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### General Assembly and CTLA Congress 6-10 November 2019, Antalya, Turkey

The jubilee 30th IFLA Europe General Assembly and CTLA Congress will take place in Antalya, Turkey 6-10 November 2019 entitled 'Landscape as a collective memory'. The 7th CTLA Congress (6-8 November) and the General Assembly (8-10 November) are organised in cooperation with our Turkish National Association CTLA – UCTEA Chamber of Landscape Architects.

Landscape Architecture integrate the perception of place into a historical continuum of art and culture and bring people, society and human habitats closer to each other for a peaceful world. The change and transformation of time and space, elements and events creating identity and image, the natural-cultural-historical-heritage are the patterns and processes that make up the characteristics of our cities and our lands, of all the landscapes. Followingly, those patterns and processes constituting the landscape are attached to our memory as a layer in all the intermediate sections that are experienced, lived and to be lived in the future. Natural, cultural and historical legacies form the collective memory itself. One of the most important tasks of the landscape architects in this context should be to reveal the morphological changes and transformations in the cities and in the countryside, and to offer the methods that will enable the next generations to benefit. Natural, cultural and historical legacies form the collective memory itself.

Memory is heritage ...Memory is identity... Memory is history...From the perspective of natural, cultural and historical heritage, we see that the past has become commoditized. It is important to understand how natural, cultural and historical heritage have a vital impact on memory and identity structures. How far can our memories go back in time? How much we can carry our inherited legacies to the future? Can we protect our heritage? How can we carry the traces of the past to the present and the future?

#### Call for Abstracts

Chamber of Turkish Landscape Architects (CTLA) are inviting European landscape architects as well as other related professionals to present papers at the Congress. You can submit your abstract online via the web page of <http://peyzajkongresi.org/2019/en/>.

The **deadline for submitting contributions is 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019**.

For more information please visit CTLA Congress web page of <http://peyzajkongresi.org/2019/en/>.

### Recognition of Landscape Architecture Profession

Following one of our strategic lines, IFLA Europe through its CoE Working Group, consisting of Ana Luengo, Michael Oldham, Carlo Bruschi and Herman van den Bossche, produced a Report on the Professional recognition of landscape architects. This Report was presented to the Council of Europe's Conference of the European Landscape Convention on 7th May 2019, where all the State Parties signatory to the European Landscape Convention approved the following Statement:

*“Statement of the Conference of the member states of the Council of Europe to the European Landscape Convention:*

*Wishing to promote the professional recognition of landscape disciplines including landscape architects*

*Encourages the State Parties to the European Landscape Convention:*

*a. To formally recognise the profession of landscape architects at national and international level*

*b. To support a multidisciplinary approach to landscape through cooperation of all relevant professions in all phases of the planning process.*

*To increase the diversity of disciplines in the training in landscape professionals, particularly regarding science, management and planning.”*

This is already a huge step for landscape architects as a profession in Europe, as this was the meeting of government representatives of all the nations in Europe that have signed the ELC, where the strategies and recommendations on landscape policies are approved and from there emanate to all European countries. We should be very proud this important step has been taken in promotion of our profession.

This Statement was sent and adopted without modification by CoE's higher institution: the **Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) in June 2019** - the Committee responsible for activities related to Culture, Heritage and Landscape and to follow-up on their implementation, monitoring and evaluation). Though we are all aware that professional recognition is carried out by the European Union and the European Commission, the follow up of this document is very important if we manage to get a recognition from the EU Committee of Ministers, as it will set a precedent for our official recognition.