



# Bulletin

## International Association for Landscape Ecology

### NEW PROPOSAL FOR A EUROPEAN SECTION OF IALE

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A preparation group set up at the European IALE Congress in Faro, Portugal in March 2005 has been working on principles for an upcoming regional organization of landscape ecologists at the European level.

In the last month a consensus in the preparation group has been attained on the following goals for a European section of IALE.

#### Goals for a European section of IALE:

- a. To further and facilitate exchanges of information, experiences and ideas between European landscape ecologists, e.g. by the promotion of regular meetings, seminars and workshops on landscape ecological knowledge and its applications in Europe or from a European perspective for: individual landscape ecologists and institutions for higher education, research, policy making, planning and management.
- b. To arrange a European Congress of Landscape Ecology every four years in cooperation with European national chapters of the International Association of Landscape Ecology (IALE), to be held mid between the World Congresses of IALE.
- c. To promote unifying concepts and quality standards for landscape ecological approaches in science, education and application.
- d. To define new roles and positions for the future landscape ecology within a united Europe.
- e. To enhance and support the activities of National, Subnational and Cross-National European Regional Chapters and promote the formation of cross-bordering landscape ecological cooperation and activities within Europe.
- f. To foster and develop the highest standards of landscape ecological education in Europe, e.g. by promoting exchanges of experiences on course and curriculum development, and by furthering European co-operation in teaching

and studying, such as by promoting bilateral intra-European agreements.

- g. To promote the interaction between academics and researchers in a Europe-wide academic community engaged in landscape problems of any kind, e.g. by common research agendas, collaborative or complementary research projects.
- h. To promote the position of landscape ecology and related

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disciplines within Europe's higher education system and in society in general.

- i. To stimulate the dialogue of the academic landscape ecological society with European, supra-European and other transboundary bodies, institutions and organisations with interests in landscape ecology and its education.
- j. To publish or by other means produce or distribute landscape ecological knowledge about European landscapes.
- k. To undertake appropriate actions to enhance the use of appropriate landscape ecological knowledge in the development of European landscapes.
- l. To form Working Groups to address specific issues in European landscape ecology.
- m. To promote and support a European journal for landscape ecology and its applications.
- n. To promote landscape ecological aspects in the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and other Europe-wide agreements relevant for landscape ecology (such as Nature 2000, the Habitat directive, etc.).
- o. To establish cooperation with other supranational organisations in Europe with similar objectives and related fields of interest.

The preparation group also developed an organisational proposal, giving priority to institutional membership, but also with membership in a national section of IALE within Europe as well as membership for European landscape ecologists not affiliated with any national section. In a meeting in Bratislava in October, the principle of goals was strongly supported, but there was a marked scepticism towards the organisational structure, because of the limited possibilities of many institutions (especially in Eastern Europe) to be involved in and afford the fee of an institutional membership.

At the IALE Executive Committee meeting in Roskilde, Denmark on the 17-18th November 2006, there was support for the goals formulated by the preparation group, but also reservations concerning the organisational proposal.

Some proposed changes in the statutes, that will be passed to the Council and submitted to IALE members in the near future might help solving the problems of affiliating institutions to IALE activities at the regional level.

A new preparation meeting will be scheduled at the IALE World Congress in Wageningen next summer.

## THE IALE COUNCIL REVITALISED

by Jesper Brandt, IALE Council Chair, [brandt@ruc.dk](mailto:brandt@ruc.dk)

The IALE Council consists of the members of the IALE Executive Committee, an elected representative from each regional chapter, and the Chairs of each working group. It should work as a background group for the Executive Committee but also as a second chamber, especially expressing the regional and specialized membership interests. Through their representatives in the council, the regions and working groups will have direct access to and influence on the affairs of IALE in the periods between the congresses of IALE. The council has a special role as a discussion forum for the nomination of candidates to the Executive Committee, who are finally selected by a nomination committee which is co-chaired by the chairman of the Council.

For historical reasons, the IALE Council has not yet worked very well. But during the last years the Executive Committee of IALE has worked hard to reestablish it, and it has now started to work. Physically the council is only expected to meet during the world congress, but all other meetings will be held as e-mail meetings, where all communication on the agenda will be exchanged by e-mail.

The council has just started its first meeting, focusing on the perspectives and duties of the council as well as the procedures set up for discussions and decisions. The stimulation of nominations up to the coming election of a new executive committee is a central point.

A coming standard item on the agenda will be the approval or rejection of applications from new regions and working groups that according to the IALE statutes is one of the duties of the council. We expect this work to be stimulating for the development of the activities within the regional organisations by the exchange of information on organisation and practise in the work of the regions and working groups. Up to now the regional organisation of members within IALE has concentrated on the organisation of landscape ecologists at the national level, but there are obviously other relevant ways of stimulating the development of landscape ecology: Sub-national and cross-national organisations, united at the landscape level (a mountainous area or a catchment area, e.g. the Alps, the Donau basin) could be just as relevant. A better organisation of universities and research institutes dealing with matters of landscape ecological relevance within a region could be another alternative example, that however probably will demand a more loose affiliation to IALE, due to the involvement of different organisational bodies.

Among issues to be discussed in the council in the coming time will be a proposal from the executive committee for a revision of the IALE Statutes and improvement of the possibilities for publishing landscape ecological papers of different types.

## IALE WORLD CONGRESS 2007



The registration for the congress is now open. Hotels can be booked directly through the web site. Please note that a special rate has been negotiated. Therefore you should book through the conference website and not directly to the hotel. There is also a link with the camp site in Wageningen for those who would like to camp. As holiday time will be starting it would be wise to make an early reservation. More camp sites are available in the surroundings of Wageningen.

All who have sent an abstract for an oral presentation or poster should have received a template and instructions for authors in the week of 12-19 November. If you have sent in an abstract and did not receive a reaction after November 19, please react urgently to the organisation committee ([contributions@iale2007.com](mailto:contributions@iale2007.com)).

Submission of short abstracts for oral presentation (first phase) is closed. For publication of oral presentations a two page abstract should be sent to the organisation committee before 1 February 2007.

**The call for poster contributions with a short abstract of 300 words is open until 1 January 2007.** People will be notified of acceptance as soon as possible after their submissions, but not later than the 15th of January. For publication of a poster contribution a one page abstract should be sent to the organisation committee before 1 February 2007. The pdf file of the poster should be sent in before 15 April 2007.

There will be the opportunity for people to organise additional workshops during the congress; rooms have been provisionally booked and a notice board will be available for proposals.

Local arrangements are proceeding, both in a practical matters e.g. booking of busses and social events during the congress. We will keep you posted.

**Musicians** - you can bring your instruments to play with the Big Band "Sound of Science", that will perform during the banquet and the party after. Music workshops will also be prepared.

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## MEETINGS

December 4 - 7, 2006

**Regional Perspectives, Policy Responses and Sustainable Development in the Arab Region - Challenges and Opportunities.** International Symposium on Drylands Ecology and Human Security. Dubai

More information: <http://www.isdehs.com>

February 19-21, 2007

**Riparian Management in Headwater Catchments: Translating Science into Management.** University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

More information: <http://faculty.forestry.ubc.ca/richardson/RiparianManagementConference.htm>

April 9-13, 2007

**Disturbances across gradients: From desert seas to mountain islands.** US-IALE 22nd Annual Conference. Tucson, Arizona

The first day of the conference will consist of workshops, followed by two and a half days of presentations and a field trip day sandwiched in between presentation days. The presentation days are composed of four concurrent sessions of 20 minute talks. There will be over 10 symposia in the conference. Plenary speakers are Dr. Jim Agee and Dr. Jesse Logan speaking on landscape disturbances of fire and mountain pine beetle. There will also be a plenary symposium on the last day organized by Bruce T. Milne, Richard T.T. Forman, John Wiens, and Robert Gardner titled "Toward a Collective Disciplinary Agenda for Landscape Ecology: Goals and Strategies".

The conference is being held at the DoubleTree Hotel Tucson at Reid Park. This hotel is located adjacent to beautiful Reid Park with ready access to golf, tennis, baseball, and jogging trails and is just minutes from the airport and downtown Tucson.

More information: <http://www.usiale.org/tucson2007/index.php>

May 22-27, 2007

**Ecological Complexity and Sustainability: Challenges and Opportunities for 21st-Century's Ecology.** Eco Summit 2007. Beijing International Convention Center, Beijing, PR China

The aim of this Eco Summit is to encourage a greater integration of both the natural and social sciences with the policy and decision-making community to develop a better understanding of the complex nature of ecological systems. This understanding will provide the basis for sustainable solutions to environmental problems.

Deadlines:

January 15, 2007: abstract submission

January 31, 2007: submission of special evening proposals

More information: <http://www.ecosummit2007.elsevier.com/>



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June 15-17, 2007

**Landscape Classification - theory and practice.** Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies, Warsaw University and Polish Association of Landscape Ecology. Warsaw, Poland

The primary aim of the conference will be to discuss methods of landscape classifying and possibilities of its use for practical purposes. The following problems are to be touched:

- theoretical foundations of landscapes' classifications
- landscapes structure and it's classification
- landscapes functioning and it's classification
- visual aspects of landscapes and it's classification
- landscape classification as a tool of quantifying and qualifying of landscapes
- classification and management of landscapes.

Deadline:

30th of December 2006 – sending up paper's or poster's abstract

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More information: *see this bulletin page 3*

September 3-5, 2007

**Permanent and temporary grassland: plant, environment, economy.** 14th Symposium of the European Grassland Federation. Gent, Belgium,

The programme concentrates on the role of two land use systems – permanent grassland and ley farming in terms of production, ecology, environment and socio-economy.

There will be three sessions dealing with the following topics:

1. Production and quality  
e.g. management, grassland improvement systems, botanical composition, sward characteristics, soil fertility,...
2. Impact of grassland management systems on environment  
e.g. global warming, erosion, water quality, nutrient losses, biodiversity, soil food web, ...
3. Socio-economic impact  
e.g. legislation, society demands, rural development, farmer's income, energy consumption, ...

More information: <http://www.egf2007.com>



September 3-6, 2007

**Monitoring the Effectiveness of Nature Conservation Programmes.** Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL, Birmensdorf, Switzerland

The conference addresses scientists, managers and policy makers active in the fields of nature conservation, environmental impact assessment and landscape planning. Along with the presentation of technological and biological conservation know-how, the conference aims to provide goaled-oriented results and to prove their implementation in nature management.

The conference provides an opportunity to critically assess the achievements of nature protection in general and the scientific methods that are currently used internationally. It aims to determine to what extent the many different nature conservation activities for maintaining the quality of protected ecosystems are successful. As an example we will present the results of a nation-wide monitoring study in which the effectiveness of the conservation status and management measures imposed are examined.

- What methods for what results? Adequacy of methods for desired results.
- Are the modeling approaches the best tools for ecosystem monitoring?
- Under what conditions can techniques developed for one ecosystem be applied to others?
- Which methods are most suitable for determining thresholds and standards?
- Do the indicators and targets that are commonly used really work?
- Is the monitoring process sufficiently accurate to meet the pre-defined target?
- Do we need more refined indicators and better defined targets?
- How to set priorities?
- What do we monitor to get clear results?
- Does monitoring have to provide information on how to adapt management ?
- How to adapt the indicators for different time and spatial scales?

So far monitoring research has been mainly concentrating on determining useful indicators of habitat quality. Now there is a growing demand for monitoring the effectiveness of protection measures as more international money is spent on nature conservation programs. The EU nature conservation network NATURA2000, for example, implies monitoring and reporting duties for all of the member states.

The conference will provide the stakeholders with scientific arguments to justify funds for a sustainable development.

More information: [http://www.wsl.ch/event\\_07/monitoring/](http://www.wsl.ch/event_07/monitoring/)

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