



LANDSCAPE EUROPE Newsletter – October/November 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:

- free PhD positions,
- an interesting training course, a competition and a petition ,
- upcoming events in 2015,
- open calls for events organized in 2016,
- offers for summer schools in 2016,
- tips for interesting post-symposium reading and
- an interesting pdf-publication for download.

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.

Please, do feel free to circulate this newsletter to relevant colleagues within your organisation.

With kindest regards

Jana Borovská and the ILE SAS team

Network coordination Office



PhD STUDENTS WANTED

**Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences,
Department of Ecology in Uppsala**

searches for 2 PhD students in the research education subject:
Insect Ecology



APPLIED ECOLOGY EMBEDDED IN ECOLOGICAL THEORY

Are you looking for a PhD project combining ecological theory with its application? Do you thrive in a multi-disciplinary research environment; would you like to collaborate internationally and communicate with stakeholders? Then either one of two PhD positions in APPLIED ECOLOGY EMBEDDED IN ECOLOGICAL THEORY presently open at the department of Ecology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala should be of interest to you:

1. GRAZING DAMAGE AND INSECTS

2. INTERACTION WEBS IN SPACE AND TIME

Forms for funding or employment: Employment as PhD student 4 years

Applications, marked with ref no SLU ua 4067/2015 or SLU ua 4068/2015, must have arrived at the Registrar of SLU, P.O. Box 7070, SE-750 07 Uppsala or registrator@slu.se **no later than 2015-11-30.**

Link:

<http://www.slu.se/en/education/postgraduate-studies/new-phd-student/read-more/?Uid=1026>

**PhD Position at the Centre for Hydrogeology and Geothermics
(CHYN)**

University of Neuchatel

Switzerland



NUMERICAL MODELLING AT THE INTERFACE OF ECOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY

Physically-based hydrogeological models are key tools for anticipating changes in water-related ecosystem services. However, they often lack several spatially distributed input data, both biotic (vegetation) and environmental. Meeting this challenge requires the integration of field surveys and advanced remote sensing technologies (e.g. drone-based measurements, satellite images).

This can be achieved by bringing research approaches from different scientific disciplines together in the same geographic area. In this interdisciplinary project financed by the Swiss National Foundation we will advance our capacity to obtain and understand the spatial distributions of key biotic and abiotic environmental factors for predicting the response of ecosystems and their hydrogeological conditions to climate change.

The field site is in the Swiss Western Alps (Canton Vaud). The PhD candidate will be supervised by Prof. P. Brunner (UniNe) and co-supervised by Prof. G Mariethoz, UniL).

Deadline for application: December 1, 2015 or until position filled

COURSE

IV Edition of the Training course:

Spatial Multicriteria Analysis for Environmental Decision-Making

Trento, February 17-19, 2016

Link: <http://events.unitn.it/en/smca2016>



Environmental decision-making involves the identification and comparison of different alternatives based on multiple objectives and criteria. This calls for a framework to integrate factual information on effects and impacts, with values and preferences of stakeholders. Multicriteria analysis (MCA) offers such a framework, and it is increasingly used in combination with GIS (spatial multicriteria analysis, SMCA).

This **course provides** the essential principles of MCA and SMCA applied to environmental decision-making.

The **teaching method** is based on theoretical lectures and hands-on exercises, using freely available software packages.

The **target audience** of this course is represented by PhD students, post-doc and research fellows, practitioners, as well as public officers interested in environmental decision-making and in the comparison of options.

Instructors:

Prof. Davide Geneletti (Course Coordinator)

Dr. Valentina Ferretti

Important dates:

Registration **will open soon**.

Registration deadline: 26 January 2016

COMPETITION

FLOWER OF LIFE

International Student Competition for Garden Design

LE:NOTRE Institute
Linking landscape education, research and innovative practice



The LE:NOTRE Institute organises this competition for the EXPO 2016 in Antalya in collaboration with the landscape architecture department of Akdeniz University.

Imagine future cities full of gardens with flower carpets, full of playing children, humming bees and fluttering butterflies. Gardens that help to create a healthy environment, cool cities, collect rainwater and are adapted to the local climate. To make this come true, we invite students to design an exhibition garden for the EXPO 2016 in Antalya, Turkey.

We challenge bachelor, master and doctoral students to come forward with innovative and holistic design proposals for gardens that:

- Make use of new flower design concepts;
- Show how gardens and landscapes can be especially attractive, instructive and functional for children;
- Show how gardens can contribute to a higher biodiversity;
- Explain landscape design principles that contribute to greener cities; and
- Present innovative concepts of hard landscaping and planting design that are more sustainable in the Mediterranean context.

Participants are invited to interpret these themes and develop design solutions that integrate these themes and make them understandable and presentable to the public at large.

The competition is open to all students of landscape architecture, garden design, landscape planning, architecture, and land art. Levels of study may be Bachelor, Master or PhD. The entries with the garden designs will be judged by an international jury.

Important dates

- 5th of November 2015, 6 pm (CET) Feedback colloquium for registered participants
- 15th of December 2015 Latest registration date
- 8th of January 2016, at midnight CET Deadline for upload of entries
- January 11th - 12th 2016 Sessions of the Jury for selection
- April 23rd 2016 Opening of the EXPO 2016 in Antalya

Competition brief and registration

For more information on the participation in the student competition, please visit the

website: www.le-notre.org

Registration link https://ilias.hfwu.de/goto.php?target=cat_11972&client_id=hfwu

For background **information on the EXPO 2016 in Antalya** please visit the website:

www.expo2016.org.tr

PETITION

MOUNTAINS MATTER!

We would like to make you aware of the following petition to raise the awareness of the impacts of climate change on mountain areas.

Climate change is exacerbating poverty, and is advancing in mountain areas fast. Mountain communities are already among the world's poorest and hungriest. In acknowledgment of the impacts of climate change on mountains - where glaciers are melting, water availability is varying and the risk of disaster is rising - the Mountain Partnership, a UN alliance of 262 governments and civil society organizations dedicated to improving the lives of mountain peoples and protecting mountain environments around the world, is coordinating the attached petition.

The aim is to collect at least 5000 signatures – if this happens, the Italian delegation to the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (Paris, December) will present the petition to the COP21 delegates.

The conference organisers would encourage you to sign the petition to show that mountains matter by going to: <http://chn.ge/1Lm8Fpk>

Thank you.

EVENTS 2015

Frontiers in Urban Landscape Research

Garden and Landscape Studies/Mellon Program in Urban Landscape Studies Graduate Workshop
The Oak Room, Fellowship House

1700 Wisconsin Avenue NW

November 20, 2015

9 a.m.–5 p.m.



A limited number of spaces will be available to scholars, professionals, and students working in the field of urban landscape. To register, email a brief biography to landscape@doaks.org.

As part of a new program in urban landscape studies at Dumbarton Oaks funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, doctoral candidates in advanced stages of writing dissertations on topics in the history and design of urban landscapes have been invited to share selected aspects of their work with each other and with senior designers and scholars in the field. This colloquium is an opportunity to bring together early-career scholars pursuing cross-disciplinary work and shaping new approaches to the urban environment. It is intended to generate greater awareness of the urban humanities, while helping an emerging generation of scholars advance their work across a range of relevant fields.

For more information, including a list of speakers and their topics, see our website: <http://www.doaks.org/research/garden-landscape/scholarly-activities/frontiers-in-urban-landscape-research>

1st European Urban Green Infrastructure Conference 2015

Celebrating Nature-based solutions for cities

November 23 – 24, 2015 in Vienna, Austria

Link: <http://urbangreeninfrastructure.org/>



The 1st European Urban Green Infrastructure Conference will address issues of climate change, biodiversity loss, water and energy management, health and community – and how nature-based solutions can help address these.

Leading urban Green Infrastructure experts from policy, planning, design, implementation and monitoring, will share knowledge and experience on how working with nature is vital to creating cities that are resilient in the 21st Century.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

ISISA Islands of the World XIV Conference 2016

Niss(i)ology and Utopia: back to the roots of Island Studies

23 - 27 May 2016

Mytilini, Lesvos Island, Greece

Link: <http://isisa2016.aegean.gr/index.php>



The “International Small Islands Studies Association”, ISISA announces the 14th International Conference “Niss(i)ology and Utopia: back to the roots of Island Studies” organized by the University of the Aegean in association with RETI - the Excellence Network of Island Universities.

The conference will be structured around three major topics:

Integrated Management of islands: islands are by definition ideal laboratories for conceptualizing, planning and implementing integrated approaches. Here, environmental, economic and social aspects of management and policies will be explored.

Island Identity - Niss(i)ology and Utopia: the experience of islands and on islands is interwoven with culture, production, nature, landscape and history. Here, identity issues, but also branding opportunities and strategies will be discussed in order to cope with island culture and specificities to generate national, regional or international competitiveness. At the same time, islands have always been associated with “utopias” and “dystopias”.

Attractiveness and Accessibility of islands: focusing on overcoming or facing isolation, while discussing what makes islands more or less attractive as places for living or working on. Here, the discussion will focus on how to create an “alternative” attractiveness compared to that of “core areas”, based on the ‘quality of island life’.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

International symposium

Ecosystem services:

Their contributions and relevance in urban environments

May 24-26, 2016 in Tours, France

Link: <http://se-urbains2016.sciencesconf.org/>



The European Commission has launched the program “Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and Their Services”.

The objective of this meeting is to question the ecosystem services concept in urban environments, with a particular emphasis on its cultural input. The thought about the other services will concentrate on the contribution for man, users and decision-makers.

Three themes are envisaged:

- **Epistemology:** Which contributions? This will imply to think about ecosystem services in cities.
- **Methodology:** Which methods to study cultural ecosystem services in urban green spaces? Which results?
- **Relevance:** Which operability for such an approach? Which relationship with the actors/decision-makers/users?

Studies can concern all kinds of nature in cities (from urban to suburban spaces), as much ornamental parks as forest and semi-natural spaces and allotment (community) gardens, even vertical green spaces. Examples may be taken as much in France as in Europe or everywhere else in the world.

This symposium is aimed at researchers of all disciplines.

Paper Proposals:

Deadline for sending paper proposals is Friday, November 20, 2015.

Proposals should be uploaded on the symposium website (<http://se-urbains2016.sciencesconf.org/>)

They consist in abstracts of 3.000-4.000 signs (including spaces, word or pdf file). Authors must specify their name, first name, function, attachment structure and email address. If you have any question, please contact Amélie Robert (amelie.robert@univ-tours.fr).

CALL FOR PAPERS

Landscape Values: Place and Praxis

29 June – 2 July 2016

Centre for Landscape Studies,

National University of Ireland, Galway



The Centre for Landscape Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway, in association with UNISCAPE, invites submissions from landscape researchers and practitioners interested in inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary approaches, for an international conference to be held at NUI Galway, 29th June – 2nd July 2016.

Themes:

Arranging the contributions around four themes: **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.

Important Dates

27th November 2015 deadline for submission of proposals

21st December 2015 notification of acceptance

22nd February 2016 deadline for submission of articles for publication

29th June 2016 start of conference

Registration for Landscape Values: Place and Praxis conference **will open on 1st December 2015** at: <http://www.conference.ie>

CHeriScape



Final Conference V:

LANDSCAPE IN IMAGINATION AND THE VIRTUAL FUTURE

14-16 June 2016

Newcastle, UK

Link: <http://www.cheriscape.ugent.be/conferences/conference-5/>

The final CHeriScape conference will look forwards – and inwards into imagination. The mental landscapes we inhabit are increasingly digital as well as remembered; new media is changing how people interact and even how they think, perhaps in a way similar to how landscape and heritage governed lives in the past. This digital way of perceiving landscapes is just another turn to the ELC definition of landscape as areas ‘perceived by people’. Perhaps it narrows ‘real world’ experience, but it also expands and stretches horizons. Landscape is no longer, if it ever was, only the local, the seen or walked/worked in; people ‘possess’ distant landscapes that are nevertheless familiar, and never more easily than through ‘new’ virtual media. These still-emergent technologies could enable increased democratic engagement with landscape heritage and with landscape futures. Our concluding conference will thus explore how futures that grow from the past can be explored and imagined through new forms of heritage and landscape representations, and thus how present and future landscapes will be shaped and constructed.

CRACOW LANDSCAPE CONFERENCE 2016

Landscape as impulsion for culture: research, perception & protection

POLAND, CRACOW

June 29 – July 1, 2016

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



The conference idea 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.

Key topics:

Session I – definitions, theory & contemporary perception of landscape

Session II – landscape in the past & forgotten landscapes

Session III – problems of protection & sharing

CALL FOR PAPERS

EcoSummit 2016

Ecological Sustainability: Engineering Change

29 August - 1 September 2016 | Le Corum, Montpellier, France



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

EcoSummit 2016 will centre on the ecology of terrestrial ecosystems and all habitats that are integrated within those ecosystems, including river networks, wetlands and coastlines. Focus will be placed on fragile ecosystems that are more likely to suffer the consequences of climate change and anthropogenic pressure. However, in the current context of an increasing world population, changes in social habit (increasing world consumerism) and climate change, it is evident that agriculture is being intensified but with a growing awareness of the need to preserve and use sustainably world resources. Therefore, we will also address how terrestrial restoration can be carried out when the massive demand for food results in fragile ecosystems, forests and marginal lands being turned over to agriculture.

Abstract submission deadline is 29 January 2016.

CALL FOR PAPERS

World Congress Silvo-Pastoral Systems 2016

Silvo-Pastoral Systems in a changing world: functions, management and people

27-30th September 2016

Évora, Portugal

Link: <http://www.silvopastoral2016.uevora.pt/>



Silvo-pastoral systems around the world have different compositions and configurations. This congress focus on systems which combine trees with animal grazing, in combination with crops, in regions of the world with two seasons, one dry and one wet, and thus drought as a limiting factor.

The aim of this congress is to gather researchers from different disciplines, practitioners and policy makers at different governance levels that deal with the management and sustainability of silvo-pastoral systems.

Deadline for abstract submission is 30 November 2015.

Forum Carpathicum 2016

“Future of the Carpathians: Smart, Sustainable, Inclusive”

28 - 30 September 2016

Bucharest, Romania



The Forum Carpathicum is an open meeting of the Science for the Carpathians (S4C) initiative. Including a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines from both, the natural and social sciences, as well as practical knowledge, the Forum Carpathicum is an attempt to integrate different fields of expertise to generate value for the Carpathian mountain region.

Forum Carpathicum 2016 will be structured into three thematic sessions: Smart Carpathians, Sustainable Carpathians, Inclusive Carpathians.

More details of the event **will be available soon at** <http://www.forumcarpaticum.org/>

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

Mountains 2016:

X European Mountain Convention

3-5 October 2016

I International Conference on Research for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions

5-7 October 2016

Bragança, Portugal

Link: <http://cimo.esa.ipb.pt/mountains2016/>



Mountains 2016 will combine two different events: the X European Mountain Convention and the I International Conference on Research for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions.

The **X European Mountain Convention** continues a 20-year tradition of addressing cutting-edge political, economic and social topics in European mountains by Euromontana, the

European Association for the Development of Mountain Areas. It will cover a broad range of subjects, from agriculture to energy and from innovation to governance, this year centered around the topic of “Adaptation to climate change”.

The **I International Conference on Research for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions** is a scientific meeting aiming to share and discuss methods, tools, results, applications, trends and challenges in research in mountain systems. It will be organized for the first time in Bragança, under the theme “Ecosystem services and sustainable development”.

Call for symposia is now open.

The conference will be based on symposia proposed by leading scientists in mountain issues.

Proposals for symposia are open until December 31, 2015.

SUMMER SCHOOLS 2016

15th International Swiss Climate Summer School

28 August - 2 September 2016

Grindelwald, Switzerland



Link: http://www.oeschger.unibe.ch/studies/summer_school/2016/scope/index_eng.html

The 15th International Swiss Climate Summer School is focusing on the theme “Climate Risks – Coping with Uncertainty”. This theme has been chosen due to its paramount importance in terms of both scientific challenges and pressing societal concerns. Always with a focus on uncertainty, the specific topics include:

- What is ‘dangerous climate change’?
- Emergent climate risks and vulnerability
- From global climate change to regional impacts
- Economics of climate change and adaptation, geo-engineering
- Ethical aspects, policy choices and policy making

The Summer School invites young researchers from all fields of climate research. The courses cover a broad spectrum of climate and climate impact research issues and foster cross-disciplinary links. Each topic includes keynote plenary lectures and workshops with in-depth discussion in smaller groups. All Summer School participants are expected to present a poster of their research and there will be ample opportunity for discussion.

International Summer School on Alpine Plant Life

17-23 July 2016

Furka Pass, Switzerland



The Mountain Research Initiative
Advancing Global Change Research in Mountains

Link:

http://www.alpfor.ch/Alpine_Ecology_PSC_2015.pdf

For the 10th time, there is an offer for a comprehensive graduate course on alpine plant life in the Swiss central Alps. Offered jointly by the Universities of Basel and Bern, and the Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center (PSC) for graduate students with basic plant science training, the course covers microclimatology, vegetation ecology, reproduction biology, aspects of biodiversity, soil science, ecophysiology and ecosystem ecology. Morning and evening lectures, field excursions and team-work on small projects will make this week in a truly alpine environment a life time experience.

Organizers:

Christian Körner, Jürg Stöcklin, Erika Hiltbrunner (University of Basel)

Markus Fischer (University of Bern)

Registration:

PSC PhD students register through PSC, all other students at franziska.grob@unibas.ch.

Preregistration until 1 March 2016, acceptance information 1 April, firm registration 1 June.

This is a non-profit course, with youth-hostel style and price of full board accomodation at ALPFOR. The course is limited to 24 participants.

POST - PERTH III – SESSION SYNTHESIS BLOGS

Perth III – Mountains of our Future Earth

Session Synthesis Blogs

Links:

<https://perthmountains2015.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/subject-areas/centre-for-mountain-studies/events/perth-iii-mountains-of-our-future-earth>



More than 400 scientists, practitioners and students took part in Perth III - Mountains of our Future Earth conference, organized by the University of Highlands and Islands of Perth College on the 4-8 October in Perth, Scotland.

The Centre for Mountain Studies together with the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI) and the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA), all members of the Mountain Partnership, organised a third conference – Perth III – on ‘Mountains of Our Future Earth’. This was a contribution to the global Future Earth programme, a 10-year international research initiative that develop the knowledge for responding effectively to the risks and opportunities of global environmental change and supporting transformation towards global sustainability in the coming decades.

Please take the time to read through the Perth 2015 Session Synthesis Blogs. **The blogs are an immediate way of reading summaries and outcomes from the conference and individual sessions.**

Each session was summarized in the form of blog post published at <https://perthmountains2015.wordpress.com/>

POST SYMPOSIUM - BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

17th International Symposium: Landscape and Landscape Ecology Book of Abstracts

Institute of Landscape Ecology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra and Slovak Ecological Society by the Slovak Academy of Sciences organized 17th International Symposium: Landscape and Landscape Ecology, in 27 – 29 May 2015, in Nitra, Slovakia

17th International Symposium



27 – 29 May, 2015
Nitra, Slovakia

Symposium was attended by 128 participants from 21 countries of Europe, America and Asia (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, India, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Serbia, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the U.S.A., Ukraine and the United Kingdom).

Book of Abstracts from the Symposium can be downloaded on http://www.uke.sav.sk/phocadownload/Abstracts-SymposiumLandscapeEcology2015_Slovakia.pdf

Presented contributions will be possible to download soon.

PDF PUBLICATION



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