You are invited to come to Zagreb and participate in the LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum 2019: Learning Landscapes

This forum focuses on reconnecting the city and its river – Zagreb and Sava

The LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum is an annual meeting of experts, academics, students and stakeholders that aims to contribute to development of knowledge and understanding of urban landscape and the countryside in order to improve quality of life, environmental resilience and economic viability.

The forum 2019 Learning Landscapes is hosted by the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Ornamental Plants, Landscape Architecture and Garden Art.

Full documentation, poster call & registration: http://forum.ln-institute.org

The Landscape Forum Zagreb

The LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum works every year on a specific area in relevant urban or peri-urban territories. For the 8th Landscape Forum in Zagreb the central issue is blue-green infrastructure that supports landscape quality in the city and improves quality of life.

Workshops, excursions and working groups on six main themes

At the heart of the LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum are four thematic working groups and two cross-cutting groups. You are invited to prepare the workshops jointly and to undertake fieldwork during the meeting. The urban landscape of Zagreb will serve as your joint case study. Your involvement will continue after the meeting as co-author of a report based on the outcomes of the Forum. The Zagreb landscape is shaped by various spatial, social and cultural dynamics. During the forum, the participants will explore this landscape through six different lenses:

- Working Group 1: The Zagreb Landscape Vision
- Working Group 2: Green Infrastructure Development
- Working Group 3: Urban Agriculture and Foodscapes
- Working Group 4: Heritage and Identities
- Cross-cutting Theme 1: Landscape and Democracy
- Cross-cutting Theme 2: Landscape and Economy
Additional activities prior to the forum:

- Call for posters: 5th of December 2018 – 20th of March 2019
- e-Lectures: preparative online lectures in March and beginning of April 2019
- Doctoral Colloquium: focus on landscape research approaches (9th of April)
- Additional workshops will be announced via the forum website

Learning Landscapes

The title and general approach of this forum is “Learning Landscapes”. The Zagreb landscape is a platform to create an interdisciplinary learning activity on local urban and peri-urban landscape challenges to foster citizenship, creative thinking and democratic leadership and economic viability. The Forum intents to act as an agent for sustainable development that is both rooted in the local community and inspired by European networks. The outcomes of the Forum generate a deeper understanding of the Zagreb landscape, may support running projects and prepare future actions to improve the urban landscape.

Background of the Landscape Forum and the LE:NOTRE Institute

The LE:NOTRE institute has been established under the auspices of ECLAS, the European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools, as an umbrella organisation for interdisciplinary collaboration between education, research and innovative practice in the landscape field.

The goal of the LE:NOTRE Institute is to develop and strengthen the links between landscape education, research and innovative practice, in both the public, private and not for profit sectors.

It aims to achieve this by furthering and facilitating communication, collaboration and cross-fertilisation of ideas on an interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral basis, in order to promote the wider and deeper understanding of the cultural, environmental, social and economic role of the landscape for the benefit and well-being of society as a whole.

Objectives of the Landscape Forum

What makes the LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum different from other European landscape events is the focus on dialogue, debate and discourse. The meeting is organised around field visits, providing a direct opportunity for ‘hands on’ encounters with the local landscape. These provide a unique opportunity to interact creatively with colleagues from a range of landscape disciplines in informal workshop and field visit settings. The aim is to create a stimulating environment to promote the generation of both new teaching ideas and projects, for research and for interdisciplinary collaboration between theory and practice. A joint publication will result from the meeting, to which all participants will be invited to contribute.


Target audience

Participation in the Forum by teachers and researchers from a range of different ‘landscape-related’ disciplines as well as practitioners is central to the interdisciplinary process of discourse and mutual learning which is at its heart.
The forum addresses the following target groups:

- Researchers, professionals and educators of all landscape-related disciplines. This includes landscapes that might be considered outstanding as well as every day or degraded landscapes (according to the European Landscape Convention).
- Disciplines addressed include: landscape architecture, urban and regional planning, architecture, geography, anthropology, agriculture, forestry, landscape archaeology, political and social sciences, history and cultural sciences, tourism and economy, transport and infrastructure planning, engineering, water engineering, nature protection and landscape ecology.
- Sectors addressed: public sector: administrations, local and regional authorities, teaching and research, non-governmental associations, private sector: offices and consultancies, industries and real estate.

**Impressions from the 4th LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum in Bucharest, April 2015**

Forum participants are invited to become members of the LE:NOTRE Institute.

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