



IFLA Europe Newsletter June 2020

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NEW DEADLINE: JULY 20TH 2020
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New deadline 20 July 2020 for IFLA Europe Student and Young Professionals' Competition!

We are facing the effects that climate change and catastrophic warming of the Earth have on our environment. How can landscape architects respond? What solutions do we have? And must we improve the knowledge of landscape architects?

IFLA Europe Students and Young Professionals Competition gives you a chance to share your projects, ideas and sites with landscape architecture practitioners throughout Europe. The competition aims to help students and future landscape architects get exposure for their projects and work. Any European landscape architecture student or a professional under the age of 35 can submit their project which will be published on IFLA Europe website and published in Competition catalogue which will be available both online and in printed format.

Share this information with your members, on your website and social media platforms, send it to your student associations, Universities!

For the details on the competition please refer to the Rules and Regulations
<https://www.iflaeurope.eu/index.php/youth/general/rules-and-regulations>



Landscape Festival 28/5 - 30/9

Across the Czech Republic, landscape architecture has yet to attain its rightful status as a crucial component of urban planning and public space design. The main aim of the festival, therefore, is to increase awareness of the potential, purpose and significance of the field of landscape design in relation to contemporary architecture, art and public spaces. The Landscape Festival project aims to both enlighten and cultivate an interdisciplinary dialogue between Czech and international experts, artists, public officials and the wider public.

- 19 June - Opening of the Landscape Festival - Ostrava Beergarden. We are already home - launch concert
 - 20-21 June - The lungs of Zizkov Tanec Praha Festival Performance
 - 25 June - The architecture of Lower Zizkov - Debate featuring David Vávra and Ivan Vavřík (KOSTNICKÉ SQUARE)
 - 30 June - Launch of the Play (NAHRAJ) and Green Roof Exhibitions (Play! (Nahraj!) pavilion, Vítkov)
 - 8 July - GUIDED TOUR Through the festival installations with artists and curators
 - 14 July - GUIDED TOUR Around Žižkov with Josef Vomáčka Around Žižkov with Josef Vomáčka
 - 3 September - OPENING OF THE NNŽ PAVILION Ceremonial opening of the pavilion at Praha-Žižkov freight railway station
 - 10 September - GREEN ROOFS – VISIONS OF THE FUTURE International conference
 - 2nd half September - STUDENT WORKSHOP – PRAGUE’S GORDIAN KNOT
 - 21 September - ART FOR THE CITY Debate on public space art featuring M3 and the Landscape Festival (Žižkov Atrium)
 - 30 September - GATES TO ŽIŽKOV Debate on the fate of the area between Florenc, Vítkov and Krenovka
- For more information about the Festival please visit <https://iflaeurope.eu/index.php/site/news-single/landscape-festival-28-may-to-30-september-2020>

News from IFLA Regions - IFLA AFRICA



Climate Change Conversations

It has almost become cliché to refer to the exceptional opportunities that climate change can offer the landscape architecture profession. It has even been said that this is the “era of the landscape architect.” Both mentions are true. There has never been such a global demand for landscape architectural services to both mitigate CO2 emissions, restore ecosystems and to develop and implement climate change adaptation solutions. In many cases, it is solely the expertise of a landscape architect that can respond to the existential threat caused by a rapidly heating planet.

Furthermore, the demand for these services, particularly those related to adaptation, is perhaps greater in Africa than any other region of the world. However, when considering the magnitude of climate change related issues, we see relatively little involvement of our profession, either in Africa or elsewhere, in either advancing or implementing solutions. Yet what profession is better positioned and trained to address the direct impacts of rising sea levels and storm surges, life-threatening urban heat, extreme weather and devastating flooding, loss of biodiversity and species extinction, carbon sequestration, water conservation and soil management, etc?

Certainly, collaborative professions such as forestry, architecture, coastal zone management, urban planning, etc. can contribute but those issues resulting from a planet whose ecosystems are being radically changed by rapidly increasing temperatures, drought and radical coastline transformations, must first be assessed and potentially resolved by landscape architects.

This is the first of a regular column that will introduce our readers to a variety of climate change related issues and the role that the landscape architect can play to either minimize their impact or define how we can use our skills to help society adapt to these rapidly evolving environmental conditions. Readers will also be invited to identify global warming related topics that concern them and their clients as well as to submit ideas and solutions.

The next issue will deal with an urgent problem - massive unemployment worldwide - and how landscape architects can stimulate their services and contribute to resolving, in part, this issue by both the promotion and management of large-scale tree planting programs to reduce unemployment and contribute to CO2 sequestration and biodiversity protection.

James MacGregor, BLA, IFLA Delegate, Morocco Association of Landscape Architects (AAPM)

News from our Partners!



Climate Heritage
NETWORK

IFLA Europe joins Climate Heritage Network - Memorandum of Understanding signed!

Climate change is one of the most significant and fastest growing threats to people and their cultural heritage worldwide. Scientific evidence shows unequivocally that increasing concentrations of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs), driven by human activities such as burning of fossil fuels and deforestation, are accelerating climate change and its impacts, including sea level rise and coastal flooding, drought and extreme heat, and increased frequency and intensity of severe weather events.

Human activities have already warmed the planet about 1°C (1.8°F) since the pre-industrial era. While 1.5°C of global warming will severely damage our natural and cultural heritage, the impacts of 2°C warming will be significantly worse. In order to limit global warming to 1.5°C, global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) would need to fall by about 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching 'net zero' around 2050.

The 2015 Paris Agreement represents a global consensus on how to combat climate change and accelerate climate response. Arts, culture and heritage offer an immense and virtually untapped potential to drive climate action and support a just and equitable transition by communities towards low carbon, climate resilient development pathways. Paris Agreement's decarbonization imperative exists alongside the global aspiration for sustainable development embodied in the 17 U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Cultural heritage is a composite of human experience. It is a source of creativity and inspiration for action. It connects people to place, anchors identity and community and embodies our understanding of change through time in ways that make it uniquely suited to communicate climate impacts and stress urgency. Evidence of past adaptation to climate and landscape change, from agriculture and land-use to the use of material culture, together with the diversity of living cultures today, form an essential basis for understanding how the environment has been shaped by people.

The cultural values carried by the planet's land and seascapes are closely interlinked with its natural values (and affiliated bio-cultural practices). Integrated nature-culture approaches can advance sustainability objectives including responses to climate change and biodiversity loss by improving conservation outcomes, fostering bio- and cultural diversity, and supporting the well-being of contemporary societies and future generations.

IFLA Europe is delighted to join the Climate Heritage Network as Landscape architects play an important role in tackling climate change challenges, delivering climate change policy objectives with their holistic and nature-based solutions approach. The Climate Heritage Network is a voluntary, mutual support network of arts, culture and heritage organisations committed to aiding their communities in tackling climate change and achieving the ambitions of the Paris Agreement.

International Biennial of Landscape Architecture, Barcelona - deadline extended until 30 June 2020!



Faced with this situation, the Scientific Committee of the 11th International Landscape Biennial of Barcelona has decided to extend the deadline for submitting projects until the 30th of June.

If you prefer that our team submit your project for you, there is no problem. You can send us a mail with a link (like wetransfer, dropbox..) to download your project and with your user at biennialadm@coac.net. We will guide during all the process.

In order to solve the problems as soon as possible, the 11th Biennial Team will be in charge of uploading all the projects that have failed on our website.

Due to the COV-19 situation, we still working from home Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Morning. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us!

For more information <https://landscape.coac.net/en>



Landscape Architecture Europe Book #6 – deadline extended until 19 June 2020!

Dear landscape architect,

We would like to inform you about the new yearbook (#6) of Landscape Architecture Europe. In our correspondence with offices we understood that, due to circumstances related to Corona, not everybody has been able to send in an entry in time. This is why we

send one more reminder and decided to extend the deadline to Friday, 19th of June. If you have any problems with your entry, don't hesitate to send a mail to info@landscapearchitectureeurope.com.

We look forward to hear from you. Let's be in touch!



Landscape Show 2020 postponed!

Following the lead of the Royal Horticultural Society who have now cancelled all shows that were rescheduled for September, it is with deep regret that this year's LANDSCAPE Show has officially been postponed.

With social distancing foremost in our minds and the health and wellbeing of everyone in the industry, the difficult decision has been taken to delay the show until early next year. We have made the responsible decision to postpone the show, not by six weeks, but six months, taking us into Spring of 2021 to make sure that we are all as safe as we can be. To proceed, we believe, would have placed exhibitors and visitors at risk, even with the most stringent controls, especially coming into central London.

We are currently working on securing new dates in the Spring of 2021 and will advise once they have been decided. We are truly saddened that this decision has had to be made but for the sake of our loyal exhibitors and visitors who invest so much in the show we feel it is the right choice.

We totally appreciate that you have other things on your mind right now, it has been a difficult time for all of us, but please rest assured that we will continue to do all we can to make the LANDSCAPE Show the very best it can be for all of us. Your expectations are important to us, as is your safety and wellbeing and that of the visitors too.

As restrictions become less intrusive, we will endeavour to create some new events in the months before the show to provide exclusive networking opportunities and will of course keep you up to speed. It is an important time for the industry and we must continue to support each other wherever we can.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and know that by working together through these difficult times we can help the industry get back to where it should be.

We will meet again, and look forward to seeing you at the LANDSCAPE Show next Spring, if not before.

World Green Roof Day -6 June 2020



Why celebrate green roofs? Green roofs are part of the solution to the climate emergency, especially in cities. Of course green roofs are not new. The first green roof policy in the world was in Karlsruhe, Germany in 1979. Following on from the Karlsruhe, Linz in Austria took up the baton in 1984. So across the Germany speaking world green roofs are very much part of urban planning scene. Yet the rest of the world has been slow to catch on. North America and the United Kingdom (mainly London) – have embraced green roofs in some of their cities. Yet there are many parts of the world where they need to become mainstream. So by celebrating green roofs and the environmental benefits they provide, we hope that cities across the globe, in all

continents and climate zones see the value of greening roofs and ACT to ensure their uptake.

World Green Roof Day Call to Action!

So get your pictures ready - whether it be on a shed or on a large retail unit. Every green roof counts! Tell your town or city or country why you think green roofs are important. And if they are not happening in your area, make a call to action to the authorities, companies and politicians!

Finally, don't forget to use the hashtag #WGRD2020 and help us celebrate making cities greener and more climate resilient by using green roofs.

World green roof day has its own website. News, pictures, stories and videos will be published on the site over the coming weeks. @worldgreenroofs – the twitter account for green roofs and other urban green infrastructure by Livingroofs.org along with the instagram account.

- @greenroofsuk
- LinkedIn and Facebook accounts, along with various facebook pages and Youtube account



World Environment Day, 5 June 2020!

The foods we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature.

Yet, these are exceptional times in which nature is sending us a message:

To care for ourselves we must care for nature.

It's time to wake up. To take notice. To raise our voices.

It's time to build back better for People and Planet.

This World Environment Day, it's Time for Nature. #ForNature

Together we can act #ForNatureRead the Manifesto! <https://iflaeurope.eu/index.php/site/news-single/5-june-world-environment-day-time-for-nature>

For more information please visit: <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>



European Commission adopts EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: Bringing nature back into our lives!

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On 20 May 2020, the European Commission adopted a comprehensive new Biodiversity Strategy to bring nature back into our lives - a genuinely ground-breaking new policy approach to help us to protect and restore our precious Biodiversity, that will in turn put us on the right path ahead of global negotiations at COP 15 next year in Kunming. It was adopted together with the Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food system. The two strategies are mutually reinforcing, bringing together nature, farmers, business and consumers for jointly working towards a competitively sustainable future.

In line with the European Green Deal, they propose ambitious EU actions and commitments to halt biodiversity loss in Europe and worldwide and transform our food systems into global standards for competitive sustainability, the protection of human and planetary health, as well as the livelihoods of all actors in the food value chain. The COVID-19 crisis has demonstrated how vulnerable the increasing biodiversity loss makes us and how crucial a well-functioning food system is for our society. The two strategies put the citizen at the centre, by committing to increase the protection of land and sea, restoring degraded ecosystems and establishing the EU as a leader on the international stage both on the protection of biodiversity and on building a sustainable food chain.

The new EU-wide Biodiversity Strategy will:

1) establish protected areas for at least:

- 30% of land in Europe
- 30% of sea in Europe, with stricter protection of remaining EU primary and old-growth forests legally binding nature restoration targets in 2021.

2) Restore degraded ecosystems at land and sea across the whole of Europe by:

- increasing organic farming and biodiversity-rich landscape features on agricultural land
- restoring at least 25 000 km of EU rivers to a free-flowing state
- halting and reversing the decline of pollinators
- planting 3 billion trees by 2030
- reducing the use and risk of pesticides by 50% by 2030.

For more information please visit <https://iflaeurope.eu/index.php/site/news-single/commission-adopts-eu-biodiversity-strategy-for-2030-bringing-nature-back-into-our-lives>



Registration for EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK 2020 now open

Towns and cities across Europe and further afield can now register their participation in EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK 2020, with this year's campaign putting the spotlight on zero emission mobility for all. To respond to the uncertainties arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, registration by towns and cities this year has maximum flexibility to cover events and measures as usual, or online alternatives and all innovative COVID-19 transport solutions, with no obligation to select any of the three options – holding a week of activities focused

on sustainable mobility, implementing one or more permanent transport measures, or holding a 'Car-Free-Day'.

This year's campaign puts the spotlight on 'zero emission mobility for all'. For more information about this year's theme, take a look at our Thematic Guidelines.

Last year's EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK saw a record-breaking 3,135 towns and cities from 50 countries take part in the campaign.

Businesses, NGOs, schools and other actors, including cities, who want to get involved in the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK campaign are also invited to register their MOBILITYACTION online.

A MOBILITYACTION is any action that promotes the idea of sustainable urban mobility. It can be limited to a specific day or last for several weeks/months and can take place at any moment of the year.

Local authorities that comply with all three criteria - organising activities during the week of 16-22 September, implementing or promoting new transport infrastructure, and holding a Car-Free Day - will be designated as 'Golden Participants' and become eligible to apply for the EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK Awards.

For more information please visit <https://iflaeurope.eu/index.php/site/news-single/registration-for-european-mobility-week-2020-now-open>



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