



Bulletin

International Association for Landscape Ecology

NEWS FROM THE IALE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The recent Executive Committee (EC) (2003-2007) is almost half way through its term of office. It is time to give the IALE members an update on the activities. An old issue has been revived and new ideas have developed. We would like to encourage all IALE members to get involved in developing those ideas further. The following issues are currently under discussion:

Election of two vice presidents: The nomination sheet is available from the IALE portal (linked to Bulletin 22/6). We encourage you in being part in shaping the politics in IALE by sending your nomination as soon as possible but not later than 15.4.2005 to the Secretary General. Remember the person needs to have given permission and is willing to run prior to the nomination.

IALE Council: Jesper Brandt (Chair) is reviving the Council. Its aim is to stimulate regional and working group activities and to steer what is going on in IALE from a regional (and working group) point of view. If not already done, your region(s) or working group(s) need to elect a chapter/working group representative and send the name to Jesper at brandt@ruc.dk. See Bulletin 22/6 for background and more information.

IALE-Europe - setting up a new super-regional chapter: The proposal for a European IALE is not intended to be a centralisation and dissolution of the national chapters - quite the opposite. It is a way to support the national chapters concerning European matters. A discussion about a possible formation of a European Chapter will take place during the European IALE conference in Faro (see www.apep.pt). If you cannot attend the conference yourself, send your ideas/opinion before or even after the meeting to Jesper Brandt (brandt@ruc.dk) or Marc Antrop (marc.antrop@ugent.be) who will be chairing the meeting.

European IALE conference in 2009: Selection processes for hosting a IALE conference shall become more transparent to the IALE membership. A formalised process is especially needed in a European context. Therefore the IALE Executive Committee is developing an "Expression of Interest" (application) form and will discuss the criteria for selection during the meeting for a

European IALE chapter in Faro. The results will be circulated through the next Bulletin as well as sent directly from the Secretary General to all European Regional contacts. Start thinking if your chapter would like (in corporation with a neighbouring chapter?) be the host for the 2009 European IALE conference.

IALE and Education: To formalise and coordinate education within the international Landscape Ecology community we in the Executive Committee are currently discussing selection criteria for a similar "Expression of Interest" (application) form to organise a PhD/Master Class/Summer School to run concurrently with super-regional/international IALE conferences. Therefore the call for courses for the 2007 World Congress will be circulated soon. A PhD class linked to the European IALE conference will be given in Faro in March 2005, with 24 very interested students from across the world and 10 "senior" landscape ecologists who give their time freely to be on the course. Thanks to all! For more details check the homepage via the IALE Portal or directly <http://www.geog.nottingham.ac.uk/~young/faro/index.htm>.

IALE Publication Series: Did you check the IALE Portal recently? (<http://www.landscape-ecology.org/>) IALE has developed its own publication series. Two issues are already published. If you wish to publish proceedings from a IALE congress session, or any IALE-related meetings in such a venue, contact Rob Jongman (rob.jongman@wur.nl) and ask for an application form.

Annual Reports: I will soon contact all regions and working groups and ask for their annual (2004) report of activities. If possible, please write it in a style we could also use to publish it in one of the Bulletins to inform all our IALE members about the activities in the chapters. I will also send you our latest entry of your members and will kindly ask you to check it.

New officers at Journal Landscape Ecology: The editor-in-chief of the journal Landscape Ecology, David J. Mladenoff, has stepped down to become a regular board member. Thank you David for your five years of dedicated service to the journal,

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the society, and the field. The new editor-in-chief is Jianguo (Jingle)Wu. Thanks much Jingle for taking on this responsibility. The journal also has the following new board members: Michael Bowers (USA), Kevin Gutzwiller (USA), Rob Jongman (The Netherlands), Timothy Kratz (USA), John Ludwig (Australia), Jack Liu (USA), (Fiona Schmiedgelow (Canada), Thomas Spies (USA) and Helen Wagner (Switzerland).

Helen Buitenkamp - our contact person in Springer (formerly Kluwer) - will leave Springer in April this year. Her supervisor, Jacco Flipsen, has taken over the responsibility at Springer until they have found a replacement for Helen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her good communication, cooperation and her enthusiasm for Landscape Ecology. The IALE EC wishes her all the best.

Regards

Marion Potschin (IALE General Secretary)

TWO SLIGHTLY CONTRASTING VIEWS ABOUT IALE-EUROPE

by Jesper Brandt, Chairman of the IALE Council (brandt@ruc.dk): The proposal to set up a European Chapter of IALE (see IALE BULLETIN 1/2005) has appeared due to the growing needs of a coordinated effort on landscape-related matters among European countries, both within the European Union and within the countries of the European Council. However, all landscape changes and all measures to solve landscape-related problems have first of all to be locally mastered at the landscape level within the very different natural and cultural contexts developed in the extremely diverse history of the European nations. Therefore a European IALE should not be seen as a step for a centralization of European landscape matters, quite the opposite: It should function as a service not only to the national chapters, but hopefully also give inspiration to the formation of new and more landscape-oriented chapters within the national chapters, and support them at the superregional level concerning opportunities and constraints on local and cross-bordering landscape ecological actions. A success criterion for a European chapter of IALE could in fact be the ability to support the formation of new national and other regional (landscape) chapters in Europe. However, this development first of all depends on the active engagement and democracy among the members of IALE: Any regional chapter will need a critical mass of members and active officers, which of course has to be considered by the formation of new chapters or working groups as well as by the continuous functionality of existing chapters and working groups.

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by Felix Kienast, Bulletin Editor and Deputy Secretary General (felix.kienast@wsl.ch): The idea to form IALE Europe is more than welcome and timely. We appreciate the effort of Jesper Brandt. An unsolved question however is, whether the national chapters should still be maintained. A consultation among Swiss members shows that the majority of members think that a European chapter should replace the national chapters, and, instead of national chapters theme-centered working groups should be established (e.g. urban systems, coastal systems, rural mountain systems etc.). The question arises: Who could act as the headquarter for IALE-Europe? Who has the resources to do so? IALE-Germany would be willing to host IALE-Europe and is prepared to raise money for such an activity. In addition, IALE-Germany has a well developed infrastructure and offers several working groups on both applied and theoretical landscape ecology. The latter would have to be transformed or merged with other thematic working groups that exist within other chapters. Thus I think we should push forward such a solution and support IALE-Germany in their efforts to become the IALE-Europe headquarter.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CZECH SOCIETY FOR LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

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The Czech regional chapter of IALE was founded in 2000. Its main purpose is to support the development of landscape ecology. This is achieved by facilitating contacts among experts and by mediating the communication among scientists, planners, managers, and the general public interested in landscape ecology. Every year, CZ-IALE organizes regular conferences or seminars and generates the regional Bulletin of the Society (2-4 numbers per year). The latter informs members on current activities both in the Czech Republic and in other countries. It discusses hot topics in Landscape ecology and reviews new publications.

Representatives of the Society participated in the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in the Czech Republic. The gradual development of international activities can also be documented by the fact that the representatives of the Society took part in the establishment of the IALE Pan-European Forum to monitor European landscapes. A group of CZ-IALE members is currently engaged in the BioHab project (Biodiversity and Habitats) within the 5th Framework Programme of the European Union. It is intended to take part in another project proposed for the 6th Framework Programme. The Society is regularly represented at IALE congresses.

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The annual CZ-IALE plenary assembly held on 15 May 2004 elected a new Committee. The new officers are: Michael Bartos (Secretary), Antonín Bucek (Chairman), Pavel Kovár, Zdenek Lipsky (Vice-Chairman), Petr Madera, Alena Salasová, Jan Votypka (Treasurer). Alternate members of the main committee became Jarmila Mekotová and Pavel Trnka. A new Revision Committee was elected as follows: Ales Dolny, Milada Matousková and Zbynek Ulcák (Chairman). The annual plenary assembly approved an increased member fee for regular members. The number of regular and honourable CZ-IALE members increased to 102 and 5, respectively.

On 14-16 May 2004, CZ-IALE, in cooperation with the Veronica Ecological Institute, organized the second Rural Landscape Conference in Hostenín and Slavicín (Region of Zlín). The organization of the Conference was supported by the Council of Scientific Societies of the Czech Republic. Conference Proceedings with 54 papers had been prepared before the Conference; 22 contributions were presented at the Conference, 31 posters were presented in two poster sessions. The papers and posters focused on a range of themes centered around rural land use, management and protection. One conference day was devoted to a practical planning exercise: participants gathered in five working groups and worked out a draft solution for the optimum use of rural landscape in the Hostenice cadastral area. On another conference day an excursion was organised that focused on ecological and socio-economic problems of the landscape in the Protected Landscape Area of the White Carpathians. The main goal of the 2nd Rural Landscape Conference was to initiate new contacts among young experts of various professions, who deal with environmental, technical, economic and social aspects of rural landscape in a broader context.

The annual European meeting of students that specialize in garden and landscape architecture (ELASA CZ 2004) was held in Valasské Klobouky, Brno and Lednice from 2-7 September 2004. It was attended by 54 students from various European countries. Several CZ-IALE members (H. Bernardová, A. Bucek, P. Kucera, A. Salasová) presented papers and acted as excursion guides.

Two members of the Society (Z. Lipsky and J. Vojta) attended the ECOLAND meeting held in Wageningen on 9 November 2004.

We generated 4 numbers of the CZ-IALE Bulletin in 2004. This Bulletin contains information on CZ-IALE activities and a calendar of events with a range of seminars and conferences on landscape ecology held both at home and in foreign countries. The Bulletin publishes contributions with a great variety of landscape ecological themes (e.g. Ecology of Landscapes in the Literature after 2000 – published in 2004). In 2004, CZ-IALE launched its new web-site with a wealth of new information.

MEETINGS

May 2 - 6, 2005

Our shared landscape - conference, Centro Stefano Franscini, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland

At the proposed conference we will explore the common ground and the conflicts between aesthetic, ecological and socio-economic aspects of landscape planning and management and determine how to integrate these issues from both a theoretical and practical perspective.

More information on: <http://osl.ethz.ch>

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IALE on the Internet: IALE International: www.landscape-ecology.org

MEETINGS

May 18-19, 2005

„Multifunctionality of Landscapes“ - Analysis, Evaluation and Decision Support, Germany

More information: <http://www.sfb299.de/conference/>

July 19-23, 2005

Changing Landscapes of Africa: A Common Approach to Diverse Challenges; Paysages Changeants de l'Afrique: Une Approche Commune aux Défis Divers, 1st Regional Biannual Conference of the African Chapter of the International Association of Landscape Ecology (Africa-IALE), Elmina, Ghana

Recent developments in the collection and processing of landscape-based data have resulted in increased opportunities to address environmental, socioeconomic and developmental problems in African countries.

These developments, together with recent inauguration of the African Union, present unique opportunities for collaboration among researchers, policy makers and resource managers that are interested in mitigating degradation of resources common to African countries and in sustainable management of these resources.

As the concept of landscape ecology receives proper attention on the African continent, it is important to bring together researchers, educators, politicians, policymakers, resource managers, and development agencies in a forum that focuses on landscape perspectives of environmental management and socioeconomic development of the natural resources of the African continent.

More information on: <http://calmit.unl.edu/africa-iale/>

Download flier: <ftp://ftp.wsl.ch/pub/kienast/iale/africa.pdf>

June 16-19, 2005

Call for papers: 11th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), Östersund, Sweden

ISSRM 2005 will focus on the social and cultural dimensions of natural resource issues and their importance to natural resource decision makers and managers. The organizing theme of the symposium is "From Knowledge to Management – Balancing Resource Extraction, Protection and Experiences". Specific topics of the symposium are listed on the Web Page.

The symposium will provide an opportunity for social scientists from around the world to present research relevant to natural resource use. Because of the applied nature of the research, we also encourage those from resource management agencies and responsible for natural resources to attend. ISSRM is the official meeting of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources.

The program includes four days of plenary sessions including plenary speakers, paper presentations, and posters as well as in conference field trips to some of Sweden's most visited tourist attractions, museums, forest sites, protected areas, hunting areas etc. The symposium language is English. There will be awards for the best posters and student papers.

For more information see the symposium web site: <http://www.issrm2005.com>

September 12-18, 2005

4th European Conference on ecological restoration, 17th Conference of the Society for Ecological Restoration. World conference to various themes of ecological restoration. Zaragoza, Spain.

More information soon on: <http://www.ecologicalrestoration.net> or secretariat@ecologicalrestoration.net

September 20-24, 2005

Biodiversity Conservation and sustainable development in mountain areas of Europe: The challenge of interdisciplinary research, Ioannina, Epirus, Greece

The focus of the conference will be to examine both the socio-economic drivers of agricultural change across upland Europe and the ecological effects of these new agricultural practices on landscapes and biodiversity. Alternative future scenarios of agricultural restructuring will be discussed along with the implications for biodiversity conservation of market liberalisation and targeted environmental support to farmers. The overall aim of this international conference is to highlight the need for interdisciplinary research in this area which explores the social, economic, ecological and overall sustainability of these change processes and to discuss a variety of methodological approaches, including stakeholder deliberation, sustainability appraisal and landscape ecological modeling, necessary to achieve this.

This conference is organized around the European BioScene research project "*Scenarios for reconciling biodiversity conservation with declining agricultural use in the mountains of Europe*" (<http://www.bioscene.co.uk>) funded by the European Union 5th Framework Programme (DG XII).

More information: <http://www.bioscene.co.uk/conf2005/Index.htm>

March 28-April 1, 2006

US-IALE 2006 Annual Symposium. World conference to various themes of ecological restoration. Bahia Resort Hotel, San Diego, Cal., USA.

The United States Regional Association of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (US-IALE) will hold its 2006 annual symposium in San Diego California from Tuesday March 28 to Saturday April 1, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Bahia Resort Hotel in the Mission Beach area of San Diego. Preconference workshops and business meetings on Tuesday will be followed by plenary and concurrent sessions on Wednesday, Thursday morning, and Friday. Field trips will be on Thursday afternoon and Saturday (post-conference). The Local Organizing Committee Chair for the meeting is Janet Franklin, Department of Biology, San Diego State University. A meeting Web site is under construction and will be available by Summer 2005. Please check the US-IALE Web page for a link to the meeting Web site. If you have any questions please send email to Janet Franklin (janet@sciences.sdsu.edu).

More information: <http://www.usiale.org/>