



Bulletin

International Association for Landscape Ecology

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IALE (2011-2015)

Dear IALE members

The current Executive Committee (EC) of IALE is in its third year of this term and it's now time to initiate a new EC election process. While we are busy with the preparation for the next World Congress there are many other activities reported on the IALE homepage (<http://www.landscape-ecology.org>). Please check it out for updated news, overviews on the regions, and workings groups.

The IALE executive committee consists of a president (currently K. Bruce Jones), a past president (currently Bob Bunce), a secretary general (currently Thomas C. Edwards), a treasurer (currently Ralf-Uwe Syrbe), a bulletin editor and deputy secretary general (currently Felix Kienast) and four vice presidents (currently Paul Opdam, Diane Pearson, Bojie Fu and Sandra Luque).

The members are elected for a four-year term, with the last general election in 2007. Two of the four vice-presidents are elected to a four-year term between the general elections. In the existing Executive Committee, Sandra Luque and Bojie Fu were elected as vice-presidents in 2009, and will thus continue after the next general election until 2013, when a new election of two vice-presidents for 2013-2017 will be launched.

Nominations shall be made by two members in good standing and shall be consented to in writing by the signature of the nominee. These nomination forms are due in the hands of the secretary general by 15 January 2011. The nomination form (in this bulletin or download at <http://www.landscape-ecology.org/voting.html>) may be used, but e-mails confirming the nomination and consent of the nominee will also be accepted, provided they are sent individually from the

nominators. The members proposing the nominations are asked to enclose a short description of motives and recommendations for the nominee. The nominee is asked to enclose a short biography and a position statement for the nomination (in all not more than 1000 letters), suitable for publication. This should be forwarded together with the nomination form.

The secretary general will deliver all valid nominations to the chairs of the nominating committee. The nominating committee is chaired by the present past president (Bob Bunce) and the present chairman of the IALE council (Bob Gardner). They will appoint three additional members to the nominating committee, in a manner intended to provide regional representation and valid information concerning the received nominations. The nominating committee, with the consent of the nominee, may also make nominations.

The nominating committee will develop a slate with (if possible) at least two eligible candidates for each of the positions, to be filled in the election. Candidates will be selected from the nominations received with reference to: considerations of the statutes of the association, needs of each particular office, the international and regional nature of IALE, the interdisciplinary character of IALE, and other criteria likely to affect the vitality of IALE.

By 15 March 2011 the chair of the nominating committee shall announce through the bulletin and the web site the developed list of candidates for all positions to be filled in the election together with position statements prepared by the candidates. By 15 April 2011, members in good standing can submit additional write-in candidates for any position to the secretary general, but such candidates must

have agreed to serve if elected. Immediately after this deadline such submissions are forwarded to the chair of the nomination committee who will start the web-based election on 15 May 2011. An electronic invitation (e-mail) with password will be distributed to all members of IALE International currently in good standing, containing the slate of candidates for all positions to be filled in the election together with biography and position statements prepared by the candidates. To be valid, voting must be completed not later than 15 June 2011.

Members without an e-mail-address will receive a ballot via mail. Ballots returned by postal mail must be in the hands of the chair of the nominating committee before the end of the election on 15 June 2011.

Candidates for each position will be elected by a simple majority of valid ballots cast. In the event that there is only one candidate for a position, election of the single nominee by acclamation will be indicated

by a simple majority of the votes cast.

The results of the election will be announced on the Web, at the IALE congress in China 2011 and in the first IALE bulletin after 15 June 2011.

Deadlines:

15 January 2011: Nomination in the hands of the secretary general (t.edwards@nr.usu.edu)

15 March 2011: Announcing the nominations through bulletin and webpage

15 April 2011: Nominations of additional write-in candidates in the hands of the secretary general (t.edwards@nr.usu.edu)

15 May – 15 June 2011: Web-based election
after 15 June 2011: Results announced through a bulletin and the webpage

K Bruce Jones, President & Bob Gardner and Bob Bunce, chairs of the nominating committee

IALE FINANCIAL REPORT 2009 AND BUDGET 2010

During 2009, the financial situation of IALE has improved considerably. The cash balance was € 19,309.50 at the beginning and € 33,399.51 at the end of 2009. We had lower expenditures in 2009 than expected, partly because the IALE EC conducted cost-saving skype meetings only. The European IALE conference in Salzburg generated excess funds and therefore the loan of € 3,000 was paid back to IALE. We thank Jürgen Breuste and his colleagues for a job well done. The balance of the Latin American conference is also positive and IALE expects to get back that loan as well.

IALE supported the foundation and formation of IALE-Europe regional chapter. Due to the support of other European chapters, the costs were modest (€ 800). The IALE EC decided to use the funding surplus for future travel support to IALE conferences. Hence, IALE plans to contribute € 14,000 for students or members of low-income countries to travel to our 2011 world congress in China. Procedures to obtain such a grant will be published on the IALE Webpage. The IALE books of 2009 were successfully audited by Stoyan Nedkov (Bulgaria) and Klaus Müller (Germany) in June 2010.

The 2010 budget foresees a likely surplus, which will be used for travel subsistence to the world conference 2011 as previously mentioned. The IALE-Europe regional chapter couldn't launch its own fee collec-

Status 2009	In	Out	Balance
Total end 2008			€ 19.309,50
1. bank accounts			
starting budget			€ 7.502,33
fee regions 2009	€ 12.571,51		€ 12.571,51
fee individual members 2009	€ 3.997,10		€ 3.997,10
fee 2008	€ 749,34		€ 749,34
fee 2010	€ 40,00		€ 40,00
publications	€ -	€ -	€ -
directory		€ 1.003,20	€ 1.003,20-
bulletin	€ -	€ -	€ -
executive committee	€ -	€ -	€ -
congress travel fund			€ -
congresses	€ 3.000,00	€ -	€ 3.000,00
subscriptions LE	€ -	€ 3.596,50	€ 3.596,50-
administration, office management	€ -	€ 122,05	€ 122,05-
banking and interest account	€ -	€ 446,14	€ 446,14-
EALE	€ 699,95	€ 1.509,90	€ 809,95-
website	€ -	€ 421,98	€ 421,98-
representation	€ -	€ -	€ -
other in/out	€ 9.000,00	€ 9.000,00	€ -
transactions	€ -	€ 9.500,00	€ 9.500,00-
transactions	€ 30.057,90	€ 25.599,77	€ 4.458,13
subtotal I			€ 11.960,46
2. support fund			€ -
starting capital 1-1-2009			€ 11.807,17
interest 2009-2010	€ 131,88		
taken/added funds 2010	€ 9.500,00	€ -	€ 9.500,00
transactions support fund	€ 9.631,88	€ -	€ 9.631,88
subtotal II			€ 21.439,05
total end 2009			€ 33.399,51
total balance 2009			€ 14.090,01

tion system. Thus all European IALE members who are not organized in a valid chapter should pay their fees directly to the International Organization. If this applies to you, please go to the IALE website (<http://www.landscape-ecology.org>) to pay your dues and learn more about upcoming events. As can be seen from the Budget Table, there are € 2,000 available for the support of new regions or working groups and an additional € 3,000 for congress support.

With the addition of our website payment system (with safety certificate), we have seen an increase in IALE membership. Please note the possibility to pay a reduced fee of € 10 from low-income countries using the student payment form on the website. The membership subscription for the Journal Landscape Ecology is getting more and more popular. Subscribers only pay the \$ 100 / \$ 70 fee which includes the membership fee. All individual members outside of Europe are asked to use the website <http://www.landscape-ecology.org/membership.html> for their payments. Within Europe, direct bank transfer is mostly free of charge. Members, who want to use this option, should notify the treasurer by e-mail.

Ralf-Uwe Syrbe
IALE treasurer

Budget 2010	In	Out	Balance
total end 2009			€ 33.399,51
1. bank accounts			
starting budget			€ 11.960,46
fee individual members 2010	€ 4.750,00		
fee regions 2010	€ 11.000,00		
publications		€ 150,00	
directory		€ 1.100,00	
bulletin		€ 250,00	
executive committee		€ 2.500,00	
subscriptions LE		€ 4.000,00	
administration, office management		€ 300,00	
banking and interest account		€ 500,00	
congress		€ 3.000,00	
working groups, regions		€ 2.000,00	
website		€ 1.500,00	
representation		€ 100,00	
scholarships		€ 500,00	
other in/out	€ 150,00		
transactions	€ 15.900,00	€ 15.900,00	0,00
subtotal I			
2. support fund			
starting capital 1-1-2010			€ 21.439,05
interest 2009-2010	€ 150,00		
taken/added funds 2010		€ 150,00	
transactions support fund			
subtotal II	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 21.439,05
total			€ 33.399,51

The IALE Bulletin is distributed three 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:

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NOMINATION FOR POSITIONS FOR IALE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2011-2015

(to be in hands of the Secretary-General by mail or Fax by 15 January 2011. E-mails confirming the nomination and consent of the nominee will be accepted, provided they are sent individually from these persons to the Secretary-General's email address at the bottom of this form).

The mentioned two members of IALE want to nominate....

(Name)

for the election of the position of

- President
- Vice President (2 to be elected)
- Secretary General
- Treasurer
- Bulletin Editor / Web Master

to the Executive Committee of the International Association for Landscape Ecology. Election to be held 15. May 2011 – 15. June 2011.

Place _____

Place _____

Date _____

Date _____

Name _____

Name _____

I accept the nomination:

Place _____

Date _____

Name _____

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