



Bulletin

International Association for Landscape Ecology

FROM THE IALE EC: MARION POTSCHIN STEPS DOWN

On July 4, 2008, Marion Potschin resigned from her position as Secretary General. Marion provided great leadership and energy in her duties as Secretary General and started several future-oriented activities, including the teaching network. The present EC thanks Marion again for her great work and dedication. We will miss the organisational skills of Marion and her large network of professional contacts. The IALE Executive Council (EC) held a face-to-face business meeting in Bratislava, Slovakia on 31 August – September 2, 2008. Marion's rapid departure pointed to

the need to change some of the IALE statutes. Thus the EC discussed and developed a set of proposed changes to the existing statutes. The primary limitation of the current statutes is that positions can only be replaced by existing EC members, leaving the EC short on positions and operating capacity until the next general election. In some cases, this could be nearly an entire term (four years). Council and individual members will have the chance to vote on the changes in the near future.

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF TWO VICE-PRESIDENTIAL POSITIONS FOR THE IALE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009-2013

By Bob Gardner, Chairman of the IALE Council & Bob Bunce, Past-President

The IALE Executive Committee consists of a president, the past-president, four vice-presidents, a secretary-general, a treasurer and a Bulletin editor/deputy secretary-general. The members are elected for a four-year term, with the last election in 2007. In general, two vice-presidents are elected to a four-year term just preceding the IALE World Congress, which is held every four years, whereas the other two vice-presidents are elected between the general elections, the next to occur in 2009. The vice-presidents are intended to provide regional representation and should reflect the international character of the Association. They may be re-elected to consecutive terms. Of the present vice-presidents, Maria Kozova (Slovakia) and Sandra Luque (France) have terms ending in the summer of 2009, whereas Diane Pearson (Australia) and Paul Opdam (the Netherlands) have terms ending in the summer of 2011. An election of two vice-presidents will thus be carried out before summer 2009. According to the IALE statutes (G1) a request for nominations of candidates for the two vice-presidential positions are hereby distributed to the members. The nominating committee is chaired by the present Chairman of the IALE Council (Bob Gardner, USA) and the Past-President (Bob Bunce, the Netherlands). They will appoint three additional members to the

Nominating Committee, in a manner intended to provide regional representation and valid information concerning the received nominations. Nominations shall be made by two members in good standing and shall be consented to in writing by the signature of the nominee. These nomination forms are due in the hands of the Deputy Secretary-General Felix Kienast (felix.kienast@wsl.ch) before December 15, 2008. The nomination form (download at ftp://ftp.wsl.ch/pub/kienast/iale/nom_form_2009_13.pdf & [.doc](#)) may be used, but E-mails confirming the nomination and consent of the nominee will also be accepted, provided they are sent individually from these persons. The members proposing the nominations are asked to enclose a short description of motives and recommendations for the nominee. The nominee is asked to enclose a short C. V. and a position statement for the nomination (not more than 1000 letters), suitable for publication in the IALE Bulletin. This should be forwarded together with the nomination form. The Deputy Secretary-General will deliver all valid nominations to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made by the Nominating Committee, with the consent of the nominee. The Nominating Committee will develop a slate with (if possible) at least two eligible candidates for each of the two positions for vice-president.

Candidates will be selected from the nominations received with reference to: considerations of the Statutes of the Association, needs of each particular office, the international and regional nature of IALE, the interdisciplinary character of IALE, and other criteria likely to affect the vitality of IALE. Before 15 January 2009, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall announce through the Bulletin and the Web site the developed list of candidates for all positions to be filled in the election together with position statements prepared by the candidates. Up until

the 15 February, members in good standing can submit additional write-in candidates for any position to the Deputy Secretary-General, but such candidates must have agreed to serve if elected. Immediately after this deadline the Nomination Committee will distribute to all members currently in good standing a ballot containing the developed list of candidates for all positions. The ballot shall be a secret ballot. To be valid, ballots must be returned to the Chair of the Nominating Committee by the end of the day of April 1, 2009.

UPCOMING IALE CONFERENCES 2009

US IALE SYMPOSIUM: Coupling Humans and Complex Ecological Landscapes, Snowbird, Utah

We invite you to attend the US-IALE 2009 meeting, to be held at Snowbird, Utah, 12-16 April 2009.

Utah's Wasatch Front, where Snowbird is located, is an excellent meeting location given the meeting's theme "Coupling Humans and Complex Ecological Landscapes." Salt Lake City and the surrounding cities and communities that comprise the Wasatch Front are one of the fastest growing metropolitan regions in the United States. Constrained by the Great Salt Lake and Utah Lake on the west, and the Wasatch Mountains to the east, human development is restricted to a narrow band of land approximately 200 km by 75 km. Historically, these lands were considered prime wildlife and agriculture lands, and most of them now face considerable development pressures. The Great Salt Lake itself is a recognized Western Hemispheric Shorebird Re-

serve site, and is the stopover for an estimated million shorebirds on an annual basis. The Wasatch Mountains, managed principally by the US Forest Service, serve as both a source of recreation for the region's million plus inhabitants, and as significant regulators of ecosystem process such as groundwater recharge. The mountain foothills – regionally referred to as the benches – are important winter habitat for a wide range of animals, and the human pressures currently exerted on the lands have created complicated management issues requiring landscape-level resolution. With this complex ecological landscape and human growth pressures as our background, we invite you to plan to attend the 2009 US-IALE Conference.

For more details see: <http://www.usiale.org/snowbird2009/>

LATIN AMERICAN IALE CONFERENCE: Landscape Ecology in Latin America: Challenges and Perspectives, São Paulo, Brazil

In October 2009 the first Latin American Landscape Ecology Conference (2009 Latin American IALE Conference) will be held at the city of Campos do Jordão, São Paulo State, Brazil, 4-7 October 2009. This event results from the effort of several researches who, since 2003 World

IALE Conference in Darwin (Australia), work for the establishment of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE) in Latin America. For more information including deadlines and registration see: <http://www.eventus.com.br/ialebr2009/>

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In 2007 the major event was the IALE world congress in Wageningen, The Netherlands. The congress required great efforts to keep the costs for the participants low and yet have sufficient funding to organize the congress. Due to a high number of participating PhD students and the low number of Dutch participants, the income from the participants was about € 10.000 lower than estimated. Therefore, the congress did not reach the break-even point. However, a large part of the losses were covered by Alterra, the primary host organization for the congress. The balance of the 2007 IALE budget does not yet include a congress-related invoice paid in 2008. Thus, there was a net deficit of -€ 6661,35 transferred to financial year 2008.

The number of IALE members is rising slowly. This has caused a small increase in fee income. The US\$ weakness against the Euro is a major problem for IALE as fees are fixed in US\$, however most of the daily business is in

Euros. For reasons of fairness regarding the fluctuating US\$, we have fixed a fee in Euros for 2008: The fee is 13,50 € for regular members and 6,75 € for students.

The costs for banking the fee collection with credit cards have been rising constantly. A bank transfer to our account in the Netherlands can cost as high as 5 €; the overhead of the credit card fees often exceeds the monthly fee income. The good news: IALE has established a new low-cost account in Germany thanks to the help of IALE-D. Members and treasurers of regional chapters are asked to transfer the fees to this new account, especially those from the European Union. Please use the SEPA forms with our new IBAN DE16850900002667301001 and the BIC GENODEF1DRS.

A primary aim for IALE is to establish and maintain formal chapters by regions. The EC encourages the many members of India, Canada, Spain, Hungary, Russia, Japan, and

particularly the Netherlands to establish formal chapters. This will help to reduce costs associated with processing individual payments. If you are an individual paying member you now have a safe and easy way to pay your fee. IALE has established a new Paypal account (fee@iale.de) which makes paying fees as easy as Internet shopping. At the moment IALE is reconstructing its website into a content management system. We hope to have the new system up soon and that this will cut our costs in the long run. On the new website, we will have a page for Internet payment.

The deficit of the world congress 2007 demonstrated the need to clearly define the financial liability for IALE regarding IALE-sponsored conferences. Up to the present, lack of clear guidance and agreements on conferences and workshops could potentially lead to financial liability of IALE for cost over-runs. The newly established instru-

ment of the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) stress financial independence of the two bodies (Congress organizers and IALE International). We are proposing to amend our statutes to include a requirement to establish an MOU for every IALE-sponsored conference.

Frequently, IALE receives bank transfers without an individuals name. All individual paying members and all purchasers of IALE publications are kindly asked to include their name with these payments. This is critical for international bank transfers where the sender is a University. Currently, we are unable to track the sender of several subscribers. Please, insert your name in the field "purpose of payment" or ask the University to do so. All individually paying members will get a confirmation from the treasurer within four weeks. If you do not get a confirmation please contact the treasurer.

Status 2007	In	Out	Balance
starting budget			€ 2.556,84
fee individual members 2007	€ 6.099,21		
fee regions 2007	€ 14.953,82		
fee 2006	€ 1.565,17		
fee 2008	€ 77,44		
fee rest	€ -		
publications	€ 254,75	€ -	
directory	€ -	€ 856,80	
bulletin	€ -	€ 743,67	
executive committee	€ -	€ 5.751,17	
IALE2007	€ 249.471,77	€ 235.581,00	€ 13.890,77
subscriptions LE 2007	€ -	€ 5.169,36	
administration, office management	€ 621,45	€ 2.096,02	€ 1.474,57-
banking and interest account	€ -	€ 709,73	
working groups regions	€ -	€ -	
website		€ 1.207,85	
representation		€ 692,53	
fund in/out	€ 5.000,00	€ 15.500,00	
transactions	€ 278.043,61	€ 268.308,13	€ 9.735,48
subtotal I			€ 12.292,32
support fund			
starting capital 1-1-2007			€ 17.710,69
interest 2005-2006	€ 342,14		
taken/added funds 2007	€ 15.500,00	€ 5.000,00	
reservations	€ -		
transactions support fund	€ 15.842,14	€ 5.000,00	€ 10.842,14
subtotal II			€ 28.552,83
total			€ 40.845,15

The IALE Bulletin is distributed six times a year to the members of the IALE. The IALE - International Association for Landscape Ecology- was founded in 1982 to promote communication between scientists, planners and interdisciplinary scientific research. IALE Executive Committee: **President:** K. Bruce Jones 2007-2011, US Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, USA, kbjones@usgs.gov; **Secretary General:** Vacant, contact President or Bulletin Editor and Deputy Secretary General; **Treasurer:** Ralf-Uwe Syrbe 2007-2011, Saxon Academy of Sciences, Neustädter Markt 19, D-01239 Dresden, Germany, syrbe@iale.de; **Past President:** Bob Bunce 2007-2011; ALTERRA Green World Research, Wageningen UR, Postbox 47, 6700 AA Wageningen, The Netherlands, bob.bunce@wur.nl; **Vice Presidents:** Paul Opdam 2007-2011, Wageningen UR, Landscape Ct., Land Use Planning Group, PO Box 47, 6700 AA Wageningen, The Netherlands, Paul.Opdam@wur.nl; Diane Pearson 2007-2011, Tropical Spatial Science Group, School of Science & Primary Industries, Faculty of Education, Health & Science, Charles Darwin University, Darwin 0909 Australia, diane.pearson@cdu.edu.au; Maria Kozova 2005-2009, Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Ml. dol. B-2, 842 15 Bratislava 4, Slovakia, kozova@fns.uniba.sk; Sandra Luque 2005-2009, Cemagref - Institute for Agricultural and environmental engineering research, 2, rue de la papeterie, BP 76, F-38402 St-Martin-d'Hères, cedex, France, sandra.luque@cemagref.fr; **Bulletin Editor and Deputy Secretary General:** Felix Kienast 1999-2011, Swiss Federal Institute of Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL, Division of Land Use Dynamics, Landscape Modelling, 8903 Birmensdorf, Switzerland, felix.kienast@wsl.ch; **Chairman of Council:** Bob Gardner 2007-2011, Appalachian Environmental Laboratory, Univ. of Maryland, Center for Environmental Science, Frostburg, MD 21532, gardner@al.umces.edu.

IALE on the Internet: IALE International: www.landscape-ecology.org

MEETINGS

November 11-15, 2008

World Conference on Marine Biodiversity. Valencia, Spain.

Aims are to review the current understanding of marine biodiversity, its role in marine ecosystem functioning and its socio-economic context, to assess current and future threats and potential mitigation strategies for conservation and regulation of marine resources and to identify future research priorities.

<http://www.marbef.org/worldconference/>

January 8-12, 2009

Fourth Biennial Conference of the International Biogeography Society. Mérida, México

Invited symposia will feature talks on the biogeography of disease, patterns and processes in biotic interchanges, disjunct distributions in Asia and America, and the biogeography of species extinction. Attendees are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations. The conference will also include workshops, field excursions, and social events.

Registration, contact, and additional information may be found at: <http://www.biogeography.org>.

April 20-23, 2009

International Multidisciplinary Conference on Hydrology and Ecology Ecosystems Interfacing with Groundwater and Surface Water. Vienna, Austria.

Abstract submission by 5 September 2008

<http://www.natur.cuni.cz/hydroeco2009/index.php>

August 16-21, 2009

10th International Congress of Ecology: "Ecology in a Changing Climate. Two Hemispheres - One Globe". Brisbane, Australia.

http://www.intecol.net/info-esk/X-INTECOL/10th_INTECOL_Congress-3.htm

Mai 2009

II Jornadas Argentinas de ecología de Paisajes. Córdoba, Argentina.

The Asociación Argentina de Ecología de Paisajes (ASADEP) organizes "II Jornadas Argentinas de Ecología de Paisajes". Key issues of the conference are causes and consequences of land use/land cover change, the impact on structure and function of ecosystems and on human disturbances and quality of life. The focus will be on both rural and urban areas, and local and global scales. Particular emphasis on Argentinean landscapes and Latin American related issues. For more details please see:

http://www.wsl.ch/land/iale/bulletins/J_Argent.pdf

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Juli, 12-16, 2009

European IALE: 70 years of Landscape Ecology in Europe: "European Landscapes in Transformation - Challenges for Landscape Ecology and Management". Salzburg, Austria.

The 2009 European Congress of the International Association of Landscape Ecology, to be held in Salzburg, Austria, will focus on "European Landscapes in Transformation – Challenges for Landscape Ecology and Management". For more details please see:

<http://www.iale2009.eu/>

Bulletin Deadline

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