



July, 09 – Week 27

IFLA meetings and events

IFLA President, Dr. Diane Menzies met **Elise Sørdsdal, IFLA's only remaining founding member**, in Oslo in early June. Elise Sørdsdal who will be 97 soon is lively and gracious. She recounted stories of her broad career that included teaching, gardening and parks administration. She also gave Dr. Menzies a small Penguin book which she had kept on *Gardens*, written by Lady Allen of Hurtwood and Susan Jellicoe and published in 1953. While in Norway, Diane Menzies gave a presentation on IFLA to the Oslo/Akershus branch of NLA, met with Norwegian highway authority representatives, visited the university of Life Sciences at Ås, and enjoyed a wonderful site visit to the new Oslo Opera House, escorted by one of the design team members, Jenny Osuldsen. The gleaming white opera house sits at the head of the fjord on the foreshore of the city, like a glacier sliding into the sea. It is much visited by local people and a spectacular amenity for the city. Dr. Menzies also enjoyed the hospitality of Tore Bergaust, NLA delegate to IFLA, as well as the kind help of others from Oslo. From Oslo, Diane Menzies flew to St Petersburg to take part as a judge in the Russian State Museum's second **Garden Festival** and attend and give a presentation at a conference **from June 1-3 on Historic Landscapes in the Modern Era** sponsored jointly by: St Petersburg Administration, St Petersburg State Forest Technical Academy, IFLA, ALACIS and Lincoln University, New Zealand. The conference was well attended by Russian landscape architects and allied colleagues as well as those from 22 other countries, and many gave presentations. There were also field tours to Pavlovski Palace and the historic city of Novgorod, as well as ballet attendance and visits to the Hermitage Museum and its treasures. Several present have promised reports on the conference, which we will list on our IFLA website when available. Fritz Auweck, Vice-President of the European region of IFLA, Diane Menzies and Maria Ignatieva from Lincoln University also made a short visit to Estonia, giving presentations at the university in Tartu and taking part in a discussion with students and practitioners from there, as well as representatives from Lithuania and Latvia. Board members from the Landscape Architecture Association of Estonia told them about three university courses in landscape architecture in Estonia and outlined their activities, which included celebrating April as World Landscape Architecture month during which they produced posters and information in the newspaper and magazines, and held a lecture course on creativity, a movie night, a 'people's party', and a debate 'To intervene or not.' Finally they launched their first landscape architecture magazine, called *Ou* which means 'Yard.' They also took part in installations and 'happenings' in the main square of Tartu. Students presented a video of events they conducted in the square including kite flying, washing, fishing and sunbathing: on a day called *Freez*. They also put 50 newly-painted yellow chairs in the square with notices: 'sit down', but most had been "walked away" by the evening. Fritz Auweck also met with administrators and others in Tallinn, the capital. A warm thank you to those in Estonia for their hospitality and to Bruno Marques for encouraging IFLA officers to visit!

SB 470 and Beyond: Methods and Content in Landscape Histories

The Landscape Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) invites you to **submit an abstract** for our upcoming pre-conference colloquium. This pre-conference colloquium is an outgrowth of the roundtable pedagogy session at the SAH conference in Pasadena. To build upon this lively dialogue, they will explore the ways changes in historical methods and historical content have impacted landscape history scholarship. Speakers investigate diverse landscapes, and landscapes that address issues of gender and class. ***In what ways should these histories influence and be incorporated into scholarship? Does this content call for other types of historical methods? How might survey courses integrate marginalized sites, cultures, and/or designers? How do historical texts treat these changes as part of their content?*** Please submit abstracts and a one-page curriculum vita by **15 August 2009** to both tway@u.washington.edu and susan.herrington@ubc.ca. Abstracts must be approximately 300 words and should be headed with the applicants name, professional affiliation [graduate students in brackets], and paper title. Abstracts should be the outcome of original research and should summarize your argument. Decisions will be made by 12 September 2009. Authors of accepted proposals must submit the complete text of their papers to the chairs by 12 January 2010. Symposium chairs will return papers with comments to speakers by 6 February 2010. Speakers must complete any revisions and distribute copies of their paper to the chairs and the other session speakers by 27 February 2010. Symposium chairs reserve the right to withhold a paper from the colloquium if the author has refused to comply with those guidelines. Please Note: Each speaker is expected to fund his or her own travel and expenses to Chicago. All speakers must be members of the Society of Architectural Historians by 1 October 2009. <http://www.sah.org/>

II Encuentro Internacional Hispanoárabe de Jardinería

Organizado por la Asociación Española de Parques y Jardines Públicos en la ciudad de **Granada** (España) los días **29 y 30 de octubre 2009**. El encuentro aspira analizar la influencia fundamental que ha tenido el Mediterráneo, a lo largo de la historia, como vehículo de transmisión hacia la península ibérica de la cultura jardinera. Las ponencias tratarán del **Mediterráneo intercultural**, los **Jardines en la Granada Islámica** y el **Uso del agua en la Alhambra y el Generalife** entre otros. Para más amplia información y condiciones de inscripción, consulte la web de la AEPJP en <http://www.aepjp.es>

International Master in Landscape Architecture: Mediterranean Landscape Urbanism

Beginning **October 2009** at the **Faculty of Architecture of Alghero**, University of Sassari (Italy). Conducted by Prof. Stefan Tischer the master directed to last-year students as well as graduated and young professionals who are interested in the Landscape Urbanism approach in the Mediterranean territories and landscapes and spending some time on an extraordinary

island in the middle of the Mediterranean. Preliminary information is available at www.architettura.uniss.it/mmlu_eng and at www.architettura.uniss.it/article/articleview/1598/1/30. For specific information, please contact mmlu@uniss.it.

Launch of Landscape Infrastructures DVD

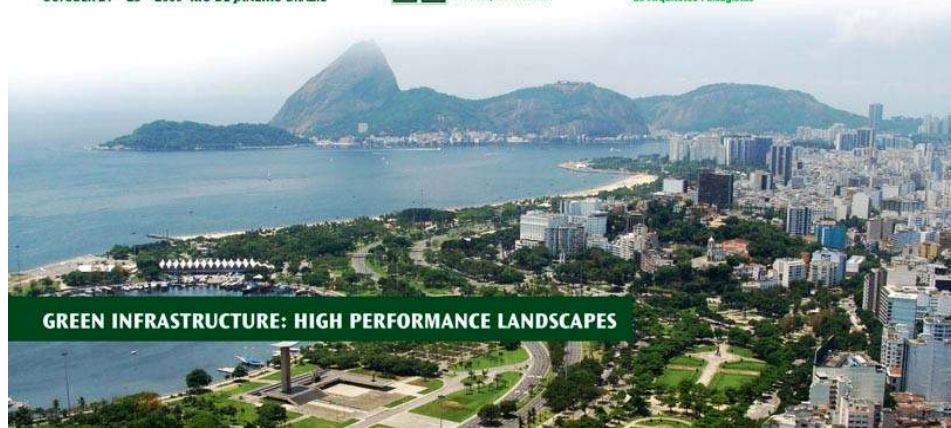
The Centre for Landscape Research has released the *DVD for the Landscape Infrastructures Symposium* held Fall 2008 at the University of Toronto Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design. For students, educators, researchers and professionals in the interrelated fields of design, planning, engineering and public administration, the disc set features edited recordings of the proceedings including lecture presentations by Stan Allen, George Baird, Pierre Bélanger, Julia Czerniak, Herbert Dreiseitl, Kristina Hill, Michael Jakob, Nina-Marie Lister, Kate Orff and Jane Wolff as well as plenary discussions with Rodolphe El-Khoury, David Fletcher, Ted Kesik, Robert Levit, Liat Margolis, Alissa North, Mason White and Robert Wright. The DVD also features a new afterward, and a full list of reference readings on the converging fields of landscape and infrastructure. The DVD disc-set will be available for sale online (www.uoftbookstore.com/online/) and at the University of Toronto Bookstore (St. George Campus) starting July 15, 2009. For any further inquiries, please contact Anna Lightfoot, Communications Officer (anna.lightfoot@daniels.utoronto.ca), Dr. Ted Kesik, Professor of Site Engineering & Building Science (ted.kesik@daniels.utoronto.ca) or Pierre Bélanger, Director, Landscape Infrastructure Lab, Harvard University (belanger@harvard.edu).

NZILA Insite

The latest edition of *Insite*, the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects (NZILA) is now out at http://www.nzila.co.nz/newsletters/april_june2009.htm

IFLA Regional & World Conferences and Congresses

- **2009 Incheon IFLA APR Congress on Hybrid & Convergence of City and Landscape Architecture: Strategies for the Future.** Hosted by the Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture (KILA) and Incheon Metropolitan City. **September 1-4, 2009** at Songdo Convensia, Incheon, Korea. <http://www.ifla-apr2009.org/>
- **EFLA, The European Region of IFLA, 20th Anniversary celebration and General Assembly.** Brussels, Belgium, **November 20-21, 2009** at the International Centre for Urbanism, Architecture and Landscape.
- **IFLA 47th World Congress** will be hosted by the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) and the Chinese Society of Landscape Architecture (CHSLA), supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, China, and organized by Suzhou Municipal Government, **May 28-30, 2010** in **Suzhou, China**. The theme of the World Congress will be **Responding to Nature to Achieve Harmony and Prosperity - Traditional Inheritance and Sustainable Development**. Venue: Suzhou International Conference Centre and Suzhou Central Hotel. The Post-congress Technical Tour will visit 2010 Expo Shanghai and Urban Landscaping in Shanghai. The IFLA International Student Competition will be held according to the Congress theme.
- **2010 IFLA Americas Region Conference.** Santiago de Chile, in September.
- **3rd Symposium on the Mediterranean Landscape Profession: Beirut 2010.** Supported by EFLA.
- **IFLA 48th World Congress, June 27-29, 2011** will be hosted by Swiss Association of Landscape Architects (BSLA) and the city of Zürich. The theme will deal with **Scaling Nature - from urban landscapes to alpine garden**.
- **Mind the Gap: New Landscapes for our New Lives.** Landscape Architecture International Conference supported by EFLA. Tallinn, Estonia. **October 26-28, 2011**



Registration

www.46ifla2009.com.br/en/registration.php

Students' Design Competition

www.46ifla2009.com.br/en/students_competition.php