



LANDSCAPE EUROPE

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Newsletter

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## 1. Introduction

### **Landscapes in a political upwind?**

Though the recognition of landscapes as a key (socio-)environmental issue has been substantially strengthened with the launching of the European Landscape Convention by the Council of Europe in 2000, the lack of transparent and widely accepted devices for measuring the success and failures of landscape-related policies must be of great concern. However, it is worthwhile to note that landscape-based assessments are becoming increasingly visible in recent policy initiatives. One example is a EU-commissioned work on indicators for High Nature Value (HNV) Farming, completed in October 2007 under the lead of IEEP London. Conscious about the specific role of Traditional Agricultural Landscapes (TALs), the European Commission endorsed the following definition: "Traditional Agricultural Landscapes in Europe are typically derived from historic - frequently family and/or subsistence-style - farming methods where the dominant cultural landscape characteristics are the result of a traditional or locally adapted approach to management. In general, these farming systems are characterised by the presence of farmland features, whose distribution will be regionally and/or locally specific, which contribute to the landscape's aesthetic qualities as well as to supporting its ecological integrity." The report also provides a set of three criteria for assessing TALs by addressing aesthetic and cultural values, management and structural features. This research had been reviewed by the Joint Research Centre whose recent contribution to the LANDSCAPE EUROPE publication "Europe's Living Landscapes" has impressively demonstrated how HNV data can provide valuable references for landscape assessments.

At the global level, the integration of the **Landscape** issue into the Davos Declaration from October 3rd 2007 must be considered as a possibly powerful sign. On page 3 of the declaration, the 2nd International Conference on Climate Change and Tourism calls for conserving "... biodiversity, natural ecosystems and **landscapes** in ways which strengthen resilience to climate change and ensure a long-term sustainable use of.....etc."

Considering the work undertaken by the European Environment Agency, the Joint Research Centre and in European projects such as SENSOR, the demand for measurable targets, time frames, indicators and assessment procedures for landscapes becomes increasingly visible. The forthcoming High Level European Conference Landscapes – Fabrics for Weaving a Sustainable Future in Stresa (Italy), organised by LANDSCAPE EUROPE on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> next year in Stresa, Italy, seeks to carry these concepts and tools into the political arena.

Dirk Wascher

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> Newsletter of LANDSCAPE EUROPE, International Network of Expertise on Landscape. More information on LANDSCAPE EUROPE you can find on our website: [www.landscape-europe.net](http://www.landscape-europe.net). Please feel free to forward the newsletter to other interested people in the wide field of landscape science that seeks to integrate natural, social and economic research. If you do so, please ask them to mail ([landscape.europe@wur.nl](mailto:landscape.europe@wur.nl)) their contact information. If you no longer wish to be on our distribution list, inform us as well.

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## 2. *LANDSCAPE EUROPE* membership

### **Membership**

The following institutes are now members of LANDSCAPE EUROPE:

#### **Full members:**

- Alterra Green World Research
- Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH)
- Cemagref
- Eidgen. Forschungsanstalt für Wald Schnee und Landschaft (WSL)
- Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO)
- Umweltforschungszentrum Leipzig-Halle (UFZ)
- Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- National Environmental Research Institute (NERI)

#### **Associate members:**

- Norwegian Institute of Land Inventory (NIJOS)
- University of Vienna, Institut für Ökologie (IFO)
- University Western Hungary (UWH) Institute of Environmental Sciences, Sopron
- University of Bucharest (UNIBUC)
- University of Tallinn (TLU)
- Countryside Council Wales (CCW)
- University of Salzburg (Z\_GIS)
- Landbouw Economisch Instituut (LEI)
- University of the Aegean
- Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), Department for Habitat Management and Landscape Ecology
- University of Dortmund, Chair of Landscape Ecology and Landscape Planning (LLP)
- Leibniz Institute of Ecological and Regional Development (IOER)

### **Welcome to three new members from Germany**

The LANDSCAPE EUROPE network is proud to welcome three new members from Germany. They will introduce themselves further on in the newsletter. We are looking forward to a fruitful collaboration.

### **Executive Board**

Current composition of the Executive Board:

- Alterra (NL): Bas Pedroli (secretary general)
- NERI (DK): Hanne Bach (treasurer)
- CEH (UK): vacancy
- UFZ (D): Ursula Schmitz (contact person)
- Cemagref (F): Daniel Terrasson
- JRC (int): Maria Luisa Paracchini
- INC (B): Geert de Blust
- TLU (EE): Hannes Palang

Network Co-ordinator is Dirk Wascher (Wageningen, NL)

### **Website and Forum page**

The website of LANDSCAPE EUROPE, [www.landscape-europe.net](http://www.landscape-europe.net), has updated information on conferences, publications and international vacancies. For more information please contact the webmaster ([marion.bogers@wur.nl](mailto:marion.bogers@wur.nl))

### 3. Projects

#### SENSOR developments in Cottbus

Marion Bogers

The last SENSOR project meeting took the consortium to the sensitive area of Cottbus, Germany, near the Polish border, where the effects of brown coal mining could be studied in an interesting excursion, before sitting down to discuss the last developments in the SENSOR project. The ambitions of SENSOR are high: to build, validate and implement impact assessment tools (SIAT), including databases and spatial reference frameworks for the analysis of land and human resources in the context of land use policies. With only about 14 months to go the SENSOR project is focussing on integrating results to be able to run the SIAT, but already it is clear that apart from the main objective many interesting concepts were developed within the SENSOR project, which have sparked interest in institutions like the EEA. From the 6<sup>th</sup> until the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 SENSOR will be organising a conference, *Impact Assessment of Land Use Changes*, at the Humboldt University in Berlin, where those achievements will be presented to a wider scientific public. For more information: [www.sensor-conference2008.eu](http://www.sensor-conference2008.eu)

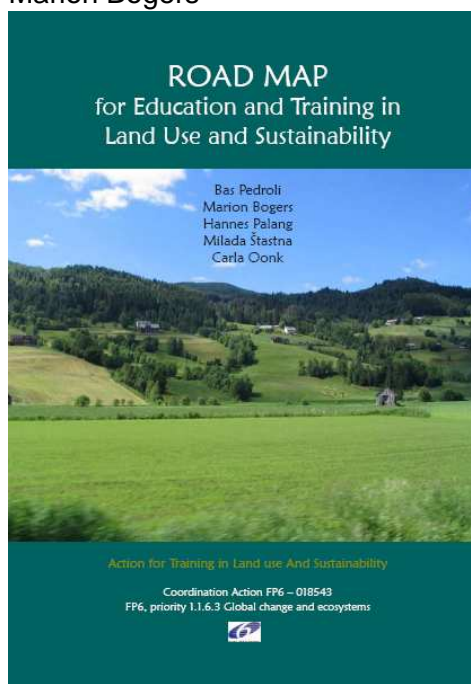


Photo SENSOR excursion Cottbus



#### ATLAS (Action for Training in Land use And Sustainability) brochure

Marion Bogers



The ATLAS project (Action for Training in Land use And Sustainability) has published its results in a attractive brochure which will be available shortly. ATLAS, a consortium of ten partners from three different networks including LANDSCAPE EUROPE, Landscape Tomorrow and ECLAS, has produced an insight in available training and education on land use and sustainability and the educational needs on this subject of the users. This information has been used to built an on-line tool which helps users to find an appropriate course or study as well as providing additional information on these subjects. In the final conference invited experts have placed the ATLAS results in a wider context, on education and sustainability, which has resulted in this brochure. More information can be found on our website: [www.landscape-europe.net](http://www.landscape-europe.net) or on the ATLAS website [www.atlas-eu.org](http://www.atlas-eu.org)



## 4. Network News

**New LANDSCAPE EUROPE member:**

**Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)**

**Department for Habitat Management and Landscape Ecology**

**Bonn, Germany**

The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (Bundesamt für Naturschutz, BfN) is the central scientific authority of the German federal government for both national and international nature conservation. The Agency delivers to the German Environment Ministry (BMU) the scientific expertise to underpin decision-making processes, and advises the Ministry on all issues relating to national and international nature conservation.

The Agency has key enforcement functions that arise under international species conservation agreements, in marine conservation, under the Antarctic Treaty and the German Genetic Engineering Act.

The Agency carries out further important work in relation to international agreements. These include the:

- Convention on Biological Diversity
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
- Natura 2000 European protected area system
- Man and the Biosphere (MAB)

Besides its role in supporting federal level policy, the Agency also works in close cooperation with Germany's regional state (Land) authorities. One aim here is to ensure that the concepts and methods developed by the Agency – e.g. for landscape planning, species conservation and site protection – are applied in a uniform and thus widely comparable manner.

The ongoing improvement of conservation tools and their dynamic adaptation to social change is inherent to this perspective. In the same vein, BfN continuously develops funding programmes and sets new standards for conservation activities. BfN's opinion is that nature conservation must become a firm element in all realms – policy, industry, science and education.



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**New LANDSCAPE EUROPE member:  
Landscape Ecology and Landscape Planning (LLP),  
University of Dortmund, Germany**

Burghard Meyer

Since 2006 the Chair of Landscape Ecology and Landscape Planning (LLP) is headed by Professor Dr. Dietwald Gruehn. LLP has connections and co-operations to numerous institutions on national and international level, primarily in Europe, Asia and the US. The chair is member of several scientific networks, for instance "LANDSCAPE EUROPE" and "EucaLand". LLP can be traced back to the "Unit of Landscape Ecology", founded in 1974 at the University of Dortmund.

The Chair of Landscape Ecology and Landscape Planning puts ecology into a spatial planning context. Our approaches are therefore interdisciplinary and focussed on landscape function assessment on different spatial scales. Research activities comprise different modelling methodologies as well as development of strategies for sustainable land use systems including the whole range from natural or cultural landscapes to impacted or devastated areas. Research of LLP comprises activities on different spatial scales, ranging from local to global level.

Our research is focussed on following topics:

- Cultural Landscapes
- Effects of Climate Change on Ecosystems
- Concepts for Sustainable Land Use
- Effectiveness of Planning Instruments and Programmes and their Evaluation
- Further Development of Landscape and Environmental Planning (including EIA, SEA)
- GIS-based methods in environmental planning
- Use of new media in planning (especially Internet technologies)
- Participative planning instruments
- Validation and Development of Landscape Function Assessment Methods, Visual Landscape Assessment, Land Valuation
- Open Space Planning Research



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**New LANDSCAPE EUROPE member:  
Leibniz Institute of Ecological and Regional Development (IOER)  
Dresden, Germany**  
Markus Leibenath

The Leibniz Institute of Ecological and Regional Development (IOER/Leibniz-Institut für ökologische Raumentwicklung e.V.) is a member of the Leibniz Association and with its over 100 employees the largest spatial development research institute in Germany. It was founded in 1992 and carries out interdisciplinary research into issues of sustainable spatial development from an ecological perspective across all scales (local, regional, national, European, global). This involves the comprehensive analysis of current trends and dynamics (drivers, pressures), the assessment of impacts, and the investigation of responses in terms of societal behaviour and policy. The IOER addresses a wide array of questions of regional, urban and landscape development, as well as building and housing. The review and further development of policies, strategies, instruments, methods and tools needed for implementation is of central importance to its research work.



Photos: Impressions of the institute

The institute comprises five scientific divisions that provide the necessary mix of skills and knowledge for its research agenda: Regional development and landscape ecology, urban development and urban ecology, housing and building ecology, European spatial and environmental development, and geo-informatics and quantitative methods. Within the divisions, the disciplinary expertise of the scientific staff covers a broad range, including architecture, urban-, regional- and landscape planning, geography, economics, social sciences, environmental planning, law, engineering, informatics, geodesy and cartography.

Landscape-related issues represent one of the IOER's main research fields. The IOER is focusing on dynamic landscapes in urban, peri-urban and former mining areas. The research links ecological aspects – especially with regard to biodiversity and habitat connectivity – with questions of spatial planning and development. More information is available at <http://www.ioer.de/en/index.html>.

Prof. Dr. Bernhard Müller is the director of the IOER and Dr. Markus Leibenath ([M.Leibenath@ioer.de](mailto:M.Leibenath@ioer.de)) will function as contact person for LANDSCAPE EUROPE.



**Workshop on 'Landscape Character Assessment and Evaluation'  
28–30 June 2007, Reykjavik, Iceland**

By Dirk Wascher

Even after four months, my memories of participating at this very special event in one of the world's most pristine and dynamic places are still very fresh. Though one should assume that the exceptional beauty of the wild and largely untamed Icelandic landscape would have spurred both scientific and political measures in their direct support, I was utterly surprised to hear about the lack of landscape-oriented measures – even of a broadly shared 'landscape-awareness' among Icelandic people. However, support is badly needed: most of the Iceland landscapes – even some of their 'treasures' are extremely vulnerable to recent national plans to substantially increase the industrial use of hydro- and geothermal power. The four existing national parks represent only tiny fragments of Iceland's landscapes and their focus on biodiversity conservation seems to be dramatically off-target in a country where geology and hydrology make out its main characteristics.



Photos: Workshop participants at the University of Iceland, Reykjavik

Following an invitation by Dr **Thorvardur Arnason** and Dr **Thóra Ellen Thórhallsdóttir** of the University of Iceland, I had the unique opportunity to get a first-hand introduction to both the ***Icelandic Landscape Project*** (ILP) and the unique Icelandic landscape itself. The aim of the project is to collect data (i.e. photographs, field checklists and video clips) for constructing a landscape classification system based on visual physical characteristics of the landscape and, through a multivariate approach, to derive a hierarchical classification that allows a quantitative comparisons and estimates of distances in terms of visual characteristics among areas or landscape types. This will then be used as an instrument for evaluating and ranking areas for potential use for hydropower or geothermal energy. The ILP is funded by the Icelandic government as part of its ongoing effort to create a Framework Plan for the Utilization of Hydropower and Geothermal Energy. Other international participants at the workshop have been Prof. Carys Swanwick (Landscape Department, Sheffield University; Dr. Emily Brady (Human Geography, University of Edinburgh, and Dr. Finn Arler (Development and Planning, University of Aalborg. Both being philosophers who have been working extensively with environmental/landscape issues, Dr. Brady has e.g. recently published a book on environmental aesthetics, while Dr Arler has written about expert vs. non-expert judgment of landscape value. Dr. Swanwick is known for her extensive work on landscape character assessment in England. Due to very informative presentations by the Icelandic experts, we received a rather detailed and stimulating introduction to Iceland landscape character issues. Since the future of the Iceland landscape is not only of European but also of global concern, there was agreement among all participants that the European Landscape Convention should become directly involved. LANDSCAPE EUROPE assured its support and cooperation.



Photo: Workshop Excursion, stop near Ljótípollur (Ugly Pool)



Photo: Workshop Excursion to Landmannalaugar



## IALE World Congress, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007: LANDSCAPE EUROPE Symposium 'Advances and Applications of Landscape Character Mapping'

Dirk Wascher

During the last years, Landscape Character Assessment tools become increasingly popular also in non-UK countries and as part of various international research activities. In this context, LANDSCAPE EUROPE has provided consistent input to the implementation of projects such as SENSOR (Sustainable Impact Assessment for Multi-functional Land Use Scenarios), ELCAI (The European Landscape Character Initiative) and ATLAS (Action for Training in Land Use and Sustainability). The Symposium invited researchers to present the most recent advances in the tool development for assessing landscape character and functions, as well as present visions for designing a sustainable future. The symposium was divided into two main sessions: one on LCA methodologies and one on LCA applications.

Expanding upon the work undertaken for the ELCAI project, Geoff Groom (NERI) presented a paper in which he explored the role of Landscape Character Types vs. Landscape Character Areas at different scales, making use of a LCA example in the English county of Hertfordshire. Specifications on local assessments were complemented by observations on the relation between LANMAP2 with the national maps of Spain, Hungary and the Netherlands, stressing the ambivalence of such comparisons. Presentations on Belgian landscapes types (Veerle van Eetvelde, Uni Ghent) and on a new initiative in Italy (C. Blasi, Univ. Rome) demonstrated that the LANMAP2 methodology can also be used at the national level. The contribution to SENSOR on European landscape indicators "Continuity of appreciated landscape heritage" and "Change of visual attractiveness" (Éva Konkoly Gyuró and Sándor Jombach, Univ. of West Hungary) presented innovative and promising ways for assessing landscape aesthetics and identity. On the other hand, the integration of data on Greek cultural landscape characteristics (Thanasis Kizos, Univ. of the Aegean) requires clear bottom-up data gathering techniques.

Being more heterogeneous than the first one, the second session addressed possible future application for urban planning and the restructuring of the agricultural sector in the Netherlands (Dirk Wascher et al., Alterra) and the role of Landscape Character and



Function Analysis in higher education in Europe as monitored in the ATLAS project (Bas Pedroli, Alterra and Hannes Palang, Tallinn University). Geoffrey Griffiths explained why the landscape component is so important for habitat restoration and made suggestion why the landscape scale approach should be seen as an integrated component of a biodiversity vision.

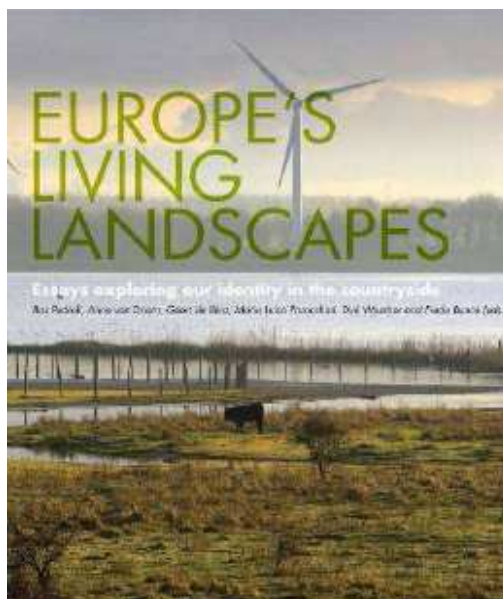
Photo: Presentation of the LANDSCAPE EUROPE publication "Europe's Living Landscapes" during the IALE Conference

The symposium has been well attended and we are currently in the process of developing a review article on landscape character assessment for the electronic journal "Living Reviews in Landscape Research (LRLR)".

## Launching of the LANDSCAPE EUROPE publication: *Europe's Living Landscapes*

Bas Pedrolì

The annual conference of the International Association for Landscape Ecology, July 2007, with over 800 participants from all over the world, proved to be an excellent platform for the launching of LANDSCAPE EUROPE'S new publication: *EUROPE'S LIVING LANDSCAPES*. Both authors and potential readers commented with great enthusiasm on the beautiful result of the lay out, the illustrations and the robust quality of the book. With 432 pages of well-presented essays on 22 typical landscapes throughout Europe, it will surely be an inspiration to many.



### Living Landscapes

Landscape is one of the most fascinating assets of Europe. The great diversity in landscapes reflects a multitude of historical layers. *Europe's living landscapes*, an attractive new book by KNNV Publishing, presents the story of some of the most expressive European landscapes. It explores how engagement may safeguard and improve landscape identity for the future.

Growing up in a Greek fisherman's village gives a person a different identity than growing up in the English countryside, even in our globalised world. Our sense of belonging is largely determined by the environment in which we feel at home. *Europe's living landscapes* is a tribute to this valuable contribution that landscapes make to our lives. It is a rich collection of some 25 essays on various European landscapes, ranging from the splendid baroque hunting castle of Moritzburg, with its forests where Saxon dukes and kings once hunted, to Norway's summer pastures, and from the French cheese landscape of Saint-Nectaire to the Hungarian Great Plain.

*Europe's living landscapes* also describes how this diverse European landscape is under threat by agricultural intensification, fragmentation by roads and urbanisation, or abandonment. In their essays, recognised landscape specialists focus on landscapes as they perceive them, on the practical problems they experience, and on the solutions they have found, often together with local inhabitants. They explore the identity of these landscapes, and the way it can be regained and reinforced.

Each chapter focuses on a unique European region, describing its geographical features, historical functions and present characteristics. Many colourful maps and photos, as well as striking historical photos and literary impressions, make *Europe's living landscapes* an attractive book. It is meant as a source of inspiration for policy makers, landscape managers, researchers and citizens in the pursuit of sustainable living landscapes in Europe. It will appeal to the wider audience as well, providing many hours of reading pleasure, ideas for future travel, and an entirely new view on the landscapes around us.

### ***Europe's living Landscapes. Essays exploring our identity in the countryside***

*Editors:* B. Pedrolì, A. van Doorn, G. de Blust, M.L. Paracchini, D. Wascher & F. Bunce

*Publisher:* KNNV Publishing (The Netherlands) in cooperation with LANDSCAPE EUROPE

*Technical details:* 432 pages, 23 x 27 cm, hardcover, full colour photographs and illustrations *ISBN:* 978 90 5011 258 1 *Price:* € 49,95

KNNV Publishing



## 5. Announcements

### **A High Level European Conference: *Landscapes – Fabrics for Weaving a Sustainable Future*. Stresa (I) 23 – 24 May 2008.**

*By Bas Pedroli & Dirk Wascher*

The objective of the seminar is a vivid and fruitful debate on future visions that make a difference for integrated landscape development in a European policy context. At the end of the day it should be possible to define a common European Landscape Research and Policy Strategy.

The landscapes – and especially the every-day landscapes surrounding many urban centres – are not adequately taken care of. Although much research evidence is available of the continuing crisis in the European landscape, EU policy development is not competent in this area. That is to say, the EU can not directly develop a European landscape or spatial planning policy as such; this is the member states' responsibility, and rightly so. But at the same time many deeply structural changes in European society which *are* in the competence of the EU, do have strong effects on the landscape. So, the Common Agricultural Policy, the Environmental Policy, Infrastructure, Urbanisation, Trade, etc., all have their impact on the landscapes we appreciate so much as our living environment or leisure destinations. In some fine cases these impacts can be labelled positively, in many cases they imply loss of identity, decrease in character and sometimes a frightening trend towards meaningless stereotypes. In the end of the day, landscape is the resultant of a chain of effects where globalisation and climate change are at the start of. Somewhere in between we have the keys to be turned. We should be able to learn from past experiences to enhance liveable landscapes for the future, also in economically less-favoured regions.

For this reason, LANDSCAPE EUROPE has taken the initiative to organise a high level Policy and Research Conference on the European Landscape on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008 at a major European venue at Stresa, Northern Italy. Aim would be to discuss the research and policy needs for the sustainable development of our landscape environment in Europe, and define an appropriate strategy to accommodate these needs. To facilitate this process, a *Blueprint for a European Landscape Research and Policy Strategy* will be developed by LANDSCAPE EUROPE experts, to be presented and discussed in the Conference. The 'blueprint' will address the following research and policy issues:

- assessments – reporting on consequences of the CAP for landscape – research,
- appreciation – quality of landscape for tourism – entrepreneurship,
- governance – participatory aspects in land use change planning – policy makers.



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## *7. Outlook*

### **Landscape Architecture Congress**

Date: 22-24.November.2007

Place: Antalya, Turkey

Organisers: UCTEA chamber of landscape architects

Further information: [www.peyzajmimoda.org.tr](http://www.peyzajmimoda.org.tr)

### **The Conservation and Management of Landscape in Conflict Zones**

Date: 29 November - 1 December 2007

Place: Birzeit, Palestine

Organisers: Birzeit university

Further information: <http://home.birzeit.edu/eng/landscape/Introduction.php>

### **Landscape Indicators. Challenges and prospects**

Date: 29-30 November 2007

Place: Barcelona, Spain

Organisers: Landscape Observatory of Catalonia

Further information: [www.catpaisatge.net](http://www.catpaisatge.net)

### **EURAU'08 - Cultural Landscape**

Date: 16-19 January 2008

Place: Madrid, Spain

Organisers: Technical University of Madrid (ETSAM/UPM)

Further information: <http://www.eurau08.com/>

### **EURAU'08 - Cultural Landscape**

Date: 16-19 January 2008

Place: Madrid, Spain

Organisers: Technical University of Madrid (ETSAM/UPM)

Further information: <http://www.eurau08.com/>

### **Impact Assessment of Land Use Changes**

Date: 7-10 April 2008

Place: Berlin, Germany

Organisers: SENSOR Organising Committee (ZALF, BTU Cottbus, Alterra)

Further information: [www.sensor-conference2008.eu](http://www.sensor-conference2008.eu)

### **Landscapes – Fabrics for Weaving a Sustainable Future**

Date: 23-24 May 2008

Place: Stresa, Italy

Organisers: LANDSCAPE EUROPE

Further information: <http://www.landscape-europe.net/>

### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “Studying, Modeling and Sense Making of Planet Earth” on the occasion of the celebration of the International Year of Planet Earth in 2008**

Date: 1 – 6 June 2008

Place: Department of Geography, University of the Aegean, Mytilene, Lesvos, Greece

Further information: [www.aegean.gr/geography/earth-conference2008](http://www.aegean.gr/geography/earth-conference2008)

### **IFLA World Congress 2008: Transforming with Water**

Date: 30 June-3 July 2008

Place: Apeldoorn, The Netherlands

Organisers: Dutch Association of Garden and Landscape Architects

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