



LANDSCAPE EUROPE Newsletter – August 2015

Dear Landscape Europe Network readers,

We have prepared a new issue of the Landscape Europe News for you.

In this issue you can find information about:

- **three post-doc positions** at the WLS, Switzerland,
- still actual a few **vacancies** to apply for,
- list of interesting **events in 2015 and 2016** with **new ones**,
- and some **recent publications**.

I would like to thank you those who informed us about new upcoming events.

In case, you would like to support us with new information for the next issue, please do so.

Wishing you interesting reading and looking forward to receive your comments and inputs for the next issue of the LE-News.

Hopefully, you have enjoyed your summer season and are safe back to work and/or back to school.

With kindest regards

Jana Borovská and the ILE SAS team

Network coordination Office



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SWISS FEDERAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE WSL

THREE POST-DOC POSITIONS IN PLANNING AND LAND CHANGE SCIENCE



The Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL is part of the ETH Domain. It employs approximately 500 people working on the sustainable use and protection of the landscapes and habitats and a responsible approach to handling natural hazards.

The project CONCUR aims to develop a scientific basis for adequately integrating regional spatial policies into land-change modelling. We will develop a theoretical model based on three core concepts and then assess its applicability in three test regions. In order to develop the theoretical framework we are looking for the following post-docs (2 year positions):

POST-DOC – SPATIAL ANALYSIS OF STRATEGIC SPATIAL PLANS

You will analyze the type of information commonly found in strategic spatial plans and develop novel methods to translate this information to pixel maps. The research is based on existing strategic spatial plans from European regions that will be selected with a theoretical sampling strategy. Your task will be to select the cases, conduct the analysis, and develop and test the indicators. Furthermore, in collaboration with the CONCUR team you will integrate the findings into an overall theoretical framework on how planning contributes to the development of urban regions.

More information and how to apply: <https://apply.refline.ch/273855/0512/pub/4/index.html>

POST-DOC – URBAN GOVERNANCE

You will analyze how in selected European urban regions strategic spatial planning functions. For in-depth case studies you will collect data with expert interviews, oral-history interviews and the analysis of documents relating to the governance process. The case studies will be compared and synthesized within a socio-ecological systems framework to be developed. Furthermore, in collaboration with the CONCUR team you will integrate the findings into an overall theoretical framework on how planning contributes to the development of urban regions.

More information and how to apply: <https://apply.refline.ch/273855/0514/pub/6/index.html>

POST-DOC – SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN REGIONS

You will investigate how supra-regional realities affect a region's trajectory of change on a continuum from path-dependency to randomness and how these realities can affect strategic spatial planning. For each case study you will identify incidences of path-dependent and random development by comparing land use/land cover maps, unravel causes of these developments with expert interviews and document analysis, and systematically compare the cases with QCA and qualitative methods. Furthermore, in collaboration with the

CONCUR team you will integrate the findings into an overall theoretical framework on how planning contributes to the development of urban regions.

More information and how to apply: <https://apply.refline.ch/273855/0515/pub/4/index.html>

Applications are taken until the positions are filled.

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Project CONCUR: http://www.wsl.ch/fe/landschaftsdynamik/projekte/CONCUR/index_EN

Landscape Ecology Group:

http://www.wsl.ch/fe/landschaftsdynamik/landscape_ecology/index_EN

WSL: <http://www.wsl.ch/>

BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION OFFICER

EIONET
European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity



The European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity, ETC/BD
(<http://biodiversity.eionet.europa.eu>), one of the six topic centres of the European
Environment Agency (<http://www.eea.europa.eu>), is seeking a

Biodiversity Information Officer

for its office in Paris

Job description:

To assist the ETC-BD's work in building the knowledge base on biodiversity in support to the implementation of European biodiversity policies.

Function and duties:

To assist the ETC/BD Nature Directives Officers in the provision of scientific and technical support to the implementation of the Nature Directives through proper management of relevant biodiversity data. This includes:

- Support activities related to the review of formats and guidelines in preparation for the next reporting round under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive and Article 12 of the Birds Directive
- Support the management of data reported by EU Member States as part of their obligations under the Nature Directives
- Support analysis and assessments made on the basis of data from the Art 17 and Art 12 reporting and Natura 2000 database
- Provide assistance in the scientific evaluation of sufficiency of Natura 2000 sites proposals by EU Member States

- Participate in relevant meetings and working groups and support the preparation of working papers, presentations and action lists

Eligibility:

Education certificates and diplomas:

- Completed university studies with Master degree or equivalent in ecology, biology or a related subject.

Range of professional experience and skills:

- Very good knowledge and experience of data handling and analysis including use of relational databases (Access, MySQL), spreadsheets and GIS tools. Knowledge of statistical packages would be an asset
 - Practical experience in the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directive, preferably on reporting issues
 - Zoological skills would be highly appreciated
 - Excellent knowledge of English (oral and written) is essential; other EU languages, particularly French, would be an asset.
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- Candidates applying must satisfy the following general requirements on the closing date for the submission of applications:
 - Citizenship of one of the Member States of the European Union of the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) of Switzerland or Turkey
 - Have fulfilled any obligations imposed by law concerning military service

Application procedure:

Interested candidates should apply by sending a letter of motivation and a CV in English to etc.biodiversity@mnhn.fr with the subject line "Application Biodiversity information Officer".

Closing date for application: 15 September 2015, at 12.00 (Central European Time)

Contractual conditions:

- The successful candidate will be offered a Fixed Duration Contract by the **Muséum National d' Histoire Naturelle, MNHN** (<http://www.mnhn.fr>), as organisation leading the ETC/BD consortium
- The duration of the contract will be **for an initial period of one year**; this initial period may be prolonged for a period not exceeding two years
- The salary is commensurable with the experience of the successful candidate
- The place of work will be at the MNHN in Paris

Position starts as early as possible in autumn 2015.

LIVING PLANET FELLOWSHIP

living planet fellowship



Call for Research Proposal 2015:

On behalf of the European Space Agency (ESA), we are pleased to invite you to participate to the second Call for Research Proposals of the Living Planet Fellowship.

The main objective of this initiative is to provide support to young researchers who have a doctoral degree and who would like to initiate a scientific career in the context of Earth Observation, Earth science and Climate research.

This second call is dedicated to research proposals supporting candidate researchers responding to the Climate Change Initiative (<http://www.esa-cci.org>), specifically targeting:

Exploitation of Essential Climate Variable (ECV) products generated by the ESA's Climate Change Initiative (CCI) for improved understanding of the climate system.

Examining Cross-ECV consistency and multiple ECV use (those under the CCI Programme in particular).

1. Call for Research Proposals Package

The Call for Research Proposals package includes the following documents:

Cover Letter: L15_CCI_034_The Living Planet Fellowship call for Research Proposals for CCI 2015

Appendix 1: Call for Research Proposals 2015 (Including its Annex A: ESA Climate Change Initiative, Annex B: Proposal Template and Annex C: PSS form)

Appendix 2: Draft Partnership Agreement

In order to respond to this Call, you must submit all of the documents described at Section 2.3 of the Call for Research Proposals (Appendix 1).

The documentation (Call for Research Proposals package) can be downloaded (see link below or the e-mail attached document).

2. Institutions Entitled to Participate in the Call

Projects carried out under **this call** will be funded under the Climate Change Initiative (CCI) element of ESA's European Earth Watch Programme (**Earth Watch**). Earth Watch is an optional programme of the Agency, and participation in a project is restricted to institutions which have their registered office in one of the following Participating States: **Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.**

3. Closing Date

Your proposal and all supporting documents must be sent by e-mail to: Climate.Office@esa.int by no later than **30 August 2015 (the Closing Date)**.

Any questions relating to this Call must be sent, by e-mail to Climate.Office@esa.int, **not later than two (2) weeks before the Closing Date**.

Link: <http://livingplanetfellowship.esa.int/index.php>

Upcoming SUBMISSION ABSTRACTS DEADLINES

TASTING THE LANDSCAPE

**53rd IFLA World Congress
International Federation of Landscape
Architects
Turin - Italy, 20 – 22 April 2016**



53rd IFLA WORLD CONGRESS
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
April 20-22, 2016 | Turin | Italy
www.ifla2016.com



New deadline for abstract submission:

September 10th 2015

The 53rd IFLA World Congress will be held in Turin, Italy, from April 20th to 22nd 2016, organized by the Italian Association of Landscape Architecture (AIAPP). The present Call for Abstracts aims to solicit an exploration of the theme 'Tasting the Landscape' from various perspectives focusing on the landscape architecture project as the determinant of change towards achieving the best possible quality of spaces and places. We are calling for abstracts that show the diversity of approaches and experiences possible at every scale as evidence that professional skill and a deep understanding of environmental, economic and social realities can make all the difference and allow people to truly "taste" their landscapes.

Link:

<http://img.musvc2.net/static/51121/documenti/12/ListDocuments/1438100989010-RYID498E.pdf>

2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOGRAPHY

6 - 9 June 2016

Athens, Greece

Please submit a 300-word abstract before

9 November 2015

by email (atiner@atiner.com), addressed to **Dr. George Poulos**, Vice President of Research,
ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa.

Please include with this order: Title of Paper, First Name, Family name of all co-authors, Current Position of all co-authors, Institutional Affiliation (University/Organization) of all co-authors, Country of all co-authors, an email address of all co-authors and at least 3 keywords that best describe the subject of your submission. **Decisions will be reached within four weeks of your submission.**

Should you wish to participate in the Conference as a chair of a session, evaluate papers which are to be included in the conference proceedings or books, contribute to the editing of a book, or any other contribution, please send an email to **Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER & Honorary Professor, University of Stirling, UK** (gregory.papanikos@stir.ac.uk).

Link: <http://www.atiner.gr/geology.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS 2015

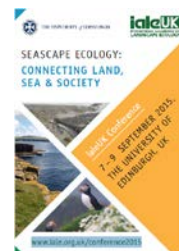
SEASCAPE ECOLOGY: CONNECTING LAND, SEA & SOCIETY

YaleUK Conference

7 – 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, UK

Link: www.iale.org.uk/conference2015



**URBAN AGRICULTURE
EUROPE CONFERENCE
EXPO 2015 Milan, Italy
23 September 2015**



Link:

https://www.eventi.polimi.it/upload/eventi/file.php/1339/1339_allegato1_ita.pdf?1439903149

The Organising comitee is pleased to announce **the open conference of the COST Action Urban Agriculture Europe**, taking place at **Politecnico of Milan, 23 September 2015**. **The event is part of the event for EXPO , "Feeding the planet" (1 May-31 October 2015)**

The COST-Action has defined an European approach on Urban Agriculture on the basis of existing research projects and reference regions in the partner countries: the open Conference aim to present the results of the four year Action to the public and discuss them with worldwide experts in Urban Agriculture.

<http://www.urbanagricultureeurope.la.rwth-aachen.de>

During the conference two exhibit will take place at Politecnico of Milan:
the moving exhibition Carrot City, Designing for Urban Agriculture, conceived by Joe Nasr, June Komisar and Mark Gorgolewsky from Ryerson University of Toronto, collecting worldwide experiences of designing urban places at different scales for Urban Agriculture; an exhibition of posters collecting Italian experiences of Urban Agriculture from the members of the young Italian Researcher Network on Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture and Food Planning.

We invite you to participate to the conference!
Here the link for downloading the program and the inscription form
<https://www.eventi.polimi.it/#cost>

The organising committee:
Paola Branduini
Lionella Scazzosi
Raffaella Laviscio

Conference IV: Facing Global Change through Landscape
23 – 25 September 2015
Madrid, Spain
Link: www.cheriscape.eu



'Perth III: Mountains of Our Future Earth'
4-8 October 2015
Perth, Scotland



8 th ESP Conference
Stellenbosch, South Africa
9-15 November 2015



Link: <http://espconference.org/espconference2015#.VXV0INZwfWZ>

7th World Science Forum
4 - 7 November 2015
Budapest, Hungary
Link:



<http://www.sciforum.hu/index.html>

EVENTS 2016

LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum Pafos 2016

16-20 March 2016

Pafos, Cyprus

Link: <http://forum.ln-institute.org/>



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Living Planet Symposium 2016

9-13 May 2016

Prague, Czech Republic

Link: <http://www.esa-cci.org/>



4th International Geography Symposium,

23rd to 26th May, 2016

Antalya, Turkey

Link: <http://geomed.mehmetakif.edu.tr>



GEOMED2016

4TH INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHY SYMPOSIUM

May 23-26, 2016, Kemer - Antalya, Turkey

<http://geomed.mehmetakif.edu.tr>

E-Mail: geomedsymposium@gmail.com

11th International Conference on Urban Regeneration and Sustainability

12 - 14 July 2016

Alicante, Spain

Link:

[http://www.wessex.ac.uk/16-conferences/sustainable-city-](http://www.wessex.ac.uk/16-conferences/sustainable-city-2016.html?utm_source=wit&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=city16cfp&uid=1543858)



[2016.html?utm_source=wit&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=city16cfp&uid=1543858](http://www.wessex.ac.uk/16-conferences/sustainable-city-2016.html?utm_source=wit&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=city16cfp&uid=1543858)

Ecological Sustainability:

Engineering Change

Le Corum, Montpellier, France

29 August – 1 September 2016

Link: www.ecosummit2016.org



5th INTERNATIONAL ECOSUMMIT

ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

ENGINEERING CHANGE

PECSRL 2016**5–9 September 2016****Innsbruck and Seefeld, Austria**

27th session of The Permanent European Conference for the Study of the Rural Landscape, to be held 5–9 September 2016, with a post conference excursion from 9–11 September.

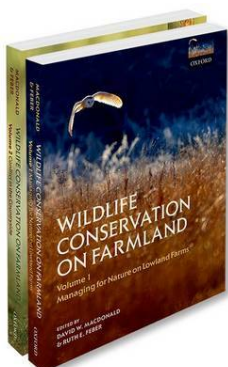
The PECSRL is organized biannually at different locations throughout Europe. This time, the conference is hosted by the Institute for Interdisciplinary Mountain Research of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, in Innsbruck, for the first time in a high mountain environment. As customary, the conference will be held at two locations and includes a full day of excursions throughout Tyrol, taking the participants from the capital of the federal state of Tyrol to the famous tourist village of Seefeld, situated at 1200 m a.s.l., on the Western edge of the Karwendel Nature Park.

The leading topic, which, we hope, will encourage a fruitful exchange of thoughts and research findings, is: ***“Mountains, Uplands, Lowlands – European Landscapes from an Altitudinal Perspective.”***

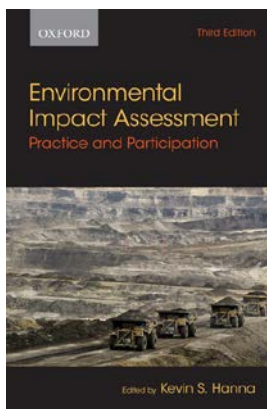
High mountain landscapes represent extreme and exposed locations of great diversity. As a result of recent climatic, socio-economic, and demographic changes, their sensitivity and vulnerability seems to increase, but also to open them up to new utilization opportunities. However, high mountains cannot be considered solely as closed landscape systems, but must be interpreted, in light of all their numerous and diverse interactions with their adjacent regions, e.g. their functions as suppliers of water and energy, and as providers of production-, culture-, settlement- and leisure space for the surrounding lowlands. Varied and intensive cultural and economic exchanges, as well as political influences, have always existed between the two spheres.

Further information is available at www.pecsrl2016.com, including conference themes, format, topics and important dates. The site will be constantly updated.

PUBLICATIONS

**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ON FARMLAND****DAVID W. MACDONALD, RUTH E. FEBER****ISBN: 9780199646838****Format: Audio-Visual / Multimedia Item****Publisher: Oxford University Press**

This innovative two-volume book highlights and examines the most important challenges facing farmers, conservationists, and policy makers, using examples of real-life, linked studies from a farmed landscape, which bridge the divide between the theory and practice of wildlife conservation on farmland. This set brings together Volume 1: Managing for nature on lowland farms and Volume 2: Conflict in the countryside. Volume 1 Using more than 30 years research from the author team at the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU), this volume reveals how agricultural systems and wildlife interact, presenting examples from scales varying from landscape to microcosm, from populations to individuals, covering plants, invertebrates, birds, and mammals. It demonstrates the essential ecosystem services provided by agricultural land, and discusses the implications of agricultural development for natural habitats and biodiversity. Volume 2 Many of the encounters between farming and wildlife, especially vertebrates, involve some level of conflict which can cause disadvantage to both the wildlife and the people involved. Through a series of WildCRU case-studies, this volume investigates the sources of the problems, and ultimately of the threats to conservation, discussing a variety of remedies and mitigations, and demonstrating the benefits of evidence-based, inter-disciplinary policy.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PRACTICE AND PARTICIPATION

Third Edition

EDITED BY [KEVIN HANNA](#)

OUP Canada

480 pages | 20 figures, 4 maps | 227x152mm

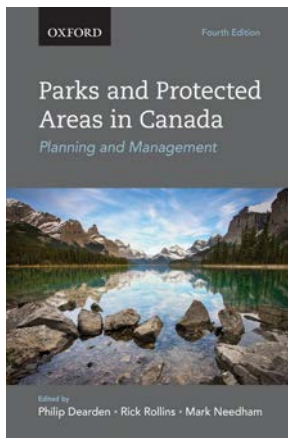
978-0-19-900662-5 | Paperback | 06 August 2015

Environmental impact assessment (EIA) is among the most influential aspects of environmental regulation and policy today. *Environmental Impact Assessment: Practice and Participation* examines current debates, recent cases, and ongoing developments in Canadian EIA, accurately reflecting the diversity of issues EIA processes now address.

This fully updated third edition has been revised to be even more accessible to student audiences and now provides a more consistent reading level and new chapters on EIA effectiveness, the science of assessment, social impact assessment, Canadian federal EIA, and more. The text offers enhanced and expanded pedagogy, including case studies, questions for critical thought, and a comprehensive glossary, making EIA concepts engaging and accessible.

Readership: *Environmental Impact Assessment: Practice and Participating 3e* is intended for courses offered out of geography, environmental science and engineering departments,

particularly for use in Environmental Impact Assessment courses offered at the third- and fourth-year level at universities and colleges.



**PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS
PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT**

Fourth Edition

EDITED BY PHILIP DEARDEN, RICK ROLLINS, AND MARK NEEDHAM

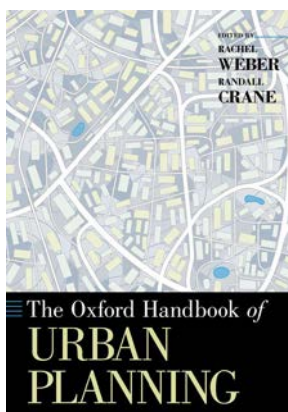
OUP Canada

528 pages | 42 photos, 22 figures, 12 maps | 227x152mm

978-0-19-900993-0 | Paperback | 06 August 2015

The fourth edition of *Parks and Protected Areas in Canada* is a comprehensive and engaging overview of Canadian park management and planning. The text introduces students to various theoretical approaches and their applications, case studies, and a range of themes and perspectives related to park management, with chapters contributed by a diverse range of experts and scholars in the field.

Built on the strong groundwork of the previous editions, the fourth edition has been thoroughly revised and updated, and includes several important changes that will ensure students gain a current understanding of park management. All chapters have been updated to reflect current federal and provincial legislation, and two new chapters - one on climate change and another on urban parks - have been added, as well as information on counteracting falling park attendance through engaging youth and new Canadians, and an increased focus on marine parks. This edition will also feature a brand new image bank containing a complete collection of all images, tables, and figures from the text.



THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF URBAN PLANNING

EDITED BY RACHEL WEBER AND EDITED BY RANDALL CRANE

OUP USA Oxford Handbooks

888 pages | 17 figures, 2 maps, 11 tables | 244x170mm

978-0-19-023526-0 | Paperback | 09 July 2015

The Oxford Handbook of Urban Planning is an authoritative volume on planning, a long-established professional social science discipline in the U.S. and throughout the world. Edited by Rachel Weber and Randall Crane, professors at two leading planning institutes in the United States, this handbook collects together over 45 noted field experts to discuss three key questions: Why plan? How and what do we plan? Who plans for whom? These three questions are then applied across

three major topics in planning: States, Markets, and the Provision of Social Goods; The Methods and Substance of Planning; and Agency, Implementation, and Decision Making. Covering the key components of the discipline, this book is a comprehensive, discipline-defining text suited for students and seasoned planners alike.
