



LANDSCAPE EUROPE Newsletter – January 2016

Dear Landscape Europe Network readers,

We have prepared the first 2016 issue of the Landscape Europe News.

In this issue you can find:

- a new call for papers in a special issue focused on ecosystem services,
- information about new events in 2016 and some open calls,
- and finally, information about IFLA Student Charette.

We would like to inform you that the Landscape Europe web page has been continuously updated. You can easily find there:

- Calendar of Events in 2016,
- Current Open Calls with links and important news,
- Summer Schools 2016,
- and other news.

Thank you those who supported us with new information from the Landscape Ecology area.

We would appreciate if you could find some time to write us and share your knowledge, tips, information about projects you are working on, interesting articles you come across or about your publication activities with the whole Landscape Europe community.

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

With kindest regards

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CALL FOR PAPERS – SPECIAL ISSUE

SPECIAL ISSUE ON PUTTING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (ES) INTO PRACTICE. ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND INDICATORS FOR LAND MANAGEMENT.

1. Aims and scope

Over the past decade, much effort has been placed on mapping and assessing of ecosystem services (ES) to articulate and sustain the societal benefits derived from ecosystem processes. Several new and promising methods have been developed, providing researchers the ability to estimate and map multiple ES simultaneously. High-profile international and state efforts have recently called for integrating ecosystem service values into land-use decision making (Global Land Project, IPBES).

Recently, an array of modelling, assessment tools and indicators focused on various types of ecosystem services and their trade-offs that have been developed within both research and business communities. They present a cornerstone towards sustainable land management. These tools substantially differ in their aim and focus, with variation of features such as scope, spatial scale, indicators and the extent of stakeholder involvement. At the same time spatially explicit information is increasingly required by decision makers to facilitate sustainable land management and in support of political decisions at multiple scales. Here indicators can play a fundamental role in putting the ES framework into practice.

The aim of this Special Issue in Ecosystem Services is to present novel approaches to implement ecosystem service frameworks putting them into practice towards sustainable land management. This could be by coupling ecosystem services with land use change models, stakeholder approaches to introduce newly developed tools and to address user needs and requests regarding the future course of assessment tools and development of indicators. Specific application of the ES framework within different decision support systems, from planning, impact assessment, project implementation and policy making are also welcomed. The application of these tools/indicators will be ideally discussed in specific case studies. Discussion could be focused on the currently addressed issues as well as technical and methodological challenges, helping in putting the ES framework into practical applications for land management.

2. Important dates

- Final Submission deadline: 01 of March 2016
- Final publication decisions (after peer review): 01 of October 2016
- Expected publication date of the Special Issue: 01 of February 2017

3. Contact

For further questions please feel free to contact: Luis Inostroza, Inostroza@technotope.org or Hannes König, hkoenig@zalf.de

4. Short title to be selected in the submission system EES

While submitting your abstract please select from the drop-down menu the option: "Putting ecosystem services into practice". This will ensure that your manuscript will be delivered to our special issue.

5. Type of contributions

Submissions may address one of the following topics: integrated and interdisciplinary studies that combine quantitative and qualitative approaches; articles attempting basic research should outline explicit links towards policy use and/or land management decision support. We encourage contributions that include original research (including case studies) and review articles.

Link: <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/ecosystem-services/call-for-papers/special-issue-on-putting-ecosystem-services-es-into-practice/>

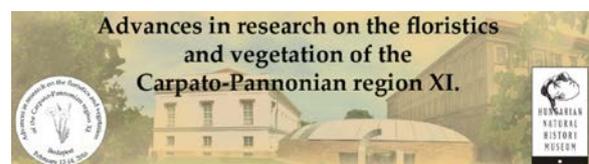
EVENTS 2016

ADVANCES IN RESEARCH ON THE FLORISTICS AND VEGETATION OF THE CARPATO-PANNONIAN REGION

12 – 14 February 2016

Hungarian Natural History Museum,
Budapest, Hungary

Link: <http://afvk2016.nhmus.hu/en>



The organizers aim to establish and enhance the connections of all professional and non-professional botanists over the Carpathian Basin and to foster the use and development of Hungarian terminology in botany at the same time. For this reason, the language of the conference is English and Hungarian. We will do our best to support a high-quality program for all participants where the latest results in botany can be presented and introduced. Apart from the presentations, we will also organize round table discussions, and the program will also include book presentations.

Results about all aspects of botany in relation with the Carpathian Basin, and its plants and communities are welcome!

CRACOW LANDSCAPE CONFERENCE 2016

June 29 - July 1

Audytorium Maximum, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland



Link: <http://www.clc.edu.pl/>

The conference is addressed to scientists and landscape specialists interested in general, wide landscape studies and in particular to: archaeologists, geographers, landscape architects, conservators, anthropo-geographers, historians, cultural anthropologists, theorists of culture, ethnologists, natural philosophers, environmentalists as well as other professionals who are dealing in their work with study or transformation of the landscape.

LANDSCAPE VALUES: PLACE AND PRAXIS

29 June – 2 July 2016

Galway, Ireland



Link: <http://www.conference.ie/Conferences/index.asp?Conference=448>

The Centre for Landscape Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway, in association with UNISCAPE, organize an international conference at NUI Galway.

Main four themes of the conference are: Place Values; Places in Action; Place Thinking; and Place Governance; the conference aims to reflect and critique the journey of values from their genesis and expression in place, through how they are recorded and documented, to the position they command or are accorded in governance and contemporary social praxis.

Place Values

This theme aims to consider how and why landscape becomes imbued with meaning and values in the creation of lifeworlds. We aim also to reflect on how the myriad ways that meanings and values associated with landscape are made manifest, materially and ethereally, tangibly and intangibly.

Places in Action

The growing awareness of the connection between place and well-being, evident at community level across Europe, speaks to the traction that the landscape paradigm has gained. Precipitated by unprecedented social change, globalisation, urbanisation, depopulation of rural areas, food and energy security, and environmental degradation, communities throughout Europe are turning to their own ingenuity and resources; environmental, historical and cultural; to nurture and grow sustainable futures.

Place Thinking

How researchers, designers and decision-makers engage with, record, measure, consider and speak or write about socio-cultural meanings and values of landscape has a direct bearing on how they are represented in management and governance. The tool-of-choice of many practitioners and authorities, Landscape Character Assessment has its critics, and in any case is only of use if appropriate mechanisms are in place to absorb the data into the decision-making process. Other methodologies, such as community mapping, offer even greater sensitivity to contemporary social attitudes and ambitions.

Place Governance

Reflecting some of the themes of the June 2015 conference on Defining Landscape Democracy organised by the Centre for Landscape Democracy (Norwegian University of Life Science) in association with UNISCAPE, papers under this theme should focus on analysing, critiquing, future-proofing and reimagining the conservation and design philosophies and management mechanisms employed in landscape/place governance, at all levels, from local to international. Constructive critiques of the suitability of existing mechanisms of decision-making around landscape matters, whether based on balancing landscape services, on community based place-making or otherwise.

ECOSUMMIT 2016 ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY: ENGINEERING CHANGE

29 August – 1 September 2016
Le Corum, Montpellier, France

Link: <http://www.ecosummit2016.org/>



New ! Abstract submission deadline 15 February

The EcoSummit 2016 deadline for abstracts for oral presentations and posters is Monday, 15 February 2016. Abstracts are to be submitted against the session topics described on the conference website.

PECSRL 2016**MOUNTAINS, UPLANDS, LOWLANDS. EUROPEAN LANDSCAPES FROM AN ALTITUDINAL PERSPECTIVE****5 – 7 September 2016*****Innsbruck and Seefeld, Austria***Link: <http://www.pecsrl2016.com/index.php>

PECSRL 2016 will be held in the European Alps, but addresses all European mountain and upland landscapes, in their more general or specific contexts. We particularly welcome papers on comparative themes related to European mountain areas – be they comparisons between different mountain areas, between mountains and their adjacent areas or between highlands and lowlands – either with a topical or thematic, theoretical or methodological emphasis. We are also looking forward to submissions on topical issues of rural areas in Europe.

PECSRL 2016 – CONFERENCE THEMES

- landscapes in times of global and climate change
- agriculture and regional products
- tourism landscapes
- regional development
- traffic problems between transit and local traffic
- renewable energy production landscapes
- settled landscapes between abandonment and overcrowding
- protected areas
- physical and ecological landscape processes
- mountain services for their surrounding regions
- rural landscape history
- recent theoretical and/or methodological advances on landscape research

IMPOTRANT DATES**2016-01-31** – Deadline for abstracts for oral and poster presentations**2016-02-20** – Abstract acceptance to be communicated by session organisers**2016-02-25** – Call for abstracts – Response**2016-02-25** – Registration opens**2016-04-01** – Early registration (for presenters) ends**2016-04-15** – Early registration ends**2016-04-15** – Late registration starts**2016-09-05** – Start of conference

EUROPEAN ECOSYSTEM SERVICES 2016 CONFERENCE

HELPING NATURE TO HELP US

19-23 September 2016

Antwerp, Belgium

Link: <http://www.esconference2016.eu/86157#.vp5edfkm4o8>

This conference will be the biggest European event in 2016 that links science, policy and practice on ecosystem services and natural capital. With our strong focus on practice and implementation we will showcase excellent knowledge and research, share working examples from business, land management, policy and local practice.

The conference is organised by the research projects OPERAs, OpenNESS, and ECOPLAN and the Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP).



CALL FOR SESSIONS

We now welcome proposals for conference sessions. This is your chance to help shape the programme by demonstrating your work, organising a side-event, or running a scientific session. More information regarding the call for sessions:

<http://www.esconference2016.eu/86157/wiki/163021/call%20for%20sessions#.Vp9MnIKM4o9>

The proposal deadline is **15 February**.

Program questions:

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Websites:

ECOPLAN: www.uantwerpen.be/en/rg/ecoplan

ESP: www.es-partnership.org

OpenNESS: www.openness-project.eu

OPERAs: www.operas-project.eu

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2016

TOWARDS THE BEST PRACTICE OF RIVER RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE

21 – 23 September 2016

Krakow University of Technology, Działownia, Kraków, Poland

Link: <http://riverrestorationconference2016.pl/>

2nd-Announcement link:

http://www.landscape-europe.net/images/pdf_calls_announcements/2c_Krakow.pdf

The Conference aims to bring together river scientists, engineers and practitioners to share and discuss recent scientific research on river functioning, river status evaluation and various aspects of river restoration, and to facilitate exchange of experiences on environment-friendly river restoration and maintenance, especially with regard to flood risk management and nature protection.

Contributions are welcome on any aspect of river restoration and maintenance, including presentations of practical examples and case studies of ongoing and completed restoration projects and implemented restoration techniques.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline [31 January 2016](#)

Workshop proposals deadline [15 February 2016](#)



The 4th FORUM CARPATICUM 2016

“FUTURE OF THE CARPATHIANS: SMART, SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE”

28 – 30 September 2016

Bucharest, Romania

Link: http://geo.unibuc.ro/fc/FC_2016.html

Link for the Abstract Template with instructions: http://www.landscape-europe.net/images/pdf_calls_announcements/FC_2016_Abstract_Template.pdf

The FC 2016 aims to support the development of the [Research Agenda for the Carpathians 2015-2020](http://carpathianscience.org/new-s4c-research-agenda/) (<http://carpathianscience.org/new-s4c-research-agenda/>), keeping synergy with the [Carpathian Convention](http://www.carpathianconvention.org/) (<http://www.carpathianconvention.org/>) for strengthening the sustainability of the Carpathian area.

THEMATIC SESSIONS

1. Smart Carpathians session aims to present and discuss the leading edge achievements in:

- recent and future information and communication technologies;
- emerging paradigms and methodological developments;
- front-rank research infrastructures, capacities and innovations;
- open knowledge, information and data systems applications, in particular those of Carpathian interest.

2. Sustainable Carpathians is expected to cover the topics that consider:

- climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management of the Carpathian ecosystems;
- measures aimed at the environmental protection, efficient use of natural and cultural resources of the region;
- transition towards low-carbon economy;
- sustainable transportation networks in the Carpathian Ecoregion.

3. Inclusive Carpathians are seeking for contributions dealing with:

- promotion of employment (green jobs) and support of labor mobility across the Carpathians to attain the targeted EU employment quotes;
- innovative approaches and solutions for empowering people and for creating sustainable job opportunities for women, young, elder and disabled people;
- challenges of overcoming poverty in the Carpathians, issues of social and territorial cohesion and social exclusion;
- sustainability and enhancement of good quality education and equal access to lifelong learning - to prevent brain drain and to attract brain gain;
- enhancement of institutional capacities and public administration for becoming more service and goal orientated, implementation of the EU structural and investment funds and avoidance of overlapping responsibilities and splitting of competencies in disciplines with manifold and conflicting interests.

Besides these key transdisciplinary topics, **Forum Carpaticum 2016 welcomes other original scientific contributions from different disciplinary and interdisciplinary fields** that will be presented during plenary and parallel sessions as well as workshops and posters.

The conference programme will offer plenary and parallel sessions, workshops, and poster presentations.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

- **extended abstracts** for oral presentation (up 4000 characters including spaces),
- **poster abstracts** (up 2000 characters including spaces).

All abstracts must be written in English and should follow the template available at the conference website (http://geo.unibuc.ro/fc/FC_2016.html).

IMPORTANT DATESDeadline for submission of abstracts: **April 15, 2016**Notification of abstract acceptance: **June 1, 2016**Preliminary program: **July 1, 2016**Submission of full papers: **November 30, 2016**

TASTING THE LANDSCAPE**53rd IFLA World Congress****International Federation of Landscape Architects****Torino, 20 – 22 April 2016****IFLA STUDENT CHARETTE IS NOW OPEN!****STUDENT CHARETTE OBJECTIVES**

The IFLA Student Charette of the 53rd IFLA World Congress is an intensive workshop open to graduate and undergraduate students in Landscape Architecture or those attending a Landscape Architecture course included in other programs (where their University does not include a program specifically identified as Landscape Architecture).

Universities and professors must endorse the participation of their students in this international workshop. The Charette gives students from all around the world the challenge to share methods and create successful landscape designs in a rich and exciting environment. Because the Charette takes place within a condensed period of time, and considers a very complex topic, it is recommended that students be at an advanced level in their studies, and preferably have had prior experiences in workshops of this nature.

Teams of 5 students will be selected to participate (please refer to the application forms). Selected teams will be guided throughout their work by Italian and International tutors with experience in landscape architecture and in working with students.

The Charette will be held in Turin from April 16th to 19th, 2016. The site to be addressed is situated in the northeast suburbs of town (the Barca Bertolla area). Students will visit the project site, and receive specific information about it.

The Charette gives participants the opportunity to create a new landscape architecture design by applying an integrated approach. Students are requested to work collaboratively and at pace in teams within a predetermined time period in order to meet a deadline.

Participants will be asked to present their resultant work, explaining design goals and objectives. An international Jury will select the three best works to be awarded in the IFLA Awarding Ceremony and exhibited within the Congress venue.

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES

The objective is to develop successful landscape design for the Barca Bertolla area. The focus will be on four main aspects:

- Enhance the ecological value of the area
- Enhance the mobility and the landscape connectivity
- Promote the identity of traditional human activities and communities
- Define local strategies for the enhancement of urban agriculture

Link for details: <http://www.ifla2016.com/it/p-138/students-charette/charette-topics>
