



Bulletin

International Association for Landscape Ecology

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE IALE STATUTES HAVE PASSED

In conjunction with the election of vice-presidents for IALE, the members were asked to vote for or against a number of changes to the existing IALE Statutes. Out of the 1421 members, 166 (11,7%) members responded to the request. Among these 166 members, 144 members voted in favor of all the proposed changes, whereas 4 members voted against

all of the proposed changes. Sixty-eight to seventy of the voters (41-42%) voted in the following ways regarding individual amendments. Based on these results, all the changes to the Statutes are accepted and are effective immediately.

Esbern Holmes and Jesper Brandt

	Agree	Disagree	Response Total
Paragraph A2, Official seat of IALE	96% (67)	4% (3)	70
Paragraphs F2, F3, F4: Replacement procedure for EC members stepping down before the end of their scheduled term	99% (67)	1% (1)	68
Paragraph F2, President	97% (66)	3% (2)	68
Paragraph F3, Secretary-General	99% (67)	1% (1)	68
Paragraph F4, Treasurer	100% (68)	0% (0)	68
Paragraph F13, Publicity Officer	90% (62)	10% (7)	69
Paragraph J4, Regional Affiliates	97% (67)	3% (2)	69
Paragraph L6, Memorandum of understanding (MOU) for IALE supported events	97% (67)	3% (2)	69

BOJIE FU AND SANDRA LUQUE ELECTED AS VICE-PRESIDENTS FOR THE IALE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GROWING PARTICIPATION BY THE IALE 2009 ELECTION

From 24th of February until 15 April 2009 411 members responded to the distributed material for the election of two Vice-Presidents for the IALE Executive Committee. The members were free to vote for up to two members among the five candidates. Three-quarters of the ballots had 2 votes for two candidates and one-quarter for only one candidate. The votes for the different candidates were as follows:

Boije Fu	188
Hubert Wiggering	92
Pavel Kovar	101
Sandra Luque	133
Thomas Edwards	115

The underscored members, Boije Fu and Sandra Luque were thus elected as vice-presidents for the IALE Executive Committee for the period 2009-2013.

Compared to the elections to the Executive Committee in 2005 and 2007 there has been a considerable increase in the voting turn-out:

	Members	Voting members	Voting %
IALE Election 2005	1709	120	7,0
IALE Election 2007	1793	333	18,6
IALE Election 2009	1421	411	28,9

The nomination committee and the election board thank all members that responded to the voting, and especially to the 5 candidates that were willing to run for the position as vice-president for the IALE Executive Committee.

Bob Gardner, Bob Bunce, Esbern Holmes, Jesper Brandt

EALE – A NEW EUROPEAN CHAPTER OF IALE

See <http://www.landscape-ecology.eu>

On the 13th of July, 2009, during the European Congress on Landscape Ecology in Salzburg, a foundation of a European Association for Landscape Ecology (EALE), as a chapter of IALE, will take place. The foundation meeting running from 17:30-20.30 will consist of three parts:

- 1) A General Assembly
- 2) A roundtable discussion on the perspectives of EALE
- 3) An open reception: Terroirs of European Landscapes

The European Association for Landscape Ecology (EALE) has been under construction for many years. It originated in an internal need to coordinate EALE meetings at a European level, especially the superregional meetings between the IALE Congresses, but the perspectives in organising landscape ecologists at a European level proved to show a variety of possibilities that has been investigated during the last five years.

The structure and related statutes as well as external relations have been discussed intensively. They should ensure representativeness in the IALE Council, facilitate the cooperation between European landscape ecologists and act as a platform at the science-policy interface to assist policy making at the European level.

The importance of landscapes are growing in Europe.

With the passage of the European Landscape Convention in 2004 the European Council has undertaken legal responsibility concerning landscapes in Europe. Also the European Commission and related organisations have substantial influence on and growing interest in the development of European landscapes. Contacts to the European Council as well as to the European Commission and related organisations (e.g. the European Environmental Agency (EEA)) have been established to facilitate the involvement of our membership expertise in the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and in the planning and management of the European landscapes. Plans for the development of landscape ecological education at a European level are under development, especially at the PhD-level to ensure new generations of European landscape ecologists.

A strengthening of the interests of educated professional landscape ecologists within landscape planning and management has been initiated with the goal to establish a specific organisational frame within EALE for these members.

Statutes ensuring a flexible combination of individual and national chapter based membership, and promoting election of the EALE executive committee through the formation of voting-list with different programs for the development of EALE are established.

A website for EALE: <http://www.landscape-ecology.eu> has been established, from where the proposal for statutes, an elaborated version of the paper on page 3: Why a European chapter of IALE?, and other relevant material can be downloaded.

Jesper Brandt

FREE MEMBERSHIP OF EALE FOR 2009

Sign up for a free membership of the new European EALE-chapter in 2009

The European Association for Landscape Ecology (EALE) will be launched 13th July 2009 during the European Congress of Landscape Ecology in Salzburg.

Every member of IALE International can get a free membership of EALE for 2009, by registering at <http://www.landscape-ecology.eu>

If you register as a member before 13th July, the printed receipt send to your e-mail address will give you the right to vote at the foundation meeting in Salzburg.

BE ACTIVE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EALE!

Sign up for an active involvement in the development of EALE through the formation of election lists for the election of an Executive Committee of EALE!

All European members of IALE are invited to be actively involved in the development of the activities of EALE and the formulation of tasks and goals for the new organisation. In the initial phase of the new organisation an important task is to formulate visions and programs for the upcoming Executive Committee. Therefore the members are invited to form election lists with a programme and candidates for the list. On <http://www.landscape-ecology.eu> you can find a nomination form for election lists. We also hope in the near future here to organize discussion groups with an EALE-election-BLOG, where you can announce

that you are interested to get in contact with EALE-members that would like to join a list, or where you can present your interest in taking part in the formulation of tasks and goals and formation of a list for the election to the coming executive committee. The final election lists should be received by Jesper Brandt, ENSPAC, RUC, P.Box. 260, DK-4000 Roskilde, Fax 0045 4674 3031, brandt@ruc.dk, not later than 10th of June, or delivered directly to Jesper or the Congress secretariat during the IALE Congress in Salzburg before 13th of June, at noon.

BE EALE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE IALE COUNCIL!

Call for candidates for the position as Representative of EALE in the IALE Council!

At the Foundation meeting of EALE a representative in the IALE Council will be elected. The IALE Council consist of one representative for every IALE Chapter plus the IALE Executive committee. The council represents the interests of the regional chapters of IALE.

Additionally the EALE representative in the IALE Council chairs a Nomination Committee with two additional members, elected among the Representatives for the other European chapters sitting in the IALE Council. This nomination committee is in charge of the nominations and election to the EALE Executive committee.

Nomination of candidates shall be made by two members of EALE and shall be consented to in writing by the signature of the nominee (see nomination form at <http://www.landscape-ecology.eu>. Please send nominations to Jesper Brandt, ENSPAC, RUC, P.Box. 260, DK-4000 Roskilde, Fax 0045 4674 3031, brandt@ruc.dk, not later than 10th of July. It can also be delivered personally to Jesper or to the Congress secretariat in Salzburg not later than 13th of July 2009 12:00. To be valid for voting at the EALE foundation meeting the nominations have to be personally signed by the nominee and the nominating members before the meeting.

The IALE Bulletin is distributed three 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; Bojie Fu 2009-2013, Bureau of Science & Technology for Resources & Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, 52 Sanlihe Road, Beijing, 100864, P.R. China; 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.

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