



# Bulletin

## International Association for Landscape Ecology

### ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FOR OUR JOURNAL *LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY* Robert Gardner

There are many ways that the members of IALE can assist in the growth and production of *Landscape Ecology*. Three activities that come to mind are:

#### 1. Requesting that your library carries *Landscape Ecology*

If your institution does not carry the journal, *Landscape Ecology*, perhaps IALE can help to some degree. We will send a letter, on behalf of the society, stressing the importance of this journal for research and applied applications for a number of disciplines. On the regional side, any collective or personal efforts by students and faculty on behalf of *Landscape Ecology* would also be greatly appreciated. Please find the targeted library person(s) name and address and pass them along to your regional representative or contact person, or to IALE secretary-General Michael Moss, [mike@envsci.uoguelph.ca](mailto:mike@envsci.uoguelph.ca)

#### 2. Volunteering as a reviewer

Currently the journal receives 70-90 manuscripts per year to review. Each manuscript is reviewed by three reviewers. The editor attempts to keep the number of reviews per person per year to 2. This means that approximately 210 reviewers are needed per year. If you would like to serve as a reviewer for *Landscape Ecology*, please email your name, mailing address and the scientific areas you feel competent to review to: [A.gardner@ael.umd.edu](mailto:A.gardner@ael.umd.edu). Please put in the subject line of the e-mail: "Volunteer reviewer for Landscape Ecology."

#### 3. "Buddy system" for manuscript review

*Landscape Ecology* is an international journal, publishing articles written by authors of many different countries. For many of the international authors, English is a second language. Occasionally (approximately 2-4 times per year) an article arrives at the editorial office that is scientifically meritorious (i.e., it deserves to be reviewed) but the English requires editing before a formal review can begin.

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### IALE WORLD CONGRESS 1999.

The 1999 IALE World Congress will be held in Snowmass Village, Colorado, on July 29- August 3, 1999. The Congress should be an exciting one, scientifically, recreationally, and aesthetically. Snowmass is only a few kilometers from Aspen, in the heart of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. There will be a variety of options available for individual or family activities both during and before or after the Congress - hiking, white-water rafting, mountain bicycling, fly fishing, exploring old mining areas or the mountain wilderness, horseback riding, golf, music, children's activities, shopping, and much more. The convention facilities are new and spacious, and we have arranged for a diversity of lodging facilities to be available to individuals, families, and students at substantially reduced rates. IALE will be the only organization meeting at Snowmass at this time, so we will have the conference facilities, and the Village itself, largely to ourselves. This, together with the spectacular setting, should make for a relaxing and collegial Congress.

We also plan on a diverse and stimulating program, of course. Our planning is still in the early stages, so it is still possible to tune the program to your interests. Please let me know ([jaws@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:jaws@lamar.colostate.edu)) if there are particular plenary speakers, session topics, workshops, or other activities that you would like to see included in the program.

The First Circular for the Congress will be distributed early this winter. This promises to be an exciting meeting, and the location is ideal for a family vacation. Start making your plans for the Rocky Mountains in summer, 1999!

John Wiens, President, IALE

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The editorial office would like to create a database of members willing to assist in prereviewing manuscripts for clarity and grammar when the editors find a manuscript of potential scientific merit that requires editorial revision for clarity of presentation. The procedure will be to return the manuscript to the author(s) with a few suggestions for possible "buddy system" reviewers. Author(s) may then send the manuscript to a reviewer for comments, etc. After revisions are made, the manuscripts will be resubmitted to the journal for formal review. This is an excellent opportunity to assist our international authors who, because English is not their native language, are at a significant disadvantage when publishing in English.

If you are willing to serve as a "buddy" reviewer, please e-mail your name, mailing address and the scientific areas of interest to: gardner@ael.umd.edu.

**New Journal:  
CONSERVATION ECOLOGY: FIRST ISSUE AND  
CALL FOR PAPERS**

*Conservation Ecology*, a publication of the Ecological Society of America, publishes its first issue on June 15, 1997. *Conservation Ecology* is an electronic, peer-reviewed, scientific journal. The journal will cover a range of topics including the ecological bases for: i) the conservation of ecosystems, landscapes, species, populations and genetic diversity, ii) the restoration of ecosystems and habitats, and iii) the management of resources. In addition to insightful papers by such authors as Simon Levin, Steven Carpenter, Don Ludwig, and Carl Folke, the inaugural issue will include a thought-provoking series on the subject of science, policy, and advocacy.

*Conservation Ecology* seeks to tighten the link between research and policy development. To that end, the journal is dedicated to rapid publication of research results in the

widely accessible medium of the Internet. The journal solicits comments on published articles and will link those accepted directly to the article in question. *Conservation Ecology* will also conduct on-line public forums, or conferences, on key topics.

There is no charge for subscription to *Conservation Ecology*. Manuscripts are now being accepted for consideration by *Conservation Ecology*. For more information regarding subscriptions and article submissions visit the *Conservation Ecology* website at: <http://www.consecol.org>

**NEW SECTION: IALE-Norway**

A regional division of IALE, IALE-Norway, was established in Sogndal in May 1997. Ann Norderhaug was elected as chairman of the executive committee for the region and as regional representative of IALE. The elected treasurer is Tormod Klemsdal, Department of Physical Geography, University of Oslo. The Department of Landscape Ecology, Sogn og Fjordane College, Sogndal, will act as secretariat during the first two years. Jesper Brandt, representative of IALE-Denmark, and Deputy General Secretary was present during the meeting and informed the group of the statutes and activity of IALE. One of the aims of IALE-Norway is to work for a better understanding and cooperation between scientists, working in different fields of landscape ecology. Another aim is to cooperate with other Nordic countries in arranging seminars, excursions and Ph.D. courses. An annual spring meeting will also be arranged.

A first meeting of IALE-Norway will be organized in Denmark in November 1997 in connection with a conference hosted by IALE-Denmark.

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The IALE Bulletin is distributed six times a year to the members of the IALE. The IALE - International Association for Landscape Ecology - was founded in 1982 to promote communication between scientists, planners and interdisciplinary scientific research. IALE Executive Committee: President, John A. Wiens (USA), Fax: +1 970 491 0649, e-mail: [jaws@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:jaws@lamar.colostate.edu); Past President, Henri Decamps (France); Vice-Presidents, Joan Iverson Nassauer (USA), Paul F.M. Opdam (The Netherlands), Almo Farina (Italy), Xiao Duning (China); Secretary General, Michael Moss, Faculty of Env. Science, Blackwood Hall, Trent Lane, University of Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1, Canada, Tel: +1 519 824 4120, Fax: +1 519 763 4686, e-mail: [mike@envsci.uoguelph.ca](mailto:mike@envsci.uoguelph.ca); Deputy Secretary General and Bulletin Editor, Jesper Brandt, Dept. of Geography and International Development Studies, Roskilde University, P.O. Box 260, DK-4000 Roskilde, Denmark, Tel: +45 46 74 24 63, Fax: +45 46 74 30 32, e-mail: [brandt@geo.ruc.dk](mailto:brandt@geo.ruc.dk); Treasurer, Rob Jongman, WAU, Dept. of Physical Planning & Rural Development, Gen. Foulkesweg 13, NL-6703 Wageningen, The Netherlands, Tel: +31 317 483 713, Fax: +31 317 482 166, e-mail: [robjongman@plano.rpv.wau.nl](mailto:robjongman@plano.rpv.wau.nl).

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### 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL US-IALE SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY DUKE UNIVERSITY

The twelfth annual symposium of the United States Regional Association of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (US-IALE) was hosted by the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. The meeting was held Sunday through Wednesday, March 16-19, 1997, at the Washington Duke Inn and Golf Club on Duke's West Campus, adjoining Duke Forest. Dr. Dean Urban acted as both Program Chair and Local Host. This year's meeting had approximately 275 registered participants.

The meeting program consisted of plenary sessions with invited guest speakers, thematic sessions of contributed papers, a workshop on research and teaching tools, and poster sessions. The theme of the meeting, "The Pace and Pattern of Landscape Change," emphasized natural as well as anthropogenic trajectories of landscape change, including socio-economic drivers of land use as well as greenhouse scenarios of climatic change. This theme was addressed in plenary talks by Dr. David Foster of the Harvard Forest, Dr. Lisa Graumlich of the University of Arizona's Institute for the Study of Planet Earth, and Dr. C. S. "Buzz" Holling of the University of Florida's Marshall Laboratory of Ecology. A total of 97 papers were presented in 19 contributed paper sessions. In addition, three sessions featured 67 poster presentations. Abstracts for all program sessions will soon be available on-line, along with a list of registered participants, at the US-IALE '97 website, <http://www.env.duke.edu/iale97>.

The presentation of several awards highlighted the annual meeting banquet. This year US-IALE honored: Gray Merriam - Distinguished Landscape Ecologist; David Mladenoff, Theodore Sickley, Robert Haight and Adrian Wydeven - Outstanding Paper in Landscape Ecology; Michael Hough - Distinguished Landscape Practitioner; Richard Foreman - special citation for the publication of *Land Mosaics*; Manuel Flores - Foreign Scholar Travel Award; Nancy McIntyre - Best Student Presentation Award (1996). Subsequent to the meeting, Jing Huang was announced as the 1997 Best Student Presentation Award recipient.

### FOREIGN SCHOLAR TRAVEL AWARD

United States Region - International Association for Landscape Ecology (US-IALE)

The United States Region gives an award each year to a foreign scholar who participates in US-IALE's annual symposium. The 1998 award will include a cash prize of up to \$800 for travel to the Thirteenth Annual US-IALE

Landscape Ecology Symposium at Michigan State University. The theme of the symposium, to be held 17-21 March 1998 at Michigan State University, is "Applications of Landscape Ecology in Natural Resource Management."

Abstracts for poster or oral presentations at the symposium must be submitted by 31 October 1997. Abstract submission requirements are available at the US-IALE98 home page on (<http://www.fw.msu.edu/iale98>), and from Jianguo (Jack) Liu, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 13 Natural Resources Bld., Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

To be considered for the Foreign Scholar Travel Award, candidates must also send a copy of the abstract and a brief statement of financial need to Dr. James LaGro, Jr., School of Natural Resources, 1450 Linden Drive, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706-1562 (email: [jlagro@macc.wisc.edu](mailto:jlagro@macc.wisc.edu)). Email submissions are preferred. Past recipients of the award have included scholars from Argentina, Mexico, P.R. China, and Zimbabwe. Typically, preference for the Travel Award is given to foreign scholars from less developed nations.

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### EUROPEAN IALE CONGRESS, September 1998 in UK

As a preparation for the IALE World Congress in Colorado, USA, 1999 a European IALE Congress has been organised in cooperation with the UK Region of IALE. The theme of the European Congress will be

#### Key concepts in Landscape Ecology

- a forum for European landscape ecologists to discuss the state of the art

Contact for further information, see the Diary.

General information on IALE (UK) is available on the internet:  
<http://www.ulst.ac.uk/faculty/science/iale/ialeuk.htm>

## Diary

**1997**

6-10 October

Landscape Ecology: things to do. Proactive thoughts for the 21st century, Amsterdam. 25th anniversary of the Dutch Association for Landscape Ecology WLO. Contact Secretariat WLO-25 congress, P O Box 23, 6700 AA Wageningen, The Netherlands, tel: +31 317 477986, fax: +31 317 424988, e-mail: wlo@itn.dlo.nl, <http://www.ecne.nl/wlo-25html>

14-16 October

International Scientific Conference on "Geosystem classification". Contact Prof. Yu. M. Semenov, Institute of Geography, Siberian Department of Russian Academy of Sciences, Ulanbatorskaya St. 1, 664033 Irkutsk, Russia, Tel.: +7 395 246 2693, Fax: +7 395 246 7717, E-mail: root@irigs.su

23-25 October

"Evaluation and Perception of landscape Patterns", III: International conference on "Culture and Environment", Banská Stiavnica. Contact UNESCO-chair for Ecological Awareness, Akademická 13, 969 00 Banská Stiavnica, Slovak republic, tel: +421 859 621 065, fax: +421 859 621 065, e-mail: unchair@zv.sanet.sk

26-29 October

Science for sustainable society - integrating natural and social science. Workshop themes: sustainable Industrial Development, working Life and Human Resource, Energy and the Environment, Sustainability and Human Environment, sustainable Land Use. Contact Roskilde University, Denmark, <http://www.teksam.ruc.dle/sustain/>

30-31 October

Transformation of Agricultural Landscapes - Interdisciplinary Approaches. Roskilde University. Contact Jesper Brandt. Landscape Research Center. Building 19.1, P.O.Box 260, DK-4000 Roskilde, Denmark, Tel: +45 46 74 27 76, Fax: +45 46 74 30 32, E-mail: vlb@geo.ruc.dk, <http://www.geo.ruc.dk/PhD/landscape>

2-7 November

Landscape Ecology and Dynamics of Agricultural Landscapes. Ph.D. course. Contact Landscape Research Center, Building 19.1, Roskilde University, P.O.Box 260, DK-4000 Roskilde, Denmark, Tel: +45 46 74 27 76, Fax: +45 46 74 30 32, E-mail: vlb@geo.ruc.dk, <http://www.geo.ruc.dk/PhD/landscape>

12-16 November

System approach to the Landscape Research. The 11th international Landscape Ecology Symposium. IALE (SK) Working group Conference on "Landscape Analysis in

Environmental management", Nitra, Slovak Republic. Contact Juraj Hresko, Csc. Ústav krajinej ekológie SAV, Akademická 2, P. O. Box 23/B, 949 01 Nitra, Slovak Republic, tel: +421 87 35604, fax: +421 87 35608

17-22 November

Universidad de la Habana: "II Taller Internacional sobre Ordenamiento Geocologico de los Países", contact Eduardo Salinas Chavez, Facultad de Geografía, Universidad de la Habana, Zona 6, Alamar, CP 12500, La Habana, Cuba, tel: +537 651304/5105/652221, fax: +537 652221, e-mail: fgeo.uh.cu

**1998**

19-23 January

Short course Environmental Modelling with GIS and Remote Sensing. ITC Enschede, The Netherlands. Contact: J. Looijen, ITC, P.O. Box 6, 7500 AA, Enschede, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 (0) 53 487 4265; Fax: +31 (0) 53 4874 399; E-mail: Looijen@itc.nl

17-21 March

Thirteenth Annual US-IALE's annual symposium at Michigan State University. The theme is "Applications of Landscape Ecology in Natural Resource Management". Contact Dr. James A. LaGro, Jr. Department of Landscape Architecture, 1450 Linden Drive, 25B Agriculture Hall, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53706-1522. See <http://www.fw.msu.edu/iale98>

25-30 August

Second International Conference on Restoration Ecology in the 21st century, Groningen, The Netherlands. Contact Restoration Ecology Symposium Secretariat, Laboratory of Plant Ecology, University of Groningen, P.O.Box 14, 9750 AA Haren, The Netherlands, Fax: +31 50 3632273, E-mail: RE.symposium@biol.rug.nl or at Internet (<http://www.biol.rug.nl/ploec/restecol>)

2-6 September

European IALE Congress, Lancashire, UK. Contact the IALE (UK) General secretary: Dr. Peter Dennis, Macaulay Land Use Research Institute, Craigiebuckler, Aberdeen, AB 15 8QH, UK. Tel.: 01224 318611, Fax.: 01224 311556, e-mail: mi360@mluri.sari.ac.uk

6-13 September

Czech IALE Conference on "Present and Historical Nature-Culture Interactions in Landscapes". Contact Czech IALE (Regional) Conference Faculty of Sciences, Charles University, Benátská 2, 128 01 Praha 2, Czech Republic, Fax: +420-2-21953125, +420-2-24914803, E-mail: ele98@prfdec.natur.cuni.cz, home page: <http://www.natur.cuni.cz/confer.htm>