



# EFLA NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

During the three first months of 2006 there have been some significant events featuring landscape architects' work in Europe. I start by mentioning the Rosa Barba European Prize in Landscape Architecture, which is to be announced at the IV European Biennale of Landscape Architecture on the 23-25 March. It is an initiative of the Catalan Chamber of Architects with the Polytechnic University of Catalonia. The prize aims to identify relevant landscape architecture projects carried out in Europe from 2001 to 2005 and singles out one project. This year I represented EFLA on the jury and we met for the first time last January. The jury was confronted with a very significant diversity of projects from all over Europe that required intensive debate. There were 452 submissions

Then the Ministry of Culture and Communications of France, promoter of Les Nouveaux Albums des Jeunes Architects, has created for the first time Les Nouveaux Albums des Paysagistes 2005-2006. The aim of the Ministry is to increase the awareness in France of the effectiveness and achievements of landscape architects. Again it was a very successful event with 51 teams submitting their work. The jury took place on 2 February in Paris and around noon the five teams distinguished for the quality of their work and their curricula were announced.

In Portugal, Urbaverde has promoted for the second year a national award for landscape architects, including two categories: professionals and students and young professionals. Around 80 projects were submitted and the awards were announced on 1 February.

I include in this series of celebrations of landscape architecture at the beginning of 2006, the launching of Fieldwork, Landscape Architecture Europe,

published by Birkhäuser (in English and German), van Toth (in Dutch) and Infolio (in French); and was a joint initiative of the Landscape Architecture Europe Foundation and EFLA. The launch took place on 9 February, in Rome. It was a very well attended session that included a lecture by Malene Hauxner. From a submission of over 600 proposals, the jury selected 43 projects to be published in Fieldwork.

It has been a very significant and inspiring opportunity for me to be part of all these events and I feel very proud to take this opportunity to share this experience with you all. I was confronted with the significant and diverse skills and achievements of our profession. A profession addressing a diversity of challenges and playing a major role in the creation of public space and in the rehabilitation of various European landscapes: abandoned industrial sites, relocation of airports, riverfronts, quarries, parks, residential areas faced as opportunities for the creation of new landscapes. They were beautiful and attractive places for people but there was much more than that: there was a careful understanding of the landscape, a respect for the natural environment and the cultural identity of the site.

Landscape architects at the beginning of the 21st century are able to respond to an unprecedented opportunity in Europe to create and renovate public space and demonstrated in the various situations I mentioned above, a significant capacity to work together with other professions.

As Kathryn Moore, LI President, said at her opening speech at the IFLA World Congress in Edinburgh, last June: "It is a good time to be a landscape architect!"

**Teresa Andresen**

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PERSONAL OPINION PIECE

## CAP: Care of the countryside not more money for rich farmers

The October 2002 agreement on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) involved a switch from production linked subsidies to direct income payments to farmers. Single farm payments, concern for the environment and rural development policy and reduction in direct payments for the bigger farms are said to be part of this. Single farm payments are based on production in 2000-2002 in order to reduce incentives to maximise production. Yet most of the CAP still goes to agribusinesses and big landowners: 80% of the subsidies go to 20% of the richest farmers.

Most money to rich farms

The French are the biggest recipients with €8.5 billion in 2004; Spain received just over €6 billion and Germany €6 billion. The biggest farmers continue to receive more: rich farmers are rewarded: the poor and marginal are not. Through the CAP (€43.6 billion in 2004) the EU devotes 43% of its total budget to agriculture while agriculture occupies only 4% of the total workforce and produces 3% of GDP. Due to the December 2006 budget agreement this share is to rise to 44%.

The CAP was proposed in the 1950s when one concern was food self-sufficiency following post-war starvation and food rationing. It was established in 1962. Its objectives then were to:

- ensure that food reaches consumers at reasonable prices,
- assure the availability of supplies,
- ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community,
- increase agricultural productivity by promoting technical progress and efficiency.

### Vital to the countryside

Of course the CAP is vital to maintaining the countryside and the landscape and that on average 90% of a farmer's pre-tax income comes from CAP subsidy. But this figure covers many variations: the

CAP provides 8% of income for quality wine growers (critical to the landscape of Burgundy, the Douro and the Rhine), and just 10% for market gardeners while over a quarter of payments go to 5% of farmers. In France the biggest thirty farmers (including Prince Albert of Monaco) each receive €390,000 per annum – and one wonder what Queen Elizabeth II receives?. The largest 2,530 French farms receive more in value than the 182,270 smallest farms.

CAP does not work

### What can be done?

Is the policy viable in the long term? In the United Kingdom the average age of farmers is 58 and the number of farms is falling. Is the policy working and is it worth it? Across Europe farm income per worker fell by 6.3% overall in 2005 according to Eurostat. It varied with rises of around 25% in Estonia and Lithuania, in Ireland it also rose (+12%) and fell sharply in Portugal (-11%) Spain (-12%) and France (-10%) and Hungary (-19.3%). So it is good for some new comers but not for all.

### Youngsters should find farming attractive

What can be done? The Italians have proposed a ceiling for individual farmers. From the landscape's point of view the aim should be to maintain the farmed landscape, to assist the rural economy, conserve the rural landscape and to give smaller farmers an adequate income. Youngsters should find farming attractive: if an average UK farmers' age of 58 now, what will it be in ten years time? Topsoil and future food production capacity should be maintained for the long term, but the emphasis should be on biodiversity, conservation and rural development. Not on intensive high production at the cost of the developing world (see the note on the World Trade Talks below). Care of the countryside and stewardship of the landscape should come first. And the monies spent on the overall agricultural should be cut: 43% of the budget devoted to 4% of the workforce is ridiculous. The CAP costs too much and too much goes to the big boys.

This is a debate in which the landscape profession European-wide should play its part.

Groupe d'Économie Mondiale, <http://gem.sciences-po.fr/>  
Pierre Boulanger The Common Agricultural Policy 'Moment of Truth in France' Nov 2005 on <http://gem.sciences-po.fr/index.html>

"Europe's farm follies" The Economist 10 December 2005 pp. 27-29.

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

Robert Holden



## Landscape Architecture Europe: Book launch in Rome

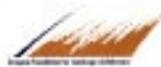
Landscape Architects from across Europe gathered in Rome on Saturday 11 February. In the morning there was a programme of presentation and speeches at the Palazzo Borghese explaining the making of this the first of a triennial yearbook for the European profession published as *Fieldwork: Landscape Architecture Europe*. The book is in English, German (both by Birkhäuser), in Dutch by Thoth and in French editions by Infolio. Professor Lucio Barbera, Dean of the Architecture Faculty of La Sapienza University welcomed us, and related the foundation of their landscape architecture course, now three years old. Then Professor Carlo Bruschi welcomed us on behalf of AIAPP, and celebrated the growth of landscape architecture in Italy from the foundation of AIAPP in 1950 by the late Professor Pietro Porcinai to a situation now when there are landscape courses in Genova, Turin, Rome, Palermo and Florence, and others on the way. There was welcome on behalf of Dario Esposito (unavoidably in Africa) of the City of Rome where he is head of its environmental department.

### A project that grew over five years

Professor Meto Vroom chairman of the Landscape Architecture Europe Foundation then related the process whereby the book grew over the past five years from discussion at EFLA meetings and was modelled on the Dutch NVTL yearbook. First was how to fund it? Well the Dutch Architecture Fund undertook that; in the year of the Dutch presidency it extended its remit to cover Europe, for one year only. Meto is a great gatherer of people, our profession's chief talent spotter and he gathered a team together including Michael van Gessel and Harry Harsema of Blauwe Kamer, the Dutch publishers and book production house. This also included the chief editor Lisa Diedrich who described how the book was put together, as "reflections from a European think tank..." and Michael van Gessel who has been involved since EFLA days. Michael described how the jury chose 43 projects from the 603 submitted..."You can't say we were not critical". The jury was truly international: Henri Bava from France working in Karlsruhe, Robert Camlin from Ireland working in Wales, Maria Goula from Greece working in Barcelona, and Stig Andersson from Copenhagen, under Michael van Gessel's chairmanship. And they were looking for designs which were "appropriate,.... were related to genius loci, ....revealed process and time ....and showed restraint and subtlety in intervention".

### Essays and projects : aspects of the book

There were two presentations representing different aspects of the book, Michele Molé of Nemesi Studio presented one of the projects the book, that for the Forum Romanum which represented the sort of sprezzatura .... a studied modest nonchalance in design...making the difficult appear easy ... the art which does not seem to be an art... that the jury were looking for. Professor Malene Hauxner gave a tour de force keynote lecture based on her introductory essay (one of several) covering the past forty years of the profession from Sørensen, from whom she quote "The first gardener was a woman and she built a fence" to Adriaan Geuze of West 8 fame.



### The future of the project

This was followed by presentations of the book by Professors Meto Vroom and Annalisa Manigio to the three publishers, to Teresa Andresen for EFLA, to Carlo Bruschi for AIAPP, to Professor Lucio Barbera and to Mr Joost Flamand for the Dutch government. At a lunch for those who had worked on the project and ate the fruits of the land and (led by the behind the scenes work of EFLA President Teresa Andresen) Professor Vroom and Michael van Gessel made commitments to the future of the project. The next edition is scheduled for 2009.

### Trajan's Forum

In the afternoon we were led around Trajan's Forum by the Nemesi team and viewed the recent work of interpreting the forum. The evening was devoted to a grand feast where the production team, the team, the board of Landscape Architecture Europe, and many of the landscape architects of those whose projects were illustrated: they are the real heroines and heroes of this project.

The day was one of a European landscape architecture confident and relaxed and well justified in this celebration. This book should prove a marketing tool for the European landscape profession. The Italian profession did us proud by organising a fulsome day. Watch out for the next book in 2009 and submit your project entries this time if you did not do last time.

*Robert Holden*

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and Infolio in French editions).

## Landscape Architecture Europe



# Fieldwork



## NEWS

### EU Budget

The EU Council of Ministers on 15-16 December last year achieved one of the UK presidency's three main goals: agreement of the 2007-13 EU budget. The other two goals were EU enlargement to include Turkey (agreed last September) and the matter of the Constitution, which the No votes of the French and Dutch referenda has placed on the back burner. So two goals out of three scored.

The budget agreement was €862 billion for the seven year period 2007-2013. It involves a reduction of the UK rebate from 2009 onwards with the monies mainly going to the New Countries of Central Europe and agreement to review future spending in 2008-9 (maybe also an opportunity to look at the CAP?). The deal involved German Chancellor Angela Merkel agreeing to cut €100 million from aid to East Germany so it could go to Poland (€300million remains for East Germany).

The agreement is good in that it allows funds to be released to the New Countries to assist their development (regional support or cohesion funds are 35.7% of the budget) and it allows for detailed planning of EU Programmes to be pursued (and therefore for us to lobby accordingly).

The new budget is 1.034% of total EU Gross Domestic Product. So it is not that big: the €862 billion over seven years compares with the current total combined budget of all European government spending of €4 trillion per annum.

## NEWS

### EU Ministers adopt Bristol Accord on Sustainable Communities

At the UK Presidency's Ministerial Conference on the topic of Sustainable Communities in Bristol on the 6-7 December 2005, the Bristol Accord was adopted. This establishes a framework of key ingredients through which communities of all sizes across Europe can be made more sustainable in order to share good practice. The Accord agreed today in Bristol builds on the Rotterdam urban acquis, the Lisbon agenda for jobs and growth, the goals of environmental sustainability agreed at Gothenburg, and effective democratic governance agreed at the Warsaw Summit in May. The UK Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, said that the Accord "... is about achieving better places for all European citizens." The text can be downloaded at: <http://www.odpm.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1162287> Next step is a Sustainable Communities Skills Symposium to be hosted by the UK's Academy for Sustainable Communities next November.

<http://www.ascskills.org.uk/home/index.cfm>

Source ACE Newsletter 1/06 and websites quoted

## NEWS

### Germany: Minimum duration of landscape architecture programmes

In Germany many of the Länder governments are reviewing higher education requirements for their Architectural Chambers (in consequence of the Bologna Declaration). In consequence the model federal guideline legislation (the Musterarchitektengesetz) for architectural chambers is being rewritten and this raises the question of the minimum duration of landscape architecture programmes. So EFLA wrote to the German Building Ministers December conference at the BDLA's request advising of EFLA's minimum duration of four years for landscape architecture. The Federal body of Architectural Chambers also wrote arguing for the retention of a minimum four year period for landscape architecture education.

Minister Holter chairman of the conference of Lander building ministers advised there was no reason to discuss the topic again on the conference. So the Musterarchitektengesetz will not be amended. In consequence, most Länder architects' chamber laws will follow suit and the minimum duration in landscape architecture, interior design and town planning could be reduced to three years.

However Minister Holter refers to the fact that not only the quantity but also the quality of the programmes are to be considered. For example, if the universities and the professional associations believe that three-year Bachelors programmes do not fulfil to the needs of the job qualification and the job market, the average period of study will possibly remain at four years.

This emphasizes one urgent need for us to pursue the Common Education Platform because higher education is pressured by governments wishing to make it more economical and "efficient", i.e. to reduce the length of programmes. In Germany the fachhochschulen have always had four year Diplom programmes which now are becoming Bachelors and Masters programmes: some Bachelors are only three years. The five years for landscape architecture of the university programmes and the minimum of four years for landscape architecture at the fachhochschulen is under threat. Both IFLA and EFLA specify a minimum of four years undergraduate entry to the profession.

Meanwhile the Landscape Institute has just three years degrees for its landscape management division whom it terms landscape architects...we need to defend a minimum of four years for landscape architecture as a design and planning profession.



source of images: <http://www.masterla.de/>  
and <http://www.wzw.tum.de/>

## Next EU Presidencies

Austria is currently EU President for the six months January until June; then Finland then Germany for the first half of 2007. For news on the Austrian presidency see <http://www.eu2006.at/info/en/Challenges> set for the Austrians include

- implementation of the 2007-2013 budget agreed last December,
- the summit meeting in March on the Lisbon Strategy
- the question of the European constitution, (the Austrian government support one)
- decisions on the Bulgarian and Rumanian membership scheduled for 2007,
- the detailed talks on membership for Turkey and Croatia
- the EU/Latin American and Caribbean government meeting in May.

### The Lisbon Strategy

For landscape architects the March meeting on the Lisbon Strategy is the most relevant matter as covers education research, energy, and competitiveness generally including services i.e. landscape architecture.

### EU Expansion

Austrian President Heinz Fischer said on 1 January that Austria was in favour of European expansion to embrace Rumania and Bulgaria and favoured the negotiations with the Croats but had reservations regarding Turkey. He also favours decisions on the constitution. He said nothing about the environment or competitiveness, matters of concern to landscape architecture.

### The Finnish Presidency

The Finnish presidency website is more detailed than the Austrian one <http://www.valtioneuvosto.fi/vn/liston/base.lsp?r=90650&k=en>. It also covers the above matters, but as well they 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. Fins, Germans, Balts, Russians and Belorussians please note.

### 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.

Sources: websites above, BBC interview with Heinz Fischer 1.1.2006

## EU NEWS

### EU Urban Audit

The EU Urban Audit presents its result as statistics covering over 300 indicators for 258 cities in the



enlarged EU. These statistics show, amongst other things in the wake of recent trouble in some Member States, notably France, that more must be done to reduce disparities between areas within cities and to promote social inclusion in poorer areas. You can see the full results at:

<http://www.urbanaudit.org>



## REPORT

### Medwet

MedWet was founded in 1991 to foster international cooperation on wetland conservation, covering the deltas, coastal marshes and lagoons of the Mediterranean under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Now 25 countries take part. In June 1996, the Mediterranean Wetlands Conference in Venice, Italy, approved a Mediterranean Wetlands Strategy, which is guiding work until 2006.

The Mediterranean Wetlands Committee is composed of representatives of 25 Mediterranean countries, the Palestinian Authority, the European Commission, intergovernmental organisations and international conventions, non-governmental organizations and five wetland centres.

### UNDP Project

Medwet Coast is a regional United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) project funded by the Global Environment Facilities (GEF) and the Fond Français pour l'Environnement Mondial (FFEM) and it began in 1999. The project works in six Mediterranean countries. The overall goal is the conservation and sustainable use of wetland biodiversity in the Mediterranean. The project objective is to achieve and demonstrate this in a set of fifteen important sites in participating countries: Albania, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, and Tunisia.

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## WTO Compromise

The 149 World Trade Organization countries agreed a compromise at their Hong Kong meeting on 18 December 2005, but at the cost of postponing negotiation of the troubled Doha trade round. There was agreement to eliminate agricultural export subsidies progressively from 2011 (the EU agreed to end its farm export subsidies in 2013), agreement to classify domestic farm support by WTO members in three bands with the EU in the top band (so still to come is an agreement on the size of subsidy reduction), some export help for the world's poorest countries and relief for African cotton producers (though the US retains its \$4 billion of annual cotton subsidies). The background to all this is the disparity of wealth among the nation's of the world and the concern about poor countries especially Africa. At least this is a little step forward. For the European landscape the concern is the way farm subsidy reductions are made which will affect the CAP (see above). For the wider world the concern should be for the farmers and environment of Africa and the developing world.

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## Architects sign mutual recognition agreement with the USA

European architects have agreed a profession-to-profession Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between the EU, represented by the Architects' Council of Europe and the USA, represented by NCARB and the AIA. It was signed in Luxembourg last November was signed in the presence of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Public Works (Luxembourg), and of a representative of the US Embassy in Luxembourg.

### Trans-Atlantic Economic Partnership.

The signed Agreement has no legally binding effect, but it will be sent to the trade representatives of both the EU and the USA so that it will form the basis of official negotiations in the context of the Trans-Atlantic Economic Partnership. The architectural profession has been chosen as a spearhead profession for the negotiation of MRA's in this area and that the Member States of the EU through the 133 Committee (Services) have formally mandated the European Commission to carry out official negotiations of such Agreements. The ACE signed, in 2001, the first such profession-to-profession Agreement when it signed an MRA with the Mexicans and it expects to conclude negotiations with the Canadians on an MRA in early 2006.

### EFLA action

So far EFLA has had preliminary correspondence with the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects with a view to such an agreement joint with Canada and the USA. Now prompted by the Architects' agreement EFLA has approached ASLA. Watch this space for future progress.

Source ACE Newsletter 8/05

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## European Parliament: SIM Internal Market Directive passed

The European Parliament has finally passed the Services Directive which aims to free services in the way the Single European Market Act of 1986 has led to a free market in goods. The "Bolkestein Directive" was to do the same, but has been passed in a weakened version. Banking, communications, telecommunications, transport or health care are excluded. But it does help consultancy services including landscape architecture. Services are important: in the UK they account for four fifths of jobs and three quarters of income. The figures are six to ten % less in France, Germany and Italy. It is thought that a free market will promote growth and job creation. Arlene McCarthy MEP who chairs the internal services committee said the new directive would lead "to economic benefits ... of about €30billion". Now landscape architects will be free to set up shop throughout Europe which is a market of 450 million people.

### ACE comments

The Architects' Council of Europe commented before the directive was passed that "the overall weakening of the text and the increased clarity around the question of the exclusion of those professions covered by the Qualifications Directive"... (that includes landscape architects and architects) ... "from the country of origin principle were welcome developments from an architectural professional standpoint. However, in relation to the provision on the quality of services, the ACE noted that the provisions in relation to Codes of Conduct have been weakened and will only apply to cases of provision of services across borders."

### What now?

The directive was partially agreed at the plenary session of the European Parliament on 16 February as part of the co-decision process, it goes to the European Commission, and then to the Council of Ministers: it will be discussed at the European Summit in March. The Austrian presidency aims for final political agreement at their final June summit of the Council of Ministers and it is likely to be passed by the end of 2006. Robert Holden EFLA Secretary General commented "This proposed directive is a major opportunity for underemployed German and Central European landscape architects, if they wish to seize it."

[http://europa.eu.int/prelex/detail\\_dossier\\_real.cfm?CL=en&DosId=188810#](http://europa.eu.int/prelex/detail_dossier_real.cfm?CL=en&DosId=188810#)

Source ACE Newsletter 8/05 and news reports 17/18 February.

### European Parliament

## Urban dimension of enlargement

On 13 October last the European Parliament adopted the initiative report prepared by Jean-Marie Beaupuy on behalf of the Regional Development Committee on The Urban Dimension in the Context of Enlargement. The Parliament feels urban development priorities need to be emphasized and that these should include housing and the refurbishment of urban areas, infrastructure, transport, tourism, the environment, waste removal, water provision, culture, training, education, health care and social protection. The adoption of the report



is closely linked to the negotiations of the Structural Funds (see below).

Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy, responded positively and advised that the Commission is preparing a Communication on the urban dimension of the strategic guidelines for Cohesion Policy. The Communication is expected to be ready in early 2006 with a public consultation scheduled for March 2006. Ahead of publication, the content was debated at the informal EU Ministers meeting on Sustainable Communities held in Bristol, UK on 6 and 7 December 2005

To read the report log onto: [http://www.europarl.eu.int/omk/sipade3?PROG=REPORT&SORT\\_ORDER=D&S\\_REF\\_A=%25&LEG\\_ID=6&AUTHOR\\_ID=28205&NAV=X&L=EN&LEVEL=2&SAME\\_LEVEL=1](http://www.europarl.eu.int/omk/sipade3?PROG=REPORT&SORT_ORDER=D&S_REF_A=%25&LEG_ID=6&AUTHOR_ID=28205&NAV=X&L=EN&LEVEL=2&SAME_LEVEL=1)

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### Greening flood management

On 19 January 2006 the European Commission adopted a proposal for a Directive on the assessment and management of floods in Europe. It proposes coordination of flood management with ecological water management as required under the Water Framework Directive from the year 2000. However, it leaves to member states how to decide which measures to take.

The main measures are:

- Preliminary flood risk assessment
- Flood Risk Maps
- Flood risk management plans .

The Commission's Directive proposal builds on the main organisational aspects of the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) from the year 2000 and requires a synchronisation of planning cycles. There was a consultation on the proposed directive in 2005. EU member states are required to assess and manage flood risks on the basis of river basin districts and administrative arrangements developed for the implementation of the WFD.

The overall objective of the WFD is to achieve by 2015 a good chemical and ecological status of all waters, and prevent any further deterioration. According to the assessment of the risk of failing to achieve this objective – undertaken by member states in 2004 – most waters are at risk, largely due to excessive nutrient pollution and massive physical changes to the structure of water courses through dams, weirs and enforced embankments. Those physical changes often result in increased flooding downstream and are at the same time a result of flood management measures.

#### Ecological sustainability

Many current flood management measures are a result of uncontrolled land use developments. Such development is not compatible with ecological sustainability. Present policy will not prevent severe damage in a cost-effective way, but will increase costs for future generation. The dangerous cycle of allowing farming or industrial activities in high risk flood areas, like floodplains, and then building higher and higher dykes has to be stopped (the English need to take flooding seriously if they are to go ahead with the Thames Gateway proposals where the flood surveys followed the decision to develop). The European Environment Bureau argues that as a first step the new Directive should ensure that flood probability and

risk maps are available to inform land use planning and to ensure that individual business risks are not passed on to society.

#### Flood Risk Maps

The draft Directive requires the production and publication of flood risk maps, for areas with significant risks based on information about the flooding probability and the possible damage to human activities or the environment. But the draft as it stands does not ensure that still undeveloped land with high flooding probabilities is covered by the maps – thus providing no real incentive to address and internalise the costs of flooding into land use planning.

#### Opportunity for Landscape Architects

Of course this is a major opportunity for landscape architects to play a part in this as indicated by the increasing number of SUDS (sustainable urban drainage) in which landscape architects play their part, but essentially it is the landscape planning level which is key here. Another gift to landscape architects if they comment in future on this proposed directive.

#### Next Step

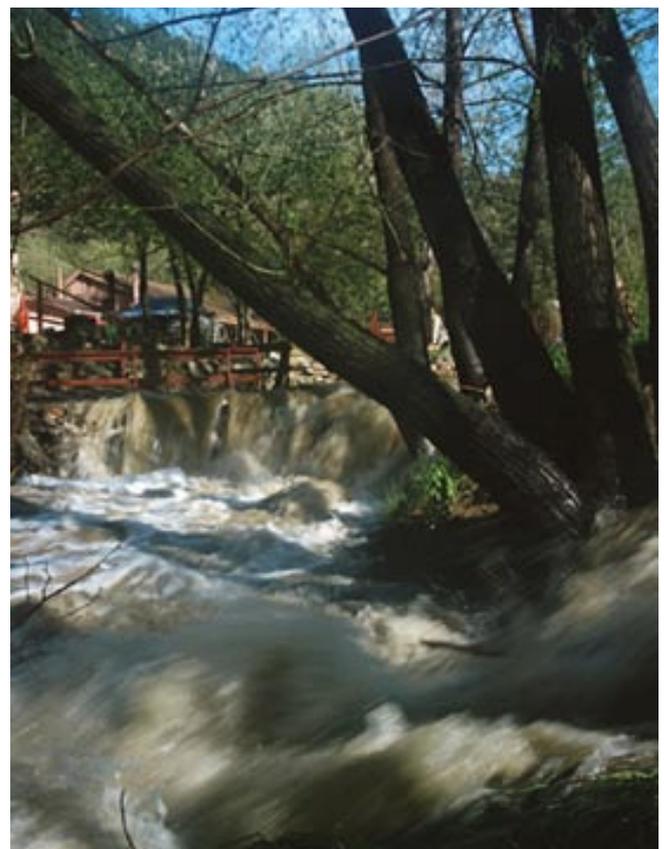
The next step in term of the legislative process is the co-decision procedure, which means that the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers will negotiate a text that can be jointly agreed, with the opinions sought also from the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee.

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water/flood\\_risk/consult.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water/flood_risk/consult.htm)

The text of the draft directive is on

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water/flood\\_risk/key\\_docs.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/water/flood_risk/key_docs.htm)

(source EEB press release 19.1.2005)





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## EU environmental protection and criminal law

On 13 September last, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) issued a ground-breaking judgement for EU law in general when it decided to annul the Council's 2003 Framework Decision on the protection of the Environment through criminal law. The new ruling allows the European Commission to strengthen its legislative proposals by introducing criminal sanctions for breaches of EU law. The court case started after the Council replaced a 2001 European Commission draft directive that would have given the Commission the power to push Member States to punish environmental crimes. As the Member States did not want the Commission to interfere with their criminal law it adopted the Framework Decision that has now been annulled. It is not clear if the 2001 draft directive will be re-introduced, but it is clear that the decision strengthens the powers of the Commission.

Further information at:

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1136&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&gui>

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## EU Green Week 2006

From Tuesday 30 May to Friday 2 June with the focus on biodiversity: 2006 represents the half-way mark towards the EU's target of halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010, and in spring 2006 the European Commission will publish a strategy paper on how to achieve this. As usual, the Green Week conferences and exhibition will take place at the Commission's Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels.

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



European Landscape Conference

Assises Européennes du Paysage

## Protéger la Planète: The Landscape Vision

Lille 31 May to 2 June 2006

The 2nd "Assises Européennes du Paysage", organised by the Fédération Française du Paysage (FFP) and EFLA, supported by the Council of Europe, IFLA and the Regional Council of Nord-Pas-de-Calais, will address the mutual challenges of landscape architecture and sustainable development.

The plenary sessions will deal with the following themes, with examples from Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and the UK.

- Water management and site protection by landscape planning;
- The landscape - a challenge for developers in rural areas;
- Nature and biodiversity: aim and tool of the landscape project;
- A fresh look at our inherited surroundings;
- Blending large infrastructure into the landscape.

Field trips will take the participants to:

- The city of Lille's green spaces;
- The Septentrion project (from walled city to sustainable city) (see below);
- The coal mining region from the Artois in France to the Borinage in Belgium;
- The North Sea coast;
- The cross-border metropolis (Lille, Roubaix, Kortrijk, Tournai);
- Sensitive areas and wind farms;
- Local policies and educational gardens;
- Ghent, city of water and light.

Three round-table will conclude the Assises:

- European landscape magazines;
- The challenges of the Nord Pas-de-Calais region landscape;
- Landscape visions and policies.

more info on:

[www.efla.org/txt/efla/ENlandscapepresentation200306.pdf](http://www.efla.org/txt/efla/ENlandscapepresentation200306.pdf)  
<http://www.efla.org/txt/efla/InscriptionResaHotelsEN.pdf>

and soon on:

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

## Septentrion Project: from fortified to sustainable town

This project, led by the Conseil Général du Nord (Lille), and costing €15 million; this project involves 23 partners from Belgium, France and the Netherlands. It draws on the historical legacy of the Low Countries to examine its cross-border cultural identity. The five year project seeks to link the architectural heritage of the network of Flemish, Walloon and Dutch cities, (many of the once fortified border towns), with contemporary planning for sustainable development. Green space has been 'eaten into' by expanding urban networks and sprawl, and the project aims to foster action to tackle environmental problems. Septentrion is based on a creative management of the architectural heritage with the ultimate objective of preserving the common identity of the Low Countries, including the quality management of the urban and rural landscape. The trans-national partnership tackles the theme through a series of widely-distributed investments, to create a cohesive necklace of 'interpretation centres' across the region. These are linked to small restoration or conversion activities. The project essentially offers an innovative, inter-regional vision for sustainable tourism, as a component of a wider spatial development and planning strategy for North West Europe.

### Themes involve:

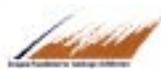
- transport,
- water and flooding,
- nature and heritage
- seas and ports

The Project is financed through the INTERREG IIC NWMA project, and The REURBA II Project (REstructuring URbanized Areas). The North West Europe Programme belongs to strand B of the European Community Initiative INTERREG III\* which supports transnational co-operation in the field of spatial development between national, regional and local authorities and a wide range of non-governmental organisations.

Between 2000-2006 the Programme is giving €330 million of European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) to projects in the field of territorial development that contribute. Amongst the 13 INTERREG III B Programmes, North West Europe was allocated the largest budget since its co-operation area covers nearly half the EU population. Seven Member States are participating (Belgium, France, Ireland, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and the UK) together with Switzerland.

Septentrion Towns: Maastricht, s-Hertogenbosch, Espace, Charleroi, Lanaken, Ieper (Ypres) Bruxelles Saint-Omer, Montreuil-sur-Mer, Aire-sur-la-Lys, Bouchain, Bergues, Cambrai, Condé-sur-l'Escaut, Gravelines, Landrecies, Lille, Maubeuge, Le Quesnoy, Watten, Conseil d'architecture d'Urbanisme et d'Environnement du Nord 59 (CAUE 59)

<http://www.nweurope.org/page/projet.php?p=31&id=480>  
<http://www.nweurope.org>



### LANDSCAPE EDUCATION ECLAS statement of the Year 2006

On 1 January ECLAS President Jeroen de Vries wrote to all his university colleagues the following tour d'horizon of ECLAS's year ahead:

#### Dear Colleagues,

Over the last few years ECLAS members have been working hard to raise the profile of our discipline at the European level and to provide an enriching forum for academics. The number of member schools has grown from around twenty in 2001 to more than ninety in 2005.

The successful development of the LE:NOTRE Thematic Network Project and the current Dissemination Project 'LE:NOTRE+PLUS' contribute to achieving our goals.

The website – described in EU circles as one of the most innovative of its type – will be restructured and part of the databases will be made available to a larger audience. In addition, the information resulting from the Tuning Project on competencies and the advice on 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree studies and research will be disseminated to all schools.

In 2006 we will establish ECLAS as a legally founded organisation forming a sound basis for innovative ventures like a network for the collaboration of universities and cities and the first issues of JOLA (our peer-reviewed academic journal for landscape architecture).

Of course, ECLAS will continue to support the organisation of intellectually inspiring meetings. The next conference will take place from 21-24 September 2006 in Bratislava, focusing on the theme of cultural urban landscapes and at the same time offering opportunities for working groups to meet and posters to be discussed.

I hope the bid for the next LE:NOTRE project will succeed (the pre-bid was approved): this incorporates plans to extend our network to other continents in order to exchange culturally enriching information culminating in a new level of collaboration.

On behalf of the Steering Committee I thank you for your contributions and wish you a very creative and revitalizing 2006."

**Jeroen de Vries, ECLAS President**



## THE LANDSCAPE PROFESSION REPORT **IFLA-EFLA Coming Together in Versailles**

On Tuesday 21 February in Versailles there was a joint meeting of EFLA Executive with the Executive of IFLA: the President, Treasurer and Secretary General of EFLA attended.

Then on Wednesday 22 February IFLA Central Region had a meeting where they voted by a large majority to form a European Region of IFLA to be represented by EFLA.

Next steps are for IFLA World Council to debate and decide in October in Minneapolis St. Paul as to whether this goes ahead. EFLA voted last October to allow it to operate as a European Region of IFLA representing all Council of Europe countries. IFLA statutes need to be changed.

If all goes ahead then EFLA will be a region of IFLA from 1 January 2007.

See next (June) EFLA Newsletter for a report.

### REPORT

## **6th Environmental Action Programme**

The 6th Environment Action Programme requires the Commission to "evaluate the progress made in its implementation together with associated environmental trends and prospects". The Commission will present a report to the European Parliament and the Council by summer 2006.

The review is an opportunity to

- Demonstrate how the 6th EAP has been made operational despite the variety of actions and the multiplicity of implementation levels involved;
- Assess the progress with the 6th EAP and catalogue all measures developed to respond to its objectives;
- Assess the ongoing relevance of the 6th EAP actions (e.g. Are the 4 environmental priority areas identified still relevant and responsive to the environmental situation? Are the actions defined appropriate to achieving the objectives? Are they feasible? Are they obsolete? Are they set at the best level for achieving results?)
- Focus action in the remaining period of implementation of the 6th EAP by concentrating on priorities, objectives and actions which respond to the most pressing environmental challenges as currently understood;

The review also provides the opportunity to set the framework for the final evaluation of the 6th EAP which will cover effectiveness throughout its 10 years of operation in more depth.

### BRIEFING

## **Environment 2010: Our future our choice,**

The Sixth Environment Action Programme of the European Community (from Commission website)

The Environment Action Programme takes a wide-

ranging approach to these challenges and gives a strategic direction to the Commission's environmental policy over the next decade.

Four priority areas for urgent action

The programme identifies four environmental areas to be tackled for improvements:

- Climate Change
- Nature and Biodiversity
- Environment and Health and quality of life
- Natural Resources and Waste

Ambitious challenges demand innovative recipes

No single and easy solution is available, all forces need to be combined. This is why the Programme sets out the following main avenues for action to be explored.

- Effective implementation and enforcement of environmental legislation: necessary to set a common baseline for all EU countries
- Integration of environmental concerns: environmental problems have to be tackled where their source is and this is frequently in other policies.
- Use of a blend of instruments: all types of instruments have to be considered, the essential criterion for choice being that it has to offer the best efficiency and effectiveness possible.
- Stimulation of participation and action of all actors from business to citizens, NGOs and social partners through better and more accessible information on the environment and joint work on solutions.

Environment contribution to our commitment towards Sustainable Development

The Programme provides the environmental component of the Community's strategy for sustainable development, placing our environmental plans in a broad perspective, considering economic and social conditions. It also makes the link between environment and our European objectives for growth and competitiveness.

### LANDSCAPE PROFESSION NEWS

## **Danske Landskabsarkitekter 75th anniversary.**

2006 is the 75th anniversary of the founding of Danske Landskabsarkitekter founded in 1931. 1936 was the time of G.N.Brandt who lectured at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, and of C. Th Sørensen. 1936 was also the launch of Copenhagen's Green Plan, which was precursor of the famous Green Finger Plan on 1947. With over 400 members Danske Landskabsarkitekter for a country of 5.5million is one of the firmest established European landscape architecture associations.



## West Harbour Park Helsinki, Competition Results

Competition results for Länsisatamanpuisto Park were:

- First Prize to Länsisatamanpuisto Jewel by Hinnerk Wehberg, Peter Schatz, Wolfgang Betz and Michael Kaschke (WES & Partner, Hamburg) <http://www.wesup.de>>[www.wesup.de](http://www.wesup.de)
- Second Prize was to Aaltopituudella, by Stig L. Andersson, Malin Blomqvist, Thomas Kock, Jonas, Rune Sandberg, Veronica Cheann, Lone Nielsen and Stine Christiansen (SLA A/S, Copenhagen) <http://www.sla.dk>>[www.sla.dk](http://www.sla.dk)
- Third Prize was awarded to LIM by Guido Hager, Pascal Posset and Iris Tijssen, Hager Landschaftsarchitektur AG, Zürich, <http://www.hager-ag.ch>>[www.hager-ag.ch](http://www.hager-ag.ch)

Additionally, two entries were "purchased"

- Lysitaurus, by Till Rehwaldt (Rehwaldt Landschaftsarchitekten, Dresden)
- River of Nature, by Emmanuel Jalbert and Annie Tardivon, In Situ Paysagistes, and Laurent Fachard, LEA (les éclairagistes associés), from Lyon.

Two entries received honorary mentions:

- Virta ja poukamat, by Sune Oslev (ma-su planning, Copenhagen)
- Archi-Pelago by Tomi Perko and Tülay Schakir.

The City of Helsinki organised the landscape architecture competition for Länsisatamanpuisto park (West Harbour Park) with the Finnish Association of Landscape Architects (MARK). The aim was to find a feasible design concept with fresh ideas to serve as the basis for the detailed planning and further design of Länsisatamanpuisto Park. The competition lasted from 20 June to 30 September 2005, and the results were announced in 30 January 2006.

There were 42 entries. Designing a 21st century park as an catalyst and identity for the Jätkäsaari area proved to be a challenging design task. Many entries chose to interpret the Finnish landscape in a new way, expressing its best features through landscape architectural means.

The competition jury members included representatives of Helsinki City Planning Department, Town Planning Division, Public Works Department, Street and Park Division and Art Museum as well as the Finnish Association of Landscape Architects (MARK) and Gabriele Kiefer and Helena Piha. Deputy Mayor for Public Works and Environmental Affairs Pekka Sauri acted as the chair of the jury and landscape architect Jussi Luomanen acted as secretary.

The public outdoor spaces of Jätkäsaari are among the most important new areas of planning in landscape architecture in Finland. Länsisatamanpuisto forms a central motif for the Jätkäsaari local plan area. Linking the residential areas of Ruoholahti to the waterfront at the southern end of the district, the park will include a residents' park and a beach with squares and waterfront promenades. The aim is to develop Länsisatamanpuisto Park into a coherent work of art which is also a functional park for residents. The first detailed city plan for the area is being currently drawn



up, and the design of Länsisatamanpuisto park will continue as a part of this process. The construction of the park will begin in 2008 at the earliest and it will be implemented in phases, starting from the north.

Further information about the competition is available from

City Planning Department Landscape Architect Maria Jaakkola-Kivinen, tel. +358 9 169 4267 Public Works Department:

Landscape Architect Jussi Luomanen, tel. Tel.+358 9 166 2815 or +358 50 364 6205

The book of the competition is available from VYL bookstore (kirjakauppa) <http://www.vyl.fi/default.asp?id=82>

### REPORT

## ASLA Landscape Architecture month: April

ASLA has declared April as landscape architecture month, chosen because it includes Earth Day on the 22nd and Frederick Law Olmsted's date of birth (27 April). The theme this year is Discover Landscape Architecture. Each week there are special events and themes details are on: <http://www.asla.org/lamonth/index.html> Is this an idea for Europe to take up? Whose heroes and heroines would we choose: what about Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe?



#### LANDSCAPE PROFESSION NEWS

### Nor Bos Foundation Landscape Award

The first annual award of the Dutch Stichting Nor Bos has been awarded to Michael van Gessel, chair of the Fieldwork: Landscape Architecture Yearbook jury. Nor Bos was secretary to the Wageningen landscape course in its early days under Professor Bijhouwer, She set up this fund with three aims:

- to support landscape architecture students in The Netherlands
- landscape architecture research
- to give an award of €25,000 to an outstanding landscape architect to spend on behalf of the profession.

The news was announced by Eric Luiten, one of the at the LAE launch in Rome on 11 February. Michael van Gessel reflected on the honour :

"I love my profession, ....to be open minded (is our characteristic) landscape architects are not prima donnas, we are a listening profession".

We wait to see what Michael van Gessel will sponsor?

#### LANDSCAPE PROFESSION NEWS

### Professor Vroom's magnum opus

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,

Lexicon Landschapsarchitectuur, 352 pages, €39.90, ISBB 3-7643-7525-6, published by Birkhäuser.

#### LANDSCAPE PROFESSION NEWS

### Danish Dogma Landscape Camp

On 24-26 August DanishDogmarLandscapeCamp: will be a masterclass, with camping on site, lead by Peter Latz, Claude Cormier, and Rainer Stange, at Ørestad Syd, near Copenhagen The Master class will involve sixty landscapers working in twelve groups of five in the sand dunes of this new town for the Danish capital. 1:1 landscape in the Dogmar style, or sandcastle landscapes, or 12 landscapes on the site of the future city? We look forward to reports of this festival of sand and sun.

<http://www.landskabsarkitekter.dk/>

## Call for Newsletter contributions

If you have items of international interest: for future Newsletter please send details to reports to the editor Gertjan Jobse [gertjanjobse@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gertjanjobse@yahoo.co.uk) and to EFLA Secretary General (and English sub-editor) Robert Holden [RobertHolden13@aol.com](mailto:RobertHolden13@aol.com).

#### COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN NEWS

### European Landscape Convention: Finland ratifies, UK signs

Finland is the latest country to ratify the European Landscape Convention on 16 December 2005 and on 21 February the United Kingdom signed it. 20 Countries have now ratified this 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 Estonia...surprisingly Iceland has not signed, the Finnish ratification comes into effect from April 2006.

#### LANDSCAPE EDUCATION

Update on Landscape Internship Guide: new entries cover Poland and Turkey

Currently the Guide covers Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Poland, The Netherlands, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the USA. Recent updates have included more information of source of employment in Germany and France, the new Landscape Institute website and information on the US/ICOMOS conservation exchanges. Please send any amendments, additions or details of new countries to [RobertHolden13@aol.com](mailto:RobertHolden13@aol.com). The Guide appears on the EFLA, [www.efla.org](http://www.efla.org) (under Infos. and education downloads), IFLA, Le:Notre, and ELASA websites.

#### EFLA NEWS

### New recognition of landscape architecture programmes 2006-2011

Programmes newly recognised programmes include:

- Germany - Anhalt University of Applied Science - Bachelors Landscape Architecture
- Italy - University of Genova - Bachelors Techniques for Landscape Architecture & Master Landscape Architecture
- Portugal - Universidade do Porto, Diploma Landscape Architecture
- Portugal - University of Algarve
- Portugal - University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro
- Greece - Aristotelean University of Thessaloniki

#### KNOW YOUR EUROPE

### Århus Convention

A term that is bandied around but often not understood. It is a pan-European Convention signed in 1998 under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). It was signed by 39 states and by the European Commission. 37 states have ratified it including Russia, Belarus, Turkey and The Ukraine. It is a convention based on the belief that citizens' involvement can strengthen democracy and environmental protection. Kofi Annan described it as "the significance of the Århus Convention is global...the most ambitious venture in the area of environmental democracy so far undertaken under the auspices of the United Nations...".



### Three Pillars

The Conventions has three main themes (called "pillars") and is an elaboration of the Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration of 1992. The three pillars are

- Pillar 1: Citizens' right to access of environmental information held by public authorities (nationally or locally), private companies providing public services and by EU institutions. So they are more accountable and transparent.
- Pillar 2: Citizens' right to participate in decision making processes.
- Pillar 3: Citizens' right of access to justice in relation to environmental law enforcement.

So far the Pillar 1 has been the most effective: in the EU Directive 2003/35/EC transposes the Convention into EU law. Citizens' requests for information have to be handled within one month. Pillar 2 is a major opportunity for NGOs and professional organisation like us, but we have to operate it, e.g. to respond, for example, to EU consultations. The EU Monitoring Group is about identifying opportunities but so far the landscape architecture national association response (outside Germany) has been disappointing. There appears to have been little follow up to the Monitoring Group's advice note on EU Rural Development Policy. There was a lively debate in Edinburgh to the Monitoring Group presentation there, but little follow up. That is why we are organising a Seminar on this subject this November in Brussels.

### Environmental Information Centres

Some countries have established environmental information centres called Århus Centres such as the Århus Centre in Yerevan Armenia established in May 2002 after the country ratified the Convention. As a result, countries in transition (the countries of Eastern Europe) sometimes have a higher awareness of Århus than countries in Western Europe. This Convention is a major opportunity and we need to take it.

<http://www.unece.org/env/pp/> introduction, text of the Convention, links and news.

<http://www.unece.org/env/pp/fp.htm> list of national information points.

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS

## Council of Europe website

The Council of Europe treaty website is being converted into a five language with full texts in English, French, German, Russian and Italian see <http://conventions.coe.int/>



### WEBLINKS

## Naturopa Magazine

The latest issue of Naturopa magazine is on the theme of Europe's landscapes seen through literature. The purpose of this publication, which is part of the work programme of the European Landscape Convention, is to make citizens realise how important landscapes are for their quality of life.

[http://www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural\\_Co-operation/Environment/Resources/Naturopa\\_Magazine/02Naturopa103.asp](http://www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Resources/Naturopa_Magazine/02Naturopa103.asp)

### WEBLINKS

## European Union and Council of Europe websites and how to find out guide

Useful links (nb the EU websites are multi-lingual, below are the English language variations 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)

### Search page for Commission documents

[http://www.europa.eu.int/prelex/rech\\_simple.cfm?Cl=en](http://www.europa.eu.int/prelex/rech_simple.cfm?Cl=en)

### The Barroso Commission(2004-9):

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/commission\\_barroso/index\\_en.htm](http://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](http://www.eeb.org)

### Sustainable building support website

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

### 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/)

### EU Science for Environment Policy

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/integration/research\\_alert\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/integration/research_alert_en.htm)

ACE credit: Some of the above items have been sourced from the Architects' Council of Europe Newsletter, the ACE represents national associations of architects and chambers of architecture across Europe. Their newsletter is freely available on [http://www.ace-cae.org/Public/fsPublicNetwork\\_EN.html](http://www.ace-cae.org/Public/fsPublicNetwork_EN.html) (also in French)



# EFLA CALENDAR

APRIL 2006

Date	Event	Place
<b>2006</b>		
27 April-1 May	<b>BXL H20 06</b> ELASA spring meeting, workshops and lectures about water in the city centre of Brussels. <a href="http://www.elasa.org">www.elasa.org</a> <a href="mailto:elasabelgium@hotmail.com">elasabelgium@hotmail.com</a>	Brussels, Bruxelles, Brussel
1-2 May	<b>The Medieval Garden and its Romantic Interpretations</b> conference in English organized by Associação Portuguesa dos Jardins e Sítios Históricos <a href="mailto:acbpaisagem@acb-arqpaisagista.pt">acbpaisagem@acb-arqpaisagista.pt</a>	Quinta das Lágrimas Portugal
3-5 May	<b>Urban Futures 2.0</b> organised by City of Stockholm and the Swedish gov. speakers include Richard Rogers, Ken Livingstone (Mayor of London) and Juan Clos (Mayor of Barcelona) etc.. <a href="http://www.urbanfutures.se">www.urbanfutures.se</a>	Stockholm, Sweden
4 May	<b>Giovedì Verdi dell'AIAPP 2006- il paesaggio progettato di Fernando Caruncho</b> <a href="http://www.aiapp.net">www.aiapp.net</a> tel +39026686185 <a href="mailto:segreteria.insubria@aiapp.net">segreteria.insubria@aiapp.net</a>	Milano Italy
5 May	<b>Il paesaggio progettato di Fernando Caruncho</b> <a href="http://www.aiapp.net/news/363.pdf">http://www.aiapp.net/news/363.pdf</a>	Milano
11 May	<b>4th Meeting of Workshops for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention</b> Council of Europe <a href="mailto:flore.chabiosseau@coe.int">flore.chabiosseau@coe.int</a>	Ljubljana Slovenia
11-13 May	<b>Microlandscape - Landscape Culture on the Move sponsored by</b> the VolkswagenStiftung)and organized by the Centre of Garden Art and Landscape Architecture at the University of Hanover in cooperation with the Westphalian Museum of Art and Cultural History and the City of Münster <a href="http://www.mikrolandschaften.de">www.mikrolandschaften.de</a>	Münster Germany
18 May	<b>Professione Architetto del Paesaggi</b> AIAPP, EFLA IFLA international conference <a href="mailto:segreteria.nazionale@aiapp.net">segreteria.nazionale@aiapp.net</a> <a href="mailto:inservice@omniway.sm">inservice@omniway.sm</a>	Roma Italy
18-21 May	<b>LE:NOTRE Spring Meeting</b> , Vienna University of Technology <a href="http://www.Le-Notre.org">www.Le-Notre.org</a>	Wien Austria
17-21 May	<b>Knowledge-Based Landscape Modelling</b> 7th International Conference on Information Technologies in Landscape Architecture For information, contact Prof. Erich Buhmann, Anhalt University of Applied Sciences MLA Programme, Solbadstrasse 2, D-06406 Bernburg, Germany tel +49 (0)3471-355-1124, fax +49 (0)3471-628179 <a href="http://www.masterla.de">www.masterla.de</a>	Dessau, Germany
19 May	<b>Europa Nostra Cultural Heritage Forum, cultural tourism: its encouragement and control</b> St Julians <a href="mailto:meo@europanostra.org">meo@europanostra.org</a>	St Julians, Malta
25-28 May	<b>Architettura del Paesaggio Strategie Per Parchi Periferici E Agricoli</b> <a href="mailto:acma@acmaweb.com">acma@acmaweb.com</a> <a href="http://www.acmaweb.com">www.acmaweb.com</a>	Milano Italy
30 May-2 June	<b>European Green Week : focus on biodiversity</b> <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/index_en.htm">http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/index_en.htm</a>	Brussels Belgium
31 May- 2 June	<b>Protéger la Planète: les deuxièmes assises européennes du paysage</b> (French and English) FFP concluding conference to this three year international programme ): <a href="http://www.efla.org/txt/efla/Assises_preprog_FFP_eng_051122.pdf">http://www.efla.org/txt/efla/Assises_preprog_FFP_eng_051122.pdf</a> + <a href="http://www.efla.org/txt/efla/Assises_preprog_FFP.pdf">http://www.efla.org/txt/efla/Assises_preprog_FFP.pdf</a>	Lille France
2 June	<b>World in Denmark between Garden Art and Urban Planning</b> with Malene Hauxner, Kent Martinussen, DAC Adriaan Geuze, Alexandre Chemetoff, Jens Kvorning Bjarke Ingels Anne Whiston Spirn organised by Association of Danish Landscape Architects and Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning - KVL <a href="http://www.sl.kvl.dk/KurserOgEfteruddannelse/Kurser/VerdenIDanmark.aspx">http://www.sl.kvl.dk/KurserOgEfteruddannelse/Kurser/VerdenIDanmark.aspx</a>	København Denmark
3-4 June	<b>EFLA Executive Council</b>	Bruxelles, Belgium
5-6 June	<b>Becoming a landscape architect in the 21<sup>st</sup> century</b> second international symposium on architectural education La Sapienza University <a href="http://w3.uniroma1.it/arc1ie">http://w3.uniroma1.it/arc1ie</a>	Roma, Italy
19 June closing date	<b>IFLA International Students' Competition</b> theme: Damaged Landscape Air water and Land in crisis <a href="http://www.asla.org/meetings/am2006/minneapolis.html">http://www.asla.org/meetings/am2006/minneapolis.html</a>	Minneapolis St Paul USA (expo)
28-30 June	<b>Urban Forestry for Human Health and Wellbeing</b> ASEM 2nd Symposium on Urban Forestry COST E39 Research Conference <a href="http://www.asem-cost2006.dk/">http://www.asem-cost2006.dk/</a>	Kobenhavn Denmark

If you wish for details of your event to be published in future issues please send details (dates, title, organizer, location, website and contact details) to: efla.feap@skynet.be. This Calendar is also issued monthly as well as in the quarterly EFLA Newsletter. Disclaimer, EFLA can take no responsibility for events it does not organise, before booking please do check with the organisers.

24-26 August	<b>DanishDogmarLandscapeCamp: Danske Landskabsarkitekter: Danish Landscape Architecture: 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary:</b> masterclass, camp, with Peter Latz, Claude Cormier, Rainer Stange, <a href="http://www.landskabsarkitekter.dk/">http://www.landskabsarkitekter.dk/</a>	Ørestad Syd, Copenhagen Denmark
26 Aug.- 3 Dec.	<b>Groundswell: Constructing the Contemporary Landscape</b> exhibition curated by Peter Reed MOMA New York as part of the <i>Urban Drift</i> series of exhibitions <a href="http://www.entry-2006.de/">http://www.entry-2006.de/</a>	Zeche Zollverein Essen
August/ September	<b>Slow / Fast / Landscape</b> ELASA Annual Conference, Versailles <a href="http://www.elasa.org">www.elasa.org</a>	Versailles, France
30 August- 1 Sept.	<b>La ville, changement de nature ? Ou Comment l'envie de nature influence-t-elle l'urbain ?</b> 11e Université d'été du Conseil français des urbanistes Contacts :CFDU, 5 Rue Saint Pantaléon, 31000 Toulouse Tél. 05 61 21 78 07 email. : jrcfdu@free.fr / ARUNPP, 51 boulevard de Strasbourg – 59000 Lille– Tél. : 03 28 82 23 33 email.: <a href="mailto:arunpp@free.fr">arunpp@free.fr</a>	Lille, France
Sept	<b>EFLA Executive Council</b>	Budapest (prov)
5-7 Sept.	<b>Landscape Planning for Russia: Results and Prospects</b> organised by Russian Academy of Sciences Siberian Branch, Russian Fed. Ministry of Natural Resources, German Fed. Agency for Nature Conservation, ref. Organizing Committee: Russia, 664033, Irkutsk, 1, Ulan-Batorskaya St.,V.B. Institute of Geography SB RAS; e-mail: <a href="mailto:semenov@irigs.irk.ru">semenov@irigs.irk.ru</a> .	Irkutsk, Siberia, Russia
14-18 Sept.	<b>IsoCaRP conference</b> International Society of City and Regional Planners <a href="http://www.isocarp.org">www.isocarp.org</a>	Istanbul
15 Sept.	<b>Establishing the Profession: the European Experience:</b> A conference to inform and inspire Landscape Architects around Southern and Central Europe to establish landscape architecture as a Recognised Profession across Europe.	Athens Greece
15-16 Sept	<b>Shrinking Cities: Ecological Consequences and Challenges for Urban Development</b> 3rd International Conference on Urban Ecology in Berlin organised by the Graduiertenkolleg funded by the German Research Foundation and the Heidehof-Stiftung. <a href="http://www.uecb-2006.de/">http://www.uecb-2006.de/</a>	Berlin Germany
21-24 Sept.	<b>Cultural Dimension of Urban Landscape</b> ECLAS Conference 2006 Faculty of Architecture of the Slovak University of Technology <a href="http://www.eclas.org">www.eclas.org</a>	Bratislava Slovakia
22 Sept.	<b>Can the EU strengthen its leadership in environmental protection?</b> (re the mid-term review of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Environment Action Programme), European Environment Bureau Annual Conference, <a href="http://www.eeb.org">http://www.eeb.org</a>	Brussels
27-29 Sept.	<b>Waterfront Expo</b> Riga 2005 <a href="http://www.waterfrontexpo.com/portal/">http://www.waterfrontexpo.com/portal/</a>	Riga.Latvia
28-29 Sept.	<b>Landscape quality objectives: from theory to practice</b> 5th meeting of NGOs with workshops on implementation of European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe, in English, French, Spanish & Catalan <a href="http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention">www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention</a>	Girona,Spain
4-5 October	<b>IFLA World Council</b>	Minneapolis St Paul USA
4-7 October	<b>14th international symposium on problems of landscape ecological research</b> Theme: Implementation of landscape ecology in the new and changing conditions <a href="http://www.uke.sav.sk">http://www.uke.sav.sk</a>	Stara Lesna, Slovakia
5 October	<b>IFLA Central Region Council</b>	Minneapolis St Paul USA
6-9 October	<b>IFLA 43<sup>rd</sup> World Congress/ ASLA Annual Meeting/EXPO Green Solutions for a Blue Planet</b> 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: <a href="http://www.asla.org">www.asla.org</a> or contact Gloria M Garcia email: <a href="mailto:ggarcia@asla.org">ggarcia@asla.org</a>	Minneapolis St Paul USA
19-23 October	<b>Zodchestvo 2006 14th International festival of Architecture.</b> Union des Architectes de Russie – UAR with ALACIS <a href="mailto:archunion-russia@mail.ru">archunion-russia@mail.ru</a> <a href="mailto:zodchestvo@awax.ru">zodchestvo@awax.ru</a>	Moscow, Russia
26-27 October	<b>Therapeutic Landscapes or the promotion of the diversity of human well-being proposal</b> abstracts to <a href="mailto:agheresi@arch.unige.it">agheresi@arch.unige.it</a> by 12 June 2006	Genova Italy
9+ 11 November	<b>EFLA Executive Council</b>	Bruxelles Brussel
10 November	<b>EFLA Seminar: the EU Monitoring Process</b> Details <a href="http://www.efla.org">www.efla.org</a>	Bruxelles Brussel
11-12 November	<b>EFLA General Assembly</b>	Bruxelles Brussel
<b>2007</b>	<b>IFLA 44<sup>th</sup> World Congress</b>	
<b>2008</b>	<b>IFLA 45<sup>rd</sup> World Congress</b> on the wild side on the theme of water.	Apeldoorn, Netherlands