



# Celebrating News Brief

## World Landscape Month

### April in Uruguay: our Autumnal Landscape

Autumnal landscape in our country is marvellous, yellows and reds capture our eyes. Platanus, Fraxinus and Gingkos shed and the sea or country breeze scatter their leaves. The rays of sunshine, still warm, give us the chance to enjoy this autumnal rejoicing. For this coming autumn month of April, the world month of Landscape Architecture, the AUDADP sends out two invitations that cannot be ignored. First invitation is to the travelling Exhibition: "**The Landscape Architect, concept and Works**" organised by the Portuguese Association of Landscape Architects (APAP) which has been travelling since last year throughout Latin-American cities of Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. On the month of April, the Exhibition, sponsored by the Portuguese Embassy in Uruguay, will set up in the main hall of the Faculty of Architecture of the Republic University, in the city of Montevideo and in the exhibition hall of the city of Maldonado's city council. Our university landscape courses are held in both these cities. The second invitation is an original one from the AUDADP to all of you. Visit our website, [www.audadp.org.uy](http://www.audadp.org.uy) to see our tribute to the autumnal landscape: a **Self-guided Itinerary through the streets of Montevideo**. It has been developed by the architect Margarita Montañez and the agronomist engineer Pablo Ross, president and vice-president of the AUDADP. The itinerary is shown through a plane of pictures of streets planted with trees and/or examples and plant sets. Proposals that cannot be ignored for us all to know and enjoy in April, our autumnal Landscape. By *Fernando Britos, Uruguay Association of Landscape Architecture (AUDADP) delegate to IFLA.*

### CSLA 2009 LA Month Poster

As last year, the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects developed tools that can be used to promote April is World Landscape Architecture Month. These included the **National 2009 Landscape Architecture Month Award Winning Poster** which you can download and a flash presentation showcasing the profession and fine examples of Canadian Landscape Architect's work. Access to them at <http://csla.ca/site/index.php?q=en/node/571>

### NZILA 2009: The Big Picture Workshop

**Queenstown Thursday 2-Saturday 4 April 2009.** Large scale changes to our landscapes can challenge our values, our sense of beauty and even our regional identity. The 2009 NZILA workshop conference will explore these issues with site visits and workshop sessions relating to conflicting interests and pressures associated with managing large scale landscape change. The setting for this conference is the alpine resort town of Queenstown. The Queenstown Lakes District is known nationally for both the tourism that its spectacular landscapes attract and for a series of Environment Court decisions that made significant findings regarding landscape management. These have resulted in specific provisions to the District Plan that are relevant to New Zealand as a whole. The focus of the workshop and site visits is to examine some of the pressures and management responses which have developed in this area. The conference has four themes: landscapes of recreation, landscapes for rural living, landscapes of production, and landscapes of energy. For further information on these themes, please visit <http://conferencequeenstown.co.nz/nzila/index.asp>.

### Persian Festival of "Joy and Solidarity"

**Sizdah be-dar** (lit. "getting rid of thirteen") is the Persian Festival of "Joy and Solidarity" celebrated on the 13th day of the new year and the month of Farvardin (corresponding to **April 1 or 2**, depending on leap or non-leap year), the last day of the Norooz (Iranian New Year) period. The custom is for families to pack a picnic and spend the day outdoors in a park or the countryside. A ritual performed at the end of the picnic day is to throw away the sprouts people grow at the beginning of Norooz to a river, symbolizing the cycle of life (source: <http://www.dusharm.com/content/view/12/2/>). The Iranian Society of Landscape Professions (ISLAP) particular celebration of the World Landscape Architecture will consist in holding the **First National Landscape Architecture Competition**, support the **2nd National Landscape and Green Space Exhibition**, hold a session for ISLAP's members and landscape architecture students and organize a students' projects Exhibition. For further information, please write to Mr. Mohammad Motallebi at [motalebi.ld@gmail.com](mailto:motalebi.ld@gmail.com) and [info@islaponline.com](mailto:info@islaponline.com)

### Seeing the Bigger Picture

A symposium presenting recent ground-breaking approaches in European spatial planning. The day (**April 7**) provides an exceptional opportunity for decision makers and practitioners to discuss the quality of life benefits of adopting a holistic and conceptual approach to landscape infrastructure in master planning and regeneration. Seeing the Bigger Picture is curated by Professors Kathryn Moore and Tom Jefferies and is organised jointly by Birmingham City University School of Architecture and MADE, the regional Architecture Centre in the West Midlands. The full programme will be announced shortly but will include the following: 'Landscape & Green as part of socio-economic renaissance' Martin Biewenga, Partner, West 8 Urban Design and Landscape Architecture, Rotterdam; 'The Agrarian Inheritance - Agro-urbanism' Robert Camlin, Partner, Camlin Lonsdale Landscape Architects, Llangadfan, Wales and Marsden West Yorkshire; 'Political and legal implications of implementing the European Landscape Convention' Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons, Head of the Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Spatial Planning Division, Council of Europe, Strasbourg; 'The culture of infrastructure, parking, and urban space' Kevin Logan, Associate,

Maccreeanor Lavington, Rotterdam and London; 'Transformations of the Urbanized Landscape' Frits Palmboom, Director Palmboom & van den Bout Urban Design, Rotterdam; 'Outdoor Living Rooms Applied Public Space Research' Oliver Schulze, Architect, Director Gehl Architects, Urban Quality Consultants, Copenhagen. Information at <http://seeingthebigpicture.info>

### **Landscape Architecture activities in Argentina**

On the occasion of the Month of Landscape Architecture introduced by IFLA, the Landscape Institute of the Faculty of Architecture of the Catholic University of Cordoba (UCC) will carry out a series of activities. The kickoff will be on **April 8** at the Faculty of Architecture's premises. Various subjects will be approached such as the advantages of developing joint projects between the architect and the landscape architect, the elaboration of a master plan, case study: "The Wine Road"; GIS: Geographic Information System, case study: "Landscape-environmental lineaments in the locality of Montecristo", among others. For further information, check [www.institutodepaisaje.blogspot.com/](http://www.institutodepaisaje.blogspot.com/) or email at [institutodepaisaje@gmail.com](mailto:institutodepaisaje@gmail.com)

### **Formation of Urban Green Areas 2009: Environment of Residential Districts**

The Lithuanian Association of Landscape Architects (LALA) will celebrate the World Landscape Architecture Month organizing an international scientific – practical conference. The theme of the event is "Formation of urban green areas 2009: Environment of Residential Districts" and the venue will be Klaipeda (Lithuania) on **April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. For further information, please contact: Jurga Kucinskiene at [j.kucinskiene@klvtk.lt](mailto:j.kucinskiene@klvtk.lt) and/or [jurqa7@yahoo.com](mailto:jurqa7@yahoo.com)

### **Sowing campaign in Peru**

To celebrate the World Landscape Architecture Month, the Peruvian Association of Landscape Architecture (APP) is organising the sowing of 50 trees in the district of Miraflores in conjunction with the Municipality of the city. Besides, the APP will hold a seminar which will be conducted by Roberto Mullieri from Argentina together with Fábio Márquez, landscape technician. The seminar will deal with "Design and Building Processes in Parks and Garden: Methodology for Public Spaces". [www.paiperu.org](http://www.paiperu.org)

### **Landscape Architecture celebration in Malaysia**

The Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM) is planning several activities for the celebration of World Landscape Architecture Month 2009 which include: the **Landscape Forum and Career Week for Landscape Architects**, the **27<sup>th</sup> ILAM Landscape Architecture Awards** and on April 25 the **Professional Day 2009 Exhibition** in cooperation with the Malaysian Professional Centre, BIM. [www.ilamalaysia.org](http://www.ilamalaysia.org)

### **1st Biennial on Landscape Architecture**

The Faculty of Architecture through the Academic Unit of Landscape Architecture and the Mexican Society of Landscape Architects (SAPM), have called for landscape architects, architects, urban planners and related arts and sciences to contribute with their works to the **1<sup>st</sup> Landscape Architecture Biennial in Mexico**. All the works submitted will be exhibited until the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, day on which the exhibition will close with the nomination of the winning work(s). Further information at [www.sapm.com.mx/](http://www.sapm.com.mx/)

### **ASLA's National Landscape Architecture Month**

The American Association of Landscape Architects (ASLA) reached out to chapters and student chapters regarding National Landscape Architecture Month (NLAM) as part of a campaign to get involvement from all chapters. ASLA has asked its members about their plans in an effort to promote them and help coordinate activities across chapters to help them avoid duplicating work. Details of NLAM events are being posted online to promote public participation at [www.asla.org/NationalLandscapeArchitectureMonthDetail.aspx?id=10630](http://www.asla.org/NationalLandscapeArchitectureMonthDetail.aspx?id=10630)

### **Spatial dimension of Climate Changes**

The Slovenian Association of Landscape (DKAS) started celebrating the World Landscape Architecture Month with the opening of an exhibition on public open space projects and realizations in Ribnica, on the 19th of March 2009. The opening included a thematic event on design and management of public open space in small towns. Furthermore, in April, the DKAS plans to invite the public to visit landscape architects at work in their practices, have a landscape architects' gathering for a picnic on the 23rd of April, publish a promotional flyer on the role of urban green space relating to climate change, public health issues and related new mobility principles and edit an article on Landscape Architecture month on their website and related web sites as well as in newspapers. [www.dkas.si/](http://www.dkas.si/)



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