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## NEWS

### London: 2012 Olympics Park Landscape Architect appointed

George Hargreaves, the US, west coast and now London based, landscape architect has been appointed landscape architect. In March the London Olympics Development Authority announced that Hargreaves Associates and LDA Design would be joint landscape architects for the 100 ha post Olympic park masterplan. Hargreaves have previously been responsible for the Sydney Olympics Park and the Lisbon Waterfront Park and is known for his work on reclaimed landfill land such as Byxbee Park, Palo Alto. The masterplan is due to be published this autumn, and the 210 ha park is budgetted at £200 million / €300 million and is due to open in 2014. In the long term it will be managed by the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority and the London Development Agency. Ref. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2008/mar/17/olympics2012.regeneration>.

## NEWS

### Paris: La Villette to change



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It is now 25 years since the creation of the 55ha Parc de la Villette, The design by Bernard Tschumi and the international competition were together the single most influential event in public park design of the last quarter of the twentieth century. Now the park authorities are to invest €300 million in a series of new developments:

- the Philharmonie de Paris will open on the present carpark next to the Music City and the périphérique motorway, in a new auditorium designed by Jean Nouvel (CHECK). The current 600 place carpark will be accommodated by opening the Cité des Science immense 1500 carpark building to both the new Philharmonia building and the existing Zénith pop concert hall
- the forth section of the Cité des Sciences, incomplete since 1986 will become a 11000m<sup>2</sup> shopping centre with a multiplex,

- acces to the Cité des Sciences will be reorganised, and there will be a new administrative extension designed as a "ecological" building,
- the new tramway (CHECK) with three stations serving the park at Porte de la Villette, Porte de Pantin, and an intermediate station, which will also service the new BNP offices to be moved to the refurbished Pantin mills on the outer side of the périphérique motorway,
- these changes require a new circulation system within the park and so there will be a new north-south route on the eastern side, linking to Porte de Pantin.

Meanwhile the future of the 5000 seat Zénith is under question, this building has weathered badly and has poor acoustics and no access for the disabled. It would cost an additional €40 million to rebuild it.

On the face of it these developments will fundamentally change the park, "Nous allons devoir repenser nos missions" ( we have to rethink our mission) says the President of the park Jacques Martial. Though Florence Berthout, Director General of the park has also said "On ne va pas changer de philosophie" (we are not changing our philosophy").

Ref [Le Monde, 7 April 2008, p.20](#)

**COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S PIECE****The need to make our voice heard**

One of EFLA main roles is in representing landscape architecture to European political bodies particularly the European Commission and the Council of Europe. We can do this by responding to Commission consultations on proposed directives as we have done in the past on the Services Directive and the Qualifications Directive and as the Landscape Institute did last autumn on EU Climate Change policy. We can also do this by contributing to EU and Council of Europe forums as we have done extensively on the European Landscape Convention.

However we can also do this indirectly by taking part in organizations of NGOs and by collaborating with other professional and trade bodies. In the past we used to meet with the Architects' Council of Europe, the European Council of Town Planners, and the European Council of Interior Architects: we need to renew and to use these contacts. This year we are making formal contact with the European Landscape Contractors Association.

The other route is more indirect via representative groupings of environmentally based NGOs. The European Environment Bureau represents 140 NGOs across the European environment spectrum, we have been long term members, we need to be far more active. Similarly Civilscape which we are in the process of joining, this is a new organization founded in February initially of 26 organisation aiming to promote the European Landscape Convention: we are process of joining. We especially need more volunteers from the national associations' working delegates to EFLA and others from the national associations to help with this and represent us (contact [efla.feap@skynet.be](mailto:efla.feap@skynet.be) etc).

Of course, we also work closely with ECLAS, with Le:Notre (its cyberscape face) of which we are founder members and with ELASA, But those are more inward looking relations. Our role on which we should also focus is speaking to and influencing the political dimension of the European environment.

The work of the European Landscape Convention Working Group has been a model of how to do this. We attend the annual meetings of NGOs in Strasbourg, and other meetings and have done so for a number of years. The work of the bdla on the IFLA/ EFLA/ bdla/ BSLA/ PHALA European Monitoring Group has been another major effort.

There are two major items on our agenda for the European Landscape Convention, to work with ALACIS to find ways to get the Russian Federation to sign and to promote the role of Landscape Observatories following the Catalan model. The way to get the Russians to sign is first to get all the major countries of Europe west of Russia to sign and curiously this means getting the Germans to sign. Germany has problems with this and does not wish to sign: 1) because Germany reckons it already does everything that the Convention require, 2) because planning in Germany is a Länder responsibility.

The first is not a problem really because if it is true then



▲ the Hospicio building in Olot where the Catalan landscape observatory is based

what is the objection i.e. you just turn the argument around. The second is the real issue, getting all 16 Bundesländer agree is the real challenge and that is something we need to work with our colleagues at the bdla and the BAK to sort out. Because the real prize for European landscape architecture and landscape is the 17 075 400 km2 which is the landscape of Russia. Because always remember our real raison d'être is the landscape, its conservation, and protection.

*Fritz Auweck*

**OPINION****FEATURE****End of the NICE\* economy**

The US sub prime mortgage debacle has certainly had its effect on the European financial markets. This coupled with the sharp rise in commodity prices including food and raw materials is affecting growth across Europe. However, José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission was fairly upbeat last February: "The stability, credibility and strength of the Euro and the increased resilience of our economies, thanks in part to reforms under the Lisbon Strategy, are important reasons for confidence in Europe's ability to - with vigilance! - come through the current stormy economic weather." The significant point is that he reckons we are going through stormy economic weather.

**House building stops**

Housing is the first sector of the real economy to be affected house building has stopped in Spain, unemployment is up 1% and house prices have fallen upto 30%. Something similar is happening in the United Kingdom, house prices are falling and mortgage lending has effectively ground to a halt. All these moves are classic responses to adjustments in the credit cycle. Iceland is a special (financially bad) case.

The big difference from the 1991-2 recession is that there is the Single Market in Europe and the Chinese and Indian markets are much more dynamic than two decades ago so there is some hope that the European and world economy might be more resilient this time round, while the USA tries to sort itself out.

**What does this mean for landscape architecture in Europe?**

But what does this mean for landscape architecture in Europe? Lift manufacturers and landscape architects are traditionally the last to be affected by a decline in development. While landscape architecture is always far less affected by economic turndowns than architecture or engineering due to the amount of planning work we do. A recession is a good

time to amass land, obtain planning permission and wait for the end of a recession to begin developing again. But though, like engineering and architecture we are a development related profession and economic turndown means a cut in new development. We aim to moderate and mediate society's impact on the landscape.

**But almost no landscape architect ... recognizes we are headed for an economic turn down.**

Curiously no landscape architect I have talked to recognizes that we are headed for an economic turn down (except one or two working mainly on housing). In Brussels there is no recognition that times may change. In London similarly landscape firms are calling out for new landscape architects. The Landscape Institute has just launched its careers website [www.iwanttobealandscapearchitect.co.uk](http://www.iwanttobealandscapearchitect.co.uk) on the premise that there is a shortage. However, memories are short, and recession can hit very quickly (the impact was felt in two months between July and August in 1991, I went on holiday with a lively client list and came back to find everything dead and new jobs cancelled). So what can we do: diversify, build on our strengths especially that we have many small eggs in many baskets and anyone involved in new design should ensure they take on the management consultancy as well. I have never understood why some landscape architects want to give up involvement in a project just because it's reached practical completion. Landscape management should be for ever.

\* The End of NICE: this is economist's jargon for non-inflationary consistently expansionary economy, and it is what the Governor of the Bank of England has said has ended in the UK in speeches this year. Interesting times...

*Architectus Agrorum*

NEWS

## EFLA President and President Sarkozy and the title architecte-paysagiste in France

In France since the end of 19th century landscape architects operated under the title architecte-paysagiste (as they still do in French speaking parts of Belgium, Switzerland and Canada) until the law of 1940 creating the "Ordre des Architectes" (Chamber of architects) and the subsequent law of 1977 protecting the title of architect. Since then landscape architects in France have had to use the title paysagiste.

The Fédération Française du Paysage has fought against this. In January the new President of EFLA, Fritz Auweck wrote to President Sarkozy of France arguing that this restriction was counter to the European Union free market and indeed counter to the European Union free market and indeed counter to the International Labour Office's draft definition of landscape architect in its current revision of the Standard Classification of Occupations (2) and to IFLA's agreement with the International Union of Architects (IUA) of 2006. EFLA President further said this was a matter which could be raised with the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The reply from President Sarkozy's office offered a glimmer of hope, it advised that current French legislation protecting the term and title "architecte" was in line with EU law, but suggest an approach to SOLVIT as a way forwards. SOLVIT is system of problem non-legal problem solving set up by the EU in 2002. Currently the French Office of Foreign and European Affairs is looking at this. Maybe more news later this year?

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## NEWS

## European Parliament & the Territorial Agenda & Leipzig Charter on Sustainable European Cities

On 21 February the European Parliament resolved ways forward particularly post 2013 to carry out the aims of the Territorial Agenda and the Leipzig Charter, in particular the Parliament argued for "... holistic solutions adjusted to the specific situations of the regions." The Territorial Agenda, you may recall, was an initiative of the 2007 German EU Presidency. It also stressed that an integrated approach to regional planning is necessary to allow regions and towns to adjust to the current challenges of European regional development such as repopulation of rural areas, urban sprawl and energy consumption.

The resolution takes as given that "the quality of public space and of the natural, cultural and architectural environment plays an important role in the quality of life of people living in urban and rural areas and are crucial "soft" location factors," For full report text : <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-2008-0069+0+DOC+XML+VO//EN&language=EN>

## NEWS

## European Parliament & the Territorial Agenda & Leipzig Charter The Commission proposes laws to promote the low carbon economy

The European Council in March 2008 adopted a package of measures on energy and climate. The package includes:

- proposals for the revision of the Community emissions trading scheme (ETS),
- a directive on the promotion of the use of renewable energy and other measures to combat global warming.

European Council confirmed the EU's ultimate objective of keeping global temperature rise below 2°C, contrary to the Bali consensus of last December (which aimed for 25-40% cuts below 1990 levels) it stuck with a 20% target unless a global agreement is reached for further reductions. The target for

each Member State is expressed as a function of its GDP per inhabitant, thus recognizing the different starting points for each Member State. To access the Commission package and read more, go to:

[http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_barroso/president/focus/energy-package-2008/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/president/focus/energy-package-2008/index_en.htm)

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## NEWS

## BAK and France: Nobel prize winners to examine GDP figures to embrace well being and quality of life

President Sarkozy of France has given to two Nobel Prize winners (for economics) Amartya Sen and Joseph Stiglitz, to consider ways and means to get away from a highly quantitative approach to measuring wealth and collective performance to somehow include well-being and satisfaction or other indicators of real wealth. Readers will recall that in ACE Info 7/07 that we reported on steps being taken by the European Commission to work in this direction too. These developments give support to the calls that the Architects' Council of Europe has now been making for many years that pure economic prosperity (expressed as GDP per capita, for example) is not sufficient as the only measure of quality of life. It has highlighted the need to ensure that more indicators, particularly those that can "measure" the quality of the built environment need to be devised and integrated into national statistics. The ACE will track these interesting developments and report back on any significant progress that either initiative makes. Ref ACE Newsletter

## NEWS

## Aarhus Convention Conference

From 11-13 June in Riga, Latvia, parties to the Aarhus Convention will meet for the third time to assess progress on its implementation and to decide on further steps to make this Convention a decisive tool for environmental democracy in all parts of Europe and beyond. The Convention is already the leading tool for access to information, public participation and access to justice rights and practices in many countries. The Parties to the Convention include all but one of the EU Member States (Ireland still has not ratified), the European Community as a single body and 14 other European, Central Asian and Caucasus countries.

For environmental NGOs, the Third Meeting of Parties (MOP-3) represents an important moment when the performance of Parties ten years after creation of the Convention will be openly discussed and decisions will be taken on how the Convention itself, along with its Secretariat, can further promote public participation and access to justice at pan-European level.

## NEWS

## Alsation hamster under threat

The Alsation hamster, *Cricetus cricetus*, is under threat, the number of burrows has declined from 1167 in 2001 to 161 in 2007. On 5 June the European Commission issued a warning note to the French government calling for protection and action under the Habitats Directive.

EU Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas said: "When a European mammal like the great hamster approaches extinction, nature is sending a message. We are beginning to damage our ecosystems beyond the point of repair. France must heed this warning and implement our nature protection legislation in full as soon as possible."

Ref. <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/882&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

## REPORT

### Le:Notre Annual Conference Brussels, 13-16 March 2008

Erasmus Hogeschool in Brussels hosted the annual LE:NOTRE Project Spring Workshop which has been running for seven years and which aims to give new dimensions and guidelines for landscape architecture academics and students. The work started with a welcome by Luc Van de Velde (Chancellor, Erasmus Hogeschool Brussels) and Pascal Smet (Minister for Public Space, Brussels Capital Region). This year's meeting was an opportunity to summarize the last year's work and discuss the future for the project. The delegates were especially interested in the project evaluation by the Scientific Advisory Board represented by Graham Fairclough (English Heritage), Carl Steinitz (Harvard University) and Martha Fajardo (past president of IFLA).

The Le:Notre thematic network has now achieved a global reach the successful EU bid for the ERASMUS Mundus project in 2007 which has been followed by the recruitment of 23 new members. The LE:NOTRE Steering Committee invited key individuals from all over the world to attend this Workshop to discuss the current key issues such as:

- international teaching and research collaboration;
- the ASLA study of the recruitment of new landscape architecture students which was presented by Brian Orland from Penn State University;
- integration and international policy implementation;
- the accreditation and recognition of qualifications and study programmes.

EFLA was represented by its president, Fritz Auweck. IFLA was represented by its president Diane Menzies, past-president Martha Fajardo and the IFLA Asia Pacific Region vice-president Tong-Mahn Ahn from South Korea and Simon Swaffield from New Zealand.

Project coordinator, Richard Stiles gave a detailed overview of current activities and the future beyond the EU funding period. Professor Stiles, his assistants and Ellen Fetzer from Germany also gave us a detailed overview on use of the project website which is growing into an international virtual network where students, practitioners and teachers can use the huge resources organised in the different databases or can attend e-learning courses. This can be especially important for schools in countries where our discipline is just beginning and there are fewer sources for research or other studies.

The network also invited seven ELASA students who gave the students' view. Such student contributions to the network can be of enormous importance.

The conclusion was that students can influence their teachers and motivate them to be more active in the network and also recruit high school students or younger students to study a discipline which deals with design, arts and even science and connects very different disciplines. These facts make this



▲ LE:NOTRE Spring Workshop, Brussels 13-16 March 2008

academic field unique and can also play a big role in finding future funding agencies.

On the second and the third days the attendees split up in different Working Groups which they were focussed the topic Tuning and Ontologies. This very productive work was in part led by the presentation of developments of existing mind maps for each Working Group though some Working Groups created almost completely new mind maps with guidelines for future developments.

This very stimulating and important meeting in Brussels has really opened a new chapter in international cooperation in landscape architecture education and scholarship and the general conclusion was that we must attend the next Workshop which will be held in Versailles, France in spring 2009 with even more members and more contributions to the project.

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## NEWS

### Barcelona Wine and Climate Warming conference

The second wine and climate change conference was organised in Barcelona by the Spanish Academia del Vino in February. Al Gore was a keynote (virtual) speaker. Issues raised included the possibility of no Pinot Noir in Bordeaux in fifty years. Tony Sharley of Banrock Station near Adelaide and Miguel Torres of Bodegas Torres talked on sustainable vineyards, and the



move to find northern sites in Spain (Spain is suffering a long-term, drought). Dr Hans Schultz, Professor of Viticulture in the Geisenheim Research Institute in Germany, Dr Greg Jones, Professor of Climatology at the University of Southern Oregon in the USA, and French wine and climatologist Bernard Seguin also contributed. The increasing sugar and therefore alcohol content of wines (e.g. Medoc up from 11% in the 1940s to 12.5%. let's not speak or rather not even think of drinking the inky 17.5% 1995 Pelletti Ranch Zinfandel of California) and the growth of post-classic wines were covered. But one clear lesson is that wine might be the canary in the mine, a warning of greenhouse gases. The next conference is planned for 2010.

For further information and future similar conferences ref. <http://www.thewineacademy.com/web/esp/> and <http://www.climatechangeandwine.com/eng/index.php>

## NEWS: COUNCIL OF EUROPE

### NEWS

## European Landscape Convention: now Spain

The 2007 ratification by Spain came into force on 1 March this year. Hungary ratified the Convention on 1 February last. 29 countries have now ratified the Convention and a total of 35 have signed it. We still wait for Austria, Germany, and Russia to sign and for large countries such as Sweden, and Switzerland to ratify. Then there are smaller countries such as Georgia and surprisingly Iceland, which have not signed. The German government is reportedly against signing possibly because territorial planning is a Länder responsibility and one challenge for the new EFLA as a region of IFLA is to support ALACIS in its efforts to work to Russia signing the Convention. Countries which have signed but not ratified are: Azerbaijan, Greece, Malta, Serbia, Sweden and Switzerland. For details of the Convention (including the full list of signatures and ratifications) refer to:

[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))

### EU NEWS

## France takes over EU Presidency on 1 July

Current and forthcoming EU presidencies are:

2008	Jan.-June July-Dec.	Slovenia France	<a href="http://www.eu2008.si">www.eu2008.si</a> <a href="http://www.eu2008.fr">www.eu2008.fr</a>
2009	Jan.-June July-Dec.	Czech Republic Sweden	<a href="http://www.eu2009.cz">www.eu2009.cz</a> tbd
2010	Jan.-June July-Dec.	Spain Belgium	tbd tbd

The Slovenian government priorities for its current EU presidency are:

- the future institutional make-up of the EU (i.e. the proposed constitutional reforms)
- the Lisbon Strategy
- energy policy
- climate change
- EU enlargement

- budget reform
- it also naturally given events there has a particular concern for the Balkans

For further information ref. <http://www.ukom.gov.si/eng>

France takes up the Presidency of the EU on 1 July 2008, it is the first of the next trio of presidencies (France, Czech Republic and Sweden) who work together to develop policies: and its priorities for the Presidency include:

- the preparation for the entry into force of the new Reform Treaty of the EU
- a period of reflection on the future of Europe
- technical work on immigration
- energy and climate change
- the environment
- Defence Europe.

The provisional calendar of events for the French Presidency is on [http://www.eu2008.fr/pdf/CalendrierPFUE\(EN\).pdf](http://www.eu2008.fr/pdf/CalendrierPFUE(EN).pdf) in English, French, German, Spanish and Italian. Other ideas floated include that of a Mediterranean Union and promotion of the existing Erasmus student exchanges. The next presidency will be that of the Czech Republic starting in January 2009 (see <http://www.eu2009.cz/en/>) Also ref.

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/future-eu/france-outlines-eu-presidency-priorities/article-166313>

### FEATURE

## Global warming what can landscape architects do?

A reminder again of climate change action in which landscape architects can play a part:

- ecological corridors to promote migration of flora and fauna
- water conservation
- use of drought tolerant plants and changes in cultivation,
- warm shade structures (e.g. roadside trees) to promote human comfort
- coastal retreat policies
- agricultural and landscape restructuring as the tree line moves upwards
- high density settlement to reduce energy consumption,
- promotion of renewable energy usage, e.g. solar, m wind and water power
- afforestation
- recycling and composting
- river basin management
- soil conservation and soil carbon sink policy
- promote cycling and walking in cities and elsewhere
- wind farm environmental assessment
- promote and assist carbon trading markets

### NEWS

## BAK and BAIK representation in Brussels: new faces

The Bundesarchitektenkammer or German Federal Chamber of Architects has appointed Joachim Jobi (by profession a lawyer) as new Head of the Liaison Office in Brussels in succession to Anton Bauch (who gave us such a good talk on the Professions' Directive at our 2005 seminar). Thomas Bauch (a landscape architect) is his advisor.

Further information: <http://www.bak.de/site/208/default.aspx>



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

### NEWS

## Landscape Institute launch new careers website

There's a shortage of landscape architects in the UK so CABESpace (the central government commission) and the Landscape Institute have worked together to launch a new website aimed at school students and those interested in joining the profession. It describes education, career opportunities and features video interviews with landscape architects.

[www.iwanttobealandscapearchit.com](http://www.iwanttobealandscapearchit.com)

### COMPETITION

## Velika Plaza, Ulcinj, Montenegro: seafront competition

Velika Plaza (Long Beach) near Ulcinj, is proposed as a sustainable seafront community to be developed on 1,450 hectares of prime land along 14km of the Adriatic coastline. Competition entrants will be selected on the basis of pre-qualification submissions that are due by the 20 June 2008. Full details can be found on the website of the competition at: [www.vlada.cg.yu/eng/minekon/](http://www.vlada.cg.yu/eng/minekon/)

### COMPETITION

## Nordhavnen Competition for the north harbour area of Copenhagen

The submission date for this ideas competition is 26 September and is open to landscape architects. The competition is organized by the by CPH City and Port Development, and it is organised in association with the Architects' Association of Denmark (AA). It is for 3-4 million sq metre of building, and housing for 40 000 and work for 40 000. c. euro 400 000 Prize money is DKK3million.

Ref.: <http://www.arkitektforeningen.dk/Home/Service/English/Competitions/Internationals/Nordhavn.aspx>

### NEWS

## ELASA News

At the LE:NOTRE Spring Workshop in Brussels 7 ELASA representatives from different countries participated in conferences and workshops including students perspectives into the proceedings of the LE:NOTRE project. Full of new



▲ Caption: ELASA minimeeting 2008: Workshop "visible/invisible borders in public space" in Bregenz, Austria. (picture by Sarah Neidhart)

ideas, energy and activism we decided to start working as kind of think tank for ELASA. Feel free to write to the ELASA mailing list for becoming involved!

Currently we are about to consider a new, but traditional, ELASA structure, in order to achieve a better communication and information flow between students and towards ELASA partner organizations. We as well decided to promote ELASA in cooperation with LE:NOTRE, creating synergy effects for both organisations.

We are glad to state that this year's "ELASA Minimeeting" was successfully held in Kleinwalsertal, Austria. Visit [www.elasa2008.de](http://www.elasa2008.de) and await an interesting documentary about it. As an outlook we want to announce this year's "ELASA Annual Meeting" which will be held in Hungary this August. Visit [www.elasa2008.hu](http://www.elasa2008.hu) for more information!

*Katarina Horacek, Florian Lorenz @ ELASA think tank, 2008-06-08 [www.elasa.org](http://www.elasa.org)*

### NEWS

## IFLA and EFLA new joint office

A picture of the new furnished joint IFLA/EFLA office in Brussels with EFLA administrator Jeanine Colin and IFLA/EFLA secretary Christine Bavassa.



## WEBLINKS

**ELANEWS EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE NEWS** list of landscape related events and competitions including notices from the EU Official Journal project bids  
[www.elanews.com](http://www.elanews.com)

**EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION : THE CATALAN LANDSCAPE ONSERVATORY**

European The l'Observatori del Paisatge de Catalunya is a worthwhile site in Catalan and English with an events listing, news and bulletin.  
[www.catpaisatge.net](http://www.catpaisatge.net)

**EUROPEAN LIST OF URBAN ISSUES AND EVENTS**

The European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN) maintains a very good listing of events that relate to urban issues on its website, many of which are of interest.  
Ref. <http://www.eukn.org/eukn/meetings/index.html>

**LE MONITEUR ONLINE LIBRARY**

The French publishers "Le Moniteur" have announced the first online library dedicated to construction.  
Ref. <http://www.librairiedumoniteur.com>

**GREEN 10**

[www.green10.org](http://www.green10.org)

**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS (ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE AND URBAN DESIGN)**

<http://www.arplus.com/competition/competiton.htm>

**EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT BUREAU**

(a gathering of NGO's and professional organisations including EFLA)  
[www.eeb.org](http://www.eeb.org)

**EUROPEAN KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**

<http://www.eukn.org/eukn/abouteukn/index.html>

**EU SUSTAINABLE BUILDING SUPPORT WEBSITE**

[www.sustainablebuilding.info](http://www.sustainablebuilding.info)

**EU COMMISSION WEBSITES:**

**EC WEBSITE ON GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

The European Commission's new website on Green Public Procurement.  
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/index.htm>

**EU AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE WEBSITES AND GUIDES**

Useful links (nb 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](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/index_en.htm)

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**THE BARROSO COMMISSION OF THE EU (2004-9)**

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

**EUROSTATS**

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

**EUR-LEX: EUROPEAN UNION LEGISLATION**

[http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/lif/reg/en\\_register\\_1530.html](http://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/](http://www.coe.int/t/e/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Landscape/)

**EUROPEAN URBAN KNOWLEDGE NETWORK (EUKN)**

listing of events that relate to urban issues  
<http://www.eukn.org/eukn/meetings/index.html>

**EUROPEAN URBAN KNOWLEDGE NETWORK (EUKN)**

Register of Expert Groups of the European Commission:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/comm/secretariat\\_general/regexp/](http://ec.europa.eu/comm/secretariat_general/regexp/)

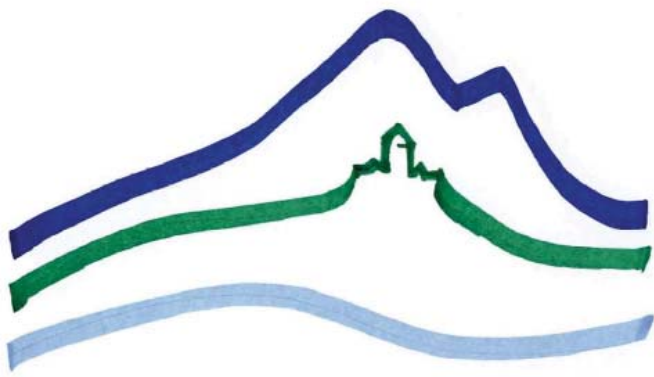
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## EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION CONVENTION EUROPÉENNE DU PAYSAGE

### NEWS

## European Landscape Convention Seventh Meeting of the Council of Europe of the Workshops for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention

### Landscape in planning policies and governance: towards integrated spatial management (Piestany, Slovakia, 24-25. April 2008)

Aim of the Workshops (shortcut from programme)

The Workshops have been organised by the Council of Europe on a regular basis since 2002. The meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention take a detailed look at various practical aspects of the European Landscape Convention. These meetings are a genuine forum for sharing practise and ideas and also provide opportunity to present new concepts and achievements in relation to the Convention. Special emphasis is given to the experience of the state hosting the meeting. Six meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention have been held so far.

Short summary (Council of Europe summary)

The workshops in Piestany dealt with the challenges Europe will be facing in the next two decades in the areas of spatial management and planning. These challenges include important issues such as the expected large-scale migrations that will lead to heavy demand for new housing and services, also agricultural, industrial and infrastructure investments,

with an emphasis on renewable energy. The meeting provided an opportunity to share experiences by examining both good and bad practices in the integrated approach to landscape. They brought together some 200 government representatives, experts and professionals from all across Europe and beyond.

The meeting was organised in co-operation with the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, with the support of the Slovak Environmental Agency, the Slovak Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE-SK), the Autonomous region of Trnava and the City of Piestany. It was held in association with the Slovak Chairmanship of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers.

#### Impressions

The meeting was held at the "Kino Fontana" which is a cinema and cultural centre situated in the center of Piestany, a town with about 30.000 residents in Western Slovakia, which is famous for its spa. It was well organised and provided an opportunity to meet government officials and representatives of different private organisations and NGOs.

During the two day event several presentations were held. The first workshop had the title "landscape integrated spatial management at pan-European level" and the second workshop dealt with the question on "how to overcome sectoralism in the national measures to achieve integrated spatial management?". Main speaker of the first day was the substitute for Mr. Ladislav Miko (DG environment, European Commission)

The second day started with a workshop on "integrated spatial management on regional and local levels". The last workshop showed "challenges and practical examples of landscape achievements within integrated spatial management". A round table and general conclusions ended the programme. As a side event a poster presentation and exhibition of photographs were shown in the hall during the meeting.

#### Conclusion

Concerning the EFLA the meeting did not bring "new" information; nevertheless it was an interesting opportunity to meet with international experts and discuss the topic. The position of the EFLA is not very strong in the discussion process of the ELC, therefore being present at the meeting was important.

It seems that the EFLA should find out more about the position of the European Commission regarding the ELC, apparently it is not too happy about dealing with another convention.

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Reports on the IFLA World Congress in Apeldoorn 30 June - 3 July will appear in the September issue.

# EFLA CALENDAR

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This Calendar is also issued monthly as well as in the quarterly EFLA Newsletter. If you wish for details of your event to be published in future issues please send details (dates, title, organizer, location, website + contact details) to: [efla.feap@skynet.be](mailto:efla.feap@skynet.be)

Date	Event	Place
<b>2008</b>		
1-4 June	<b>Urban Design and Ecology international conference</b> St Petersburg Forestry Technical Academy email: <a href="mailto:imelnichuk@pterlink.ru">imelnichuk@pterlink.ru</a> <a href="http://www.iflaonline.org/conf_european.php#">http://www.iflaonline.org/conf_european.php#</a>	St Petersburg Russia
11-13 June	<b>International Conference on Landscape Architecture</b> 1st WSEAS (The World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society) <a href="http://www.wseas.org/conferences/2008/portugal/la/index.html">http://www.wseas.org/conferences/2008/portugal/la/index.html</a>	Algarve Portugal
16-18 June	<b>A wider view on cultural landscape challenges in Europe:</b> a Triennale conference, <a href="http://www.awiderview.eu">www.awiderview.eu</a>	Apeldoorn Netherlands
26-28 June	<b>Open Public Urban Spaces</b> <a href="http://www.uis.no/opus2008">http://www.uis.no/opus2008</a>	Stavanger Norway
30 June- 3 July	<b>Transforming with Water</b> IFLA 46 <sup>th</sup> World Congress <a href="http://www.iflaonline.org/news/index.html">http://www.iflaonline.org/news/index.html</a>	Apeldoorn Netherlands
3-4 July	<b>Public Space and Social Cohesion in the City: Present and Future</b> Conference organised by the Centre for Independent Social Research <a href="http://www.cisr.ru/news_103.html">http://www.cisr.ru/news_103.html</a>	St Petersburg Russia
28 July- 1 August	<b>Urban Diversities, biosphere and well-being</b> IAPS conference at Sapienza University of Rome <a href="http://www.iaps2008.com/index.php?page=11&amp;lan=en">http://www.iaps2008.com/index.php?page=11&amp;lan=en</a>	Roma Italy
24 August- 5 September	<b>ELASA Annual conference</b> Budapest-Hortobágy -Tokaj -Pécs -Balaton felvidék-Bakony-Nagymaros (Duna kanyar)-Budapest : a tour of Hungary <a href="http://www.elasa2008.hu/index.html">http://www.elasa2008.hu/index.html</a>	Hungary
1-5 September	<b>Landscapes, Identities and Development</b> , organised by: PECSRL (Permanent European Conference for the Study of the Rural Landscape) <a href="http://tercud.ulusofona.pt/PECSRL2008.htm">http://tercud.ulusofona.pt/PECSRL2008.htm</a>	Lisbon Portugal
11-14 September	<b>New landscapes new lives</b> ECLAS Conference 2008 <a href="http://www.ltj.slu.se/eclas/">www.ltj.slu.se/eclas/</a>	Alnarp Sweden
15 September- 3 October	<b>International Exhibition Of Landscape And Architecture Schools / Exposició Internacional D'escoles De Paisatge I Arquitectura</b> <a href="http://www.coac.net/landscape">www.coac.net/landscape</a>	Barcelona Spain
15-19 September	<b>Water and Urban development paradigms</b> International Conference <a href="http://www.urbanwaterconference.be">http://www.urbanwaterconference.be</a>	Leuven Belgium
19-20 September	<b>Sustainable consumption and production patterns</b> European Environment Bureaux' Annual Conference and AGM <a href="http://www.eeb.org">www.eeb.org</a>	Brussels Belgium
20-21 September	<b>EFLA Executive Council</b>	Brussels Belgium
25-27 September	<b>Barcelona Biennale 2008</b> <a href="http://www.coac.net/landscape/">http://www.coac.net/landscape/</a>	Barcelona Spain
26 September	<b>Nordhavnen Competition, Copenhagen deadline</b> ideas competition for the northern port area re-development <a href="http://www.arkitektforeningen.dk/Home/Service/English/Competitions/Internationals/Nordhavn.aspx">http://www.arkitektforeningen.dk/Home/Service/English/Competitions/Internationals/Nordhavn.aspx</a>	n/a
17 October	<b>Landscape Architecture in the wider Mediterranean World:</b> second meeting on Mediterranean landscape architecture organised by TMMOB, info email <a href="mailto:efla.feap@skynet.be">efla.feap@skynet.be</a>	Istanbul Turkey
23-24 October	<b>2nd blu+verde International Congress</b> Environscape Politecnico di Milano <a href="http://www.blueverde.polimi.it/">http://www.blueverde.polimi.it/</a>	Milan Italy

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10-11 November	<b>International Conference: living landscape: memory, transformation &amp; future scenarios</b> Dept. of Geography, University of J.E. Purkyne <a href="http://conference.geoscape.cz/">http://conference.geoscape.cz/</a>	Ustí nad Labem Czech Republic
13 + 16 November	<b>EFLA Executive Council</b>	Brussels Belgium
14 November	<b>EFLA Seminar: Global Warming: the role of landscape architecture</b> details: <a href="http://www.efla.org">www.efla.org</a>	Brussels Belgium
15-16 November	<b>EFLA General Assembly</b>	Brussels Belgium
8-10 December	<b>The Right to Landscape: Contesting Landscape and Human Rights</b> Cambridge Centre for Landscape and People <a href="http://www.cclp.group.cam.ac.uk/rtl_workshop.html">http://www.cclp.group.cam.ac.uk/rtl_workshop.html</a>	Cambridge UK
<b>2009</b>		
April	<b>World Landscape Architecture Month*</b> with the theme <i>Sustainable Landscapes</i> details <a href="http://www.iflaonline.org/news/index.html">http://www.iflaonline.org/news/index.html</a>	Planet Earth
23 April -11 October	<b>Bundesgartenschau 2009</b> Schwerin Land Mecklenburg-Vorpommern <a href="http://www.buqa-2009.de/">http://www.buqa-2009.de/</a>	Schwerin Germany
May tbc	<b>Urban Futures conference</b> <a href="http://www.urbanfutures.se">www.urbanfutures.se</a>	Sweden
2-4 July	<b>International conference on landscape economics</b> European Consortium for Landscape Economics, CEEP at BOKU <a href="http://www.ceep-europe.org/workshop.php?id_workshop=45">http://www.ceep-europe.org/workshop.php?id_workshop=45</a>	Vienna Austria
Aug.-Sept. tbc	<b>Nordic Landscape national associations' Congress</b>	tbc
tbc	<b>IFLA 47<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Rio de Janeiro</b>	Rio de Janeiro Brazil
Sept (tbc)	<b>ECLAS Conference 2009</b>	Genova Italy
August- September (tbc)	<b>ELASA Annual conference</b>	Rumania

*tbc = to be confirmed*

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