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PRESIDENTS' PIECE

The European Coming Together

Dear Colleagues,

The Central Region Regional Council took place in Versailles on the 22nd February 2006. At that Council there was a positive vote in favour of the proposal to the IFLA Minneapolis World Council, regarding potential changes of IFLA Constitution and By-Laws leading to the IFLA-EFLA Coming Together.

Taking the opportunity arising from that Council, I would like to put forward some thoughts regarding the "Coming Together of IFLA and EFLA".

During the IFLA World Council that took place in Edinburgh, Scotland June 2005, the Edinburgh Protocol was agreed and signed by IFLA (Martha Fajardo and Jeppe Andersen) and by EFLA (Teresa Andresen). In brief this protocol allowed the coming together of the International Federation of Landscape Architects Central Region (IFLA CR) and the European Federation for Landscape Architecture (EFLA) into one entity and was the step forward from the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed between the two organizations in May 2004 in Prague.

In October the EFLA General Assembly (GA) took place. It was attended by Thanos Sklavenitis and Charlotte Buys representing IFLA CR. At the GA the EFLA ExCo (having previously distributed the Protocol by email to the members of EFLA) proposed changes to EFLA's Statutes. The EFLA General Assembly the EFLA ExCo and the IFLA CR ExCo were all positive and enthusiastic on the IFLA-EFLA Coming Together and the only way forward is the merging. There was a unanimous positive vote on the proposed changes to EFLA statutes and the procedure moved a step forward.

In February 2006 the Central Region Regional Council took place in Versailles. At the Council there was a great majority for the changes proposed by IFLA CR ExCo based on the Baker

& McKenzie's Lawyer's report. Two more dates and decisions are still to go to complete the Coming Together process. The Minneapolis IFLA World Council in October 2006 and the EFLA GA in November 2006.

I have strongly supported this process. EFLA ExCo and IFLA CR ExCo (the latter with the advice of IFLA President) have been working hard during the past year in joint meetings, to safeguard that any obstacles would be overcome.

Sincerely I believe that the inspiration of IFLA and EFLA Presidents has led the way and there is no excuse for not achieving the expected. From my personal involvement in IFLA as Regional Secretary and EFLA as President of PHALA, I have experienced the sincere enthusiasm of Europeans to unite. Also their question was why have landscape architects allowed in the past for such a split to take place.

However I do now believe that we will succeed. From the 1st of January 2007 there will be a new Region the "EUROPEAN REGION" represented by EFLA. We will stop dealing with time consuming procedures of how to unite and we will focus on Strategic Plans, the Landscape Convention, EU monitoring and generally matters that will improve the position of Landscape Architects in the Continent. Simultaneously, as part of the Global Organization IFLA, we will contribute substantially to the improvement of the profession worldwide.

From now on, there are two milestones: the Minneapolis World Council and the Brussels 2006 EFLA General Assembly. In good faith, the Europeans believe that from the 1st of January 2007 there will be no more segregation, but unity and the European Region will be formed. Let's succeed!

Thanos Sklavenitis

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PERSONAL OPINION PIECE

European Landscape Architecture should stand up for itself

In Germany government desire to economize on higher education plus conversion to Bologna is threatening the four year minimum length of education for landscape architecture (see below). In Ireland the sensible desire to make architecture a registered profession has led to a bill which as presently worded could stop landscape architects from calling themselves by that title. This could lead to the ridiculous situation whereby landscape architects in Northern Ireland could be prosecuted for writing on their letterhead to the Irish Republic.

In both cases EFLA has coordinated a response with the national association and with IFLA Central Region to express concern and bring pressure to bear (see reports below). Our profession has to argue its case.

The European Union Professions Directive has given this profession the opportunity to pursue for a Common Education Platform. This is why we held a seminar on this question in October 2005. However, to register a Common Education Platform we need to develop a Platform, which we can agree upon. Indeed a profession may not register a Platform unless three quarters of all the European Union countries and including all of the countries where landscape architecture is a "regulated" profession (the countries are Austria, Germany, Hungary, Italy, and The Netherlands where landscape architecture is a state registered profession and the United Kingdom it is a chartered profession).

For that reason since 2004 EFLA has been working closely with ECLAS in developing a Common Platform for Landscape Architecture based on the 1998 EFLA Education document (which national associations approved) updated to include Bologna based descriptions (i.e. ECTS, the European Credit Transfer System). Last year a version of this document was circulated to all national associations and has received responses from several associations, which are supportive (with the exception of the Landscape Institute) in the United Kingdom which has reservations). However, so far only a minority of national associations have responded. The fact remains that if we wish to argue our case such a Platform would be a useful and helpful for landscape architecture (just as world-wide IFLA has argued for the International Labour Organisation to recognise our profession).

Prior to EFLA General Assembly, we are therefore to write to all national associations of both EFLA and IFLA Central Region to request their current views and report the views received so far. Therefore it is important all national associations express their opinion on this issue. It is also important that all national associations are happy with what is proposed. Act together and we can find a stronger voice, remain silent and we will be sidelined.

Robert Holden

NEWS

€5000 fine threat for landscape architects in Ireland?

The right to call yourself a landscape architect is under threat in the Republic of Ireland. The Irish do not have registers for architects or surveyors, and so there is a bill in the lower house of the Irish parliament the Dail to introduce such a register. Reasonable enough you would think (though currently there is no proposal to introduce registration for landscape architecture).

However, as currently written the bill bars other professions such as landscape architects from using the word "architect" in their title, the section of concern it reads as follows:

Those who "practises or carries on business under any name, style or title containing the word "architect" unless he or she is registered under this Part, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding Euro 5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both"

So there would be the crazy situation that landscape architects in Northern Ireland could not call themselves landscape architects in the South, or even send letters to the South using this term. The Irish Landscape Institute is concerned about this and at their request EFLA wrote with IFLA to the relevant Irish Minister of the Environment, and to Mr Sean Haughey who is chair of the joint parliamentary committee in Dublin for the bill. EFLA expressed concern and advised a reworking of this clause so Irish landscape architects can continue to call themselves by their professional title. Watch this space for developments.

NEWS

German landscape architecture education under threat

One of the by-products of the Bologna Declaration is the way that governments are trying to reduce the length of higher education in the name of efficiency. Landscape Architecture world-wide (both IFLA and EFLA) is tied to the notion that higher education is a minimum of four years. This used to accommodate the German Fachhochschulen who have four year diploma courses. However, with the introduction of three year Bachelors there is pressure to reduce the four years to three. Bachelors degrees are intended to be vocational and to lead to a job.

Over the past two years EFLA has worked with both with the BDLA and also the BAK, the federal chamber of architects (representing the Länder chambers) which covers landscape architects. This year two Länder Architecture Chambers have contacted EFLA directly about this matter seeking advice on minimum length of higher education for landscape architecture. In April prompted by these individual approaches EFLA wrote jointly with the BDLA to all the Lander Architectural Chambers and to all the Länder Building Ministries on this matter. This was prior to a meeting of the the BAK (President Arno Schmid) and the Länder Building Ministers in early May. As we go to press we are beginning to receive responses from the Länder ministries.



NEWS

Next EU Presidencies

Finland's EU President begins on 1 July until December then Germany is president for the first half of 2007. For both presidencies globalisation will be one concern and the Finnish presidency will also stress the importance of cooperation between the EU and Russia plus the Northern Dimension (relations with Russia especially Kaliningrad and the Arctic). One aim is to develop a new political framework document for the Northern Dimension and to focus on the related partnerships. Note environment and cross border regional cooperation feature as two of the five priority areas. Finns, Germans, Balts, Russians and Belorussians please note.

www.eu2006.fi



Triple shared presidencies

From 2007 the European Council of Ministers presidency will be triple-shared for periods of 1.5 years with each of the three countries assuming a "leading role" for half a year. This change was made so that the new member states of 2004 could hold presidency fairly soon. While the troikas are arranged so, there are both new and old member states in each threesome. For example, in 2007 first Germany and then Portugal will be President, with new boy Slovenia following for the first half of 2008. EFLA should work with EU presidencies on landscape and environment policy via the national associations. The BDLA is already in contact with the German Presidency team for 2007 and there will be a presentation of this at this year's EFLA Seminar in November. This could be a model for future action by our profession.

NEWS

Services Directive: Commission publishes amended version



On 4 April the European Commission published amendments for a Directive on Services in the Internal Market (the SIM Directive); this follows the 16 February vote of the European Parliament. Significant are that the scope now excludes services of general interest, matters relating to the posting of workers (covered by an existing directive) and health services. Significantly legal services are included despite the fact that the Parliamentary vote had excluded them.

The "Country of Origin Principle (COP)" is excluded and is replaced by an Article entitled "Freedom to Provide Services" that does not prescribe a legal regime for services to be provided: it does not require a cross-border service provider to abide by the rules of the destination country.

The proposal has been debated at permanent representative level (in the COREPER) in May. The objective of the Austrian Presidency in moving the debate to the COREPER level is to reach political agreement at the Competitiveness Council meeting of the 29th May. This seems to be an ambitious target as it has been reported that a majority of Member States are not satisfied with the parliamentary compromise on the cross-border provision of services. In the best possible scenario the Directive would be adopted at the end of 2006 with a two-year transposition period. Concerns are:

1) The Article on Professional Indemnity Insurance remains (Art. 27), but there will be no obligation on the Member States to impose it, nor on the insurance industry to provide insurance along the lines required by the Directive. The insurance industry is continuing to lobby strongly against the ambitions of the Directive.

2) The Article on Codes of Conduct (Art. 39) no longer obliges Member states to take steps to introduce codes, leaving it to their discretion in the transposition phase of the Directive. To view the revised text go to: http://europa.eu.int/comm/internal_market/services/services-dir/proposal_en.htm

(source ACE newsletter 2006-3)

LANDSCAPE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Le:Notre Plus Conference Spring Workshop

Vienna 18-21 May

May was a busy month for landscape architecture conferences and ECLAS effectively doubled up by holding two conferences together at the time of its annual workshop for members of the EU funded Le:notre landscape education thematic network run from Vienna Technical University under Professor Richard Stiles' aegis.

The five days saw:

- the launch of JOLA the new peer reviewed academic journal (see report below),
- "tuning" of the Le:Notre findings over the past four years,
- launch of a web-based Erasmus/Socrates student exchange
- news of developments of the Le: Notre website which effectively is being used as the base of a new ECLAS website
- launch of the Lenné website (an EU Tempus project)
- launch of the Urban Landscape Network in the form of a one day symposium (again see below)
- Bergen to London: reports of EU curriculum reform especially related to the three cycles of higher education (Bachelors, Masters and doctoral levels)
- preparations for a Le:Notre 2 bid for 2006-8
- agreement of a constitution for ECLAS and constitution of ECLAS as a more formal institution with a base in Wageningen in The Netherlands.

Plans for the future (under the Le:Notre 2 bid) are even more far-ranging including a web based "European Institute of Advanced Studies in Landscape Architecture Education", widening the scope of the Le:Notre web site (and making more of it public) and embracing students, practitioners and national research institutes, lifelong learning, and eLearning, and developing the multi-lingual glossary as a Le:Notre-paedia.

Robert Holden

EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONFERENCE

The European Urban Landscape Partnership Inaugural Seminar

Vienna Friday 19 May

The Friday sandwiched in the middle of the Le:Notre Plus workshop was a rich filling: the launch of this joint partnership between municipalities and educationalists under the aegis of Le:Notre. The Urban Landscape Partnership aims to use the twin arms of the European Union's Thematic Strategy for the Urban Environment and the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention and to develop a long term network and information exchange promoting the urban landscape as a development from the Le:Notre experience.

This began with a full presentation by Maguelone Dejeant-Pons of the Council of Europe in respect of the European Landscape Convention. The Convention a summation of a series of moves related to the Environment by the Council of Europe over the last thirty years ranging from the Convention on European Wildlife and Natural Habitat of 1979 to the Conventions of Architectural Heritage of 1997. The Landscape Convention can be seen as integrating these various policies and note that the Council of Europe Landscape Award (established under the Convention) begins in 2007.

There then were a series of case study presentations from both municipal officers and educationalists from Genova, Oslo, Budapest, Berlin, Paris and Istanbul (both the Viennese events were notable for the number and enthusiasm of attendees from Turkey). Followed by workshops based on further case studies from a further range of cities. This initial meeting promises well for this ambitious project which will promote urban landscape information exchange across Europe.

Robert Holden





More specific requests included a call for further research in the field of architecture and the built environment, studies into the effects of climate change on heritage conservation, research in the fields of spatial, urban and rural planning.

(Source ACE Newsletter 3/2006)

NEWS

Europa Nostra Awards 2006

On 13 March the European Commission and Europa Nostra announced the annual EU Prizes for Cultural Heritage / the Europa Nostra Awards.

The Awards will be presented at the annual European Heritage Awards Ceremony, to be held in 27 June at the Prado Palace in Madrid with the participation of Europa Nostra's President, HRH the Prince Consort of Denmark and Ján Figel', Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism and will be presided over by H.M. Queen Sofia of Spain, who is Patron of Hispania Nostra, the Europa Nostra's Spanish member.

The European Heritage Awards were jointly launched in 2002 by Europa Nostra and the European Commission, in the framework of the Commission's Culture 2000 programme. They recognise best practices in heritage conservation on a European level. The aims of this Awards Scheme are three-fold: to promote high standards in conservation practice, to stimulate cross-boundary exchanges of knowledge and skills, and to encourage further exemplary initiatives in the field of cultural heritage. The five top Prizes include a Cultural Landscape category. The Landscape Prizes were:

- the Vía de la Plata, Extremadura (Spain), carried out by the Ministry of Culture of the Regional Government along of an ancient Roman road, aiming to raise appreciation for heritage and stimulating economic development. The project includes the rehabilitation of thirty-two characteristic monuments to provide various tourism or recreational facilities. Other awards were:
- the unification and Enhancement of the Archaeological Sites around the Acropolis, Athens (Diploma);
- the Arcadian Gate and City Wall, Messene Greece (diploma)
- Heather and Hillforts Landscape Partnership Scheme, by Denbighshire County Council in Wales (medal);
- Paanajärvi, Karelia Russian Federation (medal)

Deadlines for entries to next year's Europa Nostra Awards are 1 and 15 September 2006). Entries include sections for cultural landscapes conservation and their study.
http://www.europanostra.org/lang_en/0260_activities_call_for_entries_2006.html

NEWS

IFLA-European Parliament hearing on cultural heritage and the 7th framework

On 6 February 2006, MEP Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines (EPP) organised a public hearing on Sustainable Development, Natural and Cultural Heritage Research as part of the debate on the 7th Framework Programme for Research.

100 representatives from the museums, heritage and research sectors and the European Parliament attended. They discussed promoting research in those fields and called an increase in the presence of cultural heritage within the different themes of EU research programmes. The meeting also encouraged contacts and exchanges among researchers and institutions.

One concern is that that budget for cultural heritage has decreased from €40 million euro (in the Fifth Framework Programme for Research and Technology, or FP5) to €10 million euro (in the FP6). In their joint declaration to the EU Institutions, the participants called for support for basic scientific and technical research, applied to all branches of the cultural heritage.



LANDSCAPE Profession News

Relaunch of bdlade website: www.bdlade

The bdlade (bund der deutscher landschaftsarchitekten) website was re-launched on 1 January: it now has an on-line practice register and search engine, with continuous updating of the contents. It can be found at www.bdlade. The on-line practice register and search engine extends the old list of firms of landscape architects with listing by fields of work and by region.

The BDLA aims to provide the most comprehensive landscape architecture data base in Germany. The column About Ourselves has been made more user friendly while the Public Relations section has a picture gallery, with images of the daily business and activities of the association.

The newly designed homepage offers comprehensive information, organized in the following sections:

- practice register and search engine
- members' area
- public relations
- about ourselves

In addition a sample of the internet presentations of the bdlade's regional groups is also being added.

LANDSCAPE PROFESSION NEWS

Greek Association launches website www.phalagr

New is the PHALA website www.phalagr. View it to read news of the major conference being held in Athens in September where the website includes details in English.



IFLA-Urban Futures 2.0 Stockholm 3-5 May 2006

Organised by the City of Stockholm, the Swedish government and the European Commission this conference examined the themes of governance and partnership and was a follow-up to the earlier Urban Futures 1.0 conference of 2003.

The conference is part of Swedish metropolitan policy and contributes to the European agenda for urban issues agreed by the ministers in charge of urban affairs in Rotterdam in November 2004 and further developed by the Bristol Accord in December 2005. More than 650 people in total attended the conference; there were 8 Ministers, 40 Mayors, many city officials and EU Commission officials.

Mr Jean-Marie Beaupuy MEP, President of the Inter-group Urban.Logement in the European Parliament, reported he has asked the Commission to give financial support for communication operations on urban action. Mr Jan Olbrycht MEP, Vice President of the Committee on Regional Development of the European Parliament and First Vice President of the Inter-group Urban.Logement emphasised the need for politicians and architects to work together and he also stressed the need to re-define cities with people and architects.

Finnish and German Ministers stated the intention of their respective upcoming Presidencies of the EU to actively pursue the line of the Rotterdam and Bristol Ministerial Meetings.

Commissioner Danuta Hübner, in charge of Regional Policy, said the Commission will give special attention to urban issues, e.g. Structural Funds, and also by reinforcing URBACT. She announced the Commission will publish in the summer 2006 a Communication on Strategic Guidelines following the consultation earlier this year on the Staff Working Paper on Cohesion policy and cities.

Sweden has set out to host a Conference Urban Futures 3.0 in 2009 during its Presidency of the EU.

More details to be found at: www.urbanfutures.se

(credit: ACE Newsletter 3/2006)

NEWS

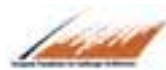
Cities of the Future Report

Price Waterhouse Coopers published their study Cities of the Future Global Competition Local Leadership at the Urban Futures conference. This is the result of interviews over the last year and identifies six categories of challenge for cities to maintain global competitiveness:

- Intellectual and social capital
- Democratic capital ...
- Culture and leisure capital - a strong city brand provides visibility propelling the city into competition for residents, business relocations, tourism and international events
- Environmental capital - cities consume significant resources and have to provide a clean, green and safe environment.
- Technical capital ... this includes basic needs like transport, housing, water and energy as well as new demands for effective communication like broadband and electronic networks.
- Financial capital...

It is arguable that landscape architecture can contribute to three of the above categories and that therefore their potential contribution is important. Hence moves such as the European Urban Landscape Partnership (see above)

<http://www.pwc.com/extweb/industry.nsf/docid/696447da246450ec85256629006b3116>



Fieldwork

NEWS

Fieldwork Landscape Architecture Europe

Initial news is that this is selling well especially in the English edition. The Board of the Landscape Architecture Europe Foundation had a meeting in May in Vienna and work has begun on planning for a next edition of what is planned as a triennial publication. This is planned for 2009 and including projects dating from 2005-9.

NEWS

European Landscape Convention: Italy ratifies

Italy is the latest country to ratify the European Landscape Convention on 4 May 2006. 23 Countries have now ratified the Convention and a total of 33 signed it. We still wait for Austria, Germany, and Russia to sign and for large countries such as Sweden, Ukraine, and Spain to ratify. Then there are smaller countries such as Georgia and surprisingly Iceland, which have not signed. For details of the Convention:

[http://www.coe.int/t/e/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Landscape_\(in_English_and_French\)](http://www.coe.int/t/e/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Landscape_(in_English_and_French))

PROFESSOR VROOM'S MAGNUM OPUS

Lexicon of landscape architecture published

March 2006 is the publication date of Lexicon of Landscape Architecture by Meto Vroom with definitions of terms and critical essays this will be a fundamental source book for the profession. In the next newsletter a review.

Vroom (2006) Lexicon of Landscape Architecture.

352 pages, €39.90. ISBN 3-7643-7525-6. Birkhäuser.



cities of the future



REPORT

Aho Report: European Research too little too late

An independent expert group, set up after the Hampton Court European Council last year, led by the former Finnish Prime Minister, Esko Aho, has concluded that unless Europe takes radical actions on research and innovation, it will be “too late” for the EU to achieve its ambitions of becoming the world leader in the knowledge stakes. The expert group identified the lack of an innovation-friendly market as a major obstacle to the investment by business in research and innovation. The report brings fuel to the calls of the Commissioner responsible for Research, Janez Potochnik, for early adoption of the seventh Framework Programme for Research that was made on the 26th January to the European Parliament’s Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. To download the Aho report go to:

<http://europa.eu.int/invest-in-research/research06.htm>

(source ACE Newsletter 2/2006)

REPORT

Protection of Cultural Heritage: call for historical heritage

Research on the Protection of Cultural Heritage - EPP-ED Hearing in Parliament. On the 6th February, the conservative group in the European Parliament (EPP-ED) held a hearing on the seventh EU framework programme for research in which it concentrated on making a call for the inclusion of more provisions within the EU budget for the conservation of historical heritage, including historic buildings. This hearing comes at a time when the detail of the Commission proposal for the seventh framework programme is still not known.

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/index_en.cfm

(Source ACE Newsletter 2/2006)

REPORT

European Charter for Housing

The Parliamentary Inter-group Urban-Housing has prepared a proposal for a European Charter for Housing that was discussed at a public meeting of the Inter-group on the 2 February in Brussels. This political document sets out several principles such as the right to housing and the need for Member States to establish favourable frameworks in which housing policies can emerge. Among the issues highlighted at the meeting is the fact that, although housing is not one of the EU’s competences, policies developed and supported by the EU have definite influence in this area.

At the meeting a formal request was made that an own-initiative report on housing should be prepared by the Regional Development Committee of the Parliament that should be based on the text of the Charter.

The proposed text of the Charter can be downloaded (in French) at: www.architectes.org/telechargement/Bruzelles/Bruzelles-16.pdf

(Source ACE Newsletter 2/2006)

REPORT

Eco-Design Consultation Forum

Directive 2005/32/EC (Article 18) establishes a group of experts called the “Consultation Forum” which will allow stakeholders to be informed and provide their contribution on the implementation of the Directive. The task of the group of experts is to contribute in particular to the definition

and review of the implementing measures, to monitoring the efficiency of the established market surveillance mechanisms and to the assessment of voluntary agreements and other self-regulatory measures taken in the context of the Directive. Interested groups and persons can access the call for applications to be appointed to the forum at:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/eco_design/consforum.htm

(Source ACE Newsletter 2/2006)

REPORT

EU parliamentary call for tougher sustainable development policy

A report, by French socialist Anne Ferreira, on the environmental aspects of sustainable development makes an interesting addenda to the Commission’s review of the EU’s Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS). Ferreira’s report expresses concern that, without urgent action, the EU will not meet its Kyoto targets by 2012 referring in particular to public transport and to the huge increase in air traffic that the EU is currently experiencing.

The EU Parliament also wants the European Commission strengthen its action in many other areas such as transferring road traffic to more environmentally-friendly modes of transport, promoting the use of bio-fuels to replace fossil fuels, tackling waste at source, promoting sustainable building and town and country planning, making more efficient use of energy sources, strengthening environmental impact assessments of all Commission decisions and draft legislation and adopting all of the “thematic strategies” outlined in the 6th Environmental Action Plan before the summer of 2006.

The MEP’s agreed with Ferreira’s report, pointing out that sustainable development should be a guiding principle of the European Union. The full report can be accessed at:

<http://www.europarl.eu.int/omk/sipade3?PUBREF=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-2006-0020+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&LEVEL=4&NAV=X&L=EN>

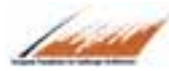
(Source ACE Newsletter 2/2006)

REPORT

Build-for-all disabilities guidance: public consultation

This EU-Funded project aims to mainstream disabilities policies by the preparation of guidance for contracting authorities to include accessibility as a criterion in the awarding of contracts in public procurement. The Reference Manual that the Project has produced was launched as a consultation document on the 16 January 2006 in the Headquarters of the Committee of the Regions in Brussels. In a welcome address for the event, the President of the Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso expressed his full support for the initiative saying that:

“A large part of the built environment is composed of work places. Improving their accessibility opens up new possibilities of employment for people with disabilities... we all want to use, work and live in buildings which are designed to be safe, healthy and convenient. Accessibility is therefore everything but a minority issue”. He went on to add that: “...an accessible built environment is a key of an inclusive society based on non-discrimination. Accessibility is thus an intrinsic part of the strategy launched at the Lisbon Summit in March 2000 aiming at a knowledge based society, which offers new possibilities for reducing social exclusion, both by creating the economic conditions for greater prosperity and by opening ways of participating in society” He concluded his address saying that: “...it will now be up to the public purchasers to make the best use of



the legal provisions and their involvement will be necessary to deliver real progress”.

The Reference Manual is now open for a period of public consultation and the project partners are hopeful of receiving a large number of contributions. You can access the document and make contributions to this work by logging on to: www.build-for-all.net

REPORT

WTO Trade in Services: plurilateral negotiations

The EU Commission announced 28 February, that it has launched a pluri-lateral process of negotiations in services as agreed at last December's WTO Ministerial Meeting in Hong Kong. Services covered by this new process of collective requests are: professional services (legal, architectural and engineering services); computer services; construction services; postal and Courier services; telecommunication services; environmental services; maritime transport services; air transport and energy services. The EU now expects others to respond to the EU's requests so as to ensure substantial revised offers are tabled by the end of July 2006. Further information can be found at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/trade/issues/sectoral/services/pr280206_en.htm

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REPORT

Le:Notre 2 begins

LE:NOTRE TWO will continue the process of transforming landscape architecture into an open, outward-looking and dynamic European discipline. It will consolidate and make more sustainable the outcomes of the first Thematic Network in Landscape Architecture while deepening and broadening involvement by opening up to a wide range of stakeholder organisations, as well as strengthening links between teaching and research. Since the coming into force of the European Landscape Convention in 2004, which calls for signatory states to educate and exchange specialists in the field, LE:NOTRE has played a growing part in the activities surrounding its implementation. LE:NOTRE TWO will seek to reinforce this role.

Five distinct objectives have been identified:

1. Transforming 'Tuning' into an ongoing process;
2. Integrating individual members of stakeholder organisations into the project;
3. Strengthening links between teaching and research;
4. Reaching out to the context of landscape architecture education;
5. Broadening its basis within society as a whole.

The further development of the project web site (www.le-notre.org) will integrate these objectives, while supporting the sustainability of the project, as it evolves into a flexible and interactive collaborative tool with which to realise the European Higher Education Area within the discipline of landscape architecture.”

REPORT

Farms still affected by Chernobyl

Twenty years after Chernobyl 375 farms in Britain are still affected by Chernobyl radiation controls, emergency orders apply to 355 Welsh farms and 11 in Scotland and 9 in England. No sheep can be moved from the farms affected without a special license, sheep with too high a level of radiation are marked with a dye and moved to less contaminated grazing in the valley bottoms until their radiation levels fall sufficiently. If sheep are to be taken away for auction they are each tested by the British farming ministry DEFRA

who pay £1.30 per sheep to the farmer. The peat of the high fells is most affected by radiation. The radiation is especially high in Wales because of the pattern of rainfall after the Chernobyl nuclear reactor blew up in 1986, the rain deposited radiocaesium in the peat deposits on the mountain tops, especially in the Snowdonia National Park, 1500 miles from Chernobyl.

See more *The Independent* 14 March 2006

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Pan European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy

In October 1995, Environment ministers from the 54 countries of the UN Economic Commission for Europe region endorsed the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy. The purpose of the Strategy is to maintain and enhance Europe's biological and landscape diversity through the achievement by 2015 of four specific aims:

- reduction of threats to Europe's biological and landscape diversity are reduced,
- increasing the resilience of Europe's biological and landscape diversity is increased,
- to strengthen ecological coherence of Europe as a whole,
- and to assure full public involvement in the conservation of biological and landscape diversity.

The Strategy is a Pan-European response to support the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity signed in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. The European Strategy introduces a coordinating and unifying framework for strengthening existing initiatives relating to the conservation of biological and landscape diversity. The Strategy also aims to integrate ecological considerations more effectively into socio-economic sectors and to increase public participation in conservation.

In practice, the long term Pan-European goals of the Strategy will be achieved in the first place through supporting the full implementation of the many existing initiatives for conserving biological and landscape diversity in Europe, which are vital to achieving the aims of the Strategy. Supplementary actions will be developed as appropriate through the Strategy's five-year Action Plans. To identify and fill any gaps and to strengthen the integration of biological and landscape diversity consideration into other sectors and to increase public involvement

The Strategy Guide is an information network on the Internet, promoting the exchange of information, providing tools for communication and a framework for monitoring progress of implementation of the Pan-European Strategy. The concept follows a distributed approach, i.e. a general top layer of information maintained by the Strategy Secretariat and the European Centre for Nature Conservation (ECNC), and specific Action Theme information to be maintained by the respective Action Theme leaders. Further information about the Strategy can be accessed at www.strategyguide.org

(1) Convention on Biological Diversity, see:

- <http://www.biodiv.org/convention/default.shtml>
- <http://www.unece.org/env/welcome.html>

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Naturoipa Magazine

The latest issue of Naturoipa magazine is on the theme of the European Landscape Convention. It is available through:

- http://www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Resources/Naturoipa_Magazine/02





LANDSCAPE REVIEWS

'Scape €30 bi-annual

Blauwe Kamer continues to amaze. This Dutch landscape architecture publishing house has led Dutch language landscape architecture writing for some years. Now this year they have done the book production for Fieldwork and now have started an English language magazine for landscape architecture and urban design which will come out twice a year. Issue one covers current work in Barcelona, the Barcelona Biennale, the amazing range of development in China, and the Metropolitan World Atlas, a profile of Hilversum based Karres and Brands, an essay by Johan Meeus on tourism and the European landscape, and associated project reviews of leisure developments including Amager Beach in Copenhagen and the Platja Llargo in Salou, Spain by Jordi Bellmunt, book reviews and a feature on mapping San Francisco. For the English reader tired of the Anglo Saxon landscape press this is a breath of fresh air.

www.scapemagazine.com

LANDSCAPE REVIEWS

Il paesaggio europea: New landscape magazine

A new Italian language magazine is Il paesaggio europea which has reached its second issue. It is the journal of the Italian Association of Landscape Architecture (AIAPP),

It includes essays by landscape architects, geographers, botanists, researchers, historians, philosophers, architects and artists and these will alternate to reportage about recent work in Italy and abroad, including new parks and gardens, the restoration of historical gardens, environmental renewal and landscape planning.

AIAPP founded in 1950, represents the practitioners active in the sector of landscaped and today it includes more over 500 Italian landscape architects, who commit oneself to protect, conserve and improve our country's environmental quality. It's important in particular to underline that the AIAPP emphasizes the admission of associate members with landscape education and professional experience, following the criteria established by European law.

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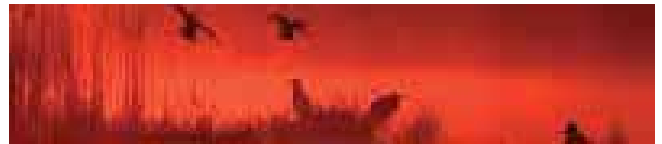
LANDSCAPE REVIEWS

The making of Modern Germany

Water and land is intertwined in this history of the modern German landscape which starts on the River Oder 250 years ago. Frederick the Great of Prussia reigned from 1740-1786. Equal to his prowess on the battlefield was his war against river flooding. Drainage of the Oder began in 1746 on a military footing and began the process of replacing the Oder marshes with potato fields. Thus began an epic transformation : as Blackbourn relates:

" In the eighteenth century German-speaking Europe looked so different from the way it looks today that many parts of it would seem entirely alien if we could travel back in time ... The Conquest of Nature' describes a series of dramatic changes in the physical environment over the last 250 years. I try to show how they were linked to absolutism in the eighteenth century, to revolution and nationalism in the nineteenth century, to Nazism, communism and democracy in the twentieth century, and to war in almost every period. And I want to suggest, finally, that attitudes towards nature went through as many changes over those 250 years as in the natural world."

picture www.wwf.pl



This is a story of marsh and moorland reclamation and of river control that embraces the work of Johan Gottfried Tulla (1770-1828) ' The Man who Tamed the Wild Rhine' and reduced its length by cutting off meanders, in 1804 he took control of river construction works throughout the Kingdom of Baden this led to a nineteenth century grappling with the Rhine so that its length between Basel and Worms was reduced from 354 to 273 km. This improved river navigation, won marshland for agriculture, and led ultimately to the ending of the timber rafts which interfered with steamships and to the loss of both the marshland communities and the ending of panning of Rhine gold, which was the alluvial gold.

The twentieth century saw the growth of 'white coal' as hydro-electricity was known by damming and use the use of dams to ensure a constant flow of water for navigation. The twentieth century also saw the growth of nature conservation and a countervailing concern for loss of plant and animal communities which led to the groundbreaking Reich Law of the Protection of Nature and ultimately to the ambitious plans for the restructuring of the Eastern territories of landscape architect such as Erhard Mäding and Heinrich Wiepking-Jürgensmann (interesting to note how the American ethnic cleansing of their continent inspired National Socialist leadership), the countervailing moor protection Fuehrer order of February 1941 based on concerned about falling water tables, desertification or dustbowls and Versteppung, the end of war withdrawal from the East and the consequent process of internal colonization, the early 1950s moorland reclamation of the remaining high moors of North West German, and then the recent ending of dam building and the marshland re-creation of the Oder after 1997 in the cause of managing flooding.

David Blackbourn is Professor of History at Harvard and an Englishman brought up in East Anglia, that landscape of fen and marshland reclamation. This book is an excellent introduction for the non German reader to a history which is central to our attitudes to land and landscape to Landespflege and Landschaftspflege.

David Blackbourn, The Conquest of Nature: Water, Landscape and the Making of Modern Germany (ISBN 022 4060716) price £30 €49.50



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JoLA new landscape journal for landscape architecture

JoLA is the name of the new academic peer reviewed journal for landscape academic and research work. The first issue appeared this spring, and it is published in English by Callway Verlag, the publishers of Topos for ECLAS (European Conference of Landscape Architecture Schools).

Articles in the first issue include Simon Swaffield from Lincoln College New Zealand on landscape theory and critique, Tal Alon-Mozes from the "Israel Techicon", on the narrative approach in the design studio, Paul Roncken of Wagenigen on public space and civil yards (sic) in Dutch rural landscapes, Soeren Schoebel of Munich TU on qualitative research and urban open space planning.

The editors are a team of five including Malene Hauxner from Copenhagen Bernadette-Blanchon Caillot of Versailles, Catherine Dee of Sheffield, Kunsten Jørgensen from Ås and Martin Prominski from Hannover. The journal will appear twice annually.

www.le-notre.org/uploads/attachments/060310jola-folder.pdf

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Chinese Landscape Design Magazine

Jessica Song, editor in charge of Landscape Design Magazine (China) has written calling for submissions and articles. The bimonthly magazine is published by Dalian University of Technology Press with China Beijing Forestry University and two government agencies the China Real Estate and Housing Research Association and the Council of Human Settlements, and the Ministry of Construction, Peoples' Republic of China. In 2006 issues are devoted to:

1. Memorial Landscape Design
2. Leisure and Recreation Landscape Design
3. World Garden Expo
4. Ecological Wetland Landscape Design
5. Healing Gardens
6. Low Density Landscape Design

They are also proposing to publish an International Landscape Design Annual in Chinese. Those interested should contact Ms Song on eagle77sky@yahoo.com



WEBLINKS

Turin tour and time travel

An 'mp3 travel cast' allows you to 'tour' the Baroque city. 'Your illustrious tour guide is Amedeo Castellamonte, the 17th century architect...' Time travel on This CD is one of a series produced by Artineraries who also produce audio guides. To come are guide to ancient Rome and Pompeii <http://www.artineraries.com/> and <http://www.prnewswire.co.uk/cgi/news/release?id=165822>

WEBLINKS

Carparks and Cars and ITS

We read in Metropolis Magazine that 'If cars mow down urban spontaneity, parking lots bury it. But looking at parking lots as opportunities for architectural innovation can bring more thrilling designs to life...' mind you these guys must have pretty boring lives to think this thrilling, or maybe they like cars, think the Tatra T77 of 1934 or the Tatra 87 now a carpark full of those would be thrilling.

<http://www.metropolismag.com/cda/story.php?artid=1829> Balconies for cars...
<http://www.we-make-money-not-art.com/archives/008146.php> And <http://www.tatra.demon.nl/>

But more useful is to look at ITS Intelligent Traffic Systems magazine: <http://www.itsinternational.com/>



woodland in a wrecked Tatra, source: www.tatra.demon.nl

WEBLINKS

Iraq rebuild?

Architects and planners Llewelyn Davies (remembered in a previous incarnation as master planners of Milton Keynes New Town) have married with Ken Yeang that disciple of Ian McHarg. Together, as Llewelyn Davies Yeang, they are leading the replanning of Najaf. Security means the project team are based in England. 'The arms-length approach is unorthodox for planners, who generally like to plant themselves in the centre of wherever they are working...'

While respecting the city's authenticity, there is a balance to be struck with modernity. 'Something that can't be ignored is how to handle Najaf's deluge of pilgrims. To the north of the city are huge cemeteries, but access for mourners is messy and haphazard. One option would be to build a bigger bus station out of town and have shuttles running to and from the shrines. In effect, it could be Iraq's first park-and-ride scheme...' mmmm?

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/4725742.stm>



WEBLINKS

Remodelling St Petersburg

ST PETERSBURG: English architect Norman Foster is to head a 'hugely controversial' £184m scheme to remodel part of the city's historic centre.

www.guardian.co.uk/russia/article/0,,1709978,00.html

WEBLINKS

EU Countries high in Yale Environmental Scoreboard

Seven EU Countries feature in the top ten of Yale University's 2006 Environmental Performance Index, which tracks indicators such as air quality and sustainable energy. It seems that sound policy choices emerge as a critical factor in this success. New Zealand tops the list followed by six EU Countries (Sweden, Finland, Czech Republic, UK, Austria and Denmark).

<http://www.euractiv.com/Article?tcaturi=tcm:29-151949-16&type=News&Ref=mail>

WEBLINKS

"Stalin World" in Lithuania

On 1 April a '60 year-old canned mushroom mogul' Viliumas Malinauskas opened a Soviet theme park, already nicknamed Stalin World...but officially called the Soviet Sculpture Garden at Grutas Park.

http://www.balticworldwide.com/stalin_world.htm



WEBLINKS

Harvard landscape architects advise on Nairobi slums

KENYA: A team of landscape architects, Arthur Adeya, Patrick Curran, ASLA, Ellen Schneider, Jen Toy, and Kotchakorn Voraakhom, has begun work on 'infrastructure solutions' for the Kibera slums of Nairobi where 250,000 people live.

<http://www.asla.org/land/2006/0522/africa.html>



WEBLINKS

Red carpeted public square

A red-carpeted public square in Switzerland by artist Pipilotti Rist and architect Carlos Martinez...

<http://tinyurl.com/l4bzw>



WEBLINKS

Retread communities

With southern England facing steeply rising energy bills and metered water, a planning application has been submitted for a housing scheme in Brighton built from old car tyres and promising 'no utility bills'.

Around 15,000 tyres would be used as the basic building material for a 16-home development - the latest in a string of international 'Earthship' projects. Stacked tyres are 'packed with earth and recycled rubbish, and then plastered over. The mass of the walls is harnessed to heat and cool the homes. The homes, if built, will also collect their own water and be powered by solar panels and wind turbines...'

The developer claims 'around 100 expressions of interest from buyers' already. And environmentalists are keen on the way Earthships tackle two of Britain's biggest environmental concerns - the growing waste mountain of discarded tyres and the high levels of carbon emissions from housing. The UK is currently planning to burn 40 million tyres, each at great environmental cost...' <http://www.earthship.org/> and <http://www.guardian.co.uk/britain/article/0,,1715587,00.html?gusrc=rss>

WEBLINKS

Urban Bio-remediation

First, plant a forest in contaminated soil in the middle of the city. 'The next phase introduces dwellings to the forest, planned as an interwoven network of private and community spaces, all raised above the ground where residents can see over the treetops...' sounds to me like what Rotterdam did in 1945 with Salix at 1m centres bombed areas in the historic city centre).

<http://www.worldchanging.com/archives/004152.html>

WEBLINKS

Cement sustainable substitutes?

Could coal fly ash offer an alternative to Portland cement, which releases huge amounts of carbon dioxide? 'Fly ash consists primarily of tiny beads of silica, which act as a binder in the hydrating process...'

http://www.architectureweek.com/2006/0222/environment_1-1.html

A design competition and conference 'seek to merge technical ingenuity and compelling design...'

<http://www.archnewsnow.com/features/Feature188.htm>



WEBLINKS

EU and Council of Europe websites - how to find out guide

Useful links (n.b. the EU websites are multi-lingual, below are the English language variations _en but they easily link)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION HOMEPAGE

http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/index_en.htm

SEARCH FOR COMMISSION DOCUMENTS

http://www.europa.eu.int/prelex/rech_simple.cfm?Cl=en

THE BARROSO COMMISSION (2004-9):

europa.eu.int/comm/commission_barroso/index_en.htm

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT BUREAU

(A GATHERING OF NGO'S AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING EFLA)

www.eeb.org

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SUPPORT

www.sustainablebuilding.info

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION GUIDE

www.britishcouncil.org/environmentuk/international.htm

EUROSTATS

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/>

EUR-LEX: EUROPEAN UNION LEGISLATION

europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/lif/reg/en_register_1530.html

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

http://www.coe.int/t/e/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Landscape/

EU SCIENCE FOR ENVIRONMENT POLICY

http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/integration/research_alert_en.htm

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http://www.ace-cae.org/Public/fsPublicNetwork_EN.html



EFLA CALENDAR

JUNE 2006

	Event	Place
2006		
19 June closing date	IFLA International Students' Competition theme: Damaged Landscape Air water and Land in crisis http://www.asla.org/meetings/am2006/minneapolis.html	Minneapolis St Paul USA (expo)
23-25 June	Landscape changes and biodiversity www.uni-giessen.de/gfoe	Giessen, Germany
28-30 June	Urban Forestry for Human Health and Wellbeing ASEM 2nd Symposium COST E39 Research Conference http://www.asem-cost2006.dk/	Kobenhavn Denmark
24-26 August	DanishDogmarLandscapeCamp: Danske Landskabsarkitekter: Danish Landscape Architecture: 75th anniversary: master class, camp, with Peter Latz, Claude Cormier, Rainer Stange, www.ddlcamp.dk	Ørestad Syd, Copenhagen Denmark
26 Aug.- 3 Dec.	Groundswell: Constructing the Contemporary Landscape exhibition curated by Peter Reed MOMA New York as part of the <i>Urban Drift</i> series of exhibitions http://www.entry-2006.de/	Zeche Zollverein Essen
August/ September	Slow / Fast / Landscape ELASA Annual Conference, Versailles www.elasa.org	Versailles, France
30 August-1 Sept.	La ville, changement de nature ? Ou Comment l'envie de nature influence-t-elle l'urbain? 11e Université d'été du Conseil français des urbanistes Contacts: CFDU, 5 Rue Saint Pantaléon, 31000 Toulouse Tél. 05 61 21 78 07 jrcfdu@free.fr / ARUNPP, 51 Boulevard de Strasbourg - 59000 Lille - Tél. : 03 28 82 23 33 / arunpp@free.fr	Lille, France
4-9 Sept.	European Rural Future: landscape as an interface www.geog.fu-berlin.de/~pecsrl/index.html	Brandenburg, Germany
5-7 Sept.	Landscape Planning for Russia: Results and Prospects organised by Russian Academy of Sciences Siberian Branch, Russian Fed. Ministry of Natural Resources, German Fed. Agency for Nature Conservation, Organizing Committee: Russia, 664033, Irkutsk, 1, Ulan-Batorskaya St., V.B. Institute of Geography SB RAS; semenov@irigs.irk.ru .	Irkutsk, Siberia, Russia

1 + 15 Sept.	Europa Nostra Awards 2007 deadlines for entries, http://www.europanostra.org/lang_en/0260_activities_call_for_entries_2006.html	
8-10 Sept	EFLA Executive Council	Budapest (prov)
14-18 Sept.	IsoCaRP conference International Society of City and Regional Planners www.isocarp.org	Istanbul
10-13 Sept.	IFHP World Congress "urban life, boundaries and transformations" http://www.ifhp2006geneve.ch/	Geneva
15 Sept.	Establishing the Profession: the European Experience A conference to inform and inspire Landscape Architects around Southern and Central Europe to establish landscape architecture as a Recognised Profession across Europe. http://www.landscape2006.com/	Athens Greece
15-16 Sept	Shrinking Cities: Ecological Consequences and Challenges for Urban Development 3rd International Conference on Urban Ecology in Berlin organised by the Graduiertenkolleg funded by the German Research Foundation and the Heidehof-Stiftung. http://www.uecb-2006.de/	Berlin Germany
21-24 Sept.	Cultural Dimension of Urban Landscape ECLAS Conference 2006 Faculty of Architecture of the Slovak University of Technology www.eclas.org	Bratislava Slovakia
22 Sept.	Can the EU strengthen its leadership in environmental protection? (re the mid-term review of the 6 th Environment Action Programme) European Environment Bureau Annual Conference, http://www.eeb.org	Brussels
27-29 Sept.	Waterfront Expo Riga 2005 http://www.waterfrontexpo.com/portal/	Riga.Latvia
28-29 Sept.	Landscape quality objectives: from theory to practice 5th meeting of NGOs with workshops on implementation of European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe, in English, French, Spanish & Catalan www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention	Girona,Spain
4-5 October	IFLA World Council	Minneapolis St Paul USA
4-7 October	14th international symposium on problems of landscape ecological research Theme: Implementation of landscape ecology in the new and changing conditions http://www.uke.sav.sk	Stara Lesna, Slovakia
5 October	IFLA Central Region Council	Minneapolis St Paul USA
6-9 October	IFLA 43rd World Congress/ ASLA Annual Meeting/EXPO Green Solutions for a Blue Planet meet thousands of landscape architects with over 50 education sessions in a post industrial paradise, city of Horace Cleveland's Grand Rounds parks system, tours on the Mississippi details: www.asla.org or contact Gloria M Garcia email: ggarcia@asla.org	Minneapolis St Paul USA
19-23 October	Zodchestvo 2006 14th International festival of Architecture. Union des Architectes de Russie – UAR with ALACIS archunion-russia@mail.ru zodchestvo@awax.ru	Moscow, Russia
26-27 October	Therapeutic Landscapes or the promotion of the diversity of human well-being proposal abstracts to agherisi@arch.unige.it by 12 June 2006	Genova Italy
9+ 11 November	EFLA Executive Council	Bruxelles Brussel
10 November	EFLA Seminar: the EU Monitoring Proces www.efla.org	
11-12 November	EFLA General Assembly	

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tbc	IFLA 45th World Congress	
July	IALE World Congress: scientific principles in practice www.iale.org	Wageningen, Netherlands
September	ECLAS Conference 2006	Belgrade, Serbia

2008

June/ July tbc	IFLA 45th World Congress a congress on the wild side on the theme of water.	Apeldoorn, Netherlands
2009		
May tbc	Urban Futures conference www.urbanfutures.se	Sweden

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