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Torsanlorenzo Prize 2009

March 6 2009 is the **deadline** for submitting entries to this edition of the Torsanlorenzo prize. This annual prize was designed to recognise exceptional landscape design projects and promote the qualities of urban green spaces and environmental restoration. It is organised for the fifth time with the support of the UIA and other professional planning organisations, such as the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA). The prize is open to architects and professionals of landscape architecture registered in a professional body in their countries. Projects that have already won other prizes are not eligible for the 2009. prize. There is no registration fee. Registration will be made at the time of submitting the documents. Dispatched entries must reach the organisers by 16 March 2009 at the latest. Further information at <http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Torsanlorenzo2009/2-annonce.html>

Call for IUCN volunteer members

Every four years the IUCN update their list of volunteer members of their World Commissions. One World Commission which IFLA members may be interested in is the **World Commission on Protected Areas**. The list for that commission finalises on **March 6 2009**. If interested, please send your CV to Christine Bavassa at admin@iflaonline.org who will pass on. The tasks are not onerous but interesting: maybe commenting on reports, involvement in world issues from indigenous issues to sacred trees and sites. They would benefit from landscape architects contributions.

1st Mediterranean Conference on Earth Architecture

Cagliari, Italy. March 13-16 2009. The **First Mediterranean Conference on Earth Architecture** results from a preliminary study completed by ICCROM, CRATerre and GCI for the purpose of sustaining the conservation and the "mise en valeur" of the Mediterranean earthen architectural heritage. The conference marks the beginning of a Mediterranean cooperation on the topics related to earthen architecture. The event represents a unique opportunity for exchange and discussion of the achievements acquired on the specific theme as a direct result of the constant and significant work carried out systematically by the countries facing the Mediterranean Basin. Mediterra 2009 aims principally to assess the state of research related to earth architecture in the Mediterranean region, to study recent developments in the fields of heritage conservation and architectural design as they relate to earthen architecture, and to create more active networks among professionals in the region whose work relates to earthen architecture themes: Earth-building cultures and traditional architecture; archaeology, history, and anthropology; conservation of cultural heritage; research about architecture, town planning and cultural landscape and academic teaching and professional training. Download the draft program (PDF Format) at <http://people.unica.it/mediterra/>

15th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM)

The **deadline** for scientific paper and poster abstracts has been **extended to March 16 2009**. The theme of this year's symposium is: **Meet Old and New Worlds in Research, Planning and Management** and the emphasis will be on discussing methodological traditions versus pragmatic solutions, exploring cultural and political influences on planning and decision making processes, and addressing the trans-disciplinary and trans-boundary character of research and management. These themes will be discussed in the fields of landscape development, wildlife, water and forest management, recreation, climate change, nature-based tourism and many other issues around resource management. The symposium will take place on **July 5-8, 2009** in **Vienna, Austria**. For further information, please visit the ISSRM 2009 website at <http://www.issrm09.info>

5th Annual Ename International Colloquium

Climates of Heritage Conservation: Responding to the Challenge of Global Climate Change through Public Engagement and Social Innovation. Ghent & Ostend, Belgium. March 18 2009. While the impacts of Global Climate Change are several, this three-day colloquium will focus on those of immediate and obvious significance to the Low Countries, namely rising sea levels and increased river flooding. Papers presented will provide comparative experiences from diverse nations in all the world's regions that are subject to these threats as they impact cultural heritage. For further information about the colloquium, please visit <http://www.enamecenter.org/en/colloquium/info>

Congrès Annuel AAPQ 2009

Le congrès annuel 2009 de l'Association d'architectes paysagistes (AAPQ) s'inscrit dans la mouvance du développement durable et portera un regard sur l'amélioration du cadre de vie face au vieillissement. Dans cette perspective, les conférences et la formation, qui auront lieu à **Montréal, Canada du 20 au 21 mars 2009** exploreront trois thématiques particulières: **soigner, habiter et se déplacer**. Le vieillissement est le défi du futur pour nos sociétés. Selon Statistiques Canada (1996) en 2031, 21,3 %, plus d'un cinquième de la population globale aura 65 ans et plus et 50% de celle-ci aura 74 ans et plus. Sans équivoque, ces chiffres pointent les besoins auxquels il faut déjà pouvoir répondre autant dans la planification que le design de milieux de vie toujours de plus en plus denses. Avec son regard sensible à l'humain et au milieu, l'architecte paysagiste est appelé à se positionner en tête de file. Comment créer des lieux de vie sains et sécuritaires, ouverts au partage et à la participation inclusive des différents groupes d'âge? En continuité avec son engagement envers le développement durable, l'architecte paysagiste est invité à porter un regard intégrateur à l'amélioration du cadre de vie dans un processus de vieillissement. Voir programme et détails sur http://www.aapq.org/AAPQ_annonce.html

UNESCO Chair on Preventive Conservation, Maintenance and Monitoring of Monuments and Sites

The Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (RLICC) at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven is pleased to announce the inauguration of the **UNESCO Chair on Preventive Conservation, Maintenance and Monitoring of Monuments and Sites** on **March 24-25 2009** in **Leuven, Belgium**. A detailed description of the event as well as the program is available online at http://sprecomah.eu/rlicc/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=90&Itemid=1.

Cursos 2009 Jardinería

El Instituto de Investigación y Formación Agroalimentaria y Pesquera de la Consejería de Agricultura y Pesca de la Junta de Andalucía (IFAPA) en el desarrollo de sus **Programas de Formación**, dedica su atención a la Jardinería y el Paisaje con un objetivo preciso: Formar a los profesionales del sector, elevando el nivel de conocimientos y técnicas necesarias que les permitan su desarrollo profesional. Para la consecución de estos objetivos, los contenidos y los cursos están en permanente evolución, adaptándose en lo posible a la demanda creciente de los profesionales del sector. Con la experiencia ya adquirida durante dos décadas, este programa desarrolla en el **Centro IFAPA de Palma del Río**, en Córdoba, España contando con un equipo de profesionales de reconocido prestigio. Entre los cursos que se ofrecen este año figuran: Diseño y proyecto de parques y jardines públicos (**30 marzo-3 abril**); Diseño y proyecto de jardines privados (**18-22 junio**); Restauración de jardines históricos (**5-9 octubre**) y Normalización de las áreas de juegos en parques públicos entre otros. Para obtener la lista completa de cursos y condiciones, contacte jardineria.palmadelrio.ifapa@juntadeandalucia.es o consulte la página web del IFAPA <http://www.juntadeandalucia.es/innovacioncienciayempresa/ifapa/servlet/FrontController>

Raggi Verdi - Green visions for Milan 2015

Since the 1990s, the Italian city of Milan has undergone a process of rapid transformation. The decommissioning of a number of older industrial facilities having central, inner-city locations has catalyzed a series of urban developments. Playing a significant role has been a targeted treatment of green and open spaces and landscape areas in a constructive dialogue with urban planning and architecture. This exhibition, organized by AedesLand, features six exemplary projects related to this plan, all developed under the landscape planning management of Andreas Kipar and Giovanni Sala together with their international team LAND ("Landscape Architecture Nature Development"). The exhibition also presents the landscape planning strategy elaborated by the LAND team for the development of the territory surrounding Milan. **AedesLand**, Savignyplatz, Else-Ury-Bogen 600 - 601, 10623 **Berlin**. **April 3-June 18 2009**. Opening: Friday, 3 April 2009, 6:30 p.m. http://www.aedes-arc.de/land_start.htm

Landscape Architecture Competition

The City Council of Madrid and the Owners' Management Board of Parque de Valdebebas, a new development in **Madrid**, would like to announce the launching of an International Ideas Competition for the design of an urban park. The Competition arises from the need to create a quality green space for the use and enjoyment of the future residents of the urban development, but also with the ambition of becoming a recreation and nature reference for the city as a whole. The aim of the competition is to secure the services of a multidisciplinary team that will plan and design a **new urban park** of approximately 80 hectares in Parque de Valdebebas. The design should resolve the transition between the urban area currently being developed and the adjacent forest park. Of utmost importance will be the proposed uses and their suitability for the scale and location of the park. To this end the winning design will need to make the most of the planning, landscape, environmental and social opportunities offered by the site. The competition is a two-stage process with an initial **open call for proposals**, at the level of conceptual design, from which six finalists will be chosen to develop design proposals in the second stage. First phase **deadline** for proposals: **April 16 2009**. The six finalists resulting from the first phase will receive an honorarium of **10,000 €** to help cover costs. Please check the competition brief at www.concursoparquevaldebebas.com

14th International Conference on Urban Planning, Regional Development & Information Society

REAL CORP 2009 – "Cities 3.0: Smart, Sustainable, Integrative". Sitges, Spain. April 22-25. The Conference will deal with the challenges and perspectives for cities and how they might look like and be organized and managed in the future, with a special focus on the role of information and communications technologies in urban development. The major questions to be discussed at the conference in April 2009 are: • What makes cities smart, sustainable and integrative – and liveable? How can cities and regions take advantage of globalisation and keep their local character - how to "gLOCALize"? How can planners help cities find the way to a successful future? Government, governance, mediation, participation and planning - are there models for short-term and long-term perspectives? Are there technologies that can support the above-mentioned goals? and Are there best practises for "liveable cities of tomorrow"? Visit <http://www.corp.at/> for further information

IFPRA Europe Congress 2009

The International Federation of Park and Recreation Administration (Ifpra) Europe Congress 2009 is to be held in Mikkeli, the capital of Eastern Finland and a gateway to the Finnish Lakeland **June 15-17 2009**. Nature is never far away in this city of just under 50,000 inhabitants. The theme of the Ifpra Europe Congress, **Modern Society – Balance with Nature**, takes an all-round look at the built and natural environment. Delegates will have a chance to visit a variety of green areas, among them the new horticultural tourist attraction Mikkeli Park. IFPRA has agreed a **discount of 20%** on Registration Fees for **IFLA members**. Visit <http://www.ifpraeuropemikkeli.com> for further information.

ELASA 2009 Annual Meeting

Erratum. The Romanian Landscape Architects Association (ASOP) apologizes for the mistake in date and title of the Elasa Annual Meeting in Romania. The title is "**Decoding diversity. Bringing it together through Landscape Architecture**". The meeting will last from **August 21st to September 3rd 2009**. www.asop-romania.org.ro

2nd International Symposium on Dark-sky Parks

Call for Papers. "The Role of Protected Areas in Reducing Light Pollution: Strengthening the Mission in Conserving Nature". The aim of the Symposium on Dark-sky Parks to be held in **Lastovo, Croatia on September 14-19 2009** is to establish an

effective long-term framework for reducing light pollution internationally. The emphasis of the symposium is on collaborative and cooperative approaches to the multiple disciplines involved in the response to the problem of light pollution. The conference will discuss traditional and recent practical light pollution issues, focusing on strategies, experiences and techniques with regards to reducing it. The program committee welcomes original contributions on the following example topics: The role of protected areas in preservation of biodiversity, conservation and education about nature at night; Tourism opportunities in the natural night sky; Biological effects of artificial light, scotobiology– biology of darkness; Darkness and human health; Spiritual and artistic dimensions of nocturnal landscapes; Possibilities for a functioning institutional framework; Legal and institutional solutions to implementation of the Starlight; Declaration and reduction of light pollution; Technical solutions for light pollution; advanced techniques in ecological outdoor lighting; New lighting technologies – benefits and drawbacks (LED, etc.); Relevant experience in the preservation of the natural dark-sky; Monitoring of light pollution; Classification of protected areas in relation to the quality of the dark-sky. Authors are invited to **submit abstracts** of maximum 1 page giving a clear reflection of the contents and key points of the paper **by 3 May 2009**. Full details at <http://www.darskyparks.org>

III Landscape Architecture Exhibition

Belgrade, Serbia. September 2-14. Organised by the Serbian Association of Landscape Architects (UPA) at Ikar Gallery, Club of Aviation (Klub Vazduhoplovstva), this project calls for submission of Plans of all categories (spatial, master and plans of detailed regulations) which are in connection with landscape architecture or the parts of the plans which refer to landscape architecture (environment protection, protection of the cultural landscapes, recreation and tourist areas, city greenery and recreation areas systems , etc...); Designs - parks, open sports and recreation centres, pedestrian areas, squares, cultural heritage objects, open space of public and dwelling areas, residential gardens, objects of the park and garden architecture, design of landscape structures, interior landscapes etc.; Studies and research on the landscape architecture; Publications (books, magazines, guide books...); Student projects of all kinds. It addresses professionals (individuals, groups or offices) in the field of landscape architecture and students (individuals or groups from all the faculties dealing with landscape architecture). **Deadline for submission: Friday, 15th of May 2009**. For further information, please write to Uros Brzakovic at office@upa.org.rs

Urban Ecology and Ecological Design: Perspectives on Integration and Future Directions

A workshop entitled “Urban Ecology and Ecological Design: Perspectives on Integration and Future Directions” will be held on **5th November 2009** in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary celebrations of the Landscape Architecture Programme at Lincoln University, New Zealand from 6-8th November. The workshop is the annual Flock Hill workshop for 2009 and is sponsored by the Isaac Centre for Nature Conservation (ICNC). On the evening of 5th November immediately after the workshop, Dr Diane Menzies, the President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) will deliver the annual ICNC State of the Environment address. The topic of this presentation will also focus on urban ecology and design. The main goal of the proposed workshop is to emphasise urban ecology and design research as one of the main directions of the Isaac Centre for Nature Conservation and Landscape Architecture School in the Faculty of Environment, Society and Design. The objectives of this workshop are to: Identify new directions for teaching and research in urban ecology and ecological design; Exchange leading concepts from specialists in the field; Increase the research profile of urban ecology and design at Lincoln University; Increase the global visibility of Lincoln University as a potential institution for Masters and PhD research in urban ecology and ecological design. It will be a one day workshop with presentations and discussions including a short 2-3 hour field trip in Christchurch. Two outstanding international specialists will deliver keynote addresses (yet to be finalised). We envisage participation from academics, students, practitioners and representatives from local bodies. Participants are encouraged to stay on after the workshop (6-8th November) to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Landscape Architecture School and the grand opening of the new purpose built Landscape Architecture building. Activities include a research colloquium on 6th November and further celebrations to follow. For more details please contact Glenn at: stewartg@lincoln.ac.nz

Launch of a New Magazine

Landscape Architecture NZ is the official magazine of the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects (NZILA) and the Landscape Industries Association of NZ (Landscaping NZ). It features large-scale infrastructure, urban landscape design, and smaller landscapes including domestic environments - in New Zealand and internationally. It also covers letters/opinion pieces, news sections/ profiles of landscape designers and landscape architects, along with competitions/ awards/ books and exhibitions. It is published quarterly (March, June, Sept, Nov), and is distributed to both the trade and consumers via a combination of controlled circulation, paid subscriptions and retail sales. Subscribe to Landscape Architecture NZ for only NZ\$ 34.00 a year (New Zealand), NZ\$ 64.00 (Australia), NZ\$ 111.00 (Rest of World). To submit editorial ideas / articles please contact the editor Shonagh Lindsay at shonagh.lindsay@agm.co.nz. http://www.nzila.co.nz/index_home.asp.

ACE Info 2009

The first edition in 2009 of the ACE Info, the update from the Architects' Council of Europe, is available at http://www.ace-cae.org/MemberN/Content/EN/toc/toc/mytoc.asp?idt=aceinfo_news



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