

### Dear IALE members!

2019 Elections of the IALE Executive Committee

#### By the IALE Nomination Committee:

Xiuzhen Li, Felix Kienast, Christine Fürst, (chairs), Thomas C. Edwards Jr., Benjamin Burkhard, Werner Rolf (technical aspects). The 2019 IALE nomination committee nominates the following candidates for positions in the IALE-Executive Committee. A web-based voting procedure will be distributed to all IALE-members by e-mail shortly before May, 31, 2019. The election will conclude June, 15. The new IALE Executive Committee will be installed during the World Congress in Milano (July, 01. - 05, 2019).

#### **President**

 Robert Scheller (member in good standing of IALE North-America)

#### Vice-Presidents (3 positions)

- Dolors Armenteras (member in good standing of IALE International)
- Henry Bulley (member in good standing of IALE North-America / IALE Africa),
- Benjamin Burkhard (member in good standing of IALE Europe and IALE Germany)
- Li Li (member in good standing of IALE China)
- Anita Morzillo (member in good standing of IALE North-America)

#### Secretary General

 Peilei Fan (member in good standing of IALE North-America)

## Deputy Secretary General & Communication Officer

• Bastian Steinhoff-Knopp (member in good standing of IALE Germany)

#### Treasurer

 Irene Petrosillo (member in good standing of IALE Italy)

Candidates for each position are listed in alphabetic order. Three Vice Presidents elected in 2017, Liding Chen (IALE China), Cristian Echeverria (IALE Chile), and Sima Fakheran (IALE Iran), will serve on the new Executive Committee until 2021. For further Information on these Vice Presidents, see IALE Bulletin, Vol. 35 no. 1, at www.landscape-ecology.org. According to the IALE statutes, you can still nominate your own write-in candidates for the 2019 election. Write-in candidates will be added to the list of candidates on the voting ballot and announced through the Web Page. You should forward proposed write-in candidates to the Secretary-General Thomas Edwards (t.edwards@ nr.usu.edu) before May, 26, 2019. To be valid, the proposed position for the write-in candidate should be clearly indicated, and there must be an acceptance of nomination via email to the Secretary-General from the candidate.



# President Rob Scheller



Mission Statement for Office of the President

I am deeply honored to have been nominated as President and I am eager to serve.

#### **Biography**

I am Professor of Landscape Ecology at North Carolina State University. My research focuses on landscape change: how landscapes have changed, how they will change, and our options for managing landscape change. Specifically, my research examines how management can promote landscape health and informs policy choices, regionally and globally.

#### Mission Statement

Landscape ecologists are leaders in resolving many of our most pressing and most complex problems in regards to sustainability and environmental quality. We are uniquely poised at the nexus of science, management, and policy. But as an international organization, we face many challenges due to reduced funding, declining engagement with academic societies, and the global political environment.

In order to maximize our potential, my goals as President include:

- Leverage all the talents and enthusiasm of our members through engagement and education.
- Increase our global connections and cross-disciplinary training via our Vice Presidents and officers.
- Promote IALE globally via mentoring and outreach to our new chapters and our work groups.
- Perform an assessment of our institutional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. What is our collective vision to move IALE forward? What is our unique voice?

- How do we navigate the new political realities?
- Update our processes: How can we improve the efficiency of our communications, finances, and conferences? IALE has many legacy processes that limit our ability to move quickly and take advantage of new opportunities.

# Vice-President **Dolors Armenteras**



#### *Motives and recommendation:*

I am highly motivated to bring visions to IALE in bridging gaps between Landscape Ecology (LE) research in developing, transitioning and developed countries, referring to my home region, Latin America (LA), and its geo-political context in preserving nature and achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Furthermore, I would see my role in reducing the gender gap for women LE scientist in LA and boost innovative ideas how particularly female LE researchers in the Global South can be better addressed and empowered to take part in the growth and development of IALE. I have been recently listed as a world women scientific leader in fire ecology and one of the few representatives from Latin America. As such, I feel empowered to encourage and accompany more young women scientist in the field and act as a mentor within IALE.

My research interests include landscape ecology, fire ecology, deforestation, LULC, fragmentation, ecosystem assessments, ES, conservation biology, biodiversity and applied GIS. I have a contemporary understanding of environmental assessments in an international context and have participated in the development of several science-based programs. I have experience working with internationally operating organizations and on the application of knowledge to support policy development.

I am currently an Associate professor in the process of promotion to Full professor

at the National University of Colombia in the Department of Biology, working in the area of landscape ecology. As an associate professor, I created the Landscape Ecology and Ecosystem Modelling group in 2007 when I first got the position. My principal area of interest as well as my recent research has been in the field of the application of landscape ecology to tropical systems. Both monitoring and modelling forests and biodiversity have been research areas where I have strongly focused over the last years with lots of use of RS data and studies of Land use and Land Cover changes. I have also a particular interest in tropical fire ecology that I have also strongly developed in tropical South America.

I am committed to an interdisciplinary approach to science and have managed to successfully lead projects often in multicultural and across sectorial partnerships. Regarding multidisciplinary and science policy interphase, I would like to emphasize that for many years I have collaborated with UNEP in several initiatives, either as consultant, guest, author or coordinator. I have also been involved in several international initiatives and recently as an expert in three IPBES working groups. In relation to my activities within IPBES as an expert, I am collaborating in the Global Assessment in Chapter 5 Scenarios and Pathways towards a Sustainable Future. In this study, I have particularly been dealing with sustainability scenarios across scales. At the national level, I have recently been providing guidance to the national REDD+ program in the context of discussions around monitoring and modelling deforestation, incorporating forest fires and advances in the definition of forest degradation.

I have gained experience in the environmental and conservation sector over more than 20 years and I am believe the seminar is both an opportunity to strengthen collaboration and to contribute to multidisciplinary ideas for future collaborative projects in the area of landscape Ecology.



### Vice-President Henry Bulley



### Motives and recommendation:

I would like to ask your support for reelection as one of the IALE Vice-Presidents, as which my primary task was to enhance IALE's presence in Africa and also to spearhead the IALE Outreach Working Group (IOWG).

Since the 2015 IALE world congress in Portland, I have worked collaboratively to conduct and elect an executive committee, as well as gain approval of Africa-IALE Statutes as a functional IALE region. During this time, I have had the opportunity to travel to Uganda, as a Carnegie African Diaspora Fellow, and initiate a Landscape Ecology Curriculum development through a short course in 2016. I will be returning to Ghana and Uganda this summer to continue with landscape ecology knowledge development through a stakeholder workshop in Ghana and a one-week Landscape Ecology summer course in Uganda. Meanwhile, I have being actively engaged with the new Africa-IALE EC in developing structural improvements including a website and periodic Landscape Ecology knowledge base webinars. Additionally, I am leading a Landscape Ecology in Africa perspective paper with co-authors from Africa, North America and Europe, and it should be out by late 2019 or early 2020. This is part of my objective to promote scholarly publications with African Scientists (and practitioners) to enhance the Landscape Ecology knowledge base on the continent. While most of my time was spent on Africa-IALE during the last 3 years, the progress made so far allows me now to put more attention on the IALE Outreach Working Group (IOWG) going forward. Since 2015, I have worked to establish the IOWG and we have organized a few webinars. To reposition the IOWG to actively engage

with the IALE community and other stakeholders, we have updated and expanded the IOWG membership and there are plans to vote on a co-chair by the time of the 2019 IALE world congress. Hopefully, this reorganization will enhance our ability to organize a quarterly webinar series on Landscape Ecology, Ecosystem Services and Sustainability, etc.; promote special issue publications on cross-disciplinary topics; coordinate with other IALE Working Groups to streamline collaborative initiatives to leverage landscape perspectives in the work of complimentary organizations such as ESP, GEO and IPBES; and explore effective ways to use social media platforms such as LinkedIn to facilitate communications within IALE and with other stakeholders. I look forward for the opportunity to continue with these activities in the capacity of IALE Vice-President also beyond 2019. I firmly believe that African landscapes present unique environments and opportunities to re-examine principles and integrative tools to enhance Landscape Ecology's role a viable scientific basis for achieving Sustainable Development Goals, especially in the Anthropocene.

# Vice-President **Benjamin Burkhard**



#### *Motives and recommendation:*

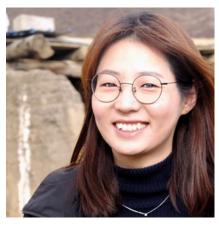
Short biography: Benjamin Burkhard is a geographer and landscape ecologist  $teaching \, and \, working \, with \, transdisciplinary \,$ human-environmental system analyses in various national and international projects. He is Full Professor of Physical Geography and head of the Institute of Physical Geography and Landscape Ecology at Leibniz University Hannover. His main research focus is on landscape ecology, landscape structures and process analyses, mapping of ecosystem services and applications in environmental management. He has been Communication Officer and Deputy Secretary General of IALE since 2011 and is Secretary of the Ecosystem Services Partnership

ESP. Burkhard is Editor-in-chief of One Ecosystem – Ecology and Sustainability Data Journal. His teaching activities include classes on human-environmental system analysis, ecosystem services, agro-ecology, landscape sciences, Physical Geography and GIS at BSc, MSc and PhD level.

#### *Position statement:*

As an active member in international research networks, projects and science-policy initiatives and as a member of the current IALE Executive Committee, I want to continue to contribute to the Association's further development by bringing in my long term experience but at the same time also by providing new ideas and visions. I am convinced that IALE and landscape ecology have the potential to provide solutions for the improvement of land use and environmental management at global, national and regional scales.

Vice-President *Li Li* 



#### Motives and recommendation:

Li Li, M.Sc. Brandenburg University of Technology, Dr. rer. nat. University of Freiburg. I am a Post-Doc researcher at the Center for Nature and Society, Peking University. My research focuses on humannature interactions in the social-ecological system of the Tibetan Plateau. The vision of my work is to promote both research and application of the cultural landscape approach in the biodiversity conservation planning of China. As such, I have organized international workshops in both Germany and China to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration among young scientists from the fields of sociology, biology, remote sensing and landscape ecology.

Before pursuing research, I worked as grant manager for the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund at Conservation International for five years. With this precious experience I particularly value

the communication of scientific findings with stakeholders and the public. Working together with NGOs, Tibetan monasteries, government and agricultural consultants, we have been experimenting on finding innovative solutions to help local community achieving sustainable landscape management. For instance, knowing the habitat preference of Plateau Pika, we help nomads with seedling on degraded pastures to cope with the contradiction of pest control against the traditional non-killing Buddhist doctrine. It is my honor to be nominated for the IALE Vice Presidency. If elected, I will commit time and conscientiousness to serve the IALE community. Besides general coordination duties of the EC, I will search for resources to

- (1) facilitate networking of IALE members via social media such as facebook, twitter and wechat:
- (2) promote collaboration of young scientists between developed and developing countries with the priority to support co-authorship;
- (3) provide online consultations to female scientists so that they can obtain timely advices on gender-specific workplace problems with full confidentiality.

#### Vice-President Anita Morzillo



Motives and recommendation:
Anita Morzillo, Landscape Ecologist in
North America; Ph.D. Michigan State
University. I am an Assistant Professor

in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Connecticut, USA. My research focuses on integration of natural and social science, and human dimensions (social processes and decision-making) at the landscape level. My research has included both domestic and international pursuits. I teach undergraduate courses in environmental conservation, human dimensions of natural resources, urban ecosystems, and graduate-level research

methods. My professional experience has included corporate, federal, and academic institutions, which together have provided me with the experience and understanding of the diverse perspectives that influence decision-making at the landscape level.

I have been actively involved with US-IALE for more than a decade. Leadership roles have included Councillor-at-Large (2016-2018), Chair of the Awards Committee and Site Selection Committees, Membership Liaison, and Co-Chair of the MSU-NASA Professional Enhancement Award program. I also have served as co-Local Host to the 2015 IALE World Congress and 2012 US-IALE annual meeting, both in Portland, Oregon, USA. Currently, I am a member of the US-IALE Site Selection Committee, Policy Committee, and Communications Committee. In recognition for my efforts, I received the US-IALE Distinguished Service Award (2017).

I am delighted to be nominated for IALE VP by my local chapter, and excited to contribute to IALE's mission at the global level. My goal as an IALE VP will be to promote and help facilitate the longoverdue reorganization of US-IALE to a broader North American chapter (IALE-North America) for better inclusion of the invaluable contributions made by landscape ecologists from the US, Canada, and other countries in the North America region. An important part of this transition is creating opportunities for information and experiential exchange among students, researchers, and practitioners at all career levels. My long-time active participation and experience will be greatly advantageous in terms of the many connections formed in order to promote cross-continent networking and interaction, and facilitate the reorganization process with the parent IALE organization to fully expand benefits and connections with chapters worldwide.

# Secretary-General *Peilei Fan*



Peilei Fan, B.S. from Nanjing University (China), Ph.D. and MS from MIT (US). I am currently an associate professor of Urban and Regional Planning at Michigan State University (MSU). I also hold a joint research appointment at Center for Global Change and Earth Observations and am an adjunct faculty member of the Geography Department at MSU. I have served as a consultant for United Nations University -World Institute of Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). My research has been funded by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and National Science Foundation (NSF). I am also a Core Fulbright US Scholar for 2017-2018 in East Asia. I have served on the review panels for NASA, EPA, and Fulbright, and been ad-hoc reviewer for NSF and multiple international organizations. My research focuses on urban landscape in particular, and environment and sustainability in general. Please find my more detailed professional profile at www.msu.edu/~fanpeile/ and Google Scholar.

As I am transitioning from a mid-career scholar to a senior faculty member, it will be my privilege to take a leadership role and provide services to an academic community such as IALE that I have personally benefited tremendously. Through its organized meetings, I have learned the most cutting edge research in LE, grown my professional network, and collaborated with researchers worldwide. I have known well several of my colleagues who have been very dedicated to serving IALE. Inspired by them and following their footsteps, I would like to further fulfill the mission of IALE. Therefore, I would be extremely honored to serve the IALE in the capacity of general secretary, if elected.

I hope that through working with the execute committee, the council, and the working groups, I can contribute to fulfill the mission of IALE, particularly in the aspects of

- (1) enhancing the scientific rigor of the discipline,
- (2) promoting the visibility of IALE in and its collaboration with other related professional communities, and
- (3) advancing the global reach of the organization.

To work on these specific targets, first, I wish to bring in my research expertise and professional networks to advance the knowledge on sustainability and human dimension related research of landscape

ecology, particularly, but not exclusively, in fields of LE in urban, policy, and planning, collectively with my colleagues at IALE. Furthermore, I also believe that in this big data era, new data from a variety of sources, including satellite data and increasingly open and available environment and socio-economic data, and innovative interdisciplinary methods shall be encouraged to use for research on specific or integrated analysis of LE. Second, I plan to further promote the collaboration and exchange of IALE with other key professional organizations, especially forest, land, geography, planning organizations, and space and development agencies globally and in the US and Europe (e.g., IUFRO, GLP, AAG, IGU, ACSP, AESOP, NASA, ESA, ADB, UNU). Third, with my own research network in North America and Asia, particularly US, China, Japan, Taiwan, Asian Russia, Mongolia, and Southeast Asian countries, I will promote the presence of these geographic regions' representation, participation, and hosting of IALE related activities, especially those related to of students and young researchers.

# Vice-Secretary General and Communication Officer



### **Bastian Steinhoff-Knopp**Motives and recommendation:

Bastian Steinhoff-Knopp is a physical geographer, landscape ecologist and GIS-expert working in the field of ecosystem services, soil erosion and agroecosystems. He has been working the last 8 years at the Institute for Physical Geography and Landscape Ecology at the Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany. He studied geography, geology, geoinformatics and cartography at the Leibniz Universität Hannover and obtained his PhD in natural sciences in 2016. His thesis entitled "The site-specific drought stress risk of forests in North-Western Switzerland: spatially

high-resolution modelling on the example of the Cantons Basel-Landschaft and Basel-Stadt" deals with the problem of increasing droughts and their effects on forests in Central Europe. He applied a soil water balance model, analysed climate data series and developed a drought index. He leads two long-term monitoring programmes on soil erosion by water in Northern and South-Western Germany and taken part in the EU Horizon 2020 joint project ESMERALDA on assessment and mapping of ecosystem services for policy and decision-making in the EU member states.

Steinhoff-Knopp's main research interests are the understanding of spatial and temporal patterns of soil-erosion under different management practices, the assessment and mapping of regulating ecosystem services and the connections of soil functions and ecosystem services. He published his work in different international ranked journals and is an active member of IALE-D and the Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP). Steinhoff-Knopp has been teaching geography with a focus on GIS since 2011 in BSc and MSc programmes at the Leibniz Universität Hannover.

#### Position statement:

With my candidature as Communication Officer of IALE, I want to improve the visibility of IALE International, foster landscape ecological knowledge-sharing and increase my personal contribution to the association. I am looking forward to joining the team and to working on the IALE Bulletin, the website and the presence of IALE in social media to disseminate information relevant for landscape-scientists. One of my objectives will be the organisation of a regular publication of the IALE Bulletin in cooperation with the members of the executive committee.

#### Treasurer



#### Irene Petrosillo

Affiliation: Lab. of Landscape Ecology, Dept. of Biological and Environmental Sciences and Technologies, University of Salento, Lecce, Italy.

Academic position: since 2015 – Associate professor of ecology at the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences and Technologies (University of Salento, Lecce, southern Italy), and since 2018 national habilitation to full professor of Ecology www. unisalento.it/scheda-utente/-/people/irene.petrosillo

Academic roles: since 2018 – coordinator of the bachelor course in Sciences and Technologies for the Environment (about 500 attending students) www.unisalento.it/didattica/cosa-studiare/corsi-di-laurea/-/dettaglio/corso/LBO3/scienze-etecnologie-per-l-ambiente and the master course in Environmental Sciences (about 300 attending students) www.unisalento.it/didattica/cosa-studiare/corsi-di-laurea-magistrale/-/dettaglio/corso/LM60/scienze-ambientali

Academic Courses: Basic and System Ecology (8 academic credits), Environmental Impact and Strategic Assessment, Environmental Management Systems (EMAS and ISO) (6 academic credits), Ecology (5 academic credits)

Editorial roles: since 2018 Associate Editor of Journal of Environmental Management www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-environmental-management/editorial-board

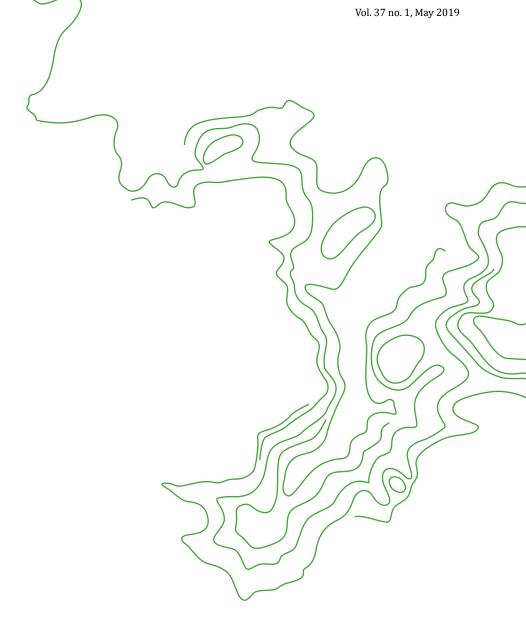
Research key-words: adaptive management systems, ecosystem services/natural capital, social capital, environmental attitude/perception, landscape ecology, multiscale assessment, green infrastructures, socio-ecological risk, socio-ecological landscapes, renewable energies, ISO 14001, EMAS.

#### Position Statement

I have been the Treasurer of the International Association for Landscape Ecology from 2015 to 2019. In these four years I have reached with the help of the Executive Committee the following targets: (1) the reduction of the number of bank accounts to only one official international online bank account;

- (2) the synchronism between the payment of the membership fee and the reference year of the payment;
- (3) the refund of the 20% dedicated to the chapters paying within the early deadline within the same year of payment;
- (4) the payment of the membership fee through the web site based on PayPal system, without costs for the individual members;
- (5) paper and money saving: only one copy of the IALE directory is printed, and the IALE directory is shared only by e-mail among members.

I would like to continue this activity for other four years and support the new Executive Committee in enhancing the activities of the Association and of Regional Chapters.



# Call for special IALE awards, IALE WC 2019

IALE chapters and members are invited to suggest suitable candidates for the following awards to be instituted during the 2019 World Congress and distributed every subsequent WC.

#### Categories:

- Excellence in Theory:
  Recognizing a landscape ecologist
  who has contributed substantially
  to the theory of landscape ecology
  during their career.
- Excellence in Service:
   Recognizing a landscape ecologists
   who has given selflessly of their time to IALE.
- Excellence in Leadership:
  Recognizing an individual who has
  been instrumental in networking
  across countries and disciplines.
- Excellence in Practice:
   Recognizing an individual or
   organization that has successfully
   put landscape ecology into action
   via planning, restoration, policy, or
   related activities.
- The IALE New Scientist Award is given for an outstanding landscape ecology paper published within the past two years by a recently graduated scientist (the lead author of the paper must have received their PhD within the last 5 years at the time of publication). If the award is given for a paper with multiple authors, all authors within 5 years of graduation will receive the award. Authors need not be IALE members.

Suggestions should be send by May, 31, 2019 to Thomas Edwards (t.edwards@usu.edu).

We are all greatly looking forward to your valuable suggestions and a lively participation in this new award series.

Christine Fürst
Felix Kienast
Thomas C. Edwards
Benjamin Burkhard
Irene Petrosillo
Henry Bulley
Liding Chen
Andreas A. Christensen
Cristian Echeverria Sima Fakheran
Robert Scheller

### Presence of IALE in Latin America in 2018

### Dolors Armenteras, IALE-IUFRO Coordinator

In 2018, the IUFRO Landscape Ecology Working Party and the IALE-IUFRO thematic group participated in several events in Latin America. In particular we had a strong presence in the IUFRO Conference Posadas, Argentina during October and the II Colombian Symposium of Landscape Ecology in Bogota, Colombia in November 2018.

The IUFRO 2018 Posadas Conference on ,Adaptive Management for Forested Landscapes in transformation' highlighted the accelerated environmental changes that are taking place within the Anthropocene. One of the key note speakers was IALE president Christine Fürst who participated actively in the Open Forum Science in Dialogue. IALE also provided travel support to one of the keynote speakers, Dr Eeva Primmer, Senior researcher at Syke, Finland who provided insights into environmental policy. Finally, IALE supported the participation of 4 postgraduate students, one from Colombia and three students from Argentina. This experience was a great opportunity for the students to receive feedback on her research, as well as the possibility of networking for academic and research collaborations in Latin America and Europe.

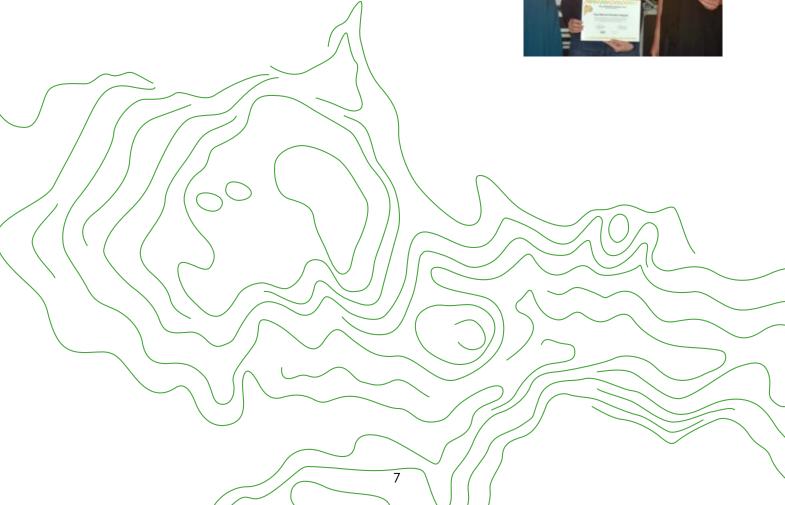
On November 29 and 30, 2018, in Bogota, Colombia, we held the II Colombian Symposium of Landscape Ecology, 22 years after the fist one, hosted by Universidad Nacional de Colombia, el Instituto Humboldt, and la Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Our main objective was to create a space for interacting with students, academics, professionals, and institutions that are involved in landscape ecology research and also to analyze the current state and trends of this discipline in the country.

Throughout the symposium, a total of 36 papers and 31 posters were presented, with the participation of at least 10 international speakers (Brazil, Austria, Chile, USA, Mexico, Spain, Germany, and Argentina). The main topics addressed were related to the use of habitat, ecological interactions, watersheds, land use, rain erosion, climate change, potential distribution of endangered and endemic species, ecosystem services, connectivity, fragmentation, land cover, fire effects, ecological restoration, normativity, ecological structure and spatial modeling.









### IALE OUTREACH WORKING GROUP (IOWG)

Mission: The mission of the IOWG is to develop strategies and resources to promote awareness, understanding, and application of landscape ecology, and the role of landscape scale in addressing sustainability and conservation issues in the 21st century. This will be done through a global discourse on the intersection between landscape ecology community and other scientific organizations and societal actors on commonalities in achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The focus and activities of IOWG for 2019 - 2020 will include:

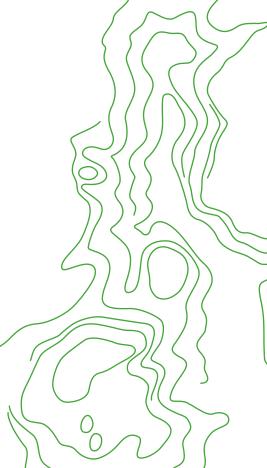
- Webinar series on to improve the "knowledge base" on landscape ecology, sustainability and the contributions/ integrations of complimentary fields such as environmental economics, anthropology, investment partnerships, etc.
- Promote special issue publications on cross-disciplinary approaches to addressing human-environmental interactions and their impacts on biodiversity, ecosystem services provision, and sustainability issues,
- Coordinate with other Working groups to streamline collaborative initiatives with organizations such as ESP, IPBES, Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS), and Conservation Social Science. The goal is to leverage landscape perspectives in the work of these organizations and vice-versa and enhance collective understanding of human-environment and socioeconomic dimensions of addressing Sustainable Development Goals
- Enhancing the role of social media platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Weibo (in China) in facilitate communications and collaboration within the IALE membership and with general public.

### Coordinator & Chair: Dr. Henry N. N. Bulley (hbulley@bmcc.cuny.edu)

Membership of this group in is by invitation and nomination. If you know of any member who could enhance the work of the IOWG, kindly forward her/his name and email address to Henry Bulley (hbulley@bmcc. cuny.edu).

**Current IOWG Members 2019** (in alphabetic order)

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ESP10th World Conference in Hannover, Germany 21-25 October 2019

Theme: "10 years advancing ecosystem services science, policy and practice for a sustainable future". In 52 sessions, more than 600 delegates are expected to present and discuss advances made in the science, policy and practice of ecosystem services (or Nature's Contributions to People).

Are you interested in presenting your work in one of the fifty-two conference sessions? The call for abstracts is now open: www. espconference.org/esp10/wiki/426245/call-for-abstracts

See www.espconference.org for further information.



The IALE Bulletin is distributed several times a year to the members of IALE. IALE - the International Association for Landscape Ecology was founded in 1982 to promote communication between scientists, planners and interdisciplinary scientific research.

#### IALE Executive Committee:

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Andreas Aagaard Christensen 2015-2019 (Europe; Tasks: Communication with the chapters), University of Copenhagen, Rolighedsvej 23, 1958 Frb. Copenhagen, Denmark, anaach@ign.ku.dk; Robert M. Scheller 2017-2021 (North America; Tasks: Initiation, coordination and monitoring of the WGs and their contributions), North Carolina State University, Campus Box 7106, Raleigh, NC 27695-8008 USA, rmschell@pdx.edu; Liding Chen 2013-2021 (Asia; Tasks: Monitoring and reporting on regional & international IALE events for organizing EC & Chapter meetings), Chinese Academy of Sciences, 18 Shuangqing Road, Haidian District, Beijing, 100085, China, liding@rcees.ac.cn; Sima Fakheran Esfahani 2017 - 2021 (Near East; Tasks: IALE Chapter networking, female landscape ecologists network, education), Isfahan University of Technology, Faculty of Natural Resources, Isfahan, 84156-83111, Iran, fakheran@cc.iut.ac.ir; Cristian Echeverria 2017 - 2021 (Latin and South America; Tasks: Networking in Latin American countries, students and young researchers network), Universidad de Concepcion, Victoria 631, Barrio Universitario Concepción, Chile, cristian.

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26 May 2019: Nominations of additional write-in candidates in the hands of the Secretary-General (t.edwards@nr.usu.edu)

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