MEETING OF THE IALE WORKING GROUP "LANDSCAPE SYSTEM ANALYSIS IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT"
Waraw, Poland: October 6 to 9, 1993

The inaugural meeting of the new IALE Working Group was held from October 6 to 9 in Warsaw, Poland. The meeting was organized by the Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies of the University of Warsaw and the Polish Association for Landscape Ecology. Indeed, this was also a "first" for the Polish Association since it only formally came into existence at a meeting, also held in Warsaw, on October 6th, 1993. The meeting of the Working Group attracted 43 registrants from 17 different countries.

The meeting was organized around two days of plenary sessions and separate paper and poster presentations. The third day was devoted to a field excursion to the north and north-west of Warsaw to examine the Kampinos National Park, the Gostyninski Landscape Park and the ancient city of Plock.

The meetings took place in the splendid Staszic Palace, now the home of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The first plenary session consisted of topics as ecosystem health, landscape aesthetics, techniques in landscape analysis, theoretical questions of landscape stability and the role of landscape analysis and management, particularly in the reconstruction of eastern Europe. The second day of papers was divided into several sections, the first being presentation by Polish colleagues focusing on their research into, and the implementation of landscape parks. Another group of papers dealt with the more theoretical and applied aspects covering issues from landscape perception and cultural landscapes to some very practical landscape and environmental planning problems at scales from small floodplains to major concerns of national planning.

The second day of papers ended with a business and organizational meeting. The work of the Working Group will revolve around 5 themes identified by the Group but falling within the mandate approved by IALE. It is expected that each member of the Working Group will become actively involved in one or more of these theme areas. The following are the major themes:

1. methodology and techniques of landscape systems analysis and their application in environmental management,
2. landscape development and evolution from a historical perspective and its relevance to understanding current conditions,

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Enclosed this Bulletin you will find a preliminary inscription form for the IALE Congress, that will be held in Toulouse, France from Sunday 27th to Thursday 31st August, 1995. Please return the preliminary form to

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by 1st October 1994.

The following different sessions (with the name of the contacted chair persons) will be organized:

Tuesday 29: Three parallel sessions:
- Future landscapes (F. Golley)
- Goals for future landscapes (P. Opdam)
- Planning landscapes (L. Miklos)

Wednesday 30: Six parallel sessions
- Landscape system analysis (M. Moss)
- Human perception of change and the role of culture in creating landscapes (J. Nassauer)
- Multiscale approach (F. Burel)
- Agricultural approach (J. Baudry)
- Restoring landscapes (B. Green)
- Education (A. Farina)

10TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PROBLEMS OF LANDSCAPE ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH
SMOLENICE (SLOVAKIA) 21-24 NOVEMBER 1994

The jubilee symposium will be held on the main theme "Present state and new trends in landscape ecology". The symposium should summarize the results of the last decades development in theory, applications, environmental policy and the history of landscape ecology in Slovenia and abroad. It is worth to mention that it was at the 6th of these symposiums that IALE was established in Piestany in 1982.

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REPORT ON THE 9TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE US-IALE
Tucson, Arizona, 22-26 March 1994
The meeting organized by the US-IALE branch in Tucson, Arizona was focusing on the spatial and temporal models for analysing pattern & process in landscapes. A rich participation of landscape ecologists (more than 200) from many states (34) and from 7 foreign countries (The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Italy, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, Germany) has created a very favourable environment for an interesting debate.

The theme of the symposium has been debated by 70 oral communications, 62 posters, 3 plenary lectures, 1 blue ribbon panel. The contributions were regarding the vegetation patterns (2 sessions), modelling (3 sessions), wildlife habitats, riparian wetlands and aquatic lands, remote sensing, GIS and land assessment, spatial analysis and index (2 sessions), fire size, fire history, and vegetation patterns, and use, analysis and remote sensing.

The blue ribbon panel has been organized with the contribution of Frank Golley, Richard Forman, Joan Nassauer, Monica Turner. The aim of this panel, as recommended by the 1992 annual meeting, was to assure the most efficient transfer of landscape principles to effect policy.

During the half day presentation and the final public debate the role of Landscape Ecology and the capacity of this science to meet the need of the different societies have emerged.

The high quality of oral and poster presentation, the homogeneity in terms of principles of landscape ecology confirm once again the "mature" approach of the US landscape ecologists to consider complicate and multiscale ecological processes. The specific theme of the symposium has affected in part the participation of other contributions more related to the planning and the land management. I am sure that these arguments will be discussed with more detail in the next meeting in Minneapolis 22-26 April 1995 dedicated to the "working in a world dominated by the human kind" and organized by Joan Nassauer. A series of interesting field trips have allowed to appreciate the beauty of the Sonora desert, the vegetation patterns along altitudinal and edaphic gradients and to use the exquisite entertainment of the local people.

Almo Farina

IALE WORKSHOP, FEBRUARY 1995: LAND USE CHANGES IN EUROPE AND ITS ECOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES
A workshop for the preparation of one of the themes of the IALE congress in Toulouse in 1995 will be organized in Wageningen, The Netherlands, 1-3 February 1995.

Due to economic processes like the privatization in central and eastern Europe, the GATT negotiations, the changes in the agricultural and forestry policy in the EU land use is now changing more and more rapidly in Europe. Social factors like preference for living in urban areas, changes in communications, sub urbanization and mechanization are enforcing this process. In several regions in Europe environmental restrictions are becoming increasingly important as a driving factor in land use policy. These changes in land use and land use policy have important implications for the ecology of the landscapes involved.

The workshop aims to analyse the ecological consequences of land use changes in Europe. For the workshop land use is defined as the activities for the exploitation of land carried out by man. That means that emphasis is laid on landscapes dominated by agricultural land use and afforestation.

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GCTE/IGBP-Spain Workshop: Global Change & Landscape Dynamics in Mediterranean Systems

On November 15-18th, a workshop on Global Change and Landscape Dynamics in Mediterranean Systems was held in Toledo, Spain. The meeting was jointly organized by the Global Change and Terrestrial Ecosystems (GCTE) core project of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Program (IGBP) and the IGBP Committee of Spain (IGBP-Spain). The workshop was sponsored by the Commission of the European Communities and the Spanish General Secretariat of the National Plan for R&D. The meeting was attended by about forty scientists from the Mediterranean region proper, other countries of the European Union, the USA, South Africa and Australia.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- to examine the relevance of major approaches currently used in landscape ecology and examine their relevance to global change studies;
- to suggest approaches for a quantitative analysis of human-driven changes to landscapes;
- to review the efforts being made within the Mediterranean region in order to identify gaps and develop the appropriate strategy and use the Mediterranean region, and similar ecosystems in other parts of the world (e.g., Western Australia, California, Chile, South Africa), as an initial focus for developing an international research effort;
- The first part of the meeting was devoted to update workshop participants on current approaches to landscape research global change studies, and on ongoing studies in Mediterranean-type and related areas. The second part was devoted to discussions in working groups on: 1) processes for which landscapes are important; 2) linking social sciences and natural sciences in landscape and global change studies; 3) experiments and methodology to examine the effects of human driven changes; and 4) data collection, and monitoring for detecting change;
- The workshop identified three main subjects where a significant interaction may be expected as a consequence of changing the size and/or spatial arrangement of patches: 1) forest fires; 2) biodiversity; 3) soil erosion, desertification and water yield. A set of hypotheses for research was laid down as well as the major knowledge gaps identified. Furthermore, field experiments and methods were indicated to pursue this research. The workshop noted also the need to strengthen the relationship between social sciences and natural sciences. The examples presented revealed the causal relationship of processes acting in either field. Finally, the needs, types, time and spatial scales of data for monitoring and detecting global change in the region were identified.

The conclusion of the workshop was that the Mediterranean region, due to its long history and its fine grain structure caused by intense human use, its rapid land use change in the recent past due to socioeconomic changes, its contrasts between the North and South, and its sensitivity to global change, either climatic, of the composition of the atmosphere and of changes in land use, could serve as a good case study for investigating and detecting global change. It was decided to establish a network of research on Mediterranean landscapes within the frame of GCTE and it was proposed to develop a pilot study of the effects of changes in socioeconomic policies (such as the set aside policy of the European Union, the GATT agreements, etc.) on land use, and landscape patterns and processes.

In addition, the workshop recognized the need to strengthen the cooperation with countries from Northern Africa. This cooperation should as well promote training and education. Furthermore, it was recommended that the link between the various Mediterranean-type areas of the world should be continued and specifically developed for landscape and global change studies.

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BOOKS OF INTEREST


The first edition from 1984 of Naveh & Liebermans widely used textbook on Landscape Ecology has long been out of print. Instead of a revision after 10 years, the authors have chosen to add supplementary chapters to the four parts of the book, discussing: 1) Recent developments in landscape ecology, 2) Conceptual and theoretical basis of landscape ecology as a Human Ecosystem Science, 3) Remote sensing, GIS and Landscape Ecology, and 4) Dynamic Conservation management of Mediterranean landscapes.

At a first glance it might look as a second-to-best solution compared with a total revision, but it is quite the opposite. In fact, it enhances the dynamic character of landscape ecology as an emerging branch of applied science, since the supplements works as an up-to-date and very engaged dialogue with contemporary literature of relevance for the future development of landscape ecology.

Where the first supplement almost present the history of IALE, the second concentrates on a highly interesting settlement with the 'mechanistic' view of the Mac Arthur school, limiting the treatment of landscapes as complex hierarchically ordered wholes with unique natural and cultural properties.

The third concentrates on presenting new examples of applied landscape ecology using RS and GIS. By leaving out the rapid development within the analytical tools related to remote sensing, GIS and especially their integration, part 3 of the book remains the weakest, not following up the somewhat outdated detailed technical information especially on Remote Sensing.

The last supplement gives up-to-date information on the in-depth-study of Mediterranean landscapes.

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