

IALE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2003-2007/2009)

Friday 9th (3-6 pm) and

Saturday 10th June, 2006 (9 am-7 pm)

Host: Felix Kienast - WSL – Birmensdorf/CH

Present: Bob Bunce (BB), Louis Iverson (LI), Sandra Luque (SL), Felix Kienast (FK), Rob Jongman (RJ), Maria Kozova (MK), Nobukazu Nakagoshi (NN), Marion Potschin (MP), Jesper Brandt (JB)

Apologies: none

No Response: Richard Hobbs

Minutes

This EC meeting went over three days, Friday and Saturday (1 ½ days for the administrative EC issues and Sunday an excursion to NW Switzerland). The excursion had two purposes – on the one hand this gave some EC members the chance to book much cheaper flights – over a weekend – and on the other hand to learn more from each other. The experience from the last and this meeting is that given the rising numbers of issues to be covered in the administrative EC meeting at least 1 ½ day is needed.

1. Welcome

- The host - Felix Kienast - welcomes the EC in WSL and Birmensdorf and introduces us to the logistic plan of the meeting including an invited dinner (financed by WSL).
- The president welcomes the EC and states that he very pleased that all members were able to come to the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda (A2)

Several items were clarified under which item they occur (IALE-Africa = 9.1, Preparation of General Assemble was added as item 10.2 and Journal of Landscape Ecology is covered under 7.5) and then the agenda was adopted.

3. Adoption of Minutes of the December 01, 2005 meeting and actions (A3)

Approved

It was decided that the all minutes (staring with this EC cycle 2003-2007) should go on the IALE portal for transparency.

4. Report of the Treasurer Budget (RJ)

4.1 Financial report for 2005 (A4a)

- RJ reads us through the treasurer's report (A4a) and unclear items were explained.
⇒ **Action:** RJ to add a few small remarks for clarification into the budget and send to FK (bulletin to be published)
- Clarification to be added before publishing (RJ):

- LI: 28.500 spend 18.500 to congress how do I know what the other 10.000 are – take those numbers out
- Add saving account to support fund
- Starting budget (details of expenditures)
- Add “in” and “out” above columns
- Check the books for 2005 ⇒ **Action:** RJ asked IALE-Belgium for two members

4.2 Financial plan for 2006

- The Financial Plan for 2006 is accepted

4.3 Fee structure (A4b)

- Concern around the table that there is a too high regional cost
- RJ introduced the panel to the new fee structure of IALE as given in A4b.
- JB: Full fee Regular = 100% (and student 50%) and reduced fee = 50% (student 25%)
- BB: To cover for the future in exceptional cases or difficulty the treasurer can contact the EC for reduced fee or even 0.
- ⇒ **Action:** JB to contact regions on new fee structure to be decided (voted) at the next congress, by pointing out the countries which will be affected
- ⇒ **Action:** MP to change the fee structure in flyer (see 7.1)

5. Report from the Bulletin-Editor (Felix Kienast)

- Two issues out this year already
- Felix apologies for not presenting the two new regions (Argentina and Brazil) in the same bulletin
- Felix established a group for a review system before circulation (LI, SL and JB will support FK)
- Not inquire an ISSN number yet. ⇒ **Action:** RJ will asked for ISSN for two thing (bulletin and web-based publications)
- Original report that people try to publish something in the bulletin (Himalayas)
- Information flow towards bulletin editor is better, but needs a bit more theme-article/PhD studies (short as possible)
- FK receives books for book reviews – LI is book reviewer for Landscape Ecology and is asking for coordination of these reviews. Reviews should be published only once (between Bulletin and LE)
- Strict deadlines for next bulletins are needed given the upcoming election process: 31. August 2006, 31. October 2006, 31. January 2007, 30 April 2007.
- FK informs EC on reorganisation in WSL. FK might need to charge for his student support to edit the bulletin
- Which info into bulletin/homepage and which not?
 - It's the editors responsible to decide on what to print (advertise)
 - LI challenged the question to have IALE linked to activities (but not financially funding support)

6. Statutes – discussion of possible changes (LL)

- LI runs through the comments for changes he made and received from JB and opens the discussion about them around the table.
 - The final decisions on the changes for the statutes are included in new statutes and will be presented for approval by EC at the next meeting.
- ⇒ **Action:** *BB* (with support of LI and JB) to formulate precise wording C1
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to circulate updated statutes before next meeting

7. Public Relations

7.1 Flyer (MP) (*as circulated after meeting*)

- All corrections for the flyer were discussed during the meeting
 - It was decided that flyer is an evolving document which needs to be flexible and therefore not printed by a commercial printer – but printed in our own institutes
 - Everyone to encourage distribution
 - Fee is in US\$ only and its equivalent in currency exchange rate in €(for details contact the treasurer)
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to add changes to flyer (via LI)
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to circulate it to all EC, esp. fast to SL and RJ (homepage)
- ⇒ **Action:** *JB* to circulate flyer to all regions
- ⇒ **Action:** *All* to print out in own department and take to conferences

7.2 Status Handbook (Louis Iverson)

The purpose and value of the handbook (two vol.) was discussed and decided, that

- Both go on internet
 - Vol. I will be printed for everyone for the congress (but LI points out that this document is not in the format yet)
 - New descriptions for the responsibilities (deadline end of September 2006)
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* circulated the list of EC members' responsibility and ALL add some
- ⇒ **Action:** *RJ* defines the responsibility for the posts of treasure, webmaster and membership administration.

7.3 US Server (LI)

⇒ **Action:** *RJ* to add link to US server to IALE portal

7.4 IALE Publications (BB)

While RJ and BB did the preparatory work on the 6 tiers of IALE publications (instructions, based on the Web) this opportunity is not picked up very well. So how to improve this:

- PhD course for IALE 2007 should be using the Tier 2
 - Any workshop should be encouraged for Tier 2 (initial abstract) or Tier 3
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to include this possibility in PhD courses linked to IALE
- ⇒ **Action:** *JB* to contact Regions to inform about publication possibilities esp encourage PhDs students etc.

7.5 IALE's relationship to other journals (MP)

- **Landscape Ecology (RJ)**
 - The relationship between IALE and Springer but also the structure within IALE needs to be clarified.
 - It was decided that in the agreement that the exchange of logos for promotion and possibilities for online subscriptions, the rest stays the same. The changes in membership prices need to be announced before the 1st of October
 - Exchange of 1 page of camera ready (b/w and pdf) advertisement in LE and Bulletin (8 times a year)
 - Coordination responsibility is SL. Up to the congress the main contribution will be advertisement of the congress. Later it could also be info from regions, bulletin, esp.
- **LRLR (MP)**
 - IALE logo and link to IALE homepage needs to be posted
 - All EC members were requested to send me names for topic editors (themselves or colleagues)
 - One page of advertisement to IALE Bulletin

⇒ **Action:** *MP* Action to report back to LRLR
- **JLUS**
 - Material for one paragraph in bulletin
 - Request from journal to IALE if exchange of homepage links is possible to promote each other. Yes we link, please link IALE. Please look on homepage and see what content we have for LE.

⇒ **Action:** *MP* to report back to JLUS

7.6 How to establish a dialogue to landscape-related networks (like LE, LT ECLAS) and what should be the terms of engagement (MP)

- BB makes clear that networks like LE are commercial networks
- We need to make sure that we keep aware of the situation not to be used

- The dialogue should be open to all networks and no single one (EU based) should be favored

8. World Congress 2007 (BB, RJ)

- **Symposia**
 - “Complaints” from Paul Opdam (which is included now in the symposia main titles), Laura Musacchio too much time for merging symposia and withdrawal (now they are included in no 19, Steingrover and Potschin [after meeting: this seems to be a misunderstanding from LM siedes, she continued with her individual symposia] and Dirk Wascher (Alterra) who claims BB and RJ did not include Alterra interests enough – all issues were clarified.
 - Open call: there will be an exchange of possible additional talks from the open call to the already planned symposia
 - SL rises the question of the poster can be ordered according to symposia. Its organization will be considered
 - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to send RJ that no 17 needs to be taken off list of symposia
- **Plenary Speaker:**
 - Major change since last meeting was to get away from regional/continental focus to landscape problem related
 - Out of the experience of the EC members some names were changed
 - The new version will be circulated to the SC again for acceptance
- **Teaching and Training Courses**
 - Two course proposal were not submitted after deadline (M. Wassen, A. Barendregt) but it was decided as there were no strict rules that they can still be considered for the next step
 - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to adapt the Faro business plan and check with RJ and circulate to course organiser and send out with extended expression of interest
- **Book**
 - BB and RJ in contact with Jan Klijn, who will come to the congress
 - BB asked Jan about editorship and at the moment IK goes with single editorship
 - Possibilities for Springer but also Cambridge
- **Special Issue in *Landscape Ecology***
 - JB discussed this with J. Wu (editor) and received, there is no conflict with the two pages abstract published in the IALE series at time of congress and LE is very much interested in doing a special issue.
 - What is the selection process to fill this special issue?
- **New Account**
 - Rob has set up a new account to separate out
- **Flyer and Poster**
 - The graphics for the poster are set, there is only space for short corrections (in single words)
 - ⇒ **Action:** *All* to add ideas for precise wording to RJ by Monday 12.6. morning

9. Regions/Working Groups

9.1 Report and requests from regions

- **Africa** (LI talks us through to new congress proposal **(A9.1a + A91b)**)
 - The main concerns around the table are: the proposal is far too ambitious and too traditional/top-down approach and also considering the size of area it will be too heavy loaded to organize and will put too much tension on everyone.
 - Advise to put in a workshop for IALE2007, advise to go ahead with a congress in Africa if they want, but without financial support of IALE
⇒ **Action:** *FK, LI and JB* to draft a letter to reply to Henry Bulley.
- **Argentina** (SL)
 - Problem at the moment at most of the fees go to legal people.
 - Region is developing a electronic newsletter (Spanish)
 - collaboration building up between institute
 - SL introduced a France-Argentina collaboration/workshops
(www.grenoble.cemagref.fr/workshop_bariloche/)
- **India** (LI)
In progress (wait for some legal acknowledgment)
- **Canada** (LI)
 - 77 members met in Nov 2005, have some regional meetings and still intend to form an official region
 - BB tells a similar situation in Spain
 - EC individual members should keep in constant contact and promote activities
- **France** (SL)
Active, have their annual meeting
- **General region questionnaire**
⇒ **Action:** *MP* to circulate questionnaire and excel sheet again to EC members and request information on regions

9.2 Report from the Council (JB)

- Not very much has happened since the last meeting, but a lot of activities to be expected in fall. ⇒ **Action:** *JB* to send out the following issues to the council (repress. of the regions)
 - Fee structure (A4b)
 - Changes of statutes (A6)
 - To discuss candidates for the election
- We need to find a mechanism to inform EC members internally ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to updates JB and RJ

9.3 Status on European Region (JB)

Not much has happened since the last meeting. But there will be a meeting October 4th, 2006 linked to the Slovak Landscape Ecology Meeting which will continue the work of the preparatory working group and make recommendation for the next stage.

9.4 Report from Working Groups

- **ECOLAND (BB)**: Forum met in Almeria with 17/18 participants April 5-7, 2006. Very positive meeting with good results. A report has been prepared and a list of task of responsibilities.
⇒ **Action**: *MP* to ask Marc to send report and programme
- **LE-NET (MP)**: prepared the short and extended versions of “Expression of Interest” for the teaching courses linked to IALE2007. The workshop itself will have a election in a workshop linked to IALE2007.
⇒ **Action**: *MP* to prepare a business plan (conditions) for taking courses ahead (extended version of ExofIn)

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 EC-Election (JB)

- JB made an agreement with E. Homes to set up the **election procedure**.
- **Timetable** as presented in Table is accepted ⇒ **Action**: *MP* to add dates discussed for Bulletin deadlines (A10.1a)
- **Online-Voting** was discussed on the base on US-IALE Example (A10.1b) and decided that we have to add this possibility of voting as well. However in principle on the base of the directory ballots will be sent out.
- Pick up point from item 7.2 to inform **EC on work load** in different positions
- Who of the board is going for re-election: Treasurer: RJ not standing, PP = BB is standing. VP: LI not decided yet, NN prepared to stand again, needs to consult with Pacific Asia region, Council = JB prepared to stand in, Bulletin = Felix is prepared to stand in again, GS = MP is willing to stand in again for another period.
- Proposal for the next world congress will be competitive and handled independently of election of president.

10.2 Arrangements for the General Assemble

- Will take place on Tuesday 13.30 – 14.30
 - Chair: President
 - SG to assist BB
 - What needs to be covered
 - Report of what we have done in the last four year
 - Financial Report
 - SG on activities
 - Journal (LE)
 - Proposals for renews
 - Results of Elections (Presentation)
 - Next World Congress
 - Statutes
- ⇒ **Action**: *MP* to create draft agenda for General Assemble for next EC meeting

10.3 Next congresses

10.3.1 Eco-Summit

- LI is the representative of IALE in the Scientific Committee
- NN will be present at the next preparatory meeting

10.3.2 World Congress (2011)

- The EC decides on the procedure for the next World Congress
- The call for an initial expression of interest should be out soon (deadline Nov. 2006) (bulletin, web and directly so we have the proposals here for the next EC meeting
- Full break down for the Spring EC Meeting
- But must know the statutes of the new EC in order to make informed decision with as much information as possible. If there is a casting vote then the location close to the present will add weight.
⇒ **Action:** *MP* to prepare an Expression of interest form for world congress and circulate to EC members

10.3.4 European Congress (2009) (MP)

- Mp has sent out official confirmation to 3 IALE regions (A10.3)
- All three chapters will meet in October 2006 linked to Slovak meeting
- Salzburg will be the location (which also means. J. Breuste)

10.4 Responsibilities in IALE EC board

⇒ **Action:** *MP* to coordinate to get responsibilities of EC members

10.5 What in next bulletin?

- ⇒ **Action** *RJ* to adjust and send treasurer report
- ⇒ **Action** *JB* to announce election procedures (to FK by August 23rd, 2006)
- ⇒ **Action:** *JB* request for Nominations in Nov 2006, possible slate for candidates in January 2007
- ⇒ **Action:** *FK* to include info on US server – subscribe from IALE-portal
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to report on EC activities

11. Next meetings (date and place):

- 17. (~lunch) - 19. November (evening) 2006 – Roskilde (organised by Jesper)
- 3rd May (~lunch)- 5th June evening 2007 – Grenoble (organised by Sandra) (possibly LI and NN via telephone conference)

Actions (status as of time of approval):

| | Who | What? | status |
|---|-----|---|--------|
| 3 | MP | To turn all minutes from 2003-2007 into one pdf file each | |
| | RJ | Put all minutes from this (2003-2007) cycle on web | |

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| 4 | RJ | to add minor clarifications into budget for 2005 and send to FK to publish a simplified version in the next bulletin (asap) | |
| | RJ | to ask IALE-Belgium for two members to look through the books | |
| | JB | to contact regions on new fee structure to be decided (voted) at the next congress, by pointing out the countries which will be affected. | |
| 5 | RJ | to asked for ISSN for two thing (bulletin and web-based publications) | |
| | FK | to keep strict deadlines for the bulletins up to the world congress | |
| 6 | BB | to finalise the precise wording for the changes in the statutes (with support of JB and LI) (HM new phrasing and add new section award) | ✓ |
| | LI | to send updates draft version of statutes to MP for minutes | ✓ |
| | MP | to circulate updated statutes before next meeting | ✓ |
| 7.1 Flyer | MP | to update flyer with fee structure change | ✓ |
| | MP | to send to all EC (but esp. fast to SL and RJ | ✓ |
| | ALL | to print put (in colour) their own copies and take to conferences | ongoing |
| 7.2 hand- book | MP | circulated the list of EC members' responsibility and All add some | ✓ |
| | RJ | to define the responsibility for the posts of treasure, webmaster and membership administration | |
| 7.3 server | RJ | to add info on homepage and ask for possible subscription | |
| | FK | to add info in bulletin and ask for possible subscription | |
| 7.4 IALE publi- cation | JB | to contact regions to inform about publication possibilities esp. encourage PhDs students etc. | |
| | MP | to include this possibility in PhD courses linked to IALE | |
| 7.5 I & journ als | SL | to take responsibility to coordinate 8 x 1 pages with IALE-LE | Ongoing |
| | MP | to report back to LRLR | ✓ |
| | MP | to report back to JLUS | ✓ |
| | RJ | to link on homepage with "IALE related journals" (JLUS, LRLR) | |
| 8 | All | to send detail wording for poster by Monday 12.6. to RJ | ✓ |
| | MP | to adapt the Faro business plan and check with RJ and circulate to course organiser and send out with extended expression of interest | |
| 9.1 regio ns | LI | to draft a letter to reply to Henry Bulley (support of FK and JB). | ✓ |
| | MP | to circulate questionnaire and excel sheet again to EC members and request information on regions | ✓ |
| | MP | to updates JB and RJ asap on outcome of questionnaire | |
| | MP | to ask Marc Metzler to send report and programme (for archives) | ✓ |
| 10.1 | MP | to add dates discussed for Bulletin deadlines | ✓ |
| | JB | to start the nomination process for next election | |
| 10.2 | MP | to create draft agenda for General Assemble for next EC meeting | |
| 10.3 | MP | to circulate questionnaire and excel spreadsheet again to EC members | ✓ |
| 10.4 | MP | to coordinate responsibilities of EC members | ongoing |
| 10.5 Bullet in | RJ | to send amended treasurer report to FK | |
| | JB | to announce election procedures (to FK by August 23 rd , 2006) | |
| | JB | Request for nominations in Nov 2006, possible slate for candidates in January 2007 | |
| | FK | Info on US server – subscribe from IALE-portal | |
| | MP | to write an up-date report on EC activities | |

Appendices:

A2: Agenda

A3: Minutes from Nottingham-EC Meeting

A4a: Financial Reports 2005 and 2006

A4b: Proposal for new fee structure

A6: Statutes as discussed and amended during the EC meeting in Birmensdorf 9.+ 10.06.06

A9.1a: proposal for IALE Africa conference

A9.1b: Response of EC to IALE Africa/Henry Bulley

A10.1_a: Elections 2007 – timetable

A10.1b: IALE US web based voting – text via dream weaver

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Host: Felix Kienast - WSL – Birmensdorf/CH

Room EPD 1

A2: Agenda

1. **Welcome**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Adoption of Minutes** of the December 01, 2005 meeting **and actions** (A3a)
4. **Report of the Treasurer Budget** (Rob Jongman) (A4a=report, A4b = new fee structure)
5. **Report from the Bulletin-Editor** (Felix Kienast)
6. **Statutes** – discussion of possible changes (Louis Iverson) (A6)
7. **Public Relations**
 - 7.1 Status: Flyer (Marion Potschin) (A7.1a + A7.1b) *to be circulated*
 - 7.2 Status Handbook (Louis Iverson)
 - 7.3 US Server (LI)
 - 7.4 IALE Publications (BB)
 - 7.5 Other journals (LE, LRLR, etc.) (MP) – A7.5a + A7.5b
8. **World Congress 2007** (Bob Bunce, Rob Jongman)
9. **Regions/Working Groups**
 - 9.1 Report and requests from regions (All)
 - 9.2 Report from the Council (JB)
 - 9.3 Status on European Region (JB)
 - 9.4 Report from Working Groups (BB/MP)

10. Miscellaneous (status)

10.1. EC-Election (JB) – **A.10.1a – A10.1c**

10.2. Next congresses

10.2.1. Eco-Summit – status (LI)

10.2.2. World Congress (2011) (MP)

10.2.3. European Congress (2009) (MP) – status

10.3. Responsibilities in IALE EC board (new members)

10.4. What next?

11. Next meeting (date and place)

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A3: Minutes

IALE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2003-2007/2009)

Thursday, December 1, 2005

9 am–4 pm

**Host: Marion Potschin - Centre for Environmental Management
School of Geography, University of Nottingham
Room A115, ground floor**

Present: Bob Bunce (BB), Louis Iverson (LI), Sandra Luque (SL), Felix Kienast (FK), Maria Kozova (MK), Nobukazu Nakagoshi (NN), Marion Potschin (MP), Jesper Brandt (JB) represents the council.

Apologies: Rob Jongman (RJ)

No responses: Richard Hobbs

This EC meeting went over two days: While Thursday 1.12.05 was reserved for the administration of IALE EC – the day ended with a research seminar by LI given to the School of Geography/Nottingham (see A0a). On Friday 2.12.2005 the first IALE EC workshop on “Current Trends in Landscape Ecology” was held at CEM (See A0b). The school seminar was also planned to cover some of the travel expenses for EC members. The experience from this meeting is that given the rising numbers of issues to be covered in the administrative EC meeting at least 1 ½ day is needed.

12. Welcome

- The president Bob Bunce welcomed all but especially the two new EC members (Dr Sandra Luque and Prof. Maria Kozova). He expressed his gratitude to the Centre for Environmental Management within the School of Geography in Nottingham for hosting the meeting.
- BB also informed the EC about his new employment situation. He is now acting as a consultant to Alterra, however this will not affect his role as IALE president

13. Adoption of Agenda (A2)

Approved

14. Adoption of Minutes of the July 15th, 2005 meeting and actions (A3)

- The Minutes from the Bratislava meeting were approved.
- It was decided to put the minutes on the IALE portal after an initial month period of circulation in between the EC members for approval.

15. Report of the Treasurer Budget (Rob Jongman) (A4a – A4c)

- As RJ was not present the written report was studied by all present. It was generally felt that the EC members needed more interpretation and explanation to be in the position to approve budgets.
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to ask RJ to comments on A4a. Email to EC to approve Budget 2005 and 2006

16. Report from the Bulletin-Editor (A5)

- The attached report was presented by the bulletin editor
- It was discussed to have a message form the EC in each bulletin
- 80% of all bulletins are scanned (up to end of 2005) and available in digital form from the web.
- Layout was briefly discussed and it was decided to leave it to 4 pages per issue
- The question of the benefit of an ISSN number was discussed
- ⇒ **Action:** *FK* to inquire the benefits and possibilities of having a ISSN number

17. Public Relations

6.1 Status: Flyer (MP) (A6.1a + A6.1b)

- It was discussed how to circulate the flyer more actively at conferences.
- The question was raised if IALE has the money for printing the flyer in high quality or if people internally have the capacity to print them
- *LI* asked for a person in charge to encourage the distribution
- *SL* points out that the fee structure needs to be adopted
- ⇒ **Action:** *ALL* this needs to be followed up at the next EC and decided

6.2 Status Handbook (LI) (A6.2a + A6.2b)

- The purpose of the handbook was explained to the new EC members
- It became clear that the handbook (Vol II = archives) is a working document which needs constantly updating, therefore it was decided that it is not for publication, while Vol. I “instrument – history” was discussed to be printed for the IALE 2007 congress.
- A timetable was discussed:
 - ⇒ **Action:** *ALL* pass on info for Vol. I to *Louis* by 31.1.2006
 - ⇒ **Action:** *LI* sends around amended version to EC by 15.02.2006
 - ⇒ **Action:** *LI* finalised Vol I and writes one paragraph about handbook for the bulletin by 31.1.2006
- It was also pointed out that the handbook should be accessible to everyone with an interest in it. ⇒ **Action:** *LI* to pass it on to *RJ* to put on web
- Vol. II is an ongoing project and needs to be revised every 6 months.
 - ⇒ **Action:** *ALL* pass on your comment on “What issues should be covered in

Vol. II” to LI by 31.1.2006)

- BB also suggests to get “older” people/IALE member to talk about IALE history for Vol. 1

6.3 US Server (LI) (A6.3)

⇒ **Action:** *LI* agrees to send a brief introduction of the US server for bulletin

⇒ **Action:** *LI* to send link to RJ for homepage

6.4 IALE Publications (BB)

- IALE series is a IALE publication and open to all – more publicities
- LI points out that the publication is handled by membership secretary in IALE(US)
- It was decided to leave it as it is until the next election in 2007 and see if this issue can be handed over to the new treasurer

6.5 Open Discussion of IALE’s relationship to other journals (MP) (A6.5)

- A discussion on where to publish after a congress, e.g. special issues. The situation of pending special issues in Landscape Ecology and Landscape and Urban Planning was highlighted. Many special issues delayed because of over commitment of journals
- JB sees a need that we need to learn out of this – better arrangements ?
- ⇒ **Action:** *JB* will clarify the deal with LE – esp. that having published an extended abstract in the IALE series does not hinder people from publishing a full paper after the congress.
- **LRLR:** It was agreed that IALE would contribute to the journal and that MP will take the position of Editor-in-Chief (for IAEL). It needs to be clarified that IALE is not committing itself to payment and extra work load.
- IALE EC nominates people to be members of Editorial boards of other journals as well. FK points out to push the landscape topic in other related journals as well. ⇒ **Action:** *ALL* check possible positions in editorial boards

6.6 How to establish a dialogue to landscape-related networks (like LE, LT ECLAS) and what should be the terms of engagement (MP)

- This was only discussed briefly due to time constraints. JB points out that there is a conflict of interest esp. as all those networks mentioned above are EU-centred (and not international) – networks need to open up.
- ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to create a list of all relevant associations

18. World Congress 2007 (Bob Bunce, Rob Jongman) (See A7a – A7d)

- BB reports on progress with business plan/publications/studentships.
- BB and RJ will meet on Dec. 9th and the following updates will be circulated to EC

- List of submitted symposia will be circulated in Dec. 2005
- Names for plenary speakers for comment
- Fee reduction was discussed
- The Springer Book (on IALE2007) was discussed again, and Jan Kliyn as potential editor **Action:** *BB* to ask Jan if he wants to have co-editor

19. Regions/Working Groups

8.1 Report and requests from regions (all) *(see A8.1a to A8.1f)*

- *The spread sheet created by LI was discussed and EC members responsible for several regions identified*
 - ⇒ **Action:** *ALL* to contact identified regions and get them to fill in IALE questionnaire and to be returned to Secretary General.
 - ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to collect all the data in the spread sheet
- **IALE-Africa** situation was discussed. It became obvious that this region needs some guidance and a lesson to be learned out of the late cancellation. Also the question was raised if it would be better to have a IALE-Ghana rather than a super-region as Africa.
- SL reported on the foundation meeting of **IALE-Argentina** and talked us through the official report created by the new chapter. Talked the EC through the board and council members as well as the financial report on the founding meeting. Statutes were under preparation and will be send to SG.
 - ⇒ **Action:** *SL* to contact Jean Paul M. to report back to Council about IALE-Brazil
 - ⇒ **Action:** *SL* to feed back the information on IALE-Argentina to Council
 - ⇒ **Action:** IALE-Argentina needs an official letter of acceptance by the council (who??? JB from council or MP from IALE)
 - ⇒ **Action:** *SL* to shorten the official report for the bulletin.

8.2 Report from the **Council** (Jesper Brandt/LI) *(see A8.2)*

- JB reports that he is still missing the details from several region contacts.
 - ⇒ **Action:** *ALL* to report back to JB on Contact details

8.3 **Status on European Region** (Jesper Brandt)

- JB points out that the objective of IALE-EU will be to respond to the various landscape directives (on European Level)

8.4 Report from **Working Groups** (all) *(see A8.4a, A8.4b and A8.4c)*

- **ENULE:** the official letter from Robbert SNEP on the withdrawal of the working group from IALE was discussed and accepted. However it was stated that “what lessons can be learned out of such process” JB reports that he is still missing the details from several region contacts. ⇒ **Action:** *MP* to write back to ENULE that

we accept withdrawal.

- Nothing to report from **ECOLAND** and **LE-Net**.

20. Miscellaneous (status)

Due to limited time left for this item only next steps were discussed

20.1. EC-Election (Jesper Brandt) **(A9.1a and A9.1b)**

⇒ **Action:** *JB* to develop time frame and nomination procedure for the next meeting

20.2. Next congresses

⇒ **Action:** *MP* to write official letter of acceptance to IALE-D, ILAE-Sk and IALE-CH **(see A9.3)**

20.3. Statutes – suggestions for changes **(see A9.6)**

⇒ **Action:** *MP* to put on agenda for next time and in a higher (earlier) position. t

21. Next meeting (date and place): Birmensdorf (WSL): 9. and 10th June, 2006

Actions: (yellow – still pending from earlier meetings, status after Birminsdorf meeting)

| | Who | What? | status |
|-----|-----|--|--|
| 3 | MP | Circulate Minutes in between EC | ✓ |
| | RJ | Put all minutes from this (2003-2207) cycle on web | ⇒ |
| 4 | MP | to ask RJ to comments on A4a. Email to EC to approve Budget 2005 and 2006 | ✓ |
| | 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 | FK | Forward bulletin report in digital version to MP |
| 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 | ✓ |
| RJ | | to send out a request for bulletin report with loan | ⇒ |
| FK | | FK to organise a ISSN-number for the Bulletin | ⇒ |
| FK | | to contact keynote speakers from Faro IALE-EU congress to submit a small paper for bulletin | ⇒ |

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|--|---------|
| 6.1 Flyer | ALL | All issued discussed regarding this issue need to be followed up and decided at the next meeting | ✓ |
| | MP | to update flyer with issues discussed at that meeting | ✓ |
| | ALL | to print put (in colour) their own copies and take to conferences | ongoing |
| 6.2 hand- book | All | to pass on info for Vol. I to Louis by 31.1.2006 | ✓ |
| | LI | sends around amended version to EC by 15.02.2006 | ✓ |
| | LI | LI finalised Vol. I and writes one paragraph about handbook for the bulletin by 31.1.2006 | ⇒ |
| | LI | to send final version Vol. I to RJ to place on web | ⇒ |
| | All | to pass on your comment on “What issues should be covered in Vol. II” to LI by 31.1.2006) | ✓ |
| | 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 | ongoing |
| 6.3 server | LI | to send a brief introduction of the US server for bulletin | ⇒ |
| | LI | to send link to RJ for homepage | ⇒ |
| 6.4 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?) leave with 2007treasurer | ⇒ |
| 6.5 IALE & journ als | JB/RJ | to clarify the deal with LE – esp. that having published an extended abstract in the IALE series does not hinder people from publishing a full paper after the congress. | ✓ |
| | ALL | check possible positions in editorial boards | ⇒ |
| | RJ | To start link on homepage with “IALE related journals” | ⇒ |
| 7 | BB | to ask Jan if he wants to have co-editor | ✓ |
| 8.1 regio ns | RJ | to inform EC (next meeting) on the learning process for IALE Africa Cancellation IALE out of this. Was a loan given? | ✓ |
| | ALL | to contact identified regions and get them to fill in IALE questionnaire and to be returned to Secretary General | Ongoing |
| | MP | to collect all the data in the spread sheet | Ongoing |
| | SL | to contact Jean Paul M. to report back to Council about IALE-Brazil | ⇒MP |
| | SL | to feed back the information on IALE-Argentina to Council | ⇒MP |
| | ?? | IALE-Argentina needs an official letter of acceptance by the council (who??? JB from council or MP from IALE) | ⇒ |
| | SL | to shorten the official report for the bulletin | ✓ |
| 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 | ⇒ |
| | BB | BB to contact crucial people of Ecoland to request IALE membership | ⇒ |
| | 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? | ⇒ |

Mp 09.06.2006

A4a: Financial Reports**Financial report IALE 2005**

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|---|-------------------|
| starting budget | | | € | 587,81 |
| fee individual members 2005 | € | 5.912,25 | | |
| fee regions 2005 | € | 12.090,52 | | |
| fee 2004 | € | 8.025,55 | | |
| fee 2006 | € | - | | |
| fee rest | € | - | | |
| publications | € | 1.105,62 | € | 1.916,38 |
| directory | | | € | 1.428,00 |
| bulletin | € | - | € | 491,25 |
| executive committee | € | - | € | 4.623,79 |
| IALE2007 | € | - | € | 18.843,60 |
| congresses | € | 5.000,00 | € | 2.391,70 |
| subscriptions LE 2004 | | | € | 62,45 |
| subscriptions LE 2005 | | | € | 6.688,85 |
| administration, office management | € | - | € | 3.661,86 |
| banking and interest account | € | - | € | 207,08 |
| working groups regions | € | - | € | 2.816,70 |
| website | | | € | 2.552,55 |
| representation | | | € | 30,00 |
| other in/out | € | 28.500,00 | € | 13.000,00 |
| transactions | € | 60.633,94 | € | 58.714,21 |
| subtotal I | | | € | 1.919,73 |
| | | | € | 2.507,54 |
| support fund | | | | |
| starting capital 1-1-2005 | | | € | 38.017,76 |
| interest 2004-2005 | € | 788,30 | | |
| taken/added funds 2005 | € | 13.000,00 | € | 28.500,00 |
| reservations | € | - | | |
| transactions support fund | € | 13.788,30 | € | 28.500,00 |
| subtotal II | | | € | 14.711,70- |
| total | | | € | 23.306,06 |
| | | | € | 25.813,60 |

The year 2005 has been a year in which the preparation of the 2007 congress has started.

In general, the development of membership and fee payment went well. The number of members increased especially in central Europe (Slovakia), Asia (China) and Latin America (Brazil). The number of members increased from 1582 in December 2004 to 1692 in December 2005. A further increase is expected in 2006 as in the end of 2005 the Argentinean and Brazilian chapters have been founded.

The increase in membership in low and middle income countries requires a decision on the fee structure at the World Congress of 2007 as the majority of high income members is changing into a more balanced membership.

The publications have still cost more than they raised income. There is a negative balance of €800. However for a starting activity this is not too bad. The publications strategy should therefore be better integrated into the general IALE activities and the best addresses for printing and mailing should be explored better.

The directory has been produced much cheaper than the years before as the formats provided to the regions have been better used. This reduced working time in changing different excel formats into a comparable one. We hope that every year some more regions will turn to the general format; then there still is a potential reduction in costs possible.

The costs for the executive committee were travel costs and hotel costs for the meetings that have been held. Costs have been restricted as much as possible.

The major expenses have been for the IALE 2007 conference. First actions have been taken as claiming a website, starting the website, designing a logo and hiring an organisation bureau for logistic support.

The African congress has been cancelled unfortunately. The expenses spent there have to be calculated as a loss. Next actions in Africa have to be planned in a different way with a stronger base in Africa as it has been done in Latin America. Maybe South Africa could become a starting point for our activities there. However as there is nearly no scientific infrastructure the dependency from support from abroad will remain for longer periods.

The European congress in Faro did have a positive balance and they could pay back the funds that were invested in this congress (€5000).

The number of subscriptions to Landscape ecology through IALE tends to rise slowly. A discussion has been started to allow individual on line subscriptions, but progress depends on actions from both sides. In 2006 new negotiations will be started.

The budget for the regions has been used this year to support the founding of the Argentinean region, the Brazilian region and to send a guest speaker to the meeting of the Australian region.

The figures under other in/out show a balance between exchanges of the banking account and the savings. The difference is due to the budget that has been taking from the savings to invest into the congress of 2007.

A committee should be appointed to check the books as soon as possible. I suggest the Executive Committee to ask members in Belgium UK or the Netherlands to do that as this will reduce travel time and costs for the treasurer.

Financial plan IALE 2006

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| starting budget | | | | € 2.507,54 |
| fee individual members 2005 | € 5.000,00 | | | |
| fee regions 2005 | € 12.000,00 | | | |
| fee 2004 | € 4.000,00 | | | |
| fee 2006 | | | | |
| fee rest | € - | | | |
| publications | € 5.000,00 | € 3.000,00 | | |
| directory | | € 2.000,00 | | |
| bulletin | € - | € 600,00 | | |
| executive committee | € - | € 5.000,00 | | |
| congress 2007 | | € 15.000,00 | | |
| subscriptions LE | | € 7.000,00 | | |
| administration, office management | € - | € 2.000,00 | | |
| banking and interest account | € - | € 200,00 | | |
| working groups, regions | € - | € 1.000,00 | | |
| website | | € 3.000,00 | | |
| representation | | € 3.000,00 | | |
| other in/out | € 22.000,00 | | | |
| transactions | € 48.000,00 | € 41.800,00 | € 6.200,00 | |
| subtotal I | | | € 8.707,54 | |
| support fund | | | | |
| starting capital 1-1-2006 | | | € 30.000,00 | |
| interest 2005-2006 | € 800,00 | | | |
| taken/added funds 2006 | | € 10.000,00 | | |
| reservations | € - | | | |
| transactions support fund | € 800,00 | € 10.000,00 | € 9.200,00- | |
| subtotal II | | | € 20.800,00 | |
| total | | | € 29.507,54 | |

Wageningen 11-5-2007
Rob Jongman, treasurer

A4b: Proposal for the fee structure of IALE

At present IALE has a fee of US\$20 for regular members and US\$10 for student members. In the historical situation when the majority of members were from high income countries this was a sufficient situation. However, now there are increasingly more members from developing and underdeveloped countries, the need comes up to change the structure of fee payment.

It is the objective of IALE to maintain the fee as low as possible. The present situation allows to maintain the fee at US\$20 and US\$10 for high income countries. For the past three years agreements have been made with several regions to pay a lower fee (€5) that was more according to the income of these countries. The agreement has been decided valid until the decision of the general assembly of IALE in 2007. At this meeting a decision has to be made on the fee structure for the near future. This also means that at the Executive Committee meeting of July 9-10 2006 the proposal has to be decided upon, as then the regions can then discuss this advice the EC and formulate their point of view in the autumn when they meet and have their views expressed at the world congress.

The World Bank makes a distinction into four categories:

- Low income economies
- Lower middle income economies
- Upper middle income economies
- High income economies

In the annex the situation for 2004 is presented.

The proposal for the IALE fee is the following:

- High income economies can maintain the present fee (US\$20 and US\$10).
- For members in low income economies the fee can be waived or be US\$ 5 for regular members and free for student members (There are only a few members).
- Members in lower middle income economies pay US\$5,00 and student members are free
- Members in upper middle income countries pay US\$10,00 and student members in these countries pay US\$5,00. Many of these countries pay at present €5,00 for all members

The list of the country categories will be maintained according to the list of the World Bank.

Annex 1 overview of countries according to their income position (2004)**Low-income economies (59)**

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Afghanistan | Haiti | Pakistan |
| Bangladesh | India | Papua New Guinea |
| Benin | Kenya | Rwanda |
| Bhutan | Korea, Dem Rep. | Sao Tome and Principe |
| Burkina Faso | Kyrgyz Republic | Senegal |
| Burundi | Lao PDR | Sierra Leone |
| Cambodia | Lesotho | Solomon Islands |
| Cameroon | Liberia | Somalia |
| Central African Republic | Madagascar | Sudan |
| Chad | Malawi | Tajikistan |
| Comoros | Mali | Tanzania |
| Congo, Dem. Rep. | Mauritania | Timor-Leste |
| Congo, Rep. | Moldova | Togo |
| Cote d'Ivoire | Mongolia | Uganda |
| Eritrea | Mozambique | Uzbekistan |
| Ethiopia | Myanmar | Vietnam |
| Gambia, The | Nepal | Yemen, Rep. |
| Ghana | Nicaragua | Zambia |
| Guinea | Niger | Zimbabwe |
| Guinea-Bissau | Nigeria | |

Lower-middle-income economies (54)

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Albania | El Salvador | Namibia |
| Algeria | Fiji | Paraguay |
| Angola | Georgia | Peru |
| Armenia | Guatemala | Philippines |
| Azerbaijan | Guyana | Romania |
| Belarus | Honduras | Samoa |
| Bolivia | Indonesia | Serbia and Montenegro |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Iran, Islamic Rep. | Sri Lanka |
| Brazil | Iraq | Suriname |
| Bulgaria | Jamaica | Swaziland |
| Cape Verde | Jordan | Syrian Arab Republic |
| China | Kazakhstan | Thailand |
| Colombia | Kiribati | Tonga |
| Cuba | Macedonia, FYR | Tunisia |
| Djibouti | Maldives | Turkmenistan |
| Dominican Republic | Marshall Islands | Ukraine |
| Ecuador | Micronesia, Fed. Sts. | Vanuatu |
| Egypt, Arab Rep. | Morocco | West Bank and Gaza |

Upper-middle-income economies (40)

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|--------------------|
| American Samoa | Grenada | Poland |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Hungary | Russian Federation |
| Argentina | Latvia | Seychelles |
| Barbados | Lebanon | Slovak Republic |
| Belize | Libya | South Africa |

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Botswana | Lithuania | St. Kitts and Nevis |
| Chile | Malaysia | St. Lucia |
| Costa Rica | Mauritius | St. Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Croatia | Mayotte | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Czech Republic | Mexico | Turkey |
| Dominica | Northern Mariana Islands | Uruguay |
| Equatorial Guinea | Oman | Venezuela, RB |
| Estonia | Palau | |
| Gabon | Panama | |

High-income economies (55)

| | | |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Andorra | Greece | New Caledonia |
| Aruba | Greenland | New Zealand |
| Australia | Guam | Norway |
| Austria | Hong Kong, China | Portugal |
| Bahamas, The | Iceland | Puerto Rico |
| Bahrain | Ireland | Qatar |
| Belgium | Isle of Man | San Marino |
| Bermuda | Israel | Saudi Arabia |
| Brunei | Italy | Singapore |
| Canada | Japan | Slovenia |
| Cayman Islands | Korea, Rep. | Spain |
| Channel Islands | Kuwait | Sweden |
| Cyprus | Liechtenstein | Switzerland |
| Denmark | Luxembourg | United Arab Emirates |
| Faeroe Islands | Macao, China | United Kingdom |
| Finland | Malta | United States |
| France | Monaco | Virgin Islands (U.S.) |
| French Polynesia | Netherlands | |
| Germany | Netherlands Antilles | |

A6: Statutes as discussed in Birmensdorf

STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

Approved through a ballot among all members of the Association, closed 1. March 1999, published in IALE Bulletin Vol. 17 no. ¾, June 1999 and confirmed at the IALE world congress August 1999

A Name, Seat and Language of the Association

A1 The name of the association shall be INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY (IALE) or its equivalent in other languages.

A2 The seat of the Association is the address of the Secretary-General. For financial business the address of the Association is the address of the Treasurer.

A3 The working language of the Association shall be English. Other languages may be used within different Regions of the Association.

B Objectives and Activities of IALE

B1 In order to develop an understanding of the structure and function of natural, altered, and managed landscapes and to advance a balanced interaction between humans and their environments, the objectives of the Association shall be to:

- Enhance communication among scientists, planners, managers, and organizations in landscape ecology and related disciplines:
- Advance research in landscape ecology; and
- Promote the development of knowledge of and education in landscape ecology and its applications, and
- to further interactions between scientists and practitioners.

B2 In order to accomplish these objectives, the activities of the Association shall be to:

- Organize a World Congress of Landscape Ecology, normally at intervals of four years;
- Organize other international seminars and workshops and other meetings for effective exchange of knowledge and use of landscape ecology;
- Enhance and support the activities of Regional Chapters;
- Publish or by other means produce or distribute knowledge about landscape ecology and undertake any appropriate actions, including educational instruction and research activities, to enhance the development and application of landscape ecology:
- Form interdisciplinary Working Groups to address specific issues or problems in landscape ecology;
- Edit and distribute a Bulletin, and
- Establish cooperation with other organizations that have similar objectives and related fields of interest.

C Membership

C1 Membership in IALE is open to all persons or institutions interested in or active in the study or the application of landscape ecology. The following classes of membership are available annually from 1 January each year. Every class of membership can qualify as a member in Good Standing.

Regular Members: Individuals who have paid the current individual membership fee.

Corresponding Members: Individuals who have been granted an exemption from the current individual membership fee. Application for exemption will be considered for members to who availability of international exchangeable currency is critically restricted. The Treasurer will receive such applications and will decide whether to allow or reject individual exemptions. Corresponding Members must reapply for exemption before 1 March each year.

Student Members: Individuals who are currently registered as students at a recognized institution of higher education and whose membership application has been certified by the signature of an academic advisor. Student members have all the rights and privileges of Regular Members.

Institutional Members: Institutions that have paid the current institutional membership fee.

C2 Membership in Good Standing shall be lost when a member's fees are in arrears for six months from the due date of 1 January each year.

D The Structure of IALE

D1 The Association shall carry out its work through the following bodies:

- The General Assembly
- The Executive Committee
- The Council
- The Regional Chapters
- The Working Groups

E The General Assembly

E1 The purpose of the General Assembly is to make decisions affecting the general membership of the Association, including changes in membership fees. The General Assembly normally will meet during a World Congress, but may also be convened in any other way designated by the Executive Committee.

E2 Voting privileges in the General Assembly are restricted to members in Good Standing.

E3 The meeting of the General Assembly at the World Congress will receive reports from the Secretary-General and from the Treasurer. These reports also shall be published in an issue of the Bulletin at least three months before the Congress.

E4 Each meeting of the General Assembly shall receive and consider proposals for new IALE activities and shall ratify new IALE activities, policies, and expenditures when requested by the Executive Committee to do so. The Secretary-General shall prepare the material to implement this process.

E5 The General Assembly shall nominate and elect individuals to positions on the Executive Committee following the procedures described in Section G.

F The Executive Committee

F1 The Executive Committee shall consist of:

The President. The President shall have a four-year term. The term of the President begins at the end of a World Congress and continues until the close of the next World Congress. The President is not eligible for re-election to consecutive terms.

The Past-President. The Past-President has the same term and stipulations as the President.

The four Vice-Presidents are intended to provide regional representation and should reflect the international character of the Association. Vice-Presidents have four-year terms. Elections for two Vice-Presidents shall take place at two-year intervals. Vice-Presidents may be re-elected to consecutive terms.

The Secretary-General. The Secretary-General has the same term as the President, but is eligible for immediate re-election.

The Treasurer. The Treasurer has the same term as the President and is eligible for immediate re-election.

The Bulletin Editor, who also serves as Deputy Secretary-General. The Bulletin Editor has the same term as the President and is eligible for immediate re-election.

F2 If the President should resign or become unable to serve before the end of a term, a replacement shall be elected by the Council from among the current Vice-Presidents by a simple majority. The election must be held within three months of the position becoming vacant.

F3 If the Secretary-General should resign or become unable to serve before the end of a term, the office will be filled until the end of the term by the Deputy Secretary-General, who may appoint a new Bulletin Editor in consultation with the President.

F4 If the Treasurer should resign or become unable to serve before the end of a term, the office will be filled until the end of the term by one of other members of the Executive Committee, who may co-opt assistance, as selected by themselves.

F5 The role of the Executive Committee is to manage the activities and responsibilities of IALE, at all times with reference to the Statutes, actions of the General Assembly, and advice of the Council, so as to maintain the vitality of IALE and effectively represent the interests of IALE and its membership. The Executive Committee is responsible for maintaining membership roles and provide for effective communication with the membership.

F6 The Executive Committee shall recommend membership fees in internationally exchangeable currency to the General Assembly with reference to advice from the Council and to the operating budget for IALE. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for income, expenditures, and all financial activities and responsibilities of IALE.

F7 The Executive Committee, through the Secretary-General, shall inform the members about activities of the Executive Committee, the General Assembly, and the Council, by publication in the Bulletin or by other suitable means.

F8 The Executive Committee shall consider potential venues for the next World Congress and shall decide the location as well as advise on other details of the Congress.

F9 The Executive Committee shall act upon proposals to hold supplementary or other IALE conferences or symposia, to ensure that these activities are consistent with and reinforce the mission of IALE.

F10 When IALE ceases to function effectively, the Executive Committee shall end all its affairs and ensure that any remaining resources are used effectively for landscape ecology.

F11 A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be at least four, including the President (or a delegate from within the Committee), the Secretary-General or Deputy Secretary-General, and the Treasurer (or a delegate from within the Committee).

F12 The Executive Committee shall provide for the following awards, to be given to outstanding landscape ecologists, normally at the World Congress: Distinguished Service Award and Distinguished Scholarship Award.

G Elections

G1 Elections shall be held to fill positions on the Executive Committee as needed, following these procedures:

- Elections shall be scheduled by the Executive Committee so as to ensure an orderly and uninterrupted transition between officers.
- Nominations will be received by a Nominating Committee, which shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Council. The Past-President will also be a standing member of the committee. In agreement they shall appoint three additional members to the Nomination Committee, in a manner intended to provide regional representation.
- A request for nominations shall be distributed to all members by the Secretary-General by publication in the Bulletin or by other means in time for receipt at least four months before the scheduled election. Any nominations shall be made by two members in Good Standing and shall be consented to in writing by the signature of the nominee. Nominations shall be in the hands of the Secretary-General at least two months before the scheduled election. The Secretary-General shall deliver all valid nominations to the Chair of the Nominating Committee immediately after this deadline. Nominations may also be made by the Nominating Committee, with the consent of the nominee.
- The Nominating Committee shall develop a slate with (if possible) at least two eligible candidates for each position to be filled in the election. Candidates shall be selected from the nominations received with reference to: considerations of the Statutes of the Association, needs of each particular office, the international and regional nature of IALE, the interdisciplinary character of IALE, and similar criteria likely to affect the vitality of IALE.
- At least four months before the next World Congress or at least one month before the scheduled election, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall distribute to all members currently in Good Standing (as verified by the Secretary-General) a ballot containing the slate of candidates for all positions to be filled in the election together with position statements prepared by the candidates. The ballot shall be distributed in an issue of the Bulletin or by

appropriate electronic means. Space for write-in candidates will be provided for each position, but such candidates must have agreed to serve if elected. The ballot shall be a secret ballot. To be valid, ballots must be returned to the Chair of the Nominating Committee by the end of the day of the scheduled election.

- Candidates for each position will be elected by a simple majority of valid ballots cast. In the event that there is only one candidate for a position, election of the single nominee by acclamation will be indicated by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- The results of the election will be announced to the General Assembly at the World Congress or, in the case of biannual elections, in the IALE Bulletin.

H The Council

H1 The Council of IALE consists of:

- The Executive Committee
- One representative from each confirmed Regional Chapter who has been certified in writing by the Chapter's Executive Committee to the Secretary-General as the elected Regional Representative. The Council Representative must be renewed annually for each Regional Chapter.
- The Chairs of all IALE Working Groups.

H2 The Council will meet at least once every four years at the IALE World Congress, before the meeting of the General Assembly. Between Congresses the Council will work and take decisions mainly via electronic communication.

H3 A Chairman of the Council shall be elected in connection with the Council meeting at the Congress from among the members of the Council who are not also members of the Executive Committee.

H4 A quorum for the Council shall be at least half of the Council members, whether in person or by electronic communication.

H5 The role of the Council is to:

- Accept or reject new applications from, and to terminate as needed, Regional Chapters
- Make recommendations to the Executive Committee on matters of policy or scientific activity.
- Elect a replacement from among the current Vice-Presidents if the President shall resign or be unable to serve before the end of a term.
- Approve nominations of Honorary Members.
- Approve proposals for changes to the Statutes



I Regional Chapters

I1 The Regional Chapters shall form the basic structure of IALE. Based on regional needs and possibilities, the regional chapters initiate regional activities in the form of scientific meetings, meetings on the application of landscape ecology in planning and management, and in other ways distribute knowledge on science, education, and application of landscape ecology. IALE Regional Chapters need not conform to political boundaries.

I2 To be confirmed as an IALE Regional Chapter, landscape ecologists in a region must form an Executive Committee for the region and elect a Regional Representative to the IALE Council. Names and addresses of all the members of the Executive Committee and of the Regional Representative must be sent to the Secretary-General. By establishment of a regional organization, measures shall be taken to involve different relevant disciplines and groups, including individual members of IALE. Bylaws not in contradiction with the IALE Statutes shall be forwarded, together with a report on elections, to the Secretary-General. The Council will vote to confirm or reject the request for Regional Chapter status without undue delay. IALE membership fees for any members of the Regional Chapter who are not already members of IALE shall be forwarded to the Treasurer.

I3 Each IALE Regional Chapter shall:

- Conduct Regional scientific and business meetings and facilitate communication and acquisition of new knowledge about landscape ecology in appropriate ways.
- Provide a complete mailing list of all Regional Chapter members and officers to the Secretary-General and the Treasurer on an annual basis.

- Provide the Secretary-General and Bulletin Editor with an annual report of chapter activities. These reports will be published in the Bulletin as appropriate.
- Provide liaison between the IALE Executive Committee and the Regional members.

I4 Each Regional Chapter may collect membership fees as needed for regional activities, along with the regular IALE membership fees determined by the Executive Committee.

I5 Individuals may not be members of a Regional Chapter without also being members in Good Standing of the Association.

J Working Groups

J1 Working Groups may be established to study and report findings on particular problems or aspects of landscape ecology.

J2 A Working Group may be established either by the Executive Committee to meet a special IALE need or by the Executive Committee pursuant to a recommendation from the Council. It is the duty of the Executive Committee to terminate any Working Group as soon as possible after a majority of the Council members conclude that the need or activity for which the Working Group was established has been met sufficiently or that the Working Group is no longer sufficiently active.

J3 Each Working Group shall elect a Chair as soon as possible after establishment of the Working Group. This Chairperson will become a member of the IALE Council and will be responsible for providing an annual written report of Group activities to the Secretary-General. The Chair shall also present oral and written reports to the General Assembly during the World Congress and/or following the termination of the Working Group.

J4 All members of Working Groups must be IALE members in Good Standing.

K The Bulletin

K1 The Bulletin Editor shall issue the Bulletin at regular intervals to communicate with members about issues and activities in landscape ecology, IALE affairs, and activities of the Regional Chapters and Working Groups.

K2 Costs of production and distribution of the Bulletin shall be paid from membership fees, as budgeted by the Treasurer. Electronic distribution of the Bulletin is the standard. For those unable to obtain it electronically, the printed version will be made available

L Finances

L1 Income to the IALE Treasury shall be from:

- Membership fees.
- Donations, grants, contracts, and any other legal income sources that does not compromise IALE objectives and is approved by the Executive Committee.
- Other sources of income.

L2 Expenditures from the IALE Treasury shall be:

- Planned and completed with reference to an annual budget proposed by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee.
- Approved by the Executive Committee if more than US \$5,000.
- Approved by the Treasurer and the President (or, in emergencies, the Secretary-General in place of the President) if US \$ 1,000-5000.
- Approved by the Treasurer if less than US \$1,000.
- Documented by official signed receipts submitted to the Treasurer in all cases except petty cash.

L3 All financial transactions and the state of the Treasury shall be promptly and regularly recorded by the Treasurer using normal accounting practices. Annual balance sheets shall be submitted to the Executive Committee and



published in the Bulletin, together with a proposed budget for the following year.

L4 If there is a financial crisis, the Treasurer shall immediately inform the executive committee

L5 The Executive Committee shall appoint two individuals to conduct an annual audit of the Treasurer's accounts.

M Other Regulations

M1 The business of IALE may be conducted by mail, telephone, fax, electronic communications, or other means as appropriate.

M2 The Executive Committee may appoint sub-committees charged with specific tasks for a limited term and may give them powers to co-opt other members or non-members for particular purposes.

M3 The President and the Secretary-General in consultation may appoint members to represent IALE at meetings of Regional Chapters or at meetings of other societies or conferences at which IALE interests should be represented but that cannot be attended by any members of the Executive Committee.

N Changes of the Statutes

N1 Proposals for changes to the Statutes can be made in writing to the Executive Committee (through the Secretary-General) by any member in Good Standing. If approved by the Executive Committee and the Council, proposed changes must be published in the Bulletin or otherwise distributed to members at least three months before a scheduled vote on the changes. Voting will be by secret ballot. If approved by a majority of the valid ballots cast, the changes will become effective immediately.

Draft Proposal: Version June 1, 2006

Adoption and Application of Landscape Ecology to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in African Countries

Abstract

In an effort to promote the application of Landscape Ecology to sustainable management of natural resources in African Countries, we propose a five year program of concerted activities by the Africa chapter of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (Africa-IALE) and the IALE executive. These activities include (1) an inaugural Africa-IALE conference, (2) formation of sub-regional groups and workshops, (3) a special issue on “Landscapes of Africa” in the journal *Landscape Ecology*, (4) a book on “Application of Landscape Ecology to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in African Countries”, and (5) short term training programs.

To achieve these objectives, we need to identify funding to support fully (or in part) the proposed activities. This proposal is intended to provide a framework for an eventual document that will be submitted to the funding agencies by Africa-IALE and IALE executive. Although the estimated funding for this project is US\$ 398,000, we could seek funding for specific components of the project from different funding agencies and sponsors. Funding agencies (such as UNEP, FAO, UNDP, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DANIDA, CIDA, USAID, UK-DFID and AusAID) have different guidelines for solicited and unsolicited grant proposals. As such, we may need to modify the proposal to comply with the guidelines of the agency(s) we contact.

1.0. Introduction

Landscape Ecology involves the study of landscape patterns, the interactions among patches within a landscape mosaic, and how these patterns and interactions change over time. The concept is increasingly being used to study complex landscape patterns and ecological functions emerging from the impacts of human activities on natural resources and vice-versa. The International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE) aims to promote the development of “Landscape Ecology” as a scientific basis for analysis, planning and management of the landscapes of the world. Over the last quarter century, IALE has championed the importance of “a holistic view of landscapes and ecological processes”. As such Landscape Ecology has expanded from its initial roots in Europe (in the 1930’s) to other continents including North America, Asia, Australia and Latin America.

The need for an African regional chapter of IALE that addresses the unique challenges of African countries was recognized by a group of four participants at the May, 2002 annual conference of US-IALE in Lincoln, Nebraska. A landscape perspective is imperative in order to maintain biodiversity and ecological function as part of any sustainable resource management program (Turner *et al.* 2002). This is particularly true of African countries where political boundaries usually limit effective consideration of landscape implications of natural resource management programs. According to Mabogunje (2004), one of the priorities for adopting science and technology for sustainable development in African countries is to guarantee minimal human impact on the environment in the process of utilizing and transforming natural resources. Adoption of the emerging science of landscape ecology in Africa will enhance sustainable development management of natural resources in areas of aquatic resources, drought mitigation, wildlife management, deforestation, and urban development.

Most environmental research and natural resource management projects have involved bilateral collaborations between researchers and natural resource managers in various African countries and their counterparts in developed countries. Africa-IALE was conceived as a mechanism to advance the adoption of landscape ecology concepts and methodologies in research and sustainable management of natural resources in African countries. In particular, improvements in the collection and processing of landscape-based data on the African continent together with the recent inauguration of the African Union presents a unique opportunity for collaboration among educators, researchers and resource managers who are

interested in mitigating environmental degradation and sustainable management of resources in Africa. Through Africa-IALE, we endeavor to bring together researchers, educators, resource managers, and development agencies in a forum that focuses on landscape perspectives of environmental and natural resource management in African countries.

Africa-IALE was inaugurated at the 2003 IALE World Congress in Darwin, Australia. This event was coupled with a special session on “Landscapes of Africa”. The Darwin meeting set the stage for a membership drive (<http://www.calmit.unl.edu/africa-iale/index.html>) and upcoming Africa-IALE regional conference in Ghana (www.snr.unl.edu/africa). However, it has become increasingly clear that a successful adoption of landscape ecology in African countries needs a systematic effort to ensure the long term viability and relevance of Africa-IALE. To this end, we propose a five year process of coordinated activities aimed at the promoting the application of Landscape Ecology to sustainable management of natural resources in African countries. The first step in this process will be to sponsor participants (to include graduate students) from mostly African countries to the first Africa-IALE conference. This will then be followed by formation of sub-regional groups and workshops, a special issue on “Landscapes of Africa” in the journal *Landscape Ecology*, a book on “Application of Landscape Ecology to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in African Countries” and short term training programs, and short term educational exchange for faculty from African countries.

2.0. Proposed Activities

2.1. Africa-IALE conference

The first biannual conference of Africa-IALE (www.snr.unl.edu/africa) was postponed due to lack of adequate funding to cover the travel, lodging, registration and per diem for participants from African countries (as well as key workshop providers). We will seek funding of approximately \$200,000 for about 100 participants (based on Elmina 2005 estimates). The rescheduled conference theme and program will be revised to specifically address issues related to the “Application of Landscape Ecology to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in African Countries”. An important component of this conference will be a workshop on “Linkages between Landscape Ecology and Natural Resource Management”. Additionally there will be 3 plenary sessions that will address:

- critical areas for landscape ecology research in African countries
- relationship between landscape function and natural resource management in African countries
- land use activities, landscape change and ecosystem integrity in African countries, and
- tools and methods for monitoring and predicting landscape changes in African countries

Conference participants will include those who submit abstracts to the conference, and other persons whose participation in the conference will enhance the mission of Africa-IALE. We will strive to have a good representation of women and graduate students, at least 30 percent of the conference participants. Funding for participants will be based on need and potential contribution to future of Africa-IALE. Selection will be done by a special committee that will include a conference chair and one IALE executive.

2.2. Formation sub-regional groups and workshops

A major feature of the Africa-IALE conference is the first business meeting of Africa-IALE. Some of the activities include a ratification of the draft Africa-IALE constitution, and election of Africa-IALE executive. More importantly, key persons will be identified to coordinate sub-regional groups of Africa-IALE. By starting the subgroups at a common forum, there will be clarity of purpose and coordination with Africa-IALE executive. Additionally, the sub-groups will spearhead short-term training activities (such as workshops) to enhance the adoption of landscape ecology within their particular environmental context.

2.3. Special issue on “Landscapes of Africa” in the Landscape Ecology Journal

A committee will be formed to coordinate with the editor of *Landscape Ecology* journal to produce a special issue on “Landscape of Africa”. Papers will be selected presentations at the Africa-IALE conference and will be subjected to peer-review.

2.4. Book on “Application of Landscape Ecology to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in African Countries”

Discussions are underway with Springer to publish conference proceedings from Elmina 2005 Africa-IALE conference. We will seek to refocus on an edited book on Application of Landscape Ecology to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in African Countries. The contents of this book will include an overview of landscape ecology; critical areas for Landscape Ecology research in African countries, relationships between landscape function and natural resource management in African countries, land use activities, landscape change and ecosystem integrity in African countries, and, tools and methods for monitoring and predicting landscape changes in African countries. This book will complement existing literature on Landscape Ecology. In particular, it will be an indispensable tool in promoting Landscape Ecology to researchers, educators, students and resource managers in African countries. In order to achieve this objective, we will need to make a financial commitment to purchase an arranged quantity of the book (once it is published).

2.5. Short term training and exchange programs

There are a few researchers, educators and resource managers in African countries that have some training or exposure to the emerging discipline of Landscape Ecology. However, it is important to ensure that Landscape Ecology is incorporated into the education and research curricula in African universities and colleges. To achieve these goals, we will explore funding for faculty to visit and interact with leading Landscape Ecology professionals in developed countries. Additionally, workshops at the sub-regional level will provide training for the trainers (college faculty). These educators will be provided with training and tools to teach landscape ecology in their respective institutions.

Since resource managers have unique needs with regards to training, we will also provide workshops specially tailored to meet the needs of these natural resource management professionals in African countries.

3.0. Funding

This proposal provides a framework for final document(s) that will be submitted to the funding agencies by Africa-IALE and IALE executive. Funding agencies (such as UNEP, FAO, UNDP, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DANIDA, CIDA, USAID, UK-DFID and AusAID) have different guidelines for solicited and unsolicited grant proposals. Hence, the final document may need some modifications to comply with the guidelines for particular funding agency.

The estimated general cost of this endeavor is three hundred and ninety-eight thousand (US \$398,000). The itemized costs are as follows:

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| ⇒ Africa-IALE conference | = US \$200,000 |
| ⇒ Landscape Ecology Special Issue* | = US \$8,000 |
| ⇒ Book (500 copies @ 50 USD)* | = US \$25,000 |
| ⇒ Sub-regional Workshops | = US \$65,000 |
| ⇒ Educational Exchanges | = US \$100,000 |

* - provide promotional copies in African countries

3.0. Expected outcome

It is important to note the Africa-IALE conference will provide the much needed forum to jumpstart our plan of action aimed at promoting Landscape Ecology in African countries. At the end of the five year period, we envisage the following achievements.

1. Africa-IALE conference.
 - a. Elected Africa-IALE executive
 - b. Ratification and adoption of Africa-IALE constitution
 - c. Adoption of plan of action to promote Landscape Ecology in African countries
 - d. Sub-regional core groups to coordinate Landscape Ecology workshops for natural resource managers
2. Increased awareness of Landscape Ecology discipline in African countries

This will be achieved through (i) sub-regional workshops, (ii) special issue on Landscapes of Africa in the journal *Landscape Ecology*, and (iii) Book on “Application of Landscape Ecology to Sustainable

Management of Natural Resources in African Countries”.

3. Framework for incorporating Landscape Ecology into curricula of selected African universities (pilot project). This will be achieved through sub-regional workshops and faculty exchanges.

4.0. Collaborators and responsibilities

4.1. Responsibilities. The proposed responsibilities for collaborators in this venture include:

1. Conference co-chairs (3 persons including a lady)
2. Coordinators for “special issue on landscapes of Africa” (2 persons)
 - Outline criteria for selection of peer reviewed papers to be included
3. Book Editors (3 persons)
 - Application of Landscape Ecology to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in African Countries
4. Update Africa-IALE constitution (2 persons)
5. Coordinate election of Africa-IALE executive (2 persons)
6. Coordinate identification of key contact persons for sub-regional groups
7. Update Africa-IALE conference program to specifically address issues related to the “Application of Landscape Ecology to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in African Countries”.
9. Coordinate Africa-IALE membership drive
10. Coordinate university faculty exchanges program

4.2. Collaborators. Below is a list of collaborators and some volunteered responsibilities as of June 5, 2006.

| Name | Contact | Country | Volunteered Responsibilities |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Francis Nunoo | Dept. of Oceanography & Fisheries University of Ghana fkenunoo@ug.edu.gh | Ghana | 1 and 7 |
| Ngobo Martine | IITACA, CIGAR, Cameroun m.ngobo@cgiar.org | Cameroun | 1, 6 and 7 |
| Samuel Codjoe | Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS) University of Ghana scodjoe@ug.edu.gh | Ghana | 2, 9, and 10 |
| Pierre Smit | Geography Dept. University of Namibia oudoring@mweb.com.na | Namibia | 3, 9 and 10 |
| Davide Geneletti | University of Trento, Italy davide.geneletti@ing.unitn.it | Italy | 3 and 10 |
| Bryan C. Pijanowski | Dep. of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University bpijanow@purdue.edu | USA | 2 and 3 |
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| Chris Legg | International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, Nigeria c.legg@cgiar.org | Nigeria (U.K) | |
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| Jacki Vogel Loomis | School of Natural Resources, Univ. of Nebraska – Lincoln jvogel2@unl.edu | USA | 7 (<i>Conference coordinator</i>) |
| Foster Mensah | Dept. of geography, University of Ghana fmensah@ug.edu.gh | Ghana | 1 and 7 |

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IALE Executive Committee

June 14, 2006

Dear Henry,

Thank you very much for your IALE-Africa proposal. Our Executive Committee did discuss it at our meeting June 9-10. We are happy to see the proposal and want to encourage it as best we can. We especially like the five year plan that incorporates the regional workshops and training.

As you might expect, however, we had concerns about the price tag and fear it will inhibit moving forward a timely manner. We therefore also wish you to consider alternatives that may allow moving forward at a significantly lower cost.

Based on the experience we have had in Latin America, it is the feeling of the EC that the regional workshops and/or training may be a good place to focus initially, perhaps in Ghana and/or South Africa where the most IALE members currently reside. In Brazil and Argentina, building from the grass roots level with a regional symposium has ended in successful launching of the Brazil and Argentina chapters.

Rob Jongman also reiterated that if a workshop on some topic involving African scientists were organized for the 2007 World Congress, he is confident that funding from TCA could be acquired to assist with travel expenses to the Netherlands.

Regardless, we applaud your efforts and can write a support letter that might be helpful to potential funding agencies. We do encourage you to develop an independent perspective of landscape ecology in Africa, which may be different from any other region of the world.

Again, thanks so much for this effort. Please keep in touch regarding any further developments or places we might assist.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Iverson, VP-IALE on behalf of the rest of the EC

A10.1a Deadlines and procedural proposals concerning the election of candidates for the IALE Executive Committee 2007-2011.

| Date | Reference to statutes: G election | Comments |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| 8. June 07 | <i>The results of the election will be announced to the General Assembly at the World Congress or, in the case of biannual elections, in the IALE Bulletin.</i> | |
| 30.04.07 | | Deadline to send election updates to FB/bulletin |
| 15. April 07 | <i>To be valid, ballots must be returned to the Chair of the Nominating Committee by the end of the day of the scheduled election.</i> | It is proposed that the day of the election is announced to 15. April 2007 . |
| 8. Feb. 07 at latest | <i>At least four months before the next World Congress or at least one month before the scheduled election, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall distribute to all members currently in Good Standing (as verified by the Secretary-General) a ballot containing the slate of candidates for all positions to be filled in the election together with position statements prepared by the candidates. The ballot shall be distributed in an issue of the Bulletin or by appropriate electronic means. Space for write-in candidates will be provided for each position, but such candidates must have agreed to serve if elected. The ballot shall be a secret ballot.</i> | It is proposed that an e-mail-based election for the slate of candidates, related to an updated directory, is announced in the Bulletin and distributed by e-mail 1. February 2007 . Membership lists for the Directory 2007 should be delivered from the regions per 1. January 2007 . |
| 1. Feb. 07 | <i>The Nominating Committee shall develop a slate with (if possible) at least two eligible candidates for each position to be filled in the election.</i> | It is proposed that the nomination committee from last election (2005) continues, at develop a slate of candidates before 15. January 2007 |
| 31.01.07 | | Deadline to send election updates to FB/bulletin |
| 15. Jan. 07 at latest | <i>A request for nominations shall be distributed to all members by the Secretary-General by publication in the Bulletin or by other means in time for receipt at least four months before the scheduled election.</i> | It is proposed to distribute the request for nominations through the IALE Bulletin primo November 2006 with a deadline for nominations of 15. December 2006 . |
| | | It is proposed that the plan for the upcoming election for the E.C. is announced in the Bulletin in August/September, and that principles and proposals for nominations are discussed by email among the members of the council from September to December 2006. |
| 31.10.06 | | Deadline to send election updates to FB/bulletin |
| 31.08.06 | | Deadline to send election updates to FB/bulletin |

A10.1_B: US-IALE Ballot for the 2006 Election of Officers

Treasurer

Robert Corry is an assistant professor of landscape architecture in the School of Environmental Design & Rural Development, University of Guelph, Ontario. Rob's research has focused on the application of landscape pattern metrics to evaluate plans and designs, and the scale sensitivity of pattern quantities for high-resolution data. His publications include papers in *Landscape Ecology* and *Landscape and Urban Planning*, and a co-authored chapter in Liu and Taylor's (eds.) "Integrating Landscape Ecology into Natural Resource Management". Rob was a NASA-MSU Professional Enhancement awardee at IALE in 1999. Beyond his faculty role, Rob's long-term endeavors include raising beef cattle and growing tallgrass prairie vegetation.

Margaret Livingston is an Associate Professor in the School of Landscape Architecture at the University of Arizona. She teaches a range of courses related to ecological and environmental issues in the arid environment in both lecture and design studio formats. Outside of the classroom, she has locally and internationally conducted lectures and workshops that focus on water conservation, wildlife habitat, and use of native plants in urban areas. As an urban ecologist, her work emphasizes the importance of evaluating and maintaining natural and semi-natural ecosystems within and surrounding our expanding urban areas. Current research interests include issues of public access along urban secondary watercourses, assessment of urban land uses for wildlife habitat potential, and water conservation practices for arid cities. She has also served as a native plant consultant for the planning of natural areas within the Southwest, including Red Rock Conservation Area, NV, and Las Cienega National Conservation Area, AZ. Working at a smaller scale, Margaret has designed several urban wildlife spaces, including the butterfly and bird gardens at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Margaret continues to participate in IALE, frequently serving as a student judge and presenting at the international and national meetings.

Please vote for one candidate:

Robert Corry

Margaret Livingston

Councillor-at-Large

Note: There are two vacancies – Please vote for two candidates!

John DiBari recently started work at the Rocky Mountain Research Station, Fire Sciences Laboratory in Missoula, MT. He is working in the US Forest Service's LANDFIRE program with the vegetation ecology and biophysical settings teams to model and map potential vegetation across the US. Previously he had been working in academia, most recently at Western Carolina University as an Assistant Professor of Landscape Ecology in the Natural Resources Management program. John's research activities include work modeling connectivity as a function of the body-size scaling properties of animals and the patch-size scaling properties of landscapes in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, assessing effects of disturbances occurring along administrative and wilderness boundaries of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and evaluating the quality of movement corridors for selected species by identifying environmental discontinuities that may reduce the effectiveness of a proposed conservation network in the interior cedar-hemlock forest of British Columbia and the northwestern US. John has been active with US-IALE since attending his first meeting in Lincoln, NE, presenting papers, reviewing abstracts, and moderating oral sessions. John is also preparing a book review for *Landscape Ecology*.

Geoffrey M. Henebry is currently a professor of biology and geography and a senior research scientist at the Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence (GIScCE; <http://globalmonitoring.sdstate.edu>) at South Dakota State University. His research interests are broad, but a recurrent theme is the use of remote sensing to study ecological patterns and processes, including quantitative analysis and modeling of land surface phenology, land cover land use change, and biodiversity. He has worked across with a wide spatio-temporal-spectral range of observational data:

wavelengths from 10-8 to 10-2 m, periods from 101 to 107 s, and areas from 10-1 to 1012 m2. He has been active in IALE since 1990, including serving as program chair and local co-host for the 2002 US-IALE meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, and a current stint on the US-IALE Awards Committee. Henebry serves on the editorial boards of Ecology/Ecological Monographs and BioScience.

Sam Riffell is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at Mississippi State University. He received his Ph. D. in Zoology from Michigan State University in 2000 and worked as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Mich. State U. until joining the faculty at Miss. State. His research interests focus on the effects of human activities (agricultural practices, roads, and recreational disturbance) on wildlife in agriculture-dominated landscapes. Current funded projects include modeling the effects of the Conservation Reserve Program on grassland birds, restoring native biodiversity on working grasslands, and movements of invasive organisms in agricultural landscapes. He also teaches a course entitled 'Principles & Practices of Conservation in Agricultural Landscapes.' He became a member of IALE (and also a landscape ecologist, probably for life) after attending his first meeting in 1994, not only because he found landscape ecology to be ecologically relevant and personally fascinating, but also because he was impressed by the friendly and constructive interactions among landscape ecologists. From 1997-1999, he served on the US-IALE executive board as a student representative, and he has chaired the Foreign Scholar Travel Award Committee since 2002. He is also a member of the American Ornithologists' Union, ASA/CSSA/ SSSA, Dragonfly Society of the Americas, Ecological Society of America, and the Wildlife Society.

Lisa A. Schulte is an assistant professor at Iowa State University. Her research focuses on ecosystem patterning and dynamics, with special emphasis on long time periods, broad spatial scales, and sustainable land management. In addition to ecological factors, socioeconomic facets of changing forest and agricultural landscapes are an expanding component of her current research. At Iowa State, Schulte teaches a graduate-level course in Landscape Ecology and Natural Resource Management. Prior service to IALE has included reviewing manuscripts and books, nominating to the awards committee, judging presentations in the Best Student Paper Competition, and mentoring students in the Lunch-with-a-Mentor Program. Having previously benefited from US-IALE's strong graduate student training programs, she is enjoying the present opportunity to give back to the profession through mentoring and by training students in her own lab.

* Please vote for TWO candidates:

John DiBari

Geoffrey M. Henebry

Sam Riffell

Lisa A. Schulte

Student Representative

NOTE: Only student members of US-IALE may vote for the student representative.

* Please verify that you are a student member of US-IALE:

I am a student member of US-IALE

Deahn DonnerWright is a doctoral candidate with the Land Resources Program within the Gaylord Nelson Institute of Environmental Sciences, University of Wisconsin – Madison. She is also a Wildlife Biologist with the Landscape Ecology Research Unit, Northern Research Station, U.S. Forest Service. Her professional career began with the Forest Service in California in the late 1980s, and she joined the Landscape Ecology unit in the early 1990s working primarily on the endangered Kirtland's Warbler and turtle assemblages along a river corridor. Her doctoral research involves evaluating the Kirtland's Warbler population response to changing landscape structure over 24 years of forest management. Her research interests include applying landscape ecology perspectives and concepts to restoration issues and wildlife management. She has considerable experience facilitating and organizing programs at work and within the community that will help her represent students at the executive meeting and

continue promoting the student-mentor programs within US-IALE. As a person who has been encouraged by an experienced landscape ecologist to continue her education and professional development, she believes the importance of fostering positive relations between students and skilled professionals cannot be overstated.

Anwar Muhammad Mushahid will finish his Ph.D. in March 2006 in Urban Ecology at the University of Salzburg, Austria. His research investigates the socioeconomic ecosystem services and landscape management responsible for urban environment and health aspects in developing countries especially in mega cities landscapes. In particular, he is interested in green spaces, public parks, and their impact on neighborhood residence and the area as whole, their processes and functionalities over urbanites health, socioeconomic status, and life quality. His expertise is evaluation of socioeconomic status, spatial analysis, and computer programming, and he has related research and work experience in the private and academic sectors. He has been active with IALE since he started Ph.D. research work in 2003. He has had the opportunity to become especially involved with the organization because his Ph.D. supervisor (Prof. Juergen Breuste) is the president of IALE-D (German Chapter). In 2005 Anwar became a member of US-IALE and IALE-D. He and Dr. Breuste founded the Pakistan-IALE chapter in 2004. Being a young Pakistani ecologist, Anwar wants to give information to students around the world and especially Pakistani students about this young, emerging field of ecology.

Jason J. Taylor is currently a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE). His research focuses on the influence of human-built environments on avian populations and their habitats. By using multi-temporal spatial data in conjunction with individual-based dynamic process modeling, Jason hopes to provide a better understanding of how the behaviors and persistence of individual birds aggregate to form population-level fluctuations in response to specific human-induced local landscape disturbances and residential development scenarios. Also while at SNRE, he earned an M.S. in Terrestrial Resource Ecology and Management in 2004. His thesis explored a local government land-use policy and its affects on local landscape compositions and structure. In the years prior to returning to academia, he spent three years working for a township government developing and instituting a geographic information systems (GIS) department. An additional three years was spent as President and Founder of North Arrow Technologies, Inc., a GIS-based consulting company which provides services to local governments throughout Michigan. Overall, Jason has over six years of professional geo-spatial experience and have earned the designation as a certified GIS Professional (GISP). He attended his first US-IALE conference in Syracuse, New York, in 2005. Throughout the conference the focus of the research efforts presented, and discussed, aligned directly with his own interests and research. Furthermore, he was able to meet and share ideas with established landscape ecologists as well as other students with similar interests. Of particular note was his Lunch with a Mentor session with John Wiens. His experience at the conference was invaluable. It is with this understanding of opportunity and the importance of students attending the conference that he wishes to participate as a Student Representative to the US-IALE.

Benjamin Zuckerberg is currently a third-year Ph.D. student. The emergence of landscape ecology as one of the fastest growing fields in ecology is being carried forth by waves of graduate students in academic institutions throughout the country. For the past several years, new generations of landscape ecologists have become interested in the applicability of the landscape perspective for approaching ecological questions and challenges. Benjamin's own focus in landscape ecology began as a Master's student studying the effects of a grassland restoration program on songbirds on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. During that time, he took a course in landscape ecology taught by Kevin McGarigal. This course, and Benjamin's interests in avian ecology and natural resource conservation, spawned a new focus and pursuit for researching the effects of spatial patterns on avian dynamics. He is now engaged in a project investigating state-wide changes in breeding bird distributions in relation to patterns of habitat loss and fragmentation. He has recently taken the initiative to independently develop and organize a graduate seminar on landscape ecology in response to the needs expressed by several students for such a course within our department. He is interested in becoming a US-IALE Student Representative to better facilitate communication and contact between students and professionals interested in landscape ecology. A number of students with whom he has spoken feel that there often times exists a chasm between graduates students and leaders in the field, and he hopes to make the separation a little less formidable by continuing and improving Mentor/Student events. He is also eager to serve as an organizer for students who are interested in sharing ideas and questions pertaining to landscape ecology in an easily accessible forum.

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To
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Confirmation for European IALE conference 2009

Dear Professor Maria Kozova, PD Dr. Felix Mueller, PD Dr. Felix Kienast

Thank you very much for the expression of interest to jointly host the European IALE conference in 2009.

This is to confirm, that the Executive Committee of IALE international has discussed this matter at their last EC meeting on 1.12.2005 and has decided to pass the organisation jointly to IALE-D, IALE-CH and IALE-Sk. Unless special arrangements are made with the EC we pre-supposes that all financial means are arranged between the three regions. The EC will primarily support the initiative with advices for the planning (including drawing up a budget), the service of the IALE Bulletin, the organisational coordination of the superregional conferences, and related courses up to the next world congress (2011), and the presence of representatives at the conference.

The EC also expect that the planned European chapter of IALE will have an opportunity to be involved in the coming European congress, and that a business meeting of the chapter can be arranged as a part of the meeting: When a European chapter of IALE is formed, the Executive Committee expect to delegate the responsibility of future superregional European conferences (after 2009) to this chapter.

Please provide us with further organisational (and possibly financial) details for the next EC meeting on 09. June 2006.

We are looking forward to seeing further developments

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Marion Potschin', written in dark ink.

PD Dr. Marion Potschin, IALE General Secretary