

***IALE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2003-2007)***

***Friday, July 15, 2005***

**10 am – 7 pm**

**Institute of Landscape Ecology, Slovak Academy of Science,  
Stefanikova 3, Bratislava (Slovak Republic)**

**Present:** Bob Bunce (BB), Margareta Ihse (MI), Louis Iverson (LI), Nobukazu Nakagoshi (NN), Marion Potschin (MP), Jesper Brandt (JB) represents the council.

**Apologies:** Rob Jongman (RJ), Felix Kienast (FK)

**No responses:** Françoise Burel, Richard Hobbs

## **Minutes**

### **1. Welcome**

- Bob Bunce welcomed all six EC members and especially expressed his gratitude to the Institute of Landscape Ecology (Slovak Academy of Science) for hosting the meeting.
- As no one needed to leave Bratislava on that day, it was decided to continue the meeting (after we needed to leave the place after 5 pm) in a public place. Therefore we had an open ending and all issues from the agenda could be discussed.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda (A2)**

Approved

### **3. Adoption of Minutes of the December 2004 meeting and actions (A3)**

Minutes approved, open activities were recalled during individual agenda points

### **4. Report of the Treasurer Budget (Rob Jongman, cc Bob Bunce)**

The Treasurer Report (A4a) was circulated via email before the meeting. As RJ is not present, BB reads the report from RJ and points to add. The following issues were discussed and decided:

- **Audit report** from Ralf-Uwe Syrbe and Sinaida Kanzler (A4b): The books for 2003 and 2004 were adopted, but auditor suggests a more detailed book as it would make things easier to understand for auditor.
  - ⇒ **Action:** MP official letter of approved books to be added to the minutes
  - ⇒ **Action:** MP to request more details from auditors on how detailed they would like to see the books.
- Up to June 2005 the **Number of IALE members** has increased to 1700 plus 120 members from SV.
- **Books for 2003 and 2004** (see section 1 of report): Before these can be printed in the

- bulletin, Rob needs to clarify some positions (can be done in short footnotes)  
⇒ **Action:** *RJ* to clarify positions as indicated in annotated treasurer report (*A4a*)
- **Budget Plan for 2005** (see section 2 of report):
    - was discussed intensively and several items need to be clarified for the EC for the next meeting, e.g. it needs to be stated that the money for the 2007 congress is a loan only.  
⇒ **Action:** *RJ* to clarify positions as indicated in annotated treasurer report (*A4a*)
    - The payments for the extra work delegated via *RJ* were discussed, esp. the 2000 € for the directory needs to be explained, since this is more than 1 € per member. It was discussed and decided that the directory shall only be updated every second year, preferably with a deadline and distribution related to the period of election to the EC
    - The costs of 3000 € for the web page needs also to be commented, as it was argued last year that the setting up (a new homepage) would create the high costs, while keeping it should be much cheaper.
    - The present EC members acknowledged the hard work *RJ* is putting into his position and that given the amount of work that some work has to be delegated. However it was proposed to investigate, how far some of the responsibilities could be shifted to other positions.  
⇒ **Action:** *MP* ask the present treasurer to elucidate in detail the workload of the treasurer and related tasks delegated/paid to other persons as well as pros and cons by their separation. A commented treasurer report and budget plan should be a part of and support to such an explanation
    - The IALE-EU conference organisers in Portugal have paid back the loan of 5000 € *RJ* has asked Francisco Moreira about possible profit, which should be shared between conference organiser and IALE-int.  
⇒ **Action:** *RJ* to report on status at next EC meeting
  - **Fee differentiation** for high and low income members (see section 3 of report) was discussed and the following decided:
    - Fees should relate to income, but should the income relate to state average income or individual?
    - *LI* suggests a sliding fee structure: (75 – 100 % of max. income pay 20 \$, 50-75 % pay 15, 25-50 % pay 10 \$, 5-25 % pay 5\$ and < 5 % pay 0 \$)
    - *JB* argues that there should be no 0 fee, however a very low fee should be accepted from regions with a low average income, provided that they organise the information flow and common fee payment to IALE International for all members within the regional chapter.
    - *MI* suggests that the fee should be the same for everyone, a reduction shall be made by application  
⇒ **Action:** Item shall be postponed to the next meeting. The proposal shall be developed on the base of this discussion but with the input of *RJ*'s experience (work input, is it practicable in reality?)
  - **Requirements for Treasurer Post** (see section 4 of report)
    - Nomination for 2007:
      - \* *RJ* reminds EC to actively look for treasurer replacement, as this might be difficult given the amount of work.
      - \* *MP* informs on possible nomination from Ralf-Uwe Syrbe (IALE-Germany)

- who would be willing to candidate for the post from 2007 (A4c).
- \* MI suggests that it might be helpful to look for an economic orientated person (educated in finances?)
  - \* BB wants EC to consider if the post could be split (1 = treasurer in traditional sense, 2 = financial advisor)
  - \* JB reminds that the person has to be a IALE member and that we should strive towards having at least 2 nominations for each post.
- Before we can finalise the requirements for the posts it was felt that we need more information, esp. how much work the treasure post involves
  - For the next term we shall strive towards separating jobs like the web page, membership monitoring/addresses and publication mailing from the treasurer position.
- ⇒ **Action:** *RJ* to help to clarify the position for 2007, esp. how much time he puts in
- For the report it was concluded that the finances should be presented in such a way that a professional auditor (and the EC members and IALE members in general) can audit/understand it without the help of the treasurer.
    - ⇒ **Action:** Based on the explanations from the present treasurer, *MP* to start a list of requirements for all EC positions (picked up again in section 6.2. handbook)
  - **Budget Plan for the 2007 Congress** (see section 5 of report)
 

All items were discussed and several clarified on the base of Bob's input. However several positions still remain unclear for the EC members and need clarification, for example 12.000 € for the "25 years book". What is this book about, who is invited, who is the editor. More information is required. Why does the local organiser team need 5000 €? A clarification is also needed for the last entry congress material 15.000 € (what is this above the printing material in the beginning). Details for clarification are included in the amended report (see A4a).

⇒ **Action:** *RJ* to clarify marked positions in section 5 of report
  - **Fee structure for the 2007 congress**

This was also discussed in depth. Outcome:

    - The difference between members and non-members: several pro and cons were discussed but then concluded that the difference should be 50 €
    - The breakdown of getting even is to get 600 attendees. However this is on the base that 5:1 are full members to students. LI reminds that in Darwin the relation was 3:1 and in the USA annual meeting 1:1. This is only a problem if we do not get the needed number of 600, however this might need to be reconsidered.
  - **Legal situation of IALE**
    - MI has contacted the Sweden/Norway chapters and INTECOL (Almo Farina) to investigate the legal situation. She reports, that
      - Associations have to associate to a certain country
      - Legal status is where the treasurer is located
      - Legal status (esp. fee for tax) is different in different countries
      - The EC board is responsible for the finances
    - It was concluded that we do not do anything now (e.g. *MP* not inquiring about situation in UK) as this should/could be linked to the treasurer and therefore postponed to the election of the next treasurer

## 5. Report from the Bulletin-Editor

- No report was available at time of meeting.
- LI needs scanned bulletins for handbook. LI has the opportunity to get one of his student to do it, to avoid overlap clarification with FK needed. All articles in IALE Bulletin (not notes and diaries etc.) of IALE Bulletin Vol. 1 to 13 has been scanned or rewritten by Jesper Brandt, so that it was available in digital form, collected in the three series: *What is Landscape Ecology?*, *Landscape Ecology around the world*, and *How I became a Landscape Ecologist*. All the material was sent to Mike Moss and published at the IALE Website before it was moved to Switzerland. It should be re-established. This does not make a scanning of the old Bulletins irrelevant, but for many purposes these collections are more useful for the members than a scanning of the Bulletins.
  - ⇒ **Action:** *LI* to contact FK on status of scanning
  - ⇒ **Action:** *FK* try to re-establish the three series of papers.
- It was decided that MP at this state shall not request more annual reports from chapters and working groups for bulletin, as the reports available are not really suitable for a wider membership (mostly boring). Even if the reports are not ready for publication or even interesting, they are nevertheless relevant for the work of the council, and JB would in any case be interested in receiving them, to support the internal communication in the council! However we need to establish an recent overview on chapters (see list LI will create and circulate). MP will then request reports again.
- It seems to be difficult to automatically (or on request) get a report back from bodies who have received a IALE loan. It was decided that organisations (chapters/workings groups/workshop-conference organiser) who receive a loan are obliged to write a report for the bulletin (this should be given away with the loan)
  - ⇒ **Action:** *SG* to draw up a report form and *Treasurer* to send out this form with loan
- MI would like to see more information on starting but also finished PhDs as this is often information hardly accessible
  - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to contact regional contacts and ask for PhD information to be published as an abstract in the bulletin
- JB reports that some people believe its not worth “publishing” in the bulletin as it has no ISSN and therefore cannot be quoted.
  - ⇒ **Action:** FK to organise a ISSN-number for the Bulletin
- MI suggests to contact keynote speakers from Faro (IALE EU congress) to submit a short paper on their presentation, e.g. Jaques Blondel essay on “Why he did not become a Landscape Ecologist”. ⇒ **Action:** FK to contact speakers
- The following was emailed later:
  - Bulletins out (2004): 6 as scheduled (4/5 joint editions)
  - (2005): 3 on schedule; 4th planned with a contribution from India
  - Old Bulletins: still pending, but not forgotten, will be (I promise) done by 31.12.05.
  - I'll have a student in Sept. that will scan it.

## 6. Public Relations

### 6.1 Flyer (Marion Potschin)

- Once again it was expressed that the flyer was essential for IALE's advertisement.
- A process should be set up to assure that flyers are displayed at IALE-related conferences. Flyers still need to be printed by individual members. This brought up again the question how can we make sure that information on conferences are forwarded to FK (bulletin) and General Secretary to print and send flyers to conference. LI suggests that EC members could take over certain geographical regions to be responsible for reporting. JB suggests this could be a job for the council.
  - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to start a list with regional responsibilities (voluntary) to be discussed at next EC meeting
- MI reports from IALE-Sweden, that they added an extra information sheet on their regional chapter.
  - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to sent most recent version of flyer to MI for display at INTECOL
- It was further decided to circulate the next update of the flyer after the election of the two new vice presidents in August
  - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to circulate Flyer to regional contact with request to take and display them at related conferences.

## 6.2 Handbook (Louis Iverson)

- The handbook is a time consuming job but the board appreciated the work LI has already put it.
- BB suggested that a printed version of the handbook (Volume I and II) and the directory could be printed as a IALE series volume for the congress 2007. So the aim is to finish a preliminary version for late Spring 2007
  - ⇒ **Action:** *BB* to explore costs for a b/w prints in IALE Series
  - ⇒ **Action:** *BB* to organise picture of people of the first world congress in Landscape Ecology in 1981

## 6.3 IALE Publications (BB)

- BB reports on publication from the IALE EU conference in Faro. Instructions are sent out to authors. Approximately 20n papers are expected to be printed.
- While the IALE series is seen as good overview/summary of activities within IALE, MI strongly suggests that more effort should be put into the final formal editorial work (esp. layout).
- BB reports that all the editorial work (mainly language correction/improvement) is done in his spare time
- MP suggests to get a younger researcher onto the editorial board to be in charge for the final layout
- The confirmed members of the **editorial board** so far are:
  - Bob Bunce (present IALE president, series editor)
  - Rob Jongman (IALE treasurer, series editor)
  - David Howard (IALE-UK)
  - Emilio Padoa (IALE-Italy)
  - Kalev Sepp (IALE-Estonia)
  - Nobukazu Nakagoshi (IALE-Japan) to stand in for Xiuzhen Li (China) to represent Pacific Asian Region

The following people mentioned in the 10.12.2004 minutes declined:

- Marion Potschin (IALE-Secretary)
- Andrea Kiss (Austria)

The status of the following is still open:

- Peter Carey (UK)
- Francisco Moreira (Portugal)
- Felix Herzog (CH)
- Louis Iverson (IALE-VP, IALE-US) was asked to join the editorial board, however he postponed the decision until he has a more detailed view on how much work he needs to expect (structure of the series and authors' instruction circulated)

⇒ **Action: ALL:** It still needs to be discussed/confirmed what happened with the editorial board after the next election. Do RJ and BB stay as series editor or does it change with the new positions. Otherwise only one present EC member will represent the series.

- ⇒ **Action: BB/RJ** to look for an additional young person for the editorial board
- ⇒ **Action: BB/RJ** to write authors' instructions (& final editorial board) to bulletin
- ⇒ **Action:** next EC to discuss where the publication office should be located

## 6.4 Request to IALE to participate in new publication series

6.4.1 Request from Prof. Hubert Wiggering, Director of **ZALF** for IALE to become cooperating society for “**Living Reviews in Landscape Research**” (MP, A6.a)

- The EC members had a lively discussion and several pro and cons were evaluated. In the end the board voted: 3 people were pro 3 against that IALE would be an associated partner (possibly one EC member as Editor in chief) to the journal. It was decided that MP gets back to ZALF and clarifies the following and then proposes it via email to the EC members again:
  - Clarify the reviewed papers when updated
  - What exactly is the context of the journal/research (how much does it overlap with the interest with IALE?)
  - Possibly wait for the first papers to judge on the base of the context.
  - What is the benefit for IALE members? There is no subscription fee.

⇒ **Action: MP** to clarify these points and get back to EC

1.1.1 Request from NN for journal of “Landscape and Ecological Engineering” to

- a) announce journal in Bulletin (accepted, see action points)
- b) get journal accepted as a IALE related journal (needs clarification see 6.4.3.)
- a) Journal was introduced by first issue and hard copy on overview on journal (see link for more information: <http://www.springeronline.com/sgw/cda/frontpage/0,11855,1-40109-70-40628339-0,00.html>)

- Background info:
  - This is the first English journal (on the broader landscape ecology topic), which is edited by an Asian IALE chapter
  - it was also hoped from editors that IALE could provide support with the English language

⇒ **Action: NN** to send FK digital information on journal (and possible scanned title page) to be announced in next bulletin (cc. RJ for homepage)

⇒ **Action: RJ** to start link on homepage with “IALE related journals”

1.1.2 The discussion on the two requests raised several points which need to be clarified, such as:

- What exactly is our situation with the journal Landscape Ecology?
  - Are we some kind legally bonded to give IALE association with this journal only?
  - Will the subscription fee for LE for IALE members be affected if IALE associates with several journals?
- ⇒ **Action:** *RJ* to contact Springer and clarify our situation
- ⇒ **Action:** *ALL* to discuss this issue again at the next EC meeting, e.g.:
- How many journals shall IALE be linked too?
  - If too many, is IALE in danger “to loose its name”?
  - If we go down this road (to link with more journals than LE only) we need to approach other, e.g. Landscape and Urban Planning.
  - What would be our minimum request to give name?
  - How do we ensure a continuous link to all the disciplines also interested in landscape ecological aspects?

#### 6.5 Review on IALE-Europe (Faro) Congress (BB)

- BB raised the issue that none of the local organiser from the Faro conference is able to write a report for the bulletin. The issue that whoever gets a loan from IALE is obliged to write a report (request to be sent out with money, see action under 5. bulletin)  
⇒ **Action:** *BB/MP* to write a report on EU congress for bulletin
- The status of the Faro publication was discussed under 6.3
- The status for the (call of the) next European congress is discussed under 9.2

#### 7. World Congress 2007 (Bob Bunce) (*A7a, A7b*)

- The budget for the congress was discussed under 4.5
- Also the request from EC to learn more about the “congress publication”
- BB reports on the status of the world congress proposal (*A7a*)
- 2 major feedback was received (Martin Wassen and Marion Potschin), needs to be incorporated and then re-circulated to the scientific committee.
- MP resented the major feedback points to the EC board and on a base of a lively discussion the following was decided:
  - Time is pressing and the new version of the proposal (including the structure of the days and a time table) needs to be circulated
  - The comments from Martin Wassen can be incorporated in the introduction
  - The time slots for the Young Scientists symposia shall be deleted from the programme
  - The themes (umbrella topics and keywords) shall be taken off from the proposal and an open call for all different kind of symposia to be announced in the next bulletin (deadline 1.11.2005 and therefore to be discussed/evaluated at the next EC meeting in early December)
  - Submission from IALE-Germany members for a symposium (*A7b*): It was checked if it fits into the overall ideas of the congress but shall be postponed due to the equal treatment of all members

- NN to be member of the scientific committee and a representative for the Asian Pacific Region
- **PhD courses**
  - \* RJ requests that Phd courses must be incorporated in the structure of the congress.
  - \* JB reminds EC that it must be coordinated but should not be too restricted (to give as many ideas an opportunity as possible).
  - \* MI recalls that PhD courses linked to IALE were only run twice so far (and were very well received), the idea therefore is quite new and that IALE is still in the process of learning the best way to deal with it. JB notes that similar courses were run before that and that the feedback/experience is included in those last courses. So we can look back on a much longer tradition of PhD courses.
  - \* BB/LI: The name of the course should be changed. On the one hand it shall not be restricted to the PhD level (open to all graduates possibly for consultants/governmental people and on the other hand training might not be as well received (for some languages) if it is not dedicated a PhD-level. Suggestion “Landscape Ecology Graduate Course”.
  - \* MP reports form feedback of PhD course in faro that Students had very different demands on course. On the one hand some like an introduction (overview) on LE on the other hand and esp. students who had one course all ready would like to attend an advanced/more problem specific or applied course. MP therefore suggests to keep the call very open and possibly offer a range of different courses.
  - \* ⇒ A call for PhD courses to be published with the next bulletin. Decision on course selection within EC, later to be coordinated through local organisation committee.
- ⇒ **Action:** *BB* and *RJ* to incorporate decisions made here and circulate plan to EC and Scientific Committee asap
- ⇒ **Action:** *BB* and *RJ* to announce an open call for symposia in the next Bulletin and to be circulated to all IALE officers and regional contacts (possibly through *JB* who has an updated list) with a deadline for 1.11.2005
- ⇒ **Action:** *NN* to send his feedback on the programme to *RJ/BB*
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to create an Expression of interest for PhD courses linked to World congress 2007 and submit it to Bulletin
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to get back to IALE-Germany submission and inform on official call.

## 8. Regions/Working Groups

### 8.1 Report and requests from regions (all)

- BB reports on **IALE Africa**: the congress had to be cancelled as people did not have the money for travelling.
  - ⇒ **Action:** *RJ* to inform EC (next meeting) on the learning process for IALE out of this. Was a IALE loan given? What happens to that? How can a new initiative be ensured a more successful implementation?

- Request from IALE Latin America (A8a): to announce and financially support the first Landscape Ecology Meeting in Argentina. The request was put forward to MP/RJ by Sandra Luque and Silvia Diana Mattecci, but also through Marcelo Lima (Brazil). RJ requested a budget, which was discussed at the EC meeting. Several items on the budget, e.g. fellowships for PhD students and person working time should not be supported by IALE. It also needs to be clear that in case of financial help this can be a loan only. The main problem with this request is, that on the one hand it is not a IALE conference and on the other the request should be coordinated and submitted officially from the IALE chapter (Latin America). To not delay the process this issue needs to be clarified very soon.  
⇒ **Action:** MP (cc RJ) to request a coordinated request through IALE Latin America and make clear
- The need for an annual report from the chapters was discussed. Background: Secretary General hardly receives any (also on request) and if they are not very interested to be published in the bulletin. It was discussed that at the moment it is more important to receive an overview on the status of the chapters (see also missing information in Council Report (8.2). LI offers to create a spread sheet on Chapters and needed information. To be forwarded to JB, then MP first (add info) and then circulated for the next EC meeting.  
⇒ **Action:** LI to create a spread sheet on Chapters

## 8.2 Report from the Council (Jesper Brandt)

- A report from the council (A8b) was circulated from JB.
- Aim is to get Council function again for world congress 2007
  - Still several regional representatives for the council are missing. JB will continue to finalise the list.
  - A representative is not fixed. If the person can not attend a meeting, a delegation to another member can be organised. But it is important constantly to have a representative, since many decisions and discussions in the council will be made by e-mail.
  - The responsibilities of the council need to be clarified again (on the one hand for the handbook, but also depended on that the statutes (see 11) need to be amended. Discussion between JB and LI to follow
- ⇒ **Action:** JB to forward latest version of report (in digital form) to Secretary General to attach to Minutes.

## 8.3 Status on European Region (Jesper Brandt)

- A report from the EU meeting in Faro was circulated (A8c).
- The meeting and idea was well received.
  - As a result a list of members willing to join a preliminary preparation group was produced (including names of volunteers after an open call for participation was made through the bulletin). As a result 21 names were brought forward, which needed to be reduced to approx. 9 persons to make the preparation group function. The EC decided on the base of regional

(geographical) distribution and experience of members with people that they will actively contribute on the following nine people:

- Emilio Padoa-Schioppa (Italy)
- Jörg Löffler (Germany)
- Bob Bunce (UK, Netherlands)
- Ingrid Sarlöv-Herlin (Sweden)
- Maria Kozova (Slovakia)
- Francisco Moreira (Portugal)
- Philip Roche (France)
- Marc Antrop (Belgium)
- Jesper Brandt (Denmark, Chair of Council)

⇒ **Action:** *JB* to contact people and set up preparatory group

⇒ **Action:** *JB* to report on that group in one of the next bulletins

⇒ **Action:** *JB* to forward latest version of report (in digital form) to Secretary General to attach to Minutes.

## 8.4 Report from Working Groups (MP)

### 8.4.1 ENULE

- MP reports on the current situation (report and membership list received from Robbert Snep 2.7., see A8d).
  - While the report is not very interesting for publishing in the Bulletin, a more detailed research showed that 26 out of 51 listed members (50%) of the working group are not presently IALE members. Most astonishing two out of three coordinators are also no members. An inquiry through the Secretary General brought the comment of one of the coordinators: “We however think that strict requirements on memberships probably will interfere with our goal to set up a European-wide network. Therefore we will aim to get the percentage of associated members as high as possible, without excluding important European urban ecologists because of membership problems. I hope you can live with this.
  - The Secretary General also checked the Network Homepage and discovered that not one link was made to a IALE activity or homepage. All links returned to ALTERRA. A request was made and the coordinator “promised” to link to IALE.
  - It was generally felt around the present EC board that this working group seems to be completely running outside IALE and that IALE “will not live with that”. It is demanded that all members of the WG are becoming IALE members until the end of November. If no major increase the Network will be cancelled as a IALE Working Group. If they have received a loan from IALE this will be requested back.
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to get back to Working Group Coordinator and report on conclusions made at the EC meeting
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to investigate/ask RJ if ENULE received some money for setting up the WG

#### 8.4.1 Ecoland (see A8e)

- While the annual report of this working group was equally unsuitable for publication the membership looked as follow.
  - Marc Metzger as contact provided a list of people who have attended the last two meetings. No list of “permanent” members exists. 8 out of these 27 people are currently no IALE members. However as BB looked over the list it was clarified that some are students and can be treated as guests who just attended a single meeting. On the other side there were crucial members of the group who should be IALE members.
  - BB reports on activities and that this groups mainly meets around IALE meetings and is open to all IALE members.
- ⇒ **Action:** BB to contact these people and request IALE membership

#### 8.5 Proposal for a new Working Group (MP) (A8f)

- A proposal for a training and education in Landscape Ecology Working group was put forward by MP.
  - It was generally felt, that is was a god idea and needed within IALE.
  - It was suggested to change the suggested (working) title – see discussion under PhD course for world congress.
  - It must be open for all IALE members, which it is.
  - It was concluded that this proposal (although a draft) can carry on with work and to vote for a chairperson and a representative for the council
  - It was mentioned that the education inventory on Landscape Ecology which was done through RJ in 2002 needs to be updated. It was accepted that this working group could be responsible for that as well.
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to announce the working group in the bulletin

### 9. Miscellaneous (status)

#### 9.1. Status on Election of EC (Jesper Brandt) (A9a)

- At time of meeting JB has received 60 votes for the election of the two new Vice Presidents.
- It was discussed that it was soon time for the EC to prepare for the next election, as several positions become available for 2007 after the world congress.
- It was decided that the position of the president should be split from the country in which the next world congress takes place. However the president remains the major responsibility for the world congress.
- Also the president position should have at least 2 nominations.
- Call for nominations for all posts available to be printed Spring 2006

#### 9.2. World Congress (2011) and European Congress (2009) (Marion Potschin)

- Secretary General received an expression of interest to host the next IALE EU conference through a joint application of IALE-CH, IALE-Germany and IALE-

SK (see *A9b*). This will equally be treated with the possible more submitted expression of interests (deadline 31.10.2005).

- Open call/expression on of interest for the next IALE EU meeting to be circulated and printed in the bulletin asap. As we do not have an official IALE Europe yet the decision on the location and host of the next IALE EU conference in 2009 is still within the EC.
  - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to forward expression of interest for next AILE EU meting to FK
  - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to get back to request from IALE-D, IALE-CH, IALE-SK
- There is no need to coordinate other super-regional meetings as they seem to have an internal structure to be organised/decided, such as the Asia-Pacific a or USA annual meeting
- The expression of interest/call for the next world congress to be published early 2006

### 9.3. Education and Training (Marion Potschin)

This item was discussed at several other positions in the agenda. This position will in future be discussed under “8.4 Report from the working groups”.

### 9.4. What next? / single issues

- Next report from EC for the bulletin – see several actions
- LI suggests to “publish” the approved minutes on the IALE homepage to make them available to all IALE members (as well as gather them in the handbook)
  - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to contact RJ if this is in general possible and forward the approved minutes plus attachments
- LI offered the possibility that all IALE members could benefit from a list server IALE-US is providing (information on conferences, etc.) It was decided that LI adds the EC members onto this list and that we would monitor the service until the next EC meeting and then decide.
  - ⇒ **Action:** LI to add new EC members (after 1.8) onto IALE-US server list
- JB reports the relation of honorary members and fees. He has discovered that the past president who was awarded a honorary membership through John Wiens also received the information that this honorary degree also included a life long membership (no fees). The statutes were consulted and it can be concluded that John Wiens was incorrect in offering such a service to Richard Hobbs. While this can not cancelled, Richard Hobbs should appear as a member in the directory and it should be added that in the statutes that a honorary membership does not exclude member from paying the ordinary fees. (lesson learned).
  - ⇒ **Action:** *RJ* to add name and details of Richard Hobbs to the IALE directory
  - ⇒ **Action:** *All* to investigate if other honorary members are in the same situation?

## 10. Review of first two years of this EC activities, reflection on future (MP)

This agenda point was extensively discussed over lunch.

⇒ **Action:** *MP* to turn points into a report for the bulletin, Draft to be circulated with these minutes

#### **11. Review statutes (LI)**

- This agenda point was requested by LI as he discovered some necessary improvements in the statutes through working on the handbook.
- Aim to produce recommendations for changes on the statutes for the next world congress
- However some/most of these improvements depend on the functioning of the council. The agenda point is therefore postponed to the next meeting.

⇒ **Action:** *LI* to circulate his proposals for improvements to the EC

#### **12. Next meeting (date and place): Thursday 1.12.2005 in Nottingham**

⇒ **Action:** *MP* to explore possibility to link a Landscape Ecology workshop (Friday 2.12.2005) to the EC meeting. IALE EC members to present research to the Landscape Ecology community.

### **Appendices**

A2: Adopted Agenda

A3: Adopted Minutes from last meeting (10.12.2004, in Wagenigen)

A4a: Treasurer Report (including comments from meeting)

A4b: Audit report from R-U Syrbe and Sinaida Kanzler, approving IALE books 2003/2004

A4c: Email from R-U Syrbe indicating willingness to candidate for the treasurer post

A6a: Official letter of request from H. Wiggering to IALE (22.12.04)

A6b: Draft frame for journal “Living Reviews in Landscape Research”

A6c: Journal information on “Landscape and Ecological Engineering”

A7a: Draft Plan of world Congress (status April 2005)

A7b: Symposium submission from IALE Germany members

A8a: Request to support LE conference in Argentina

A8b: Report from the council: IALE officers, 30. June 2005

A8c: report from the first Meeting for IALE Europe in Faro (30.3.2005)

A8d: Communication between Secretary General and ENULE membership list

A8e: Report and membership list from Ecoland (WG)

A9a: Nominations for IALE Vice Presidents

A9b: Expression of interest for hosting the next IALE EU meeting

A10: Draft of report on EC activities for Bulletin

**Actions:**

	<b>Who</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>status</b>
4	MP	official letter form auditor (books accepted) to be added to the minutes	ongoing
	MP	to request more details from auditor on how detailed he would like to see the books.	ongoing
	RJ	to clarify positions as indicated in annotated treasurer report (A4a)	
	MP	MP ask the present treasurer to elucidate in detail the workload of the treasurer and related tasks delegated/paid to other persons as well as pros and cons by their separation. A commented treasurer report and budget plan should be a part of and support to such an explanation	
	RJ	to report on status of possible profit from IALE-EU meeting	
	RJ	to provide experience on work input to collect membership fee	
	RJ	to help to clarify the position for 2007, esp. how much time he puts in	
5	LI	to contact FK on status of bulletin	
	FK	to try to re-establish the three series of papers	
	FK	to be more pro active in requesting reports/papers/ etc. for bulletin, e.g. reports on few individuals “How I became a landscape Ecologists”	
	All	to forward more information on conferences to FK	
	MP	to draw up a report form and	
	RJ	to send out a request for bulletin report with loan	
	MP	to mail regional contacts and ask for PhD information to be published as an abstract in the bulletin	
	FK	FK to organise a ISSN-number for the Bulletin	
6.1 Flyer	MP	to start a list with regional responsibilities (voluntary) to be discussed at next EC meeting	
	MP	To send recent version of flyer to MI (display INTECOL)	done
	MP	to update flyer & circulate to regional contacts with request for display (after election, August 2005)	
	ALL	to print put (in colour) their own copies and take to conferences	
6.2 hand- book	LI/MP	to jointly update responsibilities of IALE EC members	
	BB	to explore costs for a b/w print in IALE Series	
	BB	to organise picture of people of the first IALE congress in 1981	
	MP	to send back comments on handbook to LI asap	
6.3 IALE publi- cation	BB/RJ	to develop a draft concept for these volumes - to be circulated	
	BB/RJ	to develop a draft application form for this series – to be circulated to EC members and later included in the handbook	
	BB/RJ	to circulate a draft “Instruction for authors/editors” – to be circulated to EC members and later included in the handbook	
	ALL	it still needs to be decided where copies of the series book need to be stored (esp. moving with the seat of IALE?)	
6.4	MP	to clarify raised issues with ZALF and present case again to EC	ongoing

IALE & journals	NN	to send FK digital information on journal (and possible scanned title page) to be announced in next bulletin (cc. RJ for homepage)	
	RJ	to start link on homepage with “IALE related journals”	
	RJ	to contact Springer and clarify our situation/commitment with LE	
	ALL	to discuss the issue of IALE and journals again at the next EC meeting	
6.5	BB/MP	to write a report on EU congress for bulletin	
7	BB/RJ	BB and RJ to incorporated decisions made at this EC meeting and circulate world congress plan to EC and Scientific Committee asap	
	BB/RJ	to announce an open call for symposia in the next Bulletin and to be circulated to all IALE officers and regional contacts (possibly through JB who has an updated list) with a deadline for 1.11.2005	
	NN	to send his feedback on the programme to RJ/BB	
	MP	to create an Expression of interest for PhD courses linked to World congress 2007 and submit it to Bulletin	
	MP	MP to get back to IALE Germany submission on symposium and inform on official call	done
8.1 regions	RJ	to inform EC (next meeting) on the learning process for IALE Africa Cancellation IALE out of this. Was a loan given?	
	MP	to request a coordinated request through IALE Latin America and make clear (RJ clarified chapter situation)	Done/awaiting
	LI	LI to create a spread sheet on Chapters	
8.2	JB	to forward latest version of council report (digital) to MP	done
8.3 IALE EU	JB	to contact selected people and set up preparatory group	
	JB	to report on that group in one of the next bulletins	
8.4 WGs	JB	to forward minutes from IALE EU meeting in Faro (digital) to MP	done
	MP	MP to get back to ENULE (WG) Coordinator and report on conclusions made at the EC meeting	done
	MP	MP to investigate/ask RJ if ENULE received some money for setting up the WG	
	MP	MP report back to Ecoland	done
	BB	BB to contact crucial people of Ecoland to request IALE membership	
9.2	MP	to announce the new working group in the bulletin	
	MP	to forward expression of interest for next IALE EU meeting to FK and circulate to regional contact	
9.4	MP	to get back to request from IALE-D, IALE-CH, IALE-SK	done
	MP	to contact RJ if this is in general possible to attach the approved minutes (plus attachments ?) to the IALE homepage	ongoing
	LI	LI to add new EC members (after 1.8) onto IALE-US server list	
	RJ	RJ to add name and details of Richard Hobbs to the IALE directory	
	All	to investigate if other honorary members are in the same situation?	
10	MP	MP to turn points into a report for the bulletin	
11	LI	to circulate his suggestions for improvement of the statutes to EC	

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