



# Bulletin

## International Association for Landscape Ecology

### BOB GARDNER ELECTED AS CHAIR OF THE IALE COUNCIL 2007-2009

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At the IALE Council meeting in Wageningen 9th of July 2007 there were two candidates for the position as chair of the Council: Xiuzhen Li, China and Bob Gardner, USA.

A secret electronic ballot among the 20 ordinary members of the Council held in August-September gave the following result

Xiuzhen Li, China: 4 votes

Bob Gardner, USA: 9 votes

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7 ordinary members did not vote



Bob Gardner is elected for chair of the IALE Council until summer 2009, ending the term by organizing the election of two vice-presidents for the executive committee in the spring/summer of 2009.

*Bob Gardner at the IALE World Congress 2007*

The duties of the chair will be the following:

- 1) To organize and chair the meetings of the Council, including the e-mail based meetings between the congresses
- 2) To develop the Council as a strong forum for representatives of the regional organizations by ensuring that all ordinary representatives are straight elected for the position directly by the members (not indirectly by a board)
- 3) To stimulate the debate among the members of the Council concerning the activities and the missions of the association at the regional level.
- 4) To represent the interests of the regional IALE chapters with regards to the IALE executive committee
- 5) To chair the IALE nomination committee
- 6) To appoint additional members of the nomination committee in agreement with the Past-president
- 7) In agreement with the nomination committee to develop a list of candidates for the elections to the IALE Executive Committee
- 8) To organize the election to the IALE Executive Committee and to report the results

## AGREEMENT ON THE STRUCTURE FOR A EUROPEAN CHAPTER OF IALE

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An important preparation meeting for the establishment of a European IALE was held at the IALE Congress in Wageningen in July 2007.

The first suggestions for a European IALE were presented in Estonia in 2003, and a preparation group was established at the European IALE Congress in Faro, Portugal, in March 2005. Progress was obtained especially within the formulation of goals for a European chapter of IALE, and consensus on these goals were formulated and presented to the IALE Executive Committee in late 2006 (see IALE Bulletin Vol. 24, no. 5, November 2006).

At the IALE Congress in Wageningen in July a principle agreement on a proposal for the organizational principles of a European Chapter of IALE was reached. The proposal was circulated after the Congress among all members having been actively interested in the preparation work. Based on comments received up to 1. October, a consensus on the following organizational principles for a European IALE was achieved:

A European chapter of IALE will be open to all members of IALE International. So, every person having paid his or

her fee for IALE can be a member of the European chapter of IALE.

Regional (up to now solely national) chapters in Europe can become corporate members of IALE Europe by including an individual membership of IALE Europe in the membership of the regional chapter. Through this all members of the regional chapter (being also member of IALE-international) is automatically also a member of IALE Europe (see figure 1).

A strong European organization of IALE members should also facilitate a close cooperation with other groups and organizations not affiliated with IALE through any membership. The new revised statutes of IALE, promoting working groups based on cooperation with other groups outside IALE related to the application of landscape ecology, should be used to find practical ways of combining the common interests of European IALE-members and the outside world's interest in implementing landscape ecological principles and practise at the European level (see figure 1).

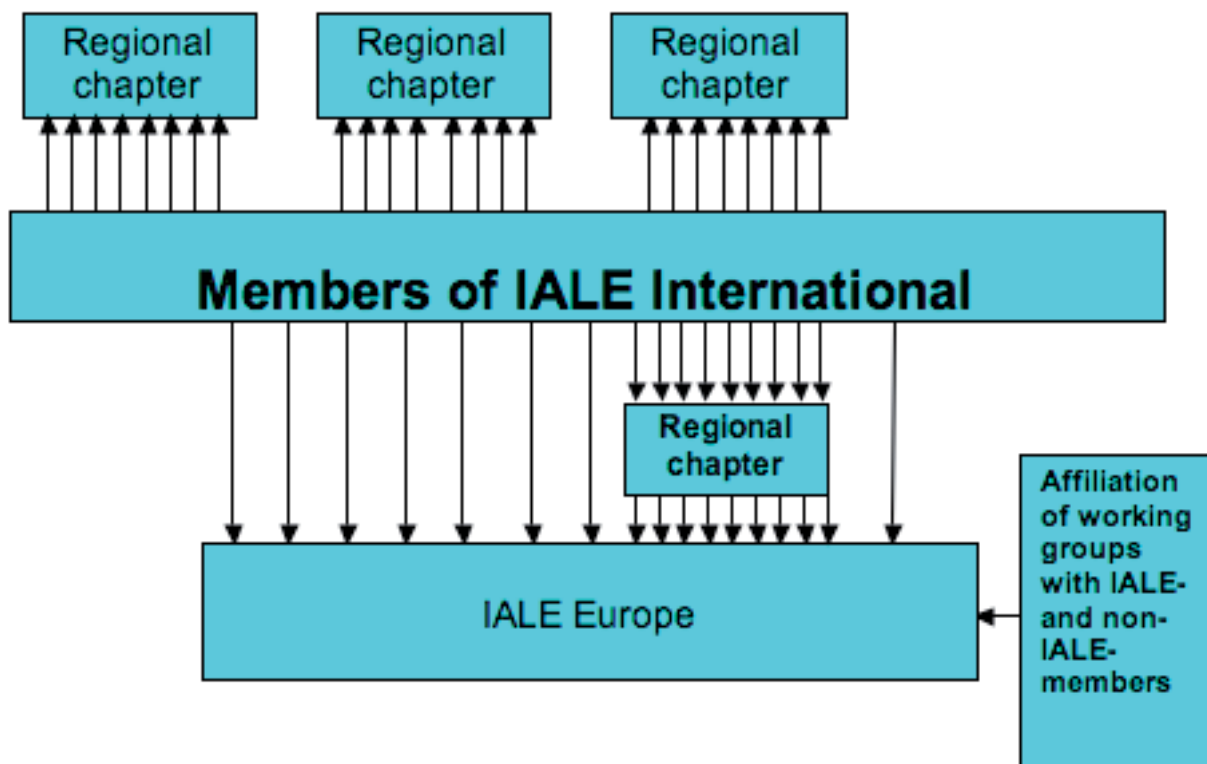


Figure 1. Principle organisational structure of an IALE Europe.

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Since landscape ecological practise has first of all to be implemented at the local and regional level, regional IALE chapters at a national, sub-national and cross-national level will stay as a main organisational frame for landscape ecologists interested in the application of landscape ecology.

Thus a close and flexible cooperation between a IALE Europe, the regional chapters in Europe, and Working Groups, connecting these to various partners with interests and/or expertise of landscape ecological relevance should be in focus by the organisational development of landscape ecology at the European level (se figure 2).

The fee level of IALE Europe has to be related to the level of activities and alternative ways of financing. It is however the intention to aim at a low fee (but not free), eventually with a group discount for regional chapters involved in European activities, to promote the formation and preservation of small regional and cross-regional chapters, engaged in the enhancement of the rich European diversity in landscapes and related cultural and linguistic differences.

The meeting in Wageningen also suggested the establishment of four task force groups that will prepare in de-

tail the formation of a IALE Europe up to the European IALE Congress in Salzburg in summer 2009.

The persons listed below volunteered to run the task groups. The list is however not final. If you are interested in joining one of the Task Force Groups, please contact the chair of the group.

#### Task Force Group I:

European Union and related stakeholders

Chair: *Geert de Blust, Belgium, [geert.de.blust@instnat.be](mailto:geert.de.blust@instnat.be)*

Hugo Robilar, Germany

Marion Potschin, UK

The group should establish permanent channels to the European Union and related stakeholder organisations at the European level, emphasising the expertise that can be offered by European Landscape Ecologists by planning and management of European landscapes, in the general promotion of (especially cross bordering) European landscapes as well as in the education of landscape ecologists at a global level, drawing especially on European landscape ecologists experience with problems of cultural landscapes.

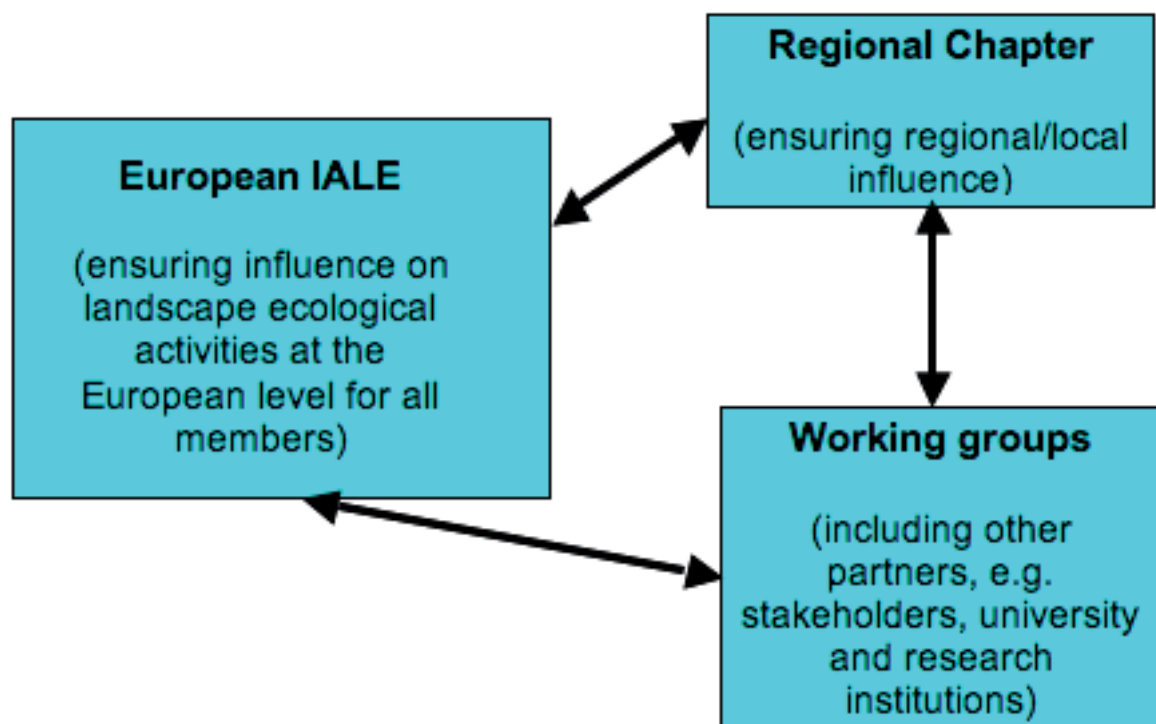


Figure 2. The organizational development of landscape ecology at the European level will depend on a close, but complementary and flexible cooperation between IALE Europe, the European regional chapters and related working groups, including relevant partners outside IALE.

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### Task Force Group II:

Council of Europe and related stakeholders

*Chair:* Teresa Pinto Correia, Portugal, [mtpc@uevora.pt](mailto:mtpc@uevora.pt)  
 Pavlina Misikova, Slovakia  
 Marc Antrop, Belgium (to be confirmed)  
 Willem Vos, The Netherlands (to be confirmed)  
 Jesper Brandt, Denmark

The group should establish permanent channels to the Council of Europe and related organisations (including stakeholders organised at the European level) emphasising the expertise that can be offered by European landscape ecologists in the promotion of the European Landscape Convention, not only at the European level, but also at the regional and local level of all types of landscapes in the member states as well as cross bordering landscapes. The group should also map out possible linkages between local, regional and cross-regional initiatives in relation to the European Landscape Convention and existing as well as potential regional IALE chapters.

### Task Force Group III:

European educational initiatives for landscape ecology

*Chair:* Marion Potschin, UK, [marion.potschin@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:marion.potschin@nottingham.ac.uk)  
 Geert de Blust, Belgium  
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 Barbora Engstová, Czech Republic  
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 Ülo Mander, Estonia  
 Sandra Luque, France  
 Isabel Loupa-Ramos, Portugal  
 Maria Kosavá, Slovakia  
 Roman Lenz, Germany  
 Thomas Wrbka, Austria

In cooperation with the IALE working group on Landscape Ecological Education, this Task Force Group should formulate a strategy for the development and promotion of landscape ecological courses at a European level that can strengthen the education and identity among future European landscape ecologists engaged in landscape development. The strategy should include initiatives that at a global level can promote the special experience of European landscape ecologists on landscape ecological management of cultural landscapes subject to complex social regulation.

### Task Force Group IV:

Statutes for an IALE Europe

*Chair:* Jesper Brandt, Denmark, [brandt@ruc.dk](mailto:brandt@ruc.dk)  
 Hugo Robilar, Germany  
 Emilio Padoa-Schioppa, Italy  
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The group should formulate a proposal for statutes for a European chapter of IALE ensuring all European landscape ecologists the right and possibility to influence the promotion of landscape ecology in the development of European landscapes in cooperation with other regional chapters of IALE within Europe, as well as in cooperation with working groups affiliated with IALE international, IALE Europe or Regional IALE chapters within Europe, involving institutional and individual interests and expertise of landscape ecological relevance outside IALE. Emphasis should be put on the inclusion of permanent relations to the European Union, the European Council as well as to all types of landscape relevant stakeholder organizations.

### Time Schedule for the four Task Force Groups:

The chairs of the four Task Force Groups are free to invite further IALE members for their working groups.

A progress report from each of the four Task Force Groups are expected before 1. May 2008. Each progress report should propose relevant initiatives up to the European Congress 2009, including invitation of representatives from relevant organizations. All proposals from the task force groups should be accompanied by realistic suggestions for financing.

A final report and recommendation should be compiled by the four chairs of the Task Force Groups and forwarded to the IALE Council before 1. October 2008 for approval and for appointment of a constitutional executive.

If approved, the final agreed constitution will be announced at the European IALE meeting in Salzburg in 2009, as well as through the IALE Bulletin. All members of IALE will then have the opportunity to join. Parallel, there will be a call for candidates for an election of officers. An electronic ballot to elect officers will be organized in the autumn 2009.

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## THE NEW IALE-IUFRO WORKING GROUP IS ON LINE



As announced on the IALE Bulletin vol. 25, 3 the IALE-IUFRO Working Group was officially launched during the IALE World Congress 2007 in Wageningen, The Netherlands. This means that the working group has been approved and sanctioned by both IALE and IUFRO organisations.

Now the challenge is up to us! Please take some time to visit the site <http://www.greenspace.it/iale-iufro/> and register.

Through this site, members of the IALE-IUFRO Working Group will be able to exchange experiences and share common needs and interests to build up on the strength of the network. In addition, this group will serve as an international platform for advocating and updating research and management on forest landscapes.

We look forward to your participation.

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IALE on the Internet: IALE International: [www.landscape-ecology.org](http://www.landscape-ecology.org)

## MEETINGS

March 24-26, 2008

**Southern Forestry and Natural Resource Management GIS Conference: SOFOR GIS 2008.** Orlando, Florida, USA

<http://soforgis.net/2008/>

April 6-9, 2008

**Impact Assessment of Land Use Changes. SENSOR: International conference.** Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

The conference will bring together the scientific expertise on impact assessment, land use and landscape research, environmental economics, agriculture, forestry, rural sociology, urbanisation and the science policy interface.

Innovative results on impact assessment related to land use and policy making will be shared within an interdisciplinary forum to promote sustainable development.

<http://www.sensor-conference2008.eu/>

April 6-10, 2008

**Landscape Patterns and Ecosystem Processes. US-IALE 23rd Annual Symposium.** Madison, Wisconsin, USA

<http://www.usiale.org>

April 8-10, 2008

**Isoscapes 2008.** Santa Barbara, California, USA

This is a cross-disciplinary, international meeting on the spatial analysis, modeling and mapping of isotope data. We have an exciting list of over 20 invited speakers, poster sessions and some afternoon tutorials to encourage interaction.

Major topics that will be addresses include:

*Biogeochemistry*

*Climate dynamics/modeling*

*Water cycle and water resources research*

*Animal migration ecology*

*Criminal forensics*

*Food traceability research*

Deadline for registration & abstract submission: January 11, 2008

<http://isoscapes2008.org/>

April 17-18, 2008

**Urban Green Spaces - a key for sustainable cities.** Sofia, Bulgaria

There is a growing recognition that urban green spaces play a key role for improving the quality of life in urban areas and are an important pillar of sustainable development. But is this importance reflected in an appropriate and stronger political and legal framework?

The aim of the conference is to provide an opportunity for academics, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, young professionals and developers from Europe and elsewhere to reflect critically on relevant aspects for the future of cities and urban green spaces.

Deadline for abstract submission: December 10, 2007

<http://www.greenkeys.org/conference>

May 13-15, 2008,

**Ecosystem Services: Solution for problems or a problem that needs solutions?** IALE-D International Workshop. Salzau Castle, near Kiel, Germany.

To assess goods and services, which are provided to people by nature, the concept of Ecosystem Services has emerged since the 1990s. Due to the comprehensive consideration of various factors, the concept provides a valuable framework to define and analyze linkages and dependencies between natural and human systems. Nevertheless, practical applications, methods for qualification and quantification, models, indicators and the integration of additional system components are needed in order to apply and improve the concept of ecosystem services and to make it a useful tool for responsible management of natural resources.

The conference will bring to together scientists, experts in the field of ecosystem services, environmental managers and administrative board members to communicate, discuss and improve our knowledge about human-environmental relationships in the framework of ecosystem services.

<http://www.ecology.uni-kiel.de/salzau2008/>

June 16-18, 2008

**Geo-Environment & Landscape Evolution 2008: Third International Conference on Evaluation, Monitoring, Simulation, Management and Remediation of the Geological Environment and Landscape.** The New Forest, UK

<http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2008/geoenv08/>

August 25-29, 2008

**1st Moravian Conference on Rural Research: EURORURAL '08. Investigating European Countryside.** Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry, Brno, Czech Republic

The share of rural population slowly increases in European countries. In addition, farmers form only a minority in contemporary rural settlements. The countryside is getting to be a multi-functional space. Secondary and tertiary sectors penetrate to the countryside. Tourism and agro-tourism develop in the large scale. Agriculture is getting focused more on the maintenance of landscape than with the production. On the other hand, environmental problems also have an impact on rural landscape. Academic research has to respond to the new situation.

Preliminary registration incl. topic of contribution by Jan. 31, 2008

<http://www.uake.cz/novinky.html>

September 16-18, 2008

**Landscape Ecology and Forest Management. Challenges and Solutions. IUFRO International Conference.** Chengdu, Sichuan, P.R. China

<http://research.eescience.utoledo.edu/lees/IUFRO/2008MTG/>

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