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## President's Note

*Dear Colleagues,*

Things keep moving in the European landscape, as more countries keep signing and ratifying the Landscape Convention, as landscape education develops within the Bologna process as well as the discussions on a Landscape Common Education Platform, as a new framework of action for 2007-2013 within the EU is being prepared which carries new challenges for our profession.

We have all participated in various meetings and the calendar below indicates much to do this year. On the ground many exciting landscape projects are taking place as *Landscape Architecture Europe* will show at the end of the year; this is a major publication which will demonstrate the achievements of landscape architecture across Europe to the wider world.

EFLA seeks always to have an active role in this wide ranging set of events but also to act as a catalyst. Please, do not forget to share with us information that each one may carry on them so that we can also facilitate its dissemination. We are a small profession but if we act together and mobilise our resources we can be so much more. A good example is the work of Adriaan Geuze based in Rotterdam, who operates throughout Europe and is this year's curator of the Rotterdam Architectural Biennale. This Biennale concentrates on the subject of the challenges of the sea and flooding, which this year have affected both East and West in the great Tsunami.

As you may have noticed by now, this year the coming EFLA seminar in the fall addresses aspects our professional recognition and the common education platform. We have to ensure we are fit as a profession to fulfil our role – we aim at a good turn-out of professionals and educators as well, as these two aspects go so much hand in hand. We will

also be inviting town planner and interior architects to this seminar as they share our interest in the New Professions Directive. It is vital that we realise the opportunities of our position and broadcast our message to the wider world.

Please check the EFLA website [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org) and read about BDLA/BSLA/PHALA/IFLA/EFLA EU monitoring project. It is very important that every national association promotes its discussion and gets involved in every country's EU related matters trying to identify opportunities for landscape architecture. BDLA is promoting a one day workshop on this: 1st of June in Würzburg (see our calendar below). Other national associations should follow the example of the BDLA.

There will also be a short report at the IFLA Edinburgh World Congress in June. Lobbying and representing landscape architecture and the position of the profession to the European Union is central to EFLA's mission. But this is also something all national associations can do as well, especially they can lobby their own MEP's directly as their job is to represent them. In this respect it is vital that the monitoring project gathers funding for the future. It is now in its third and final year unless we ensure we can build upon its actions.

The dialogue between IFLA and EFLA towards a more unified and more effective profession is making progress. I thank the national associations that have been sending their input in this matter and I know that others are about to come as you are about to hold your General Assemblies. Your contribution is of great significance for the clarification of the steps to come. Please send all your thoughts and suggestions.

*Teresa Andresen*

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## EDUCATION

### Le:Notre Thematic Network Spring Workshop

Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary

17-20 March

In this third year of the Le:Notre network, a hundred teachers and a fair number of students from all over Europe met in Budapest at Hungary's main landscape school, headed by Kinga Vándor. This was the most productive of the three annual working sessions and many people who had been involved through the three year programme attended the workshop.



Impressions from Budapest (illustration: Le:Notre website)

There was an influx of enthusiastic newcomers from Central Europe and notably from Turkey where we learn there are eleven landscape architecture schools (see below). Also the meeting was also an opportunity for the EFLA European Landscape Convention Working Group to meet as well as for conversation between EFLA and the Hungarian profession which has observer status at EFLA.

The way Le:Notre is working is shifting from the subject area working groups of the first two years (cultural landscapes, information technology, infrastructure design, management, planning, construction, professional practice, theory, vegetation, history/ conservation and urban open space to project related actions which are:

- a European doctorate programme
- European Issues such as the Landscape Convention
- The glossary (to become an encyclopaedia)
- The establishment of an academic journal
- Literature searches
- The proposal of an Urban/ Cities Landscape Database
- The web portal based on hyperlinks,
- A bachelors and masters group (much the biggest group of all)
- The transformation of ECLAS.

All in all this is too much to summarise here, just to say that both Bologna, and the EFLA/ECLAS proposal to establish a Common Education Platform were the subject of both plenary and working groups presentations. This was a well attended and very successful meeting. The longer term ambition is to enhance the position of landscape studies European wide and this ambition is being achieved. For more information on the Spring Workshop and more, visit the extensive website: [www.le-notre.org](http://www.le-notre.org)

## EDUCATION

### Turkish Schools

As noted above there was a good representation of Turkish educators at the Le:Notre workshop in Budapest, The eleven Turkish schools where landscape architecture is taught are: Istanbul University Department of Forestry, Istanbul Technical University, Ankara University, Bilkent University, Izmir University, Ege University, Akdeniz University, Cukurova University, Karaman University, Trakya University (in Thrace) and Karadeniz Technical University (Black Sea Technical University). There is the opportunity of contact them easily at the forthcoming ECLAS conference in Ankara this September (see calendar below).

## EDUCATION

### Bologna Ministerial Meeting 2005

Bologna was the subject of one of the presentations to the March meeting of Le:Notre in Budapest. Put together by the Le:Notre Professional Practice Working Group the discussion concentrated on patterns of degree and also discussed the implications for a Common Education Platform (whether landscape architecture should be a Masters entry profession like architecture). The next meeting of Bologna Declaration country ministers for higher education meet in Bergen 19-20 May 2005 to review progress of the Bologna. Please refer to <http://www.bologna-bergen2005.no/>

## EDUCATION

### New Landscape Schools

Schools in Iceland and Estonia have said they are to submit applications for EFLA recognition. The other major task this year is to re-recognise the German schools. EFLA recognition is for a five year period and 2005 is the fifth year.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

### European Conference 2005: Une Manière de Protéger la Planète

EFLA - FFP conference, 26-28 October 2005 (Lille, France)

Sustainable landscape development and cross-border work are the themes of the conference to be hosted by the city of Lille and Region Pas-de-Calais. Lille was the Cultural Capital of Europe 2005 and can provide a number of interesting landscape architecture sites. The three conference days will feature plenary sessions, workshops and field trips. This is the second step of a two-phase project.

The first step was national seminars arranged by the member associations, the findings of which will provide a basis for this conference. The national reports received so far will within shortly be available on the EFLA web site. Further reports are expected, all member associations are invited to submit their reports to this important event.

The Lille conference on 26-28 October takes place in connection with the EFLA General Assembly 2005 on 29-30 October in Brussels and the EFLA Friday seminar is to play its part in the Lille conference. There is easy transfer of about an hour by TGV train between Lille and Brussels. - *Lars Nyberg*

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## INTERNATIONAL

### UNESCO/ IFLA 2005 Student Competition *Safer Cities and Towns*

Closing date for this competition is Friday 13 May 2005, a selection of entries are to be exhibited at the IFLA World Congress June 2005 in Edinburgh. [www.i-i.org.uk/ifla](http://www.i-i.org.uk/ifla)

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## EU RELATIONS

### BDLA.BSLA/PHALA/IFLA/EFLA Monitoring Project

PHALA, the Philhellenic Association of Landscape Architects, has donated €200 to the Monitoring Project. Currently the project is funded for the three year period 2003-2005 and further funding is sought from both international and national associations for this project. The BDLA are organising a one day's seminar on the subject of their monitoring process on 1 June in Würzburg (see calendar) and there is also to be a presentation at the IFLA World Congress in Edinburgh in late June. Meanwhile the interim report is being placed on the EFLA website: [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org)

## EU RELATIONS

### The European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

The EEB is a federation of non-governmental environmental organisations and it aims to promote knowledge and understanding of the current and potential EU environmental and sustainable development policies amongst the general public in the EU, to help them generally to lobby for continuous improvement. It has a consultative status and relations with:

- the Council of Europe (CoE);
- the Commission of the European Union (EC), the European Parliament (EP);
- the Economic and Social Committee of the European Union (EESC);
- the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and
- the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (UN-CSD)

*Membership* - The EEB has 143 member organisations in 31 countries, dealing with environmental issues and nature protection and EFLA is a full member. EEB's specific mission is to promote environmental policies and sustainable policies on the European Union level. As a result, the mission of the EEB is to become an effective instrument in visibly improving the EU's environmental policies and realising sustainable development by effectively integrating environmental objectives in horizontal and sectoral policies of the EU. The EEB runs 12 specialised Working Groups of EEB members, produces position papers on topics that are, or should be, on the EU agenda and represents the Membership in regular discussions with European institutions.

A major task is to co-ordinate actions by its members and existing and potential allies to initiate positive change, a change of direction in EU policies towards sustainability. The EU has a major influence beyond its own territory. The environmental dimensions of enlargement, the direct relationships with regions in the world and the general role of the EU in the global marketplace are also areas of concern for the EEB. More info: <http://www.eeb.org/> - *Trygve Sundt*

## COUNCIL OF EUROPE

### European Landscape Convention (ELC)

Latest countries to ratify and carry into force this Convention are Belgium, Bulgaria and Poland. Portugal has ratified the Convention in 29 March and will carry into force in July. Seventeen countries have ratified it and 29 signed it. The Netherlands (one of western European notable non signées along with Germany and the UK) is said to be considering signing it. Now that the (professional) discussion in the country seems to direct towards signing the Convention and the council for the Rural Areas has advised positively steps can be taken. For the full text of the convention and background information: [www.coe.int/t/e/Cultural\\_Co-operation/Environment/Landscape/](http://www.coe.int/t/e/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Landscape/)

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## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

### European München Bundesgartenschau in 2004

The Munich BUGA opens 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. For more information: [www.buga05.de](http://www.buga05.de)

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

### ABAJP/BVTL celebrates its 75th anniversary

The Belgian professional landscape architecture association is seventy five years old this year and a series of events are being planned. Look to coming Newsletters or contact [bvt-abajp@kmonet.be](mailto:bvt-abajp@kmonet.be)

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

### National Garden Design Day in the Netherlands

For the third (?) time in a row, the Dutch Federation for Garden and Landscape Architecture (NVTL) organises its Garden Design Day. Members of NVTL are located in 50 public libraries across the country, to give (free) advise on people's garden and answer their questions. Locations: [www.nvtl.nl](http://www.nvtl.nl)

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

### Selection for Landscape Architecture Europe

The response to call for entries for this new yearbook has been very good with over 500 projects submitted from all over Europe. These projects were considered by the selection committee of Maria Goula, Robert Camlin, Henri Bava and chair Michael van Gessel. They met over two weekends in January and February.

Publication of the book is scheduled for the end of 2005 with English and German editions guaranteed, with possibilities of editions in other languages. It will be a full colour, well documented book covering over 40 selected projects. Birkhäuser will be the publisher. *Robert Holden*

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

### Common Education Platform and the EU Professions Directive

This Directive is in the European Parliament and the second reading is programmed for 22 May 2005. The rapporteur remains Mr Zappala (an Italian engineer as well as MEP) while the shadow rapporteur is now Barbara Weiler who has taken over from Evelyne Gebhardt who is main rapporteur on the Service in the Internal Market Directive. The Luxembourg Presidency has announced on reaching agreement and adopting this directive in July 2005.

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 that will manage the implementation of the directive.

EFLA is working on such a Common Education Platform providing it meets the representative conditions of the directive when passed. However, it has to represent 3/4 of the countries and all the countries, which have "regulated" professions which is presumably the countries where landscape architecture is a registered profession (Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, The Netherlands, Austria and Italy: currently the Austrian, Czech and Hungarian associations are not members of EFLA).  
*Robert Holden*

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)

## NEWS

### 2005 Barcelona Biennale

This is reported to be going ahead and will probably be in November. Judging from previous biennales this will not be something to miss, with exhibitions and talks over two or three days. More information: [http://www.coac.net/landscape/default\\_w.html](http://www.coac.net/landscape/default_w.html)



## NEWS

### 2012 Rotterdam Architectural Biennale 2005 "the Flood"

This year's Rotterdam Architectural Biennale is curated by landscape architect Adriaan Geuze of West 8, its involves major exhibitions, on The Water City, Mare Nostrum, Polders, Three Bays and Flood, the results of a master class on flood resistant housing organised by the Berlage Institute, various publications, including an Atlas of Dutch Water Cities, lectures, debates and a conference. The exhibitions are listed in the EFLA calendar below and at: [www.iabr.nl](http://www.iabr.nl)

## NEWS

### France's Environmental Charter

President Jacques Chirac ensured the passing of the new French environment charter which was "enshrined" in the French constitution in February. This put the right to a healthy environment on the same legal footing in France as human rights, a pioneering move in environmental protection. The new charter covers the principles of prevention, precaution and polluter-pays; it obliges individual citizens to "prevent or at least limit" actions leading to environmental damage". The charters are on: <http://www.env-health.org/a/1629> and [http://www.unhabitat.org/UCLG/jacques\\_chirac.asp](http://www.unhabitat.org/UCLG/jacques_chirac.asp)

## NEWS

### 2012 Floriade

The next Floriade or Dutch Garden Festival is scheduled for 2012 and finding the next site is proving a problem. Rotterdam and Arnhem have withdrawn from the competition to host the event. Currently the best bet is Venlo. Read more on the website, with a presentation of the candidate: [www.floriade.nl](http://www.floriade.nl)

## NEWS

### Hungarian Landscape Architecture

The visit to Budapest for the Le: Notre workshop was an opportunity to find out about the profession in Hungary. There are about a thousand members of HALA, the Hungarian Association of Landscape Architects. We learned that in Hungary there is also a state register (as in German, Holland, Austria and the Czech Republic).

The Architecture chamber (ref. [www.mek.hu](http://www.mek.hu)) has sections for architects, interior designers, landscape and garden designers, planners and conservationists. It is organised by counties (or *Länder*). The landscape and garden design section has two forms of membership, the garden designers are defined as working on less than two ha and landscape architects work on the larger area schemes.

Registration requires for garden designers a five year *Diplom* plus two years professional practice while landscape architecture registration requires the *Diplom* degree plus five years professional practice experience.

The sole landscape school is that at Corvinus University, ([www.hu/tajkar](http://www.hu/tajkar)) which has departments of landscape planning and regional development and a department of garden art and a five year graduate programme. Students specialise from the fifth semester in one of the specialisations:

- Landscape and urban design
- Landscape preservation and reclamation
- Landscape planning and regional development
- Conservation of historic gardens.

Landscape education began in 1907 under Béla Rerrich and Mihaly Mocsényi set up the first landscape planning education in 1950 while the first programme in landscape architecture started under Imre Ormos in 1962, this has now grown so that there are now nearly one hundred students per year in the four specialisation's. - Robert Holden

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## CALENDER

EFLA Calendar 2005-2006 (updated March 2005)

2005		
Date	Event	Place
14-15 April	<b>Conference on Urban Green Spaces</b> Hogeschool Larenstein, Velp (near Arnhem) <a href="http://www.larenstein.nl/index.cfm?id=813">http://www.larenstein.nl/index.cfm?id=813</a>	Arnhem, The Netherlands
16-17 April	<b>EFLA Executive Council</b>	Brussels
28 April	<b>Opening of BUGA05 München</b> <a href="http://www.buga05.de">www.buga05.de</a>	München, Germany
28-30 April	<b>4th National Landscape Architecture Students' Symposium</b> organised by Istanbul Pemot in Turkey contact: Senem Tufekcioglu <a href="mailto:eskarina@BONBON.NET">eskarina@BONBON.NET</a>	Istanbul, Turkey
2-6 May	<b>Our Shared Landscape</b> Conference on integrating ecological, socio-economic and aesthetic aspects in landscape planning and management. <a href="http://www.osl.ethz.ch">www.osl.ethz.ch</a>	Ascona Switzerland
12-16 May	<b>ELASA mini meeting SLU Alnarp near Malmö</b> <a href="http://www.elasa.org">www.elasa.org</a>	Alnarp-Malmö Sweden
13 May	<b>IFLA/UNESCO International Student Design Competition</b> deadline. The work is to be exhibited at the Edinburgh World Congress in June. <a href="http://www.l-i.org.uk/ifla">http://www.l-i.org.uk/ifla</a>	
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
25-28 May	<b>Real-Time Visualisation and Participation</b> The 6th conference of information technologies in landscape architecture, with Prof. Carl Steinitz, Harvard, Prof. Ian Bishop Melbourne, Bill Lennertz National Charrette Institute, Dr Eckart Lange ETH Zurich. The Conference is held at Anhalt University of Applied Sciences/ Bauhaus Dessau ( <a href="mailto:mla@loel.hs-anhalt.de">mla@loel.hs-anhalt.de</a> ) <a href="http://www.masterla.de/conf/html/conf2005/program2005.htm">www.masterla.de/conf/html/conf2005/program2005.htm</a>	Dessau, Germany
27 May – 4 September	<b>IABR Exhibitions on The Water City and Mare Nostrum</b> Las Palmas, Wilhelminakade 66-68, Rotterdam <a href="http://www.iabr.nl">www.iabr.nl</a>	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
27 May – 26 June	<b>IABR Exhibitions on Three Bays and Flow</b> The Netherlands Architecture Institute (NAi) Museumpark 25, Rotterdam <a href="http://www.iabr.nl">www.iabr.nl</a>	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
1 June	<b>Landschaftsarchitektur &amp; die künftige EU-Förderung</b> BDLA one day's workshop on the EU Monitoring process <a href="http://www.bdla.de/europa/">www.bdla.de/europa/</a>	Würzburg, Germany
21-23 June	<b>Rural Design Forum</b> <i>Design for Sustainable Rural Communities</i> Architecture and Agriculture after the CAP: anticipating the new rural vernacular, designing post-agricultural landscapes, settlements and economies. DEFRA/CSL conference centre <a href="http://www.littoral.org.uk">www.littoral.org.uk</a>	York, UK
26-29 June	<b>Leading the Way: IFLA World Congress</b> Organised jointly with the Landscape Institute <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, Scotland

12-14 July	<b>2005 IASME / WSEAS International Conference</b> <i>On Energy, Environment, Ecosystems and Sustainable Development with PHALA session on Landscape Design in an Urban Environment</i> <a href="http://www.worldses.org/conferences/2005/greece/energy/urban.htm">www.worldses.org/conferences/2005/greece/energy/urban.htm</a>	Athens, Greece
25 August – 6 Sept.	<b>ELASA Annual Conference, Portugal</b> <a href="http://www.elasa.org">www.elasa.org</a>	Portugal
September	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ecole Supérieure de Paysage</b> Party, colloque, exhibition... details awaited <a href="http://www.versailles.ecole-paysage.fr/">http://www.versailles.ecole-paysage.fr/</a>	Versailles, France
10-11 Sept.	<b>EFLA Executive Council</b>	Brussels
14-18 September	<b>Landscape Change: ECLAS Annual Conference</b> Contact: <a href="mailto:nilgul.karadeniz@agri.ankara.edu.tr">nilgul.karadeniz@agri.ankara.edu.tr</a> <a href="http://eclas2005.agri.ankara.edu.tr">http://eclas2005.agri.ankara.edu.tr</a>	Ankara, Turkey
22 - 24 September	<b>The Best in Heritage</b> International Council of Museums (ICOM) UNESCO (Croatian Commission), Europa Nostra, & ICOMOS: international forum on the most professionally creative and educational heritage developments all over the world including landscape interpretation. Write to: <a href="mailto:pr@thebestinheritage.com">pr@thebestinheritage.com</a> <a href="http://www.TheBestInHeritage.com">www.TheBestInHeritage.com</a>	Dubrovnik, Croatia
25-28 October	<b>Protéger la Planète</b> FFP concluding conference to this three year international programme	Lille, France
28 October	<b>EFLA Seminar: Professional Recognition, the Professions Directive and Common Education Platform</b> EFLA Annual Seminar, part of the Protéger la Planète process: as a profession we have to ensure to be equipped to contribute.	Brussels/Lille
27+30 Oct.	<b>EFLA Executive Council</b>	Brussels
29-30 Oct.	<b>EFLA General Assembly</b>	Brussels
November	<b>The Florence Convention meets the Bologna Process</b> Provisionally 10/11/12.11.2005 or on 17/18/19.11.2005 This is the summation of the three year LE:NOTRE network project. Le:Notre are going to invite representatives of the European Landscape Convention, the ERASMUS project, and the Tuning Project <a href="http://www.le-notre.org">www.le-notre.org</a>	Vienna, Austria
November provisional	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> European Biennale on landscape</b> email: <a href="mailto:biennal@coac.net">biennal@coac.net</a> <a href="http://www.coac.net/landscape">http://www.coac.net/landscape</a>	Barcelona, Spain
2005-2008	<b>International Garden &amp; Landscape Architecture Triennial</b> To be held in Apeldoorn in 2005-2008, info: +31 (0)344 630 286 or <a href="mailto:info@triennale.nl">info@triennale.nl</a> and <a href="http://www.triennale.nl">www.triennale.nl</a>	Apeldoorn, The Netherlands
<b>2006</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
24 May-24 September	<b>Deutsch-Tschechische Landesgartenschau</b> KRAJINNÁ VÝSTAVA BEZ HRANIC 2006 <a href="http://www.marktredwitz.de/aktuell/Gartenschauvor.htm">http://www.marktredwitz.de/aktuell/Gartenschauvor.htm</a>	Cheb (Eger), Czech Republic
August/ September	<b>ELASA Annual Conference, Versailles</b> <a href="http://www.elasa.org">www.elasa.org</a>	Versailles, France