



# Bulletin

## International Association for Landscape Ecology

### REPORT TO

### IALE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1999

by IALE Secretary-General Michael R. Moss

Upon assuming its responsibilities in late 1995, the new Executive Committee soon came to realize that if IALE were to grow into an effective, international, scientific organization, major changes would have to be made to its administrative and organizational procedures. Consequently, some of the plans of the new Executive to increase the activities and the profile of IALE were delayed in order to undertake this much needed overhaul of the organization. The Executive is of the view that a suitable administrative structure is now in place. This is the base from which IALE can build and grow into a scientific organization capable of promoting the value of both research and the application of landscape ecology.

Perhaps of most lasting benefit to IALE are initiatives taken by the Executive to redefine the roles and responsibilities of each Executive member, to modify procedures for the election of the Executive, and to revise membership status, affiliations, etc. These changes became incorporated into a revision of IALE Statutes. These were drawn up by the Executive, reviewed by the Council, and finally voted upon by the membership at large. The new statutes were overwhelmingly endorsed by the membership.

Another major area of administrative concern involved the somewhat tenuous links between finances, membership, and the national/regional chapters. The Executive has now consolidated all former IALE bank accounts into one, and the Treasurer now deals with all financial matters, including those related to membership. (The Treasurer will be providing a detailed summary of IALE finances at the General Assembly.) At this point, however, it is worth noting that although IALE's financial status remains somewhat insecure, this has improved with increased numbers of fee-paying members and with an increasing involvement of regions in collecting fees on their own behalf and on behalf of IALE. Where formal regions exist, they are encouraged to adopt these procedures.

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### NEW IALE-STATUTES CONFIRMED

The ballot concerning the new proposal for IALE statutes closed 1. March. All in all 66 members voted. 65 members voted for suspension of the existing statutes and 1 against. 61 members approved the proposed new statutes, 4 voted against.

As a consequence, a new Executive Committee will be elected according to the new statutes during the next month, ready to be installed at the General Assembly to be held during the World Congress of IALE in Colorado in the end of July. In the last Bulletin a call for nominations for 6 positions to the new IALE Executive was distributed. All nominations was handed over to the nominating committee, chaired by our Past President Henri Decamps who has developed a slate of candidates for each post, see page 3. On the enclosed voting paper, space for write-in candidates will be provided for each position, but such candidates must have agreed to serve if elected.

### NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS ELECTED

The vote for two vice-presidential positions to serve until 2001 resulted in the election of Françoise Burel and Kathryn Freemark.

**Françoise Burel** is currently Director of Research at the CNRS in Rennes, France, and on the staff of the University of Rennes. She works on questions linked to connectivity, permeability, animal movement and landscape modelling.

**Kathryn Freemark** is a landscape ecologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) of Environment Canada in Ottawa. She is a Courtesy Associate Professor in Geosciences at Oregon State University and an Adjunct Professor in Biology at Carleton University in Ottawa. She is currently at Harvard University as Loeb Fellow in the Graduate School of Design.

Together with our president John Wiens, Françoise Burel and Kathryn Freemark will be a part of the new executive committee, for which another 6 positions will be voted for during the next month.

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In a related series of activities, the Executive has endeavoured to clarify and update the list of actual regional groups. In the last three years, the Secretary-General has asked for annual reports from each region, with the 1998 report reemphasizing the need for each region to have a formal constitution and elected officers and ongoing activities. This has inevitably reduced the number of functioning IALE regional groups. Under the new statutes, it is hoped that the IALE Council, representing the regions, will play a more active role, particularly through an elected Chair of Council who will sit on the Executive. The two existing IALE working Groups also have representation on Council.

In a not unrelated activity, the Executive has sought to formalize "super-regional" meetings. The Executive has encouraged the model of super-regional meetings taking place at the mid-point between Congresses. Consequently, the next European meeting will be in 2001 and it is hoped that both a Southeast Asia and an Americas regional meeting will take place in the same year.

The Executive has also taken steps to improve its profile internationally as the voice for landscape ecology. These activities began with some modest internal efforts but we hope we have also laid the foundations for more visible promotional activities. The web page has proven to be an important first point of contact for potential members as well as a means of keeping existing members informed. Informational brochures have also been printed and widely distributed at major national and international meetings of related organizations, together with a poster displaying the range of activities of IALE.

It became apparent, quite early in our mandate, that we needed a clear statement, largely for external consumption, of the purpose and role of IALE. Hence, the Executive, in wide consultation with the membership, developed a mission statement for the organization.

In all of these activities, the role of the IALE Bulletin has become increasingly important, and we have now estab-

lished a regular publication pattern of issues for the entire membership. Hopefully, over the next year or so an electronic version of the Bulletin will be widely available.

Less successful have been the other forms of publication that should perhaps reflect more fully the scientific activities of IALE and its role as a conduit for landscape ecologists to the international community of scientists and practitioners. Such publications include the book series and the journal.

IALE had a formal agreement with the publishers Chapman and Hall to publish a series of books on topics related to landscape ecology. Although two titles were produced in this series, marketing was not particularly effective and proposals for additional titles became lost in the evaluation process. Eventually, Chapman and Hall ceased to exist and the Executive assumed the series to be abandoned. However, the Executive felt a very strong interest in, and need for, a book series in landscape ecology. Currently, there are ongoing discussions between the Executive and a major international publisher to explore this possibility further.

The journal *Landscape Ecology* has given the Executive a good deal of concern over the past four years. Members should be aware that *Landscape Ecology* never was, nor is still, the journal of IALE, but is independently produced by a commercial publisher – in actual fact, by an ongoing series of commercial publishers – three in as many years! Although the academic quality of this journal remains high, its promotion and distribution have at times been disastrous and remain somewhat problematic. The current publisher, Kluwer, does appear to be taking active steps to overcome the problem.

The dilemma faced by the Executive was either to launch its own journal or to become more actively involved with the existing one. In taking the latter approach somewhat cautiously, *Landscape Ecology* is now published "in cooperation with IALE" and a statement to that effect is included in each issue. There remains good liaison between

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IALE on the Internet: IALE International: <http://www.crle.uoguelph.ca/iale/>

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the Editor and the IALE Executive concerning changes to the journal, its profile and its distribution. The Executive is now more optimistic about the future of the existing relationship, but will maintain a watchful eye on developments. The IALE Bulletin is, however, no longer distributed with the journal.

This summarizes the major activities of the Executive since the past Congress. Perhaps not a series of high profile activities, but a great deal of effort has been expended in trying to place IALE on a firm administrative and financial foundation. Hopefully, future Executives will build on the seemingly modest but not inconsequential achievements of the past four years.

### IALE CONGRESS NEWS

Plans for the 5th World Congress of IALE (IALE99) continue to develop. A large number of abstracts and registrations have been submitted, and the program will be put together by mid- or late-May. Detailed program information should be available on the Congress web site by the end of May (we hope). It's a good idea to keep checking the web site regularly - there is information there for students (application forms to serve as a projectionist or "gofer" during the Congress in exchange for a partial rebate of registration fees, arrangements for shared accommodations). In addition, we are still attempting to find funding to support attendance at the Congress by students and professionals, and this information will be posted on the web page when it becomes available.

John Wiens

### ELECTION FOR THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Enclosed with this Bulletin, you will find a presentation of nominated candidates for the election of members to the coming executive committee of IALE.

Proposals for nominations has been collected by the nomination committee, chaired by our past-president Henri Decamps (France) that according to the statutes have selected a slate of candidates among the proposals and additional candidates willing to accept nomination. The Nomination committee consist of the following members: Henri Decamps, France (Chairman)  
Pavel Kovar, Czech Republic  
Joan I. Nassauer, USA  
Li Xiuzhen, China  
Sandra Lavorel, France

The nomination committee has chosen the following nomination:

President: Richard Hobbs (Australia)  
2 Vice presidents: Teresa Pinto Correia (Portugal)  
Xiao Duning (China)  
Margereta Ihse (Sweden)  
Bas Pedroli (The Netherlands)  
Secretary-General: Mike Moss (Canada)  
Deputy Secretary-General and Bulletin Editor:  
John Dover, UK  
Felix Kienast, Switzerland  
Treasurer: Rob Jongman (The Netherlands)

On the voting paper there is extra space for write-in candidates, but these must be accompanied by a written nomination form.

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### Diary

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July 21

Hedgerow Conservation - policy, Protection and Evaluation, Nene University College, Northampton. Contact Convenor Dr. Duncan McCollin, Nene - University College, Northampton, Park Campus, Northampton, NN2 7AL. Tel.: 01604 735500, e-mail: duncan.mccollin@nene.ac.uk

July 29-August 3

1999 IALE World Congress, Snowmass Village, Colorado. Contact IALE President John A. Wiens, Fax: +1 970 491 0649, e-mail: jaws@lamar.colostate.edu  
NB! Look at the web site for the IALE Congress: <http://lamar.colostate.edu/~iale/Congress.htm>

August 16-20

Operationalization of Remote Sensing, Second Int. Symp. ITC, Enschede, The Netherlands. Contact: Loes Colenbrander, ITC, P.O.Box 6, 7500 AA Enschede, The Netherlands. Fax: +31 53 4874466. E-mail: colenbrander@itc.nl, Internet: <http://www.itc.nl/ags/conference/>

August 25-27

Ecology and Management of Ungulates: Intergrating across spatial scales, British Columbia. Contact Dr. Evelyn Merrill, College of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI 54481; 715/346-4112; e-mail: emerrill@uwsp.edu. For further details on abstract submission visit our website (<http://wildlife1.uwsp.edu/ungul99>)

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September 6-10

Management of Biodiversity from a Landscape Ecological Perspective - PhD Course. Roskilde University, Roskilde, Denmark. Contact Peder Agger, Hus 11.2, RUC, P.Box 260, DK-4000 Roskilde, Denmark, e-mail pa@ruc.dk

September 7-8

Heterogeneity in Landscape Ecology: Pattern and Scale-Long Ashton Research Station, Bristol, UK. Contact Dr. Martin Maudsley or Dr. Jon Marshall, IACR - Long Ashton Research Station, Department of Agricultural Sciences, University of Bristol, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9AF. Tel.: 01275 392181, Fax: 01275 394007, E-mail: martin.maudsley@bbsrc.ac.uk or jon.marshall@bbsrc.ac.uk

September 15-19

EUROMAB-SYMPOSIUM. "Changing Agriculture and Landscape: Ecology, Management, and Biodiversity Decline in Anthropogenous Mountain Grassland". Contact : Austrian MAB-National Committee, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, A-1010 Wien. Phone +43 1 51581 271, Fax: +43 1 51581 275, E-mail: gerlinde.schrammel@oeaw.ac.at, Homepage: <http://www.oeaw.ac.at/mathnat/foprogram/mab.html>, Prof. Dr. Friedrich Ehrendorfer, Dr. Gerlinde Schrammel, Prof. Dr. Herwig Palme

September 18-23

EURECO '99. The European Dimension in Ecology. Perspectives & Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. VIII European ecological Congress. Halkidiki, Greece. Secretariat EURECO '99. Dept. of Ecology, School of Biology, U.P.B. 119, Aristotle University, GR-540 06 Thessaloniki, Greece. Fax: +30 31 998379, E-mail: secretariat@eureco99.auth.gr, Web page: <http://www.eureco99.auth.gr>

September 20-22

Field Margins and Buffer Zones Conference, University of Leicester, Oadby, Leicester. Contact Mrs, Carol Millman, AAB Office, c/o HRI Wellesbourne, Warwick CV35 9EF, UK. Tel.: +44 (0)1789 470382, ext. 191, Fax: +44 (0)1789 470234, E-mail: carol.aab@hri.ac.uk For further details visit our website (<http://www.hri.ac.uk/aab/>)

October 3 - 6

ECOGIFTS 2000: A Millenium Perspective on Conservation. A conference is being convened by the Canadian Council on Ecological Areas (<http://www.cprc.uregina.ca/ccea/>). For details, please write to ECOGIFTS 2000, P.O.Box 59012, 1559 Alta Vista Dr., Ottawa, ON, K1G 5T7 Canada or e-mail: ed.wiken@ec.gc.ca

October 5 - 10

Landscape System Analysis in Environmental Management. Poland - IALE: a conference is to be held in surroundings of Warsaw, Poland. Contact Conference Secretary Jerzy Lechnio M.Sc. Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies, University of Warsaw, 00-927, Warsaw, Krakowskie Przedmiescie 30, (IALE Conference), Tel.: (48 22) 620 03 81 ext. 631, 633, (48 22) 826 98 71, Fax: (48 22) 826 19 65, E-mail: jlechnio@wgsr.uw.edu.pl

October 21-23

Cultural Landscapes: Material Reality or Social Constructions?: The V. International Conference is to be held in Banska Stiavnica, Slovakia. Contact Dr. Ladislav Miklos, UNESCO-Chair, Academica 13, 969 00 Banska Stiavnica, Slovakia. Tel./Fax:+42 1 859 621 065. E-mail: unchair@zv.sanet.sk

November 24-26

European conference: Globalisation, Ecology and Economy - Bridging Worlds. Tilburg, The Netherlands. European Center for Nature Conservation (ECNC). P.O.Box 1352, 5004 BJ Tilburg, The Netherlands, Fax: +31 13 466 3250, E-mail: gee@ecnc.nl, Home page: <http://www.ecnc.nl>

## SERVICE FROM THE IALE-BULLETIN

Three series of papers based on IALE Bulletin are now available on IALEs web-side:

1) *What is Landscape Ecology* is a collection of xx papers discussion the nature of landscape ecology, published in the IALE Bulletin since the first edition in 1982

2) *Landscape Ecology around the World* is a collection of reports from the IALE regions concerning the development of Landscape Ecology in different regions in the world

3) *My way to Landscape Ecology* is a collection of papers published in IALE Bulletin since the announcement of the IALE Mission statement in January 1998, giving personal profiles of Landscape Ecologists concerning their involvement in landscape ecology and their view on the IALE Mission statement.

The three series has been edited by Jesper Brandt