



Bulletin

International Association for Landscape Ecology

CONGRATULATIONS: SANDRA LUQUE AND MÁRIA KOZOVÁ ELECTED FOR IALE VICE-PRESIDENTS

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In June and July 120 members voted in the elections for two new Vice-Presidents for the Executive Committee of IALE. The result of the election was as follows:

Vice President Post no. 1:	Votes
Sandra Luque	71
Bruce Jones	47
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Total	120

Vice President Post no. 2:	Votes
Mária Kozová	55
Ingrid Sarlöv-Herlin	43
Duncan Mc Collin	22
Total	120

The 120 votes correspond to 7% of the IALE members. The distribution grouped by major regions is as follows:

	Africa	Asia	Australia New Zealand	Europe	Latin America	Middle East	North America
%Members	4,2	13,4	3,1	49,6	3,8	0,5	25,5
%Voters	0,0	17,5	1,7	55,8	3,3	0,0	21,7

Although the distribution of votes correlates with the geographic distribution of members, there are large differences in the participation from country to country. The nomination committee feels that the 7% votes are by far too low to call the process a success. It is however a substantial increase compared to the 2003 election. Thus we observe an increasing interest in IALE.

The nomination committee expresses its thanks to all members that responded to the voting, and especially to the 5 candidates that were willing to run for the different positions.

Portraits of the members elect of the board:

Dr. Mária Kozová is an Associate Professor and senior researcher, deputy head of the Department of Landscape Ecology, Comenius University in Bratislava (in 1992-2003 a head of the Dept.). She has an MSc in physical and regional geography, her PhD thesis was on the topic: „Quantitative Assessment of Geometric Aspects of a Landscape Structure“. From 1972-1992 she was a researcher and senior researcher in the Institute for Landscape Ecology Slovak Academy of Sciences. In 1997 she presented her habilitation thesis on „Landscape-ecological Principles of Environmental Planning“. She has been a co-ordinator and key co-worker in projects with orientation on carrying capacity, landscape planning, environmental impact assessment, sustainable development and local Agenda 21. In 1986-1989 she was a secretary of the East-European region of IALE and since January 2004 she has been a chairman of the Slovak chapter of IALE. Her ideas for the post of vice-president are:

- o to improve the co-operation of IALE regional chapters with the aim to accelerate the implementation of international conventions dealing with landscape,
- o to encourage collaboration among landscape ecologists, professionals from related disciplines and decision-makers in the solution of environmental problems,
- o to promote educational and training activities oriented to awareness-raising on values of landscape and on sustainable landscape development.

Dr. Sandra S. Luque: Born in Argentina. Did her MSc and PhD at Rutgers University (New Jersey, USA). Her PhD thesis concerned the Structure and Dynamics of the New Jersey Pine Barrens Landscape. She was a former NASA Research Fellow on the Global Change Program– Earth Observing System (EOS-USA, 1991-1994). She was among the first three Latin Americans granted this fellowship when the program opened to students worldwide. She was Co-PI for the Earth System Science Education and Training Program within the IAI (Inter American Institute). At present she is a trained and active project manager working in France as a senior researcher at Cemagref (Institute for agricultural and environmental engineering research). She has international experience working in different environments and building capacity on remote sensing/GIS

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and Landscape Ecology for MSc & PhD level in the UK, Finland, Greece, France and Argentina. At the present she is the co-ordinator for the Finnish Forest Research Institute for the FP5 EU-BIOPRESS, Co-ordinator for PROHAB (A Hierarchical Approach to Protect Forest Biodiversity in the Finnish Forest) for the Finnish Ministry of Environment. She is serving as expert for Cemagref in ALTER-Net (FP6-A Long-term Biodiversity, Ecosystem and Awareness Research Network) and PEER (Partnership for European Environmental Research). As a Vice president for IALE she wants:

- o to improve communications within IALE at the international level. In particular to create a network of scientists with common goals on landscape ecology oriented research that can bridge activities between the North and the South.
- o to promote the establishment of the Latin American Chapter
- o to promote educational initiatives for young researchers from developing countries in order to orient their research interests towards landscape ecology with the financial support that is needed.



IALE WORLD CONGRESS 8-12 JULY 2007: CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

The Congress is intended to cover all aspects of Landscape Ecology. Symposia are expected to reflect the ecological and cultural diversity of the world and the way man is managing and changing it. We intend to link scientific principles with its application in policy and practice.

The Scientific Committee invites proposals for symposia and workshops. **Symposia:** There will be opportunities for 2-hour, 4-hour and 6-hour (all-day) symposia. Presentations will be in multiples of 20 minutes so that the timing of symposia can be coordinated with contributed paper sessions. Symposia will either be related to the meeting theme or address newly emerging topics in landscape ecology. All symposium organisers and speakers must be registered participants. **Workshops** facilitate presentations and applications of new concepts, perhaps allowing audience participation and/or round-table discussion for exploration of new or controversial issues. Workshops are not meant as symposia and should therefore not include a list of speakers.

More information on: <http://www.iale2007.com/>

US-IALE 2006 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM 28 MARCH - 1 APRIL 2006

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. The Local Organizing Committee Chair for the meeting is Janet Franklin, Department of Biology, San Diego State University.

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

EUROPEAN IALE CONFERENCE - 2009

Expression of Interest to host the conference

The following IALE chapter expresses the interest of hosting the European IALE conference in 2009:

Theme (potential):

Organiser (Persons in charge/IALE-chapter):

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2.

3.

Venue/Facilities(potential):

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Landscape type(s) (different to 2005):

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Motivation for hosting a European IALE conference:

(free text)

The expression of interests should be sent via email or mail until 15.11.2005 to IALE General Secretary, c/o Email: Marion.Potschin@Nottingham.ac.uk or Marion Potschin, Centre for Environmental Management, School of Geography, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, England, Fax +44/115/9515 429.

JOURNAL LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY: MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN- CHIEF

Dear Readers of Landscape Ecology:

There has been a significant delay in the publication of the 2005 issues of Landscape Ecology. Although the first three issues for 2005 are now online, printed copies are still in production. The sole reason for this delay was a suite of technical problems which were caused by the merger of Kluwer (former publisher of Landscape Ecology) into Springer (current publisher of Landscape Ecology). As the new Editor-in-Chief of the journal, I have been communicating with the publisher constantly since February 2005, and this delay has been very frustrating for me and the Publisher. Landscape Ecology was not the only journal that suffered this serious delay. I sincerely apologize to the subscribers and readers of the journal, and appreciate your patience and understanding. The good news is that the first three issues are now in print and will be mailed shortly, and the even better news is that, once the new Springer system is in place, the journal will enjoy a higher standard of quality. So, the future of the journal is bright. Also, I am pleased to report that the impact factor of Landscape Ecology in 2004 rose to 2.092, a big jump from 1.08 in 2003. The unexpected sharp decline of the impact factor in 2003 was more than likely due to the delay in the publication of several issues between 2002 and 2003. However, with an increasing number of high-quality manuscripts being submitted to the journal, I am confident that the journal will continue to rise in its academic reputation and influence in the years to come.

Landscape Ecology is the flagship journal of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE), and may also be regarded as a performance indicator of the field of landscape ecology. The articles published in the journal reflect what landscape ecologists do and how well they do it. Therefore, all of us as landscape ecologists are responsible for continuously improving the quality of the journal and making it truly one of the best in ecological and interdisciplinary sciences. Working together, we can achieve this goal, and we will.

Again, I greatly appreciate your patience and understanding, and thank you for your continued support for the journal. Please consider submitting your next great manuscript to Landscape Ecology! Should you have any comments or questions regarding the journal, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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A SUMMIT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODELLING AND SOFTWARE (FOR SUSTAINABILITY)

A Summit on Environmental Modelling and Software (for Sustainability) will be held in Burlington, Vermont from July 9-12, 2006 (see <http://www.iemss.org/summit>). It incorporates the Third Biennial Meeting of the International Environmental Modelling and Software Society. The aim of the Summit is to enhance sustainability outcomes and decision processes by:

- o Establishing the state-of-the-art in Environmental Modelling and Software theory and practice for integrated assessment and management
- o Identifying research and practice for advancing the requisite knowledge base and tools, and their wider usage
- o Initiating and consolidating research partnerships for systematic studies that acquire, capture and generate knowledge platforms

The Summit is built around a very innovative program of workshops (some 15 at present), as well as the more standard sessions (another 15 or so) with presentations. We refer you to the website and accompanying blog to examine which existing workshops and/or sessions you may wish to join - in which case you should contact the organisers of that session and join the blog. Workshops are designed to inspire discussions on most important topics in the field. Organisers will produce a rough draft of a Position Paper on the issues (opportunities, challenges etc.) by the end of November. All workshop participants would at least be required to have an abstract and may join in the review and authorship of the Position Paper. These papers and abstracts will be peer-reviewed and pre-published in the Summit Proceedings before the Summit. We will reserve at least one book in the Elsevier IDEA Series (http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/bookdescription.cws_home/BS_IDEA/description) that will publish a chapter on the findings of each workshop and their Papers. For standard sessions there will be a more formal structure where there is a 20 minute slot for presentation, and FULL papers for these are mandatory, albeit with a timeline of February 2006 for submission to reviewers. We have reserved several special issues of international journals for a selection of the Proceedings Papers.

Please do join us in this new style of meeting. And the convener, Alexey Voinov, and I would be pleased to field any inquiries on the Summit. Very best wishes, Tony Jakeman President Alexey Voinov Convener

more information on: see <http://www.iemss.org/summit>

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:** Bob Bunce 2003-2007, ALTERRA Green World Research, Wageningen UR, Postbox 47, 6700AA Wageningen, The Netherlands, bob.bunce@wur.nl; **Secretary General:** Marion Potschin 2003-2007, School of Geography, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD, Marion.Potschin@nottingham.ac.uk; **Treasurer:** Rob Jongman 1995-2007, ALTERRA Green World Research, Wageningen UR, Postbox 47, 6700AA Wageningen, The Netherlands, Rob.Jongman@wur.nl or rob.jongman@planet.nl; **Past President:** Richard J. Hobbs 2003-2007, School of Environmental Science, Murdoch University, Murdoch, WA 6150, Australia, rhobbs@essun1.murdoch.edu.au; **Vice Presidents:** Louis R. Iverson 2003-2007, USDA Forest Service, 359 Main Rd., Delaware, OH, 43015, USA, liveron@fs.fed.us; Nobukazu Nakagoshi 2003-2007, Hiroshima Univ., Dept of Environmental Studies, 1-7-1 Kagamiyama, Higashi-Hiroshima 739-8521, Japan, nobu@hiroshima-u.ac.jp; Maria Kozova 2005-2009, Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Natural Sciences, MI. dol. B-2, 842 15 Bratislava 4, Slovakia, kozova@fns.uniba.sk; Sandra Luque 2005-2009, Cemagref - Institute for Agricultural and environmental engineering research, 2, rue de la papeterie, BP 76, F-38402 St-Martin-d'Hères, cedex, France, sandra.luque@cemagref.fr; **Bulletin Editor and Deputy Secretary General:** Felix Kienast 1999-2007, Swiss Federal Institute of Forest, Snow and Landscape Research, Division of Landscape Dynamics and Management, 8903 Birmensdorf, Switzerland, felix.kienast@wsl.ch; **Chairman of Council:** Jesper Brandt 1995-2007, Roskilde University, P.O. Box 260, DK 4000 Roskilde, Denmark, brandt@ruc.dk.

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

NEW IALE Working Group: Landscape Ecology Education Network (LE-Network)**Contact:**

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Get involved !!!!

The proposal for an IALE working group (WG) on training and education was approved through the IALE executive Committee on 15.07.2005. Now the idea needs to be developed and more IALE members encouraged to participate. It is proposed to organise the first official meeting during the next IALE world congress in Wageningen 2007, and elect an Executive Committee/Borad of the WG.

The training and teaching in Landscape Ecology is aimed at different levels (Master- and PhD level and possibly consultant training).

The aims of this working group are to:

- o achieve an overview of existing courses (see existing initiatives as listed below);
- o link to existing teaching projects/initiatives (see below);
- o co-ordinate and assess teaching and training in the field on an international platform;
- o develop criteria for selecting PhD and related courses linked to IALE conferences (an-nouncement through Expressions of interest);
- o to asses and co-ordinate the existing (diverse) credit point system;
- o to promote the needs for teaching and training in our field; ando to set up funding sources which allow students to attend PhD courses linked to IALE congresses/research activities.

A future goal could be to get courses in Landscape Ecology and related subjects (landscape research in general) accredited. See for example RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Sur-veyors, <http://www.rics.org/default.htm>).

There is no membership fee for the Working Group. However members of the Working Group must be registered IALE members, or need to become one within the next 12 months. Become a corresponding, active member or even considering standing for a post? Being an Active member means that I could expect the person to respond to my emails, provide feed-back etc. A corresponding member means that you would receive news, but are not ex-pected to respond. In Wageningen the following positions need to be elected: chair of the working group and a representative to the IALE council. However there is the possibility to elect more active posts, like "curriculum officer", "publicity officer", "literature officer", "credit system officer". It would also be useful to have representative for "young landscape ecologists" or master or PhDs levels.

The following people have signed up already:

Aspinal, Richard (IALE-UK, IALE US)
Bolliger, Janine (IALE-CH)
Brandt, Jesper (IALE Council, Chair, IALE-DK)
Broderick, Kathleen (IALE-OZ)
Farina, Almo (IALE-Italy)
Haines-Young, Roy (IALE - UK)
Ihse, Margaretha (IALE VP, IALE Sweden)
Langanke, Tobias (IALE-D)

Klug, Hermann (IALE-D)
Konkoly Gyuro, Eva (IALE-Hungary)
Oliviera, Rosario (IALE-Portugal)
Palang, Hannes (IALE-Estonia) (resp. ATLAS-Project)
Pearson, Diane (IALE-OZ)
Pedroli, Bas (IALE-NL, resp. Landscape Europe, ALTERRA)
Pinto-Correira, Teresa (IALE Portugal)
Potschin, Marion (IALE Secretary General, IALE-D, IALE-UK, IALE-CH)
Syrbe, Ralf-Uwe (IALE-D Treasurer)

Suggestions for all parts of the outline are welcome.

Marion Potschin
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