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World Landscape Architecture Month

Launched in 2006, IFLA's members associations join to celebrate the landscape profession in April, a month notable for Earth Day (April 22nd) and the birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted (April 27th), founder of the landscape architecture profession in North America. And as every year, we call all our members to share with us the events they have planned on that occasion which will be published on a special issue of our News Brief as well as on IFLA's website. 2010 was declared UN Year of Biodiversity and IFLA invites its members to use it as the theme of this year's World LA Month: Landscape and Biodiversity. Please send your examples of contributions of research that would showcase the understanding of biodiversity to prevent its loss to Christine Bavassa at admin@iflaonline.org.

Workshop on Greening Real Estate Markets

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and its Real Estate Market Advisory Group, together with the German Federal Environment Agency, are organizing a workshop on greening real estate markets to be held in Dessau (Germany) on **26 and 27 April 2010**. Speakers and participants in the event will review existing obstacles and ascertain economic and social benefits associated with a green real estate sector as follows: the impact of a more intensive use of green technologies on the durability of homes and the lower operations and maintenance costs for families; the role of local authorities in the design of public private partnerships; existing tax-incentives available to facilitate green retrofits and new construction and the trade-offs involved for targeted regulatory schemes; the potential of updating certification and existing accounting practices of firms to better quantify the effect of green investments; the introduction of green building valuation methods in the analysis of risk for investments with real estate collateral; the impact of increased use of green technologies on higher productivity and better health of populations through improved living spaces; the impact of green updates for countries facing restrictions in access to vital resources (such as water). The goal of the workshop is to learn from the experience of stakeholders and to discuss challenges and opportunities for UNECE Member States. The outcomes of the event will allow participants to identify policy guidance and set priorities on how to intensify the use of green technologies in the real estate sector. The event is addressed to national and local authorities, relevant NGOs and the private sector. The workshop's language is English. Presentations at the workshop should focus on either of the challenges (and its related policy recommendations) referred above. Should you be interested in presenting at this event, kindly **send** a 500 word description of your presentation to the Secretariat **no later than 15 February 2010** at: housing.landmanagement@unece.org (Please type "Event in Dessau" under Subject in your message).

ECLAS 2010 Annual Conference – Call for abstracts

Deadline for the submission of abstracts **extended to 22 February 2010**. The theme of the Conference is broadly established as "Cultural Landscapes" inspired by the belief that preservation and protection of globally, nationally, regionally and locally significant cultural landscapes, both designed and vernacular, are critical to sustaining the continuum of land use and history across generations. Protection of these cultural resources offers inspirational values and an appreciation of past and present ingenuity, accomplishments, hardships, and hopes, as well as insight into future land use and design solutions. We believe that interpretation, public use and appreciation of cultural landscape resources both in public and private domain should be viewed as an integral part of their preservation and sustainability. In addition to keynote addresses and symposia given by invited speakers, individuals are invited to submit abstracts for both paper and poster presentations. The official language of the conference is English. Authors wishing to submit a paper should send an abstract relating to one of the following tracks: **Responses of cultural landscapes to changing natural processes** (such as climate change, re-colonization of abandoned lands, impact of emerging need for sustainability etc.); **Landscapes as a reflection of changing cultural processes** (such as globalization, multiculturalism, emerging awareness to sustainability, etc.); **Technology as a driver of cultural landscape change** (such as international styles, disappearing vernacular styles as a result of increased visual images through internet as well as advanced technology to enable new construction methods and techniques and capability to use new materials or recycled materials, etc.); **Education, research methods and approaches** (such as profession based education, multi-disciplinary education, interdisciplinary education, EU format, USA and the Canadian format, Eastern and Pacific Rim format). All interested participants please submit your abstract by using the online system. To submit an abstract go to the following site: <http://dla.loel.hs-anhalt.de/eclas2010>. The European Council of Landscape Architectures Schools' annual meeting will be held from **September 29 - October 2, 2010** in Istanbul (Turkey). www.eclas2010.org

Call for Nominations for the Equator Prize 2010

The Equator Prize is awarded biennially by the UNDP Equator Initiative for outstanding local, indigenous and community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Now in its fifth award cycle, the Equator Prize has special significance during the International Year of Biodiversity, 2010. The prize will be awarded to twenty-five local and indigenous communities from across the tropics; twenty will receive US\$5,000 and a further five will be selected as "special recognition" winners and receive a total of US\$20,000. "Special recognition" will be awarded in each region of prize eligibility (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean), one for indigenous peoples and applied traditional knowledge, and one for ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change. Equator Prize winners receive international recognition for their work and an opportunity to shape international policy and practice in the field. The winners are selected on the principal criteria of impact, partnerships, sustainability, innovation and transferability, leadership and community empowerment, as well as gender equality and social inclusion. Past winners have spanned fields of work ranging from agro-forestry to seed banks, agriculture to enterprise, indigenous and community-conserved areas to locally-managed marine areas, adaptation to climate change to organic farming, and more. All winners share the common feature of reconciling viable livelihoods with the maintenance of biological diversity and ecological balance. Nominations for the Equator Prize 2010 must be received by **28 February 2010**. The UNDP Equator Initiative encourages nominating qualified community initiatives that are active in environmental conservation and sustainable livelihoods within the equatorial region. Self-nominations are also welcome. Further information on the Equator Prize, selection criteria and nomination instructions is available at www.equatorinitiative.org.

IFLA Regional Conference - Call for papers

"Landscape Architecture and Geography. Chile, a territory of confines: from ice to desert, from mountains to sea". Santiago (Chile). **September 2-4, 2010**. The regional conference for the Americas is organized by the Chilean Institute of Landscape Architects, member of the IFLA, as one of IFLA's regular activities. All professionals, researchers, and postgraduate students involved in the production, thinking, and design of landscapes (landscape architects, architects, urban designers, geographers, historians, and public officers, among others) are invited to participate in the conference with paper proposals that address the conference theme. The conference theme seeks to provide a window not only for a broad investigation of landscape design aspects, but also for sharing professional and academic knowledge and expertise in the ways of inhabiting it. As a result, landscape architecture will be understood as the discipline resulting from the relationship between inhabited landscape, geography, and urban space. In emerging cultures such as those in South America, where the majority of cities are still a work in progress and a combination of urban and rural spaces, geography is not merely a background, but a key aspect of the landscape. In places characterized by geographical accidents, extreme weather, and volcanic or tectonic activities, resulting landscapes become the main public space. In this context, landscape is a cultural phenomenon, a place for recreation, to wander, for festivities, and vacations. The conference will focus on landscape architecture as a discipline cherishing and protecting the geographical identity of a place. But, at the same time, it will critically address landscape transformation initiatives, which have brought an unprecedented level of challenges in planning, urban governance, cultural and social structure, and historic preservation, among others. Proposals will preferably address one or more of the following sub-themes: Landscape and Heritage [projects for the use, protection, restoration, and/or conservation of heritage sites, routes, etc.]; Landscape and Natural Environment [wild areas, geological sites, wetlands, forests, dunes, ecological corridors, watercourses, mountain streams, coastal borders, etc.]; Cultural Landscapes [landscape history, main elements in the landscape, archeology, identity, etc.]; Productive Landscapes [productive routes, productive sites – wine, tobacco, agriculture, mining, etc.]; Landscape and Human Settlements [local patterns of settlement in different territories, management of public space, citizen action, landscape planning, etc.]; Landscape and Tourism [sustainable tourism, routes and circuits, etc.]; Landscape and Infrastructure [highways, port infrastructure, public squares, airports, industrial sites, landfills, etc.]; Landscape and Education [seminars, workshops, studios, representation techniques, etc.]; Landscape and Ecology [ecological and natural corridors, basins, biodiversity, global warming, pollution, carbon emission, environmental planning and impact, sustainability, etc.]; Landscape Transformation [rehabilitation, restoration, and rethinking of wastelands and abandoned sites, etc.]. Abstracts should not exceed 500 words (including footnotes) and authors must indicate one or more conference sub-themes addressed by their paper (see previous section). A short biographical statement of no more than 200 words needs to be submitted with the abstracts. Please include basic contact information (e-mail, telephone, fax). All abstracts will be refereed by the same advisory committee. Accepted abstracts will be published on the conference website. Proposals can be submitted in Spanish or English. Abstracts should be submitted to ponencias2010@ichap.cl. For further questions regarding registration contact the conference management office by mail at conferencia2010@ichap.cl. **Deadline for Submission of Abstracts – March 10, 2010.**

World Urban Forum 5: The Right To The City-Bridging The Urban Divide

In the space of a few short years, the World Urban Forum has turned into the world's premier conference on cities. The Forum was established by the United Nations to examine one of the most pressing problems facing the world today: rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies. UN-HABITAT and the Government of Brazil have started preparations for the fifth session scheduled in Rio de Janeiro **22 - 26 March 2010**. The Forum is one of the most open and inclusive gatherings of its kind on the international stage. It brings together government leaders, ministers, mayors, diplomats, members of national, regional and international associations of local governments, non-governmental and community organizations, professionals, academics, grassroots women's organizations, youth and slum dwellers groups as partners working

for better cities. The theme for Rio 2010, "**The right to the City - "bridging the urban divide"**" is in harmony with UN-HABITAT's flagship report, State of the World's Cities 2010-2011. <http://www.unhabitat.org/categories.asp?catid=584>

7° Congreso Iberoamericano de Parques y Jardines Públicos

Parques y Jardines del Milenio: Optimizar el uso de los recursos natural. Miraflores, Lima (Perú). **13-15 octubre 2010.** Organizado por la Asociación Española de Parques y Jardines Públicos (AEPJP), conjuntamente con la Asociación Peruana de Arquitectura del Paisaje (APAP) y la Municipalidad de Miraflores, que será la ciudad anfitriona de este importante evento. El Congreso se orientará a potenciar los recursos naturales como nueva política ambiental que es el ahorro de energía eléctrica, el ahorro del agua y la descontaminación ambiental bajo una perspectiva multidisciplinaria que respete el medio ambiente y la ecología. Brindando a su vez la posibilidad de conocer las nuevas técnicas, herramientas y conceptos que se necesitan para aplicar en los espacios públicos y privados. Para más información, contacte app.paiperu@yahoo.com

Skyrise Greenery

The International Skyrise Greenery Conference will be held in Singapore in **November 2010.** Skyrise Greenery, in its simplest definition, is greenery integrated into built-forms in the city. It is a logical solution that leverages on the high amount of built structures in our highly developed and high-rise environment. Skyrise greenery has increasingly become an important component of sustainable urban development. The conference will present the latest technological developments and new areas of application in the field of green roofs and vertical greenery. It will serve as a surface+space where international urban greenery experts from various disciplines will come together with the academia, architects, landscape architects, landscape contractors, policy-makers and stakeholders to discuss the present and future trends of this growing sector. Topics will also include various essential aspects of skyrise greenery such as specifications and installation of green roofs and vertical greenery systems, technical studies (eg. heat shield and thermal aspects, integration of skyrise greenery with sustainable eco-processes) as well as the sharing of the experience garnered from global political incentives and guidelines. Further information at <http://www.skyrisegreenery.com/>

New President of the Architects' Council of Europe for 2010-2011

Selma Harrington from Ireland was elected **President of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)** for the period 2010-2011 during the Second General Assembly of the ACE at the end of 2009 and she took up office on the 1st January 2010. Selma Harrington was born and educated in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. She has practised architecture in Ireland, Central Europe, Western Europe, Africa and South-East Asia.

Becoming a Landscape Architect – A Guide to Careers in Design

Kelleann Foster, associate professor of landscape architecture at Penn State, is author of ***Becoming a Landscape Architect – A Guide to Careers in Design***, based on her extensive experience teaching professional practice and working on student recruitment issues. Published by John Wiley & Sons, it is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other sellers (go to www.wiley.com/buy/9780470338452 for a complete list). Along with details that describe the variety inherent in the profession and tips for young professionals embarking on the job search process, the book includes interviews with more than 50 noted professionals and several current graduate and undergraduate students from around the United States. Those interviewed come from all sectors of landscape architectural practice. They share their work and philosophy, why they got into landscape architecture, and what they believe the future holds for the profession, among other issues. The book serves as a resource for high school students interested in the landscape architecture profession, professionals considering a career change and current college students pursuing landscape architecture degrees. Foster earned a B.S. in landscape architecture at Penn State in 1982 and a Master of Landscape Architecture at the University of Massachusetts in 1986.

International Garden ExPo 2013

"Korea's ecological Capital, Suncheon. **April to October 2013.** The Expo will take place around the Suncheon Bay area, and a space of 152 hectare is set aside for its development. Over the last 150 years, International Garden Expos have been recognized throughout Europe and other developed countries. They have mainly been developed as a way of urban restoration and environmental planning and protection. Trees and flowers keep on growing and blooming as well as increasing the value of the environment. For this reason Garden Expos can be seen as ongoing or continuing. With Suncheon City hosting the Expo in 2013, it also hopes to display the existing value of Suncheon Bay, one of the world's top 5 coastal wetlands. Our city is aiming to be recognized as one of the world's top ecological areas. We want to see Suncheon being reborn as a global leader on the field of "Green Growing-Cities". (*Roh, Kwan Kyu. Mayor of Suncheon City, South Korea*). www.2013expo.or.kr/



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