



# Bulletin

## International Association for Landscape Ecology

### 9<sup>TH</sup> IALE WORLD CONGRESS IN PORTLAND, OREGON, JULY 5 - 10, 2015

The IALE World Congress occurs every four years and brings together a large international community to address problems that range from local to global in scale. During the World Congress, landscape ecologists from public, private, and non-profit sectors will address a broad spectrum of the environmental challenges and their potential solutions.

This World Congress' theme is, "Crossing Scales, Crossing Borders: Global Approaches to Complex Challenges" and will highlight challenges and opportunities for understanding complex natural and social processes and the potential for effective stewardship in a rapidly changing world. The meeting will highlight research that address globally relevant topics and that works across scales (what landscape ecologists have always done) and crosses borders (be they disciplinary, political, patch, or other).

We designed our program to connect attendees representing over 50 countries and to cross-pollinate among the numerous disciplines touched by landscape ecology. Attendees will find numerous plenaries, symposium, contributed oral sessions, and poster sessions that embrace the future of landscape while respecting the deep roots that serve as the foundation for an integrative approach capable of attracting over 900 people from around the world. The busy schedule should provide many different venues for learning and engaging with colleagues, including some novel additions such as the Storyteller event sponsored by Springer.

Congress website: <http://www.ialeworldcongress.org/>

Portland, Oregon is widely recognized for its commitment to sustainability and progressive land use planning, which will allow for quick access to outdoor recreation and opportunities to engage with the rich cultural and historical dimensions of the Pacific Northwest landscape.



City view Portland

(Picture by R. Scheller)

Portland has ready access to some of the most diverse and scenic landscapes in the Pacific Northwest and there will be many informative field trips. Some examples: a rafting tour of the Columbia River Gorge; assessment of urban growth boundaries, successes and challenges; landscapes of the Oregon coast; and a tour of disturbance recovery at Mt. St. Helens, among others. Shorter excursions include visits to Forest Park, downtown walking tours, old-growth forest hikes, and others. We hope that you will enjoy the comraderies and science and management advances in landscape ecology that will be presented at the World Congress.

by **Robert Scheller** (Congress Host Committee)

## DONATIONS: SILENT AUCTION FOR US-IALE FOREIGN SCHOLAR TRAVEL AWARD

Donations needed for silent auction fundraiser at IALE World Congress

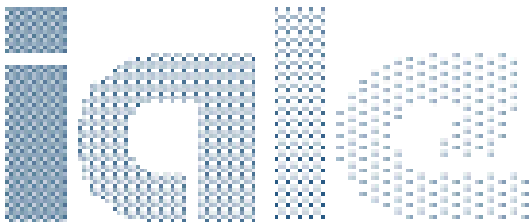
It is that time of year again to browse your burgeoning bookshelves and select a few key textbooks that you would like to donate to the US Chapter of the International Association of Landscape Ecologists (US-IALE) Foreign Scholar Travel Award (FSTA) silent auction.

At the IALE World Congress in Portland, OR, July 5-10, the FSTA committee will once again host a silent book auction, the funds of which go toward travel grants to support the attendance of international scientists at next year's meeting. We have been fortunate to get awesome donations from several publishing companies, but we need YOUR support to fill our silent auction tables! Please help by bringing a couple spare textbooks. There will be a place to drop them off at registration.

If you don't have any books to spare, then you need to buy something at the silent auction!! Bidding will begin with the opening keynote address on Monday July 6 when this year's awardees are introduced. Please give a warm Portland welcome to our international colleagues, especially important as US-IALE and the IALE World Congress join forces!

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by **Kathleen J. Vigness-Raposa (Chair, Foreign Scholar Travel Award Committee)**



## CALL FOR NEW IALE WORKING GROUP ON 'LANDSCAPE PLANNING'

Landscape planning, as a forward-looking action to enhance, restore or create landscapes, is a dynamic field of research and application. Practitioners and researchers around the world are active in contributing to the further development of landscape planning theory and practices. Many IALE conferences feature related presentations and symposia. What is missing, however, is a continuous forum for landscape planners within IALE to stay in contact, to share experiences, and to jointly move landscape planning forward.

The objective of this proposed IALE working group is to provide a forum for continuous debate and exchange of landscape planning practitioners and scientists concerning emerging challenges, topical issues as well as the further development of landscape planning theory and methods.

To achieve its objective, the working group will undertake the following activities:

- set up an e-mailing list for communication,
- regularly organize symposia and workshops at IALE World or regional Conferences,
- identify topical challenges, trends and development of landscape planning,
- engage in joint publications, and
- explore options for further collaboration in joint research projects.

The working group shall be founded at the IALE 2015 World Congress in Portland, USA. The inaugural meeting will be the Conference symposium 'Innovations in Landscape Planning', to be held on July 8, 2015, from 9.20 am to 5 pm. A joint publication of the symposium results is planned.

All interested colleagues are warmly invited to participate in this working group. For more information and in case you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Christian Albert at.

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by **Christian Albert (University of Hannover)**

## LARGE PARKS IN LARGE CITIES

in Stockholm, September 2-4(5), 2015

**Third call for a conference**, Registration starts now

We invite you to register for the conference Large Parks in Large Cities and at the same time to state your interest in presenting a paper or a poster on either a park or a scientific problem. Click the link **Registration!** at our webpage:

[www.largeparks.se](http://www.largeparks.se)

The number of participants is limited to 250 due to space limitations. We urge you therefore to register as soon as possible. The fee for the conference is SEK 3.300. After the 1st of May it is raised to SEK 3.800. Meals, refreshments and a reception at the City hall of Stockholm are included.

The conference runs from 9 AM on the 2nd to 5 PM on the 4th of September. On the 5th of September we offer a social program including birdwatching and guided tours in the National City Park of Stockholm and guided tours of the green and blue infrastructure of greater Stockholm. Accompanying persons are invited to take part in the guided tours.

### Background

Urbanization continues all over the world, pressing on and transforming ecosystems. It is estimated that in 40 years urban populations will double. We need to take stock of the consequences and seriously judge the value of green cities, and, in this conference, focus on large parks. There are large parks in many large cities in many parts of the world, even larger than well-known parks such as Central Park in New York and Hyde Park in London. Sometimes they are not recognized as parks, but are left-over-land that one day may be exploited. Or they may be national parks right on the border of the city, as in Nairobi and in Cape Town. Or they may be planned green wedges or belts around a city. Nevertheless, they serve as lungs of the city, recreational areas for its population and nature's reminder of the foundations of city life and the history of the city. The idea of the conference is to demonstrate their existence and importance!

### Aim and theme of the conference

The aim of the conference is to highlight large parks in metropolitan areas and to discuss their importance and role in the future, taking into account the enormous development of townscapes that is foreseen. We will also discuss status, protection and maintenance – in short the governance of large parks in large cities. This will be done within the context of overall green infrastructure, ecosystem services and sustainable cities. Large parks at the same time constitute a basis for understanding the landscape in which the city is set.

Another aim is to create a network of people working with large parks around the world.

### Participants

We invite park administrators, NGOs, researchers, landscape architects, town planners and policy makers from all over the world to a path-breaking meeting. You will have the chance of being among the first to realize and understand that, in fact, very many large cities in the world have really large parks. How has this come about? What is their importance? Are they threatened? Will there be large parks in the many new large cities that will be built in the future? We, the organizers, will work to assure that as many as possible of all major large parks in the world will be represented at the conference (perhaps you can help us by suggesting parks to be invited or spreading the call). This will constitute a tremendous learning opportunity.

Accompanying persons are invited to take part in the guided tours on the 5th of September.



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### Themes we will address:

- visions of large parks in large cities
- the specific aspects of large parks and nature reserves in townscapes in contrast to urban greening in general
- the role of large parks in urban ecology and biodiversity
- ecosystem services from urban green areas and specifically from large parks in large cities
- the role of large parks when building the sustainable city and mitigating climate change
- the role of large parks when integrating – functionally and architecturally – the city in the landscape
- large parks in understanding the history of the landscape
- the establishment and legal status of large parks
- urban planning for large parks – threats and conflicts
- governance of large parks in large cities

### Abstracts at the latest 1 of May

Those of you who intend to deliver a park presentation, or a scientific paper or merely a poster are urged to submit abstracts by the 1st of May so that our review committees can get to work. See Submission of abstracts for guidance!

The above mentioned themes can be addressed through case studies, research and practical applications of planning and nature conservation. We strongly encourage presentations of large parks in metropolitan areas and large cities at this conference.

We ask for contributions from both practitioners and researchers. There are bound to be conflicts con-

cerning large parks in metropolitan areas and town planning perspectives that differ widely regarding ecological values. We therefore encourage contributions that identify such conflicts, either in the particular case or in general.

### Program

The program includes keynote presentations, presentations of large parks around the world, invited and contributed conference papers and posters, workshops and panel discussions. See our web page:

[www.largeparks.se](http://www.largeparks.se)

### Conference organization

The conference is organized by World Wide Fund for Nature, Sweden and Association for Ekoparken, in cooperation with Stockholm University, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Stockholm Environment Institute, Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, Royal Swedish Academy of Fine Art, Royal Swedish Academy of Science, Royal Academy for Forestry and Agriculture Swedish Museum of Natural History, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation in Stockholm, Royal Djurgården Administration, Samfundet S:t Erik, Stockholms läns hembygdsförbund, Kommittén för Gustavianska Parken and County Administrative Board of Stockholm.

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Conference website: [www.largeparks.se](http://www.largeparks.se)



## WORKSHOP ON LANDSCAPE READING METHODOLOGIES

Guimarães, Portugal, September 24-25, 2015

The workshop on Landscape Reading methodologies intends to bring together specialists in landscape reading methodologies from a diversified set of research fields like archeology, geography, history, forestry, environmental sciences, landscape design just to mention a few. The objective is to promote an in-depth debate over the state of the art of landscape reading and its applications for devising sustainable resource management practices, as well as the constraints faced by researchers in the field.

The workshop is organized over a two day period. Each day will start with a one-hour presentation by a keynote speaker, followed by three sessions for presenting papers: one session in the morning period and two sessions in the afternoon. Each paper presenter will have 20 minutes for presenting his/her work and one of the keynote speakers will be in charge of discussing the paper. In total 18 papers will be accepted for presentation.

### Keynote speakers:

Mauro Agnoletti: <http://landscapeunifi.it/it/>

Marcus Hall: <http://www.ieu.uzh.ch/staff/leaders/mhall.html>

### Important Dates:

- Submission deadline: June 15, 2015
- Accepted abstracts notification: July 15, 2015
- Deadline for registration and payment: September 1st, 2015

### Registration fees:

- Regular registration: 150 Euros
- Student registration: 75 Euros

Registration fees include lunch and coffee breaks in the two days.

### Local Organization:

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Website: <http://www3.eeg.uminho.pt/economia/wlrm/>

## E C O S U M M I T 2 0 1 6 ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY: ENGINEERING CHANGE

Le Corum, Montpellier, France, August 29 - September 1, 2016

Call for Session Proposals and Side Events:  
Submit proposal form by **31 July 2015**

The 5th International EcoSummit Congress, EcoSummit 2016 - Ecological Sustainability: Engineering Change, will take place at The Corum Convention Centre, Montpellier from 29 August – 1 September 2016.

Website: <http://www.ecosummit2016.org/>

This conference series was founded in 1996 in Copenhagen, as a forum to meet the demands of scientists working in several new ecological disciplines, and who required a better understanding of the concepts and methods for a holistic use of ecology in environmental management. Since 1996, EcoSummit has been taken around the world (Canada and China), with EcoSummit 2012 hosting 1600 participants from 75 countries in Columbus, Ohio, USA.

EcoSummit 2016 will centre on the ecology of terrestrial ecosystems and all habitats that are integrated within those ecosystems, including river networks, wetlands and coastlines. Focus will be placed on fragile ecosystems that are more likely to suffer the consequences of climate change and anthropogenic pressure.

However, in the current context of an increasing world population, changes in social habit (increasing world consumerism) and climate change, it is evident that agriculture is being intensified but with a growing awareness of the need to preserve and use sustainably world resources. Therefore, we will also address how terrestrial restoration can be carried out when the massive demand for food results in fragile ecosystems, forests and marginal lands being turned over to agriculture.

The central and fundamental topics of EcoSummit 2016 are as follows:

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### EcoSummit 2016 topics:

- Agro-ecology
- Anthropogenic pressure
- Arid lands and desertification
- Biodiversity and biological conservation
- Biological invasions
- Climate change
- Disturbance ecology
- Ecohydrology
- Ecological complexity
- Ecological economics
- Ecological engineering
- Ecological indicators
- Ecological intensification
- Ecological modelling
- Ecosystem creation and restoration
- Ecosystem health
- Ecosystem services
- Ecotoxicology
- Environmental policy
- Fragile ecosystems and hotspot management
- Integrating socio-economics and ecology
- Sustainability and resilience
- Watershed/River catchment management



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