



Robin Gay, Life Member, New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects Inc

Robin Gay (June 15, 1935) died on the 22nd of December 2008 after a long illness. He was a founding member of the Institute and its third President. Rob entered the profession via an interesting route. He gained a Diploma in Horticulture from Lincoln College in the late 1950's and at the instigation of Lance McCaskill, a wonderful mentor and an Associate Professor at Lincoln [and, incidentally, the Institute's first Honorary Fellow] he joined the Tourist Hotel Corporation at Mt Cook with responsibility for the development of the [then] new Hermitage site and gardens. This was a tough assignment in that unforgiving alpine climate, but Rob was renowned for being practical and resourceful and the high quality of the work he did is testimony to this. Following his Presidency of the Institute (between 1978 and 1980) Rob became the Institute's delegate to the International Federation of Landscape Architects. Then he continued with his active involvement serving as IFLA's First Vice President from 1983 to 1987. He also chaired IFLA's International Coastlines Committee from 1980 to 1987. In recognition of his pioneering work in the Crown Conservation Estate and his long service to the profession as well as his wider role in IFLA, Rob was elected a Life Member of the Institute in 2001. In the 2006 Academic Year Lincoln University established the "NZILA/Robin Gay Award" in recognition of his contribution. But the essence of Robin Gay was captured in this succinct tribute to him on the Order of Service at his funeral: "**A man of the mountains, the bush and the sea.**"

Open International Ideas Competition for Noise Barrier / Noise Enclosure Design

The "**Open International Ideas Competition for Noise Barrier/Enclosure Design**", aims to invite the general public to contribute ideas and concepts on aesthetically vibrant noise barrier / enclosure designs. The Competition is jointly organised by Highways Department, Environmental Protection Department, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, the Hong Kong Institution of Highways and Transportation and the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects. For the coming 10 years, the Highways Department will implement road and railway projects at a total cost of \$200 billion. These will include the construction of noise barriers and enclosures. It is expected that, through this competition, creative ideas for designing aesthetic effective noise barriers / enclosures suitable for Hong Kong environment will be obtained. It is also hoped that the competition will provide a platform for all professionals and the general public to contribute their innovative ideas to achieve the competition's goal: 'Design for a cause, Unite our community'. The competition is divided into two different groups. The Professional Group is open to all members of the professional institutes of Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects and Designers in Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas while the Open Group is open to the general public. Interested participants should first **register** to the Professional Advisor by fax or email **before the 20th of February**. Entries should be submitted to the Highways Department, 6/F, Homantin Government Offices, Kowloon, Hong Kong by post or delivery by hand by 12:00 noon on March 6. For Competition details, please visit the Competition website: www.noisebarrier-competition.hk

International Green Roof Congress 2009

"Bringing Nature Back to Town", May 25th to 27th May 2009. Stuttgart / Nuertingen (Germany) IFLA and EFLA are official supporters of the International Green Roof Congress 2009. As such, its members are provided with **20% discount** on the congress tickets. To make use of this discount you are requested to choose the ticket option "host and supporters" at the online registration tool and select "IFLA" from the drop down list ("Promotions code"). Furthermore, you can also benefit from the **early bird discount** if you register **before the 28th of February**. The lectures will address fascinating projects designed by renowned architecture firms, as well as the application of green roofs in respect of balancing building energy, rainwater management, environment and climate protection, and green building concepts. The list of speakers includes Emilio Ambasz (US Architect and Green Building Pioneer), Prof. Gilbert Lösken (Head of the FLL Green Roof Workgroup, Germany), Roland Appl (Green Roof Engineer, IGRA President), Paul Kephart (US Horticulture Expert for Ecological Design), Rolf Disch (Office for Solar Architecture, Germany) as well as international architecture firms, such as BIG Bjarke Ingels Group (Denmark), SOM Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (United Kingdom), Mecanoo (Netherlands) and many more. The congress languages are English and German.

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Expérience(s) de paysage

L'expérience/Les expériences. Le paysage dans le temps, dimension constitutive. Pendant plus d'un demi-siècle, les paysagistes français ont mis au point des techniques, des méthodes et des processus spécifiques à leur exercice pour apporter les réponses adaptées aux questions toujours renouvelées qui leur étaient soumises. Ce formidable gisement d'expériences est inaccessible. Il n'existe pas de mémoire du paysage, de référentiel qui aborderait et analyserait dans le temps toutes ces avancées paysagères tant au niveau de la maîtrise d'œuvre – projet, concept, techniques, transmission, gestion, usages – que de la maîtrise d'ouvrage – définition et suivi des politiques, des programmes, conseils, animations – ou encore de l'enseignement et de la recherche. Michel Péna, président de la Fédération Française du Paysage, s'est donné comme objectif de combler ce manque. Il souhaite développer une « culture du paysage », afin de positionner les acteurs du paysage sur les grandes questions

contemporaines d'environnement. Pour ce faire, la FFP lance une série de rencontres visant à mettre en lumière l'énorme travail mené pendant six décennies. Elle vise à constituer ainsi le corpus de savoirs nécessaire à l'émergence d'une « pensée concrète » faisant le lien entre le théorique et l'opérationnel. Les rencontres se dérouleront les **derniers samedi du mois de 10h 30 à 13h au Pavillon de l'Arsenal**, 21 Bd Morland, 75004 Paris, à partir du **28 février 2009**. Entrée gratuite. Une transcription de celles-ci sera réalisée afin d'entreprendre un fond commun exploitable. Fédération Française du Paysage contact@f-f-p.org.

Rethinking Protected Areas in a Changing World

March 2-6, 2009. Portland, USA. Every two years, the George Wright Society organizes Rethinking Protected Areas in a Changing World, the USA's premier interdisciplinary professional meeting on parks, protected areas, and cultural sites. By these three overlapping terms we mean a broad array of places, both "cultural" and "natural," managed by different entities under a variety of designations: parks at all levels; historic, archaeological, and other cultural sites; cultural landscapes; research areas and designated wilderness within national and state forests, grasslands, wildlife refuges, and other protected public lands; tribal reserves; marine, estuarine, freshwater, and other aquatic sanctuaries; private land-trust reserves; and similarly designated areas. The GWS Conference also encompasses disciplines and activities that support the work of parks, protected areas, and cultural sites, such as ethnography, GIS, and museum work. Full details at <http://www.georgewright.org/gws2009.html>

IFPRA Europe Congress 2009

June 15-17, 2009. Mikkeli, Finland. The theme of the International Federation of Park and Recreation Administration Europe Congress, **Modern Society – Balance with Nature**, takes an all-round look at the built and natural environment. Full details at <http://www.ifpraeuropemikkeli.com/fi/sisalto/>

ELASA 2009 Annual Meeting

Decoding diversity: Bringing diversity together through landscape architecture. Organised by the Landscape Architecture students of the Universities of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest and Timisoara and supported by the Romanian Landscape Architects Association (ASOP). The main goal of the meeting is to bring together young people who study landscape architecture all over Europe and the experts in this field, to facilitate experience and ideas exchange. The participants will be given the chance to learn about the existing educational background of the landscape architecture as a discipline in different countries in Europe. The acquired knowledge aims at strengthening the collaboration among them and at getting a higher standard in the education in this field. The ELASA annual meeting will last 12 days, from the 12th of August to the 2nd of September 2009. For further information, please contact Mr. Andrei Condoros at asop_romania@yahoo.com

The Copenhagen Climate Exchange 2009

Due to the change of dates for the UN climate summit, COP 15, The Copenhagen Climate Exchange has also been moved one week. The **new dates** are: **3-6 December, 2009**. The Copenhagen Climate Exchange 2009 offers you an opportunity to share your visions and experiences on how to fight climate change with an international audience. NGOs, cities and innovative enterprises from across the World gather in Copenhagen to exchange ideas. The Copenhagen Climate Exchange 2009 is a four day event leading up to COP15, the official UN climate summit in Copenhagen, December 2009. The themes at The Copenhagen Climate Exchange 2009 will be renewable energy, energy savings, climate adaptation, local sustainable solutions, and biodiversity. Read more at www.cphco2009.dk

Landscape Magazine

Call for contribution. **Landscape magazine** is the first specialized monthly publication directly targeting the professionals in and around the landscaping industry in the Middle East. Landscape magazine aims to be the forum whereby landscape professionals express their ideas, thoughts and concerns; it is written by professionals for professionals. Landscape focuses on all the elements and aspects of the landscape industry, and the editorial contents includes topics related to landscape architecture, both professionally and academically, horticulture, irrigation and all the elements that are involved in landscape as a profession. Landscape's audience is simply everyone that is involved, one way or another, with landscaping from designers to real estate developers and governmental agencies. Landscape is distributed free of charge to the professionals in the landscaping industry in the UAE, KSA, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Jordan, and others. Landscape's current and previous issues are available online allowing immediate international exposure to readers and contributors. To view the magazine online and for free subscriptions please visit www.landscape-me.com.



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