



iale BULLETIN

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

When I became IALE President at our World Congress in July 2019, I had visions of seeing the world, visiting chapters in India, Japan, Africa, Iran, Europe, and more!

Things didn't turn out that way and I didn't attend another IALE meeting until March 2023. Likely this has been the same for most of us. In addition to the pandemic, war, economic disruption, and climate change have also created barriers to our global community. And IALE, like many other academic societies, suffered as a result. Regional meetings drive our membership and without the opportunity to meet in person, memberships lapsed, and people become disengaged. Virtual meetings initially seemed like a solution but their effectiveness declined over time. Several chapters went into hibernation and many of our founding members retired, passed away, or left our society.

We remain, nonetheless, on a strong, stable footing. Regular chapter meetings started in earnest in 2023 and will continue with our World Congress in July (with over 500 in attendance, in person). Our finances are strong. Over the past four years, we worked on updating many of our processes (e.g., new membership database, improved communications, better publishing agreements, a new website) and I'm proud of what the IALE Executive Committee accomplished.

Now we are at a crossroads. We need to rebuild our chapters, our global community, and our passion for landscape ecology. We need to do so because the world has never needed landscape ecologists more. We develop the knowledge and tools and collaborations that will be essential to building a resilient future for people and places everywhere. Much has been made about the majority of the world's population living in urban areas, but

landscapes will always be the birthplace of cultures, the sources of ecosystem services, and the foundation of our humanity. As the world transitions into a new era of relentless uncertainty and change, we have the opportunity to be the midwife to a better future.

How do we do so?

- Promote global collaborations: We are stronger through our collective efforts. No one person or chapter or region has a monopoly on brilliant ideas and novel perspectives. Consider joining one of our many cross-chapter Working Groups - or start a new one! In particular, reach out to colleagues in countries in crisis. Excellence thrives even where governments fail to meet our high standards.
- And engage locally: Even as we develop our global network, we need to engage with the local people and places who will be affected by our science. John Wiens described landscape ecology as the bridge between science and action. That bridge has to include and represent the people at the receiving end of the action! Resilient and sustainable communities are built from the ground up and not from the academic literature.
- Share your passion for landscape ecology: When and why did you become invested? For me, I wanted to make a difference in the world, using science as a tool for improving the lives of people while improving our capacity to support other species. When I discovered landscape ecology in the late 90s, I knew this was the approach I had to take. Only later did I discover the amazing community of people who shared that same vision.
- Promote our future leaders: the future is among us, represented by our students and new colleagues. It



is time for us to 'pass the torch' to the next generation. Future leaders are born in committees - invite them to join us!

- Be generous, open, and respectful. Many of us enjoy unique circumstances not available to all. IALE has a reputation for supporting students and less resourced scholars. Let's keep that spirit alive!

In closing, I want to acknowledge all the people who have made this less-traveled presidential term a success: our members - old and new - who continue to support our vision for globally connected and effective science; my delightful colleagues on the Executive Committee; the many chapter leaders who have kept the wheels turning, despite the difficulties; and those many leaders who came before and gifted us a strong and vibrant global community. I'll continue to remain an engaged and passionate member (and Past President for the next four years) and I hope to see you, in person, at a meeting somewhere besides cyberspace!

Yours,

Robert Scheller,

IALE President 2019-2023

IALE 2023 World Congress Update

Transboundary Resource Management, Climate Change and Environmental Resilience



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Jumbo (Hello)

We are excited to share these IALE 2023 World Conference Updates with IALE Community:



1. IALE 2023 Congress schedule and Program details:

- [IALE 2023 World Conference Preliminary Program](#) (June 17)

2. IALE 2023 Pre-conference Workshops

- Note - all the Pre-conference workshops, except #7, are scheduled for July 09
- [Click here for the Pre-conference Workshop Registrations](#)

3. IALE 2023 Excursions & Tours

- [Click here for Excursions & Logistics page](#)
- [Click Here Community Excursion Board](#) to link up with other IALE 2023 attendees and organize for Excursion/ Tours group rates.

4. Foreign Scholar Travel Award (FSTA)

The IALE 2023 Foreign Scholar Travel Award Committee reviewed more than 30 applications, selected 14 candidates,

and "Award Letters" have been sent out to the winners.

There will be a formal announcement of the 2023 FSTA awardees on the IALE 2023 Website, and they will be recognized during the opening ceremony.

The Organizing committee wishes to express our sincere thanks to the FSTA Review Committee:

Prof. Chris Shisanya - Department of Geography, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

Dr. Esther Munyiri - Director, Global Tourism Resilience & Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC), Eastern Africa, Kenya

Dr. Ramesh Krishnamurthy - Wildlife Institute of India

Prof. Dolors Armenteras - Landscape Ecology and Ecosystem Modelling Lab - ECOLMOD, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia

Prof. Henry Bulley - BMCC, City University of New York, USA

5. Registered attendees

- All registered attendees will receive an

invitation (shortly after this email) to create your virtual IALE 2023 profile on Whova.com.

- You will get a chance to create your name badge online and print it onsite.

Here is a sample name badge:



6. Road to Magical Nairobi (#video Shorts)

IALE 2023 is in 3 weeks, and we want to raise the excitement meter on the webpage and social media. So, we are inviting all attendees to submit 30 – 60 seconds video shorts.

- Use the IALE 2023 logo:



- Send your video short to iale.2023@mak.ac.ug and vennitaevents13@gmail.com
- We will feature the video shorts on the IALE 2023 website and there will be a voting for the top 2 video shorts. The two winners will receive authentic “Kenyan kikoy”, see samples below:



7. IALE 2023 Merchandise

We are pleased to inform IALE community that we will soon have merchandise available for purchase online (and pick up later) or purchase on-site in Nairobi. These include IALE 2023 themed T-shirts, kikoy, shukas, etc:



Feel free to contact the IALE 2023 organizers via iale.2023@mak.ac.ug and vennitaevents13@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you in Nairobi in July.

Karibu sana (welcome) to Nairobi

Prof. Joy Obando (IALE 2023 LOC Chair) & *Prof. Simon ONYWERE* (IALE 2023 LOC Cochair)

IALE Executive Committee Elections 2023 – Results

We are very pleased to announce the results of the elections to the IALE Executive Committee 2023. First of all, the outstanding willingness of all candidates to shape the IALE community must be acknowledged. We also thank all those who cast their vote. Elected candidates are for the following positions from 2023 to 2027:

President: *Peilei Fan*
Secretary-General: *Benjamin Burkhard*
Treasurer: *Athanasios-Alexandru Gavriliadis*
Deputy Secretary-General and Communication Officer: *Amélie Davis*
Vice Presidents: *Keitaro Ito*
Mauro Agnoletti
Ramesh Krishnamurthy

Congratulations! We wish you all a successful term in office!

The short biographies and mission statements of the new executive committee are available on our [website](#). The first meeting of the new executive committee will be on the IALE World Congress 2023 in Nairobi.

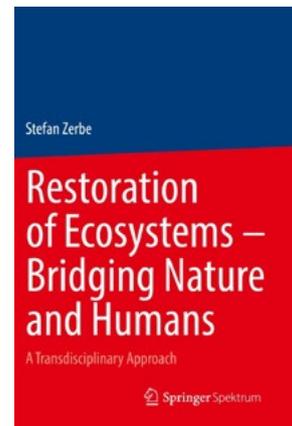
Bastian Steinhoff-Knopp on behalf of the current executive committee

New publication

Stefan Zerbe

Restoration of Ecosystems – Bridging Nature and Humans
A Transdisciplinary Approach

- Provides a comprehensive overview of the topic of restoration ecology
- In addition to practical aspects, it also illuminates the anthropogenic influences
- Explains in detail various types of landscape in Central Europe and the Alps



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