences and training courses in Europe, specifically in ten New Member States. This monthly magazine is available for subscribers only. Subscription takes only about 30 seconds through our site at <http://www.eucenter.org/registration.php>

#### European Environmental Toolkit for Citizens

'Jiffy's Eco-Quiz', is a game developed by the European Commission, where you can answer 60 questions about the environment. This game is part of the 'European Environmental Toolkit for Citizens', available on-line through [Europa](http://europa.eu), the European Union's official website.

The game has a reference tool and presents the biggest European database of environmental toolkits, i.e. more than 140 websites providing guides, games and tests or giving advice so that we, the citizens of Europe, can make our behaviour more environmentally friendly.. The toolkit will provide an insight into how, when analysed collectively, individual daily choices can have a significant impact on the environment. It will also provide citizens with a range of options to choose from in a given situation and show the environmental impacts of their selection  
*Trygve Sundt*

#### Proposed directive on Service in the Internal Market (SIM)

The proposed directive on Services in the Internal Market (SIM Directive) will be one of the top priorities for the second half of 2004 for the Dutch Presidency. The Member States will be asked whether they agree that the principle of mutual recognition is an essential element of the internal market.

It is expected that there will be a Public Hearing on the SIM Directive organised by the Internal Market and Consumer Affairs Committee and the Employment Committee at the end of November 2004. Source ACE news  
*Trygve Sundt*

### EUROPEAN UNION

#### European Forum for Architectural Policies.

The European Forum for Architectural Policies is an informal network of specialists and institutions in Europe occupied with the formulation and execution of architectural policies. The Forum consists of a growing number of representatives of ministries and other governmental bodies, architectural institutions and professional organisations.

The network originates from the Dutch EU Presidency in 1997, when an Expert Meeting on architectural policies was held in Rotterdam. The results of that meeting have been presented to the European Commission. Since then almost every EU Presidency has organized a Conference or an Expert Meeting on Architectural Policies, enhancing an increasing international collaboration and the exchange of knowledge and experiences over the past years.

The expansion of the European Union is an excellent occasion to organize a Forum meeting dedicated to European collaboration between governments, institutions and architectural organisations and the joint enhancement of architectural quality in Europe.

The expansion makes it advisable to invite them to the Forum and to help developing policies with regard to architectural and spatial quality. Especially in the field of what could be defined as «Cultural Planning», the integration of cultural arguments in regulating, planning and commissioning architecture and urban planning.

The conference in Rotterdam arranged by the Dutch Presidency on the 25th of October had its focus on topics that are specifically relevant to the new Eastern-European Member States: quality management in recent social, cultural and economic dynamics and in public-private partnerships. The conference has been titled «Encounter & Exchange, the Culture of Architecture and Spatial Planning in the European Union»

Information about the European Forum and the conference can be found on: <http://www.architecture-forum.net/>  
*Trygve Sundt*

#### Staff Changes At DG Environment

Suzanne Wegefeldt has replaced Simon Goss in charge of environmental issues at the DG Environment Ms. Wegefeldt was previously with the Danish Permanent Representation in Brussels and has worked for many years on environmental issues and she is a trained architect and planner. Source ACE Info  
*Trygve Sundt*

### EUROPEAN CONFERENCE 2005

#### Une Manière de Protéger la Planète.

##### Protéger la Planète

Our French colleagues of FFP have pursued the preparations of a European level Landscape Architecture Conference – Assises Européennes de Paysagee – in 2005. This will be the second stage of a process started this year. The first stage of national seminars arranged by member associations takes place this year. A three-day conference is planned for next autumn in the City of Lille / region Nord-Pas-de-Calais in northern France. Lille is the Cultural Capital of Europe 2004 and can offer lots of interesting sites relevant to current landscape architecture challenges. A cross-border approach together with the Wallonne region of Belgium is envisaged, cross-border work being one important EU aspect among others to be addressed during the conference. The plans for the conference will be presented to the EFLA General Assembly in November.

A General Assembly in November.

*Lars Nyberg*

### EUROPEAN UNION

#### Sustainable Development Strategy, Public Consultation process

The EU Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS) was adopted in June 2001. As a part of the process of a new Commission taking office, documents launched to start a public consultation process on the SDS aiming to review and assess the Strategy in order to achieve further progress towards long term sustainable development. Contributions can be sent until 31 October 2004.

<http://www.europa.int/comm./sustainable/pages/legis-en.htm>

In general EFLA supports the thematic strategy as an important document for the future spatial development of Europe. The patterns of the European Landscapes have changed from mainly green with «urban dots» to an urbanised structure dividing the rural landscape. EFLA also have pointed out the importance of considering and integrating the European Landscape Convention in the EU policies regarding spatial development.

*Trygve Sundt*

## EDUCATION

### EFLA Le Notre ELASA Internship Guide

The latest addition is that for Belgium and Norway. The total coverage now includes Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA. Ref the [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org) or [www.Le-Notre.org](http://www.Le-Notre.org)

## EDUCATION

### Vienna goes Bologna

In October 2004 two new study programmes in Landscape Architecture and Landscape Planning start at BOKU University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna (AUT): a three-year bachelor programme and a two-year master programme will replace the current five-year diploma programme.

The programmes aim to provide the skills in Landscape Planning, Landscape Management and Landscape Architecture at undergraduate and graduate level. The Master programme offers possibilities for specialisation in the «classic» landscape topics such as landscape architecture or conservation planning, and in Recreation Planning and Aquatic Ecosystem Management.

<http://www.boku.ac.at/>

Britta Fuchs from notice on the [www.le-notre.org](http://www.le-notre.org) website

## EDUCATION

### ECLAS Conference Ås Norway 16-19 September

Ås is the oldest landscape school in Europe and there was a good turn out for the ECLAS annual conference which featured Marc Treib (Univ of California) in his inimitable form and a lively discussion after Joachim Wolsche Buhlmann's paper on native plants and emotional language in science. With forty speakers there was just too much to report here.

Let us note there was also a meeting of the Le-Notre working groups and it is the EU funded Le-Notre thematic network which is placing landscape education on stilts. This is for a Europe in its wider scope including Russia and the CIS. The third year of the Le-Notre project is focussing on the «dissemination» stage and this involves the profession (including EFLA) as well as educationalists. Teresa Andresen as EFLA President and your reporter Robert Holden as EFLA Chair of Education (both educationalists) both attended to contribute to planning for this.

Richard Stiles stood down as President of ECLAS and Jeroen de Vires was elected as incoming President. It is hoped both Jeroen and Richard will attend the EFLA 19 November Seminar and Roger Seijo became the new ECLAS observer to EFLA. Richard continues as leader of the Le Notre project.

Robert Holden

## EDUCATION

### Schools under threat

It looks like the Munich TU undergraduate landscape architecture programmes have been saved. The 18 February 2004 Council of the Munich Technical University Weihenstephan decided not to close the undergraduate programme but rather to review the landscape architecture provision. Continuing provision of TU level university education is especially significant in Germany because all university teachers have to have a TU level education (rather than that at *Fachhochschulen*). If Munich had closed then only teachers from outside southern Germany would have been eligible to be appointed as Professors to the universities of Bavaria and southern Germany including the *Fachhochschulen*. However, now the Bavarian Lander government is considering merging Munich TU with Munich Ludwig Maximilian University. The idea is to create a mega university with the ambition of its being one of the world's top ten. MTU President Wolfgang Herrman welcomed the idea but LMU Rector Bernd Huber rejected it. The landscape architecture department will be a little fish in this game.

Source *Süddeutsche Zeitung* 15/9.2004 reported on Deutsche Welle

See also

[http://baer.loek.agrar.tu-muenchen.de/orange/index\\_en.php](http://baer.loek.agrar.tu-muenchen.de/orange/index_en.php)

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## EFLA SEMINAR PM FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2004

### The European Landscape Convention ... shaping the Landscapes of Europe

**Fee:** €10 for full-time students € 30.00 for others (coffee break included)

**Registration:** email to EFLA Secretariat, Mme Jeanine COLIN ([efla.feap@skynet.be](mailto:efla.feap@skynet.be)) or fax 32-2-656-15-25

**Location:** Maison des Associations Internationales, Washington Room, rue Washington, 40, 1050 - Brussels, Belgium

The European Landscape Convention is a major opportunity to promote landscape conservation, appraisal and planning and landscape education and so to conserve Europe's landscapes. The European Landscape Convention was initially adopted by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers in 2000. The Convention provides a legal basis for the better management and protection of the continent's landscapes. Consequently EFLA supports the signing and ratification of the European Landscape Convention.

The Convention describes ways of conserving all of the landscape of Europe (not just special protected or designated areas). The Convention commits governments to develop:

- Landscape Awareness-raising
- Landscape Training and education
- Landscape Identification and assessment
- Landscape quality objectives
- Landscape Implementation.

#### This seminar will be of interest to:

- landscape architects in Europe
- those interested in landscape conservation, development and protection
- those in New Accession countries interested in making contact with European professional organisations

and also to fellow professions in similar circumstances such as rural planners, and those dealing with agriculture, landscape planning and education  
Speakers are from the European Environment Agency, the Council of Europe and the IFLA President and from Croatia, Hungary and France.

Ref. [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org)

## Cypriot Landscape Architects face recognition problems

There is no state recognition for landscape architects in Cyprus and currently the architects and engineers' chamber, The Scientific and Technical Chamber of Cyprus, is barring landscape architects from joining. Though curiously the law of 2000 does list landscape architecture (as part of architecture) and landscape engineering (as part of engineering). The eight or so landscape architects on the island (in the Greek, Republic of Cyprus part) are appealing to the courts against the barring. Curiously one US educated landscape architect was permitted to become a member prior to 2000. The ban effectively ensures that landscape architects on the island cannot enter competitions for Parks, Urban Design Projects, or even Botanical gardens, or take on government work in their own right. EFLA has given advice in respect of the status of landscape architecture in respect of EU legislation and of course the opportunities of the proposed Common Education Platform.



## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

### Dutch State Landscape Architect

The Dutch have appointed their first national state landscape architect. On 1 April 2004 (excuse the timing) Dirk Sijmons became *Rijkslandschapsarchitect* and *rijksadviseur* for the *Ministerie van Landsbouw Natuur en Viedselkwaliteit* (LNV). He holds the same status as the *Rijkbouwmeester* or state architect. For more info see the profile by Eric Luiten in *Blauw Kamer* 2/2004, pp18-19

### BUGA München 2005

Next year's BUGA will open from 28 April until 9 October. The München *Bundesgartenschau* landscape park has been designed by Latitude Nord and Gilles Vexlard with the exhibition area concept by Rainer Schmidt Landschaftsarchitekten. The BUGA is on the site of the old Riem Airport and fronts onto Riem *Messestadt*.  
[www.buga05.de](http://www.buga05.de)

## EUROPEAN UNION

### Green public procurement. Environment as a selection criteria for procurement.

The directive about public procurement adopts environmental criteria to be taken in account in the procurement of goods, services and work. The directive was adopted in August 2004.

The European Commission issued a guidance document on 18 August on green public procurement. The guide «Buying Green!» is available on this website: The intention is to convince public administrations to take account of the environment in the process of buying goods and services. The guide is very useful and can be downloaded at: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/gpp/pdf/gpphandbook.pdf>.

The guide offers advice on recent case law by the European Court of Justice and explains how local authorities and other public purchasers can incorporate environmental criteria into their tendering procedures. Advice is offered on defining the requirements of the contract, selecting suppliers and services, awarding the contract and ensuring that the contract performs well. The guidance will be useful to public authorities in towns and cities who wish to award contracts for new buildings, housing, building services such as cleaning and maintenance, electricity and gas supplies, public transport services, catering and food services, as well for contracts for materials used by the authority such as paper, ink etc.

For further information on Green Public Procurement, please visit DG ENV's website on green public procurement is <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/gpp/>

### The Inspire Initiative

Spatial information is crucial as a foundation for good landscape architecture. In July The Commission published a proposal for a directive about establishing an infrastructure for spatial information (INSPIRE) The intention is the creation of an infrastructure that delivers to users an integrated spatial information service to identify and access spatial or geographical information from a wide range of sources. The use of INSPIRE will give professionals like landscape architects, policy-makers on national and local level and the citizens and their organisations unique source of information. The proposed directive can be downloaded from:

[http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/com/pdf/2004/com2004\\_0516en01.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/com/pdf/2004/com2004_0516en01.pdf)

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## NAMES

### Landscape Architect Head of German Federal Chamber of Architects

Professor Arno Schmidt is New President of the German Federal Chamber of Architects (*Bundesarchitektenkammer*) which includes in its register landscape architects.

### New Landscape Association Presidents

#### NLA: Norway

From March 2004 Mrs. Ingrid Haukeland has been the new President of the Norwegian Landscape Association. She has been educated Landscape architect in 1985, and has been working both in private practice and as landscape architect in public service. For the time being she is responsible for the landscape design program in the reorganising and redesign of the traffic structure in the City of Bergen. Her term of Office lasts until 2006.

#### AEP: Spain

Mr. Carlos Avila became the new President of the Spanish Landscape architects Association, AEP in June 2004 in succession to Susana Canogar. Educated at ENSP in Versailles with a botanical undergraduate background, he works in private practice in Zaragoza and will be President for a four year term.

Challenges in Spain include the lack of professional recognition, promotion of landscape architecture education at national level, the question of merger with the growing Catalan group of landscape architects coming from ETSAB (the Higher Technical Architecture School of Barcelona), and of course funding.

## INTERNATIONAL

### IFLA Gold Medal

IFLA is to award a Gold Medal from 2005 under the auspices of UNESCO. The full title will be the Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Gold Medal in honour of the founder President of IFLA. The first award will be at the IFLA World Congress in Edinburgh next year and then on a four yearly basis.

### Turkey accepted as accession Country

The Commission has accepted Turkey as a applicant Country. This means that the Chamber of the Landscape Architects in Turkey can apply for associated membership.

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## EFLA Calendar

Date	Event	Place
<b>2004</b>		
27-29 October	<b>Open Space People Space an international conference on inclusive environments</b> <a href="http://www.openspace.eca.ac.uk">www.openspace.eca.ac.uk</a>	Edinburgh
19 November	<b>EFLA Seminar 2004: see above</b> <b>The European Landscape Convention ... shaping the Landscapes of Europe</b> <a href="http://www.efla.org">www.efla.org</a>	Brussels
20-21 November	<b>EFLA General Assembly</b> <a href="http://www.efla.org">www.efla.org</a>	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,
25-26 November	<b>Quality and significance for the public of Green Urban Spaces</b> speakers from The Netherlands and UK Ref <a href="mailto:greenurbanspaces@larenstein.nl">greenurbanspaces@larenstein.nl</a>	Larenstein nr Arnhem, Holland
<b>2005</b>		
18-21 March	<b>Le Notre Spring Workshop</b> at Corvinus University Faculty of Landscape Architecture ref. <a href="http://www.le-notre.org">www.le-notre.org</a>	Budapest
28 April	<b>Opening of BUGA05 München</b> <a href="http://www.buga05.de">www.buga05.de</a>	München
2-6 May 2005	<b>Our Shared Landscape integrating ecological, socio-economic and aesthetic aspects in landscape planning and management</b> <a href="http://www.osl.ethz.ch">www.osl.ethz.ch</a>	Ascona Switzerland
19-20 May	<b>Multifunctional land use -meeting future demands for goods and services of the rural environment</b> Organised by the Institute of Geography of the University of Tartu and the European research network Landscape Tomorrow see <a href="http://www.landscape-tomorrow.net/meeting/announcement.doc">http://www.landscape-tomorrow.net/meeting/announcement.doc</a>	Tartu, Finland
26-28 May	<b>Real Time Visualization and Participation:</b> IT for landscape architecture with Prof. Dr. Carl Steinitz, Harvard Design School, Prof. Dr. Ian Bishop, University of Melbourne, Bill Lennertz, National Charrette Institute, Dr. Eckart Lange, ETH Zürich info <a href="http://www.masterla.de">www.masterla.de</a>	Dessau
26-29 June	<b>Leading the Way IFLA World Congress</b> jointly with the Landscape Institute details <a href="http://www.li.org.uk/">www.li.org.uk/</a> or <a href="http://www.iflaonline.org">www.iflaonline.org</a>	Edinburgh
November	<b>The Florence Convention meets the Bologna Process.</b>	Vienna