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OPENING:

The General Assembly of IFLA EUROPE was held on the 15-16 October 2016, at the Hotel Novotel Centre Tour Noire Brussels, Belgium.

ATTENDEES:

Executive Council (ExCo):

IFLA EU President	Mr. Tony WILLIAMS (TW)
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IFLA EU VP Education	Ms. Emilia WECKMAN (EW)
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Belgium / ABAJP-BVTL	Mr. Herman Van Den BOSSCHE(HvdB)
Bulgaria / ULAB	Ms. Lubima KARACHEVA (LK)
Czech Republic / CZLA	Mr. Igor KYSELKA (IK)
Croatia/ HDKA	Ms. Barbara KLEMAE (BK)
Denmark / DL	Mr. Jeremy DENNIS (JD)
Estonia / ELAU	Ms. Teele NIGOLA (TN)
Finland / MARK	Ms. Anna LEVONMAA (ALe)
France / FFP	Ms. Karin HELMS (KH)
Germany / BDLA	Mr. Fritz AUWECK (FA)
Greece / PHALA	Ms. Katerina GKOLTSIOU (KG)
Hungary / HALA	Ms. Kata TAKACZS (KT)
Iceland / FILA	Ms. Thorhildur THORHALLSDOTTIR (TT)
Ireland / ILI	Mr. Peter HUTCHINSON (PH)
Israel / ISALA	Mr. Leor LOVINGER (LL)
Italy / AIAPP	Ms. Uta ZORZI (UZ)
Latvia / LAAB	Ms. Helena GUTMANE (HG)
Lithuania / LALA	Mr. Gintaras STAUSKIS (GSt)
Luxembourg / ALAP	(none)
Netherlands / NVTL	Mr. Gertjan JOBSE (GJ)
Norway / NLA	Mr. Ingvar HEGRENES (IH)
Poland / SAK	Ms. Urszula FORCZEK-BRATANIEC (UFB)
Portugal / APAP	Ms. Margarida CANCELA D'ABREU (MCA)



Romania / ASOP	Ms. Ioana TODORA (IT)
Russia / ALAROS	Mr. Ilya MOCHALOV (IM)
Serbia / UPAS	Mr. Andreja TUTUNDZIC (AT)
Switzerland / BSLA	Mr. Christian TSCHUMI (CT)
Slovakia / SAS	Mr. Stefan LANCARIC (SL)
Slovenia / DKAS	Mr. Urban SVEGL (US)
Spain / AEP	Mr. Tono SOPESENS (TS)
Sweden / SVERIGES ARKITEKTER	Mr. Johan FOLKESSON (JF)
Turkey / CTLA	Ms. Aysegul ORACKAPTAN (AO)
Ukraine / GLAU	(none)
United Kingdom / LI	Mr. Ian PHILLIPS (IP)

National Associations' Presidents/other members:

Belgium/ ABAJP- BVTL	Mr. Didier MORAY (DMo) (President)
Croatia / HDKA	Ms. Andrea KNEZ (AK) (Vice President)
Czech Republic/ CZLA	Ms. Jana PYSKOVA (JP) (President)
Czech Republic/ CZLA	Mr. Stepan SPOULA (Vice President)
Denmark/ DL	Ms. Elzelina VAN MELLE (EVM) (Board Member)
Estonia/ ELAU	Mr. Valdeko LUKKEN (VL) (President)
Germany / BDLA	Mr. Mario KAHL(MK) (BDLA Representative)
Greece/ PHALA	Ms. Zoi KARAKINARI (ZK) (Observer)
France / FFP	Ms. Ariane DELILEZ (AD) (Observer)
Ireland / ILI	Mr. Peter HUTCHINSON (PH) (Observer)
Israel/ ISALA	Mr. Izy BLANK (IB) (President)
Netherlands/ NVTL	Mr. Niek HAZENDONK (NH) (Observer)
Portugal/ APAP	Mr. Carlos RIBAS(CR) (President)
Romania/ ASOP	Ms. Diana CULESCU (DC) (President)
Slovakia/ SAK	Ms. Olga MIHALIKOVA (Observer)
Turkey / CTLA	Ms. Ayşegül ORUÇKAPTAN (AO) (President)
United Kingdom / LI	Mr. Noel FARRER (NF) (President)

Observers:

European Commission	Mr. Stefan LEINER (SL)
ECLAS	Ms. Ellen FETZER (EF)
IFLA Europe Advisor	Mr. Carlo BRUSCHI (CB)
IFLA World	Ms. Kathryn MOORE (KM)
IFLA World	Mr. Ben ROBERTS (BR)
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Van den Berk Nurseries	Mr. Pieter VAN DEN BERK (VNB)
Hunter Industries	Mr. Santiago CASANELLA (SC)
Hunter Industries	Mr. Manuel MARTI (MM)
ELASA/ IFLA EU Youth competition jury	Ms. Heleen VAN BOXELAERE (HVB)
ELASA	Ms. Svetla MINKOVSKA (SM)
ELASA/ IFLA EU Youth competition jury	Ms. Divya BISHNOI (DB)



ELASA	Ms. Viktoria KENDRICK (VK)
Turkey	Prof Hayriye ESBAH, Observer
SPW	Ms. Frederique DESHET (FD)

IFLA EU Projects/ Communication group

Scapeworld/Social medias	Mr. Manuel SANCHEZ (MS)
IFLA EU Yearbook	Mr. Haris PIPLAS (HP)
IFLA EU Website/Youth competition	Mr. Paul DIEHL (PD)
Education working group	Ms. Marina CERVERA (MC)

With the approval of the ExCo members, Mr. Tony WILLIAMS, IFLA EUROPE President, acted as Chair of the meeting, and opened officially the General Assembly 2016. The minutes were taken by Daniela Micanovic (Executive Secretary).

The GA is validly constituted and quorate, as more than fifty per cent of the eligible voting members are present or represented; proxy forms have been handed over to DM. 32 delegates out of 34 were present with total number of votes 63 (with proxies).

TW apologised to the General Assembly for the late arrival of the officers' reports and this was inexcusable. The EXCO must ensure that the reports are prepared and made available at least 21 days and preferably a month before the General Assembly in order to allow sufficient time for the delegates to ensure a dialogue with their National Associations.

Ms Jeanine COLIN-GENIN remains mandated by IFLA Europe EXCO to be responsible for the bank account and is authorised to deal with day-to-day administration of same. Regular monthly updates are sent to the Treasurer and President and details included in our financial year end statements, audits and reporting to the General Assembly.

WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE/BRIEF INTRODUCTIONS/ ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**Apologies for absence received from:**

- Anja BOSERUP QVIST Secretary General
- Ms. Oana Baloi Communication group

TW briefly informed about the GA procedures, proxies and voting.

Total number of votes: 63 votes (with proxies)

Motion to vote Agenda: adopted unanimously

In favour: All (votes in favour: 63)

Against: 0

Abstention: 0



Questions: GJ (NVTL) comment on document to be prepared on Sponsorship policies to which TW answered that the sponsorship document is available on IFLA Europe website.

APPROVAL OF 2015 GA MINUTES

TW presents the 2015 GA minutes which have been included in the documentation package and asks for comments to the 2015 GA Minutes of the Meeting.

Motion to vote 2015 GA Minutes: adopted unanimously.

In favour: All (votes in favour: 63).

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

PECHA KUCHA 2015 PRESENTATIONS – „FUTURESCAPES: RETHINKING URBAN LANDSCAPES”

TW addressed the participants and informed about Pecha Kucha Presentations that will be published on IFLA Europe website and social platforms and will be part of the IFLA EU 2016 Yearbook.

IFLA EU members highlighted national best practices, key landscape architecture projects and concerns on the matter of cultural landscapes in each of their countries. The following presentations were from:

Belgium	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Belgium1.pdf
Bulgaria	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Bulgaria.pdf
Croatia	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Croatia.pdf
Czech Republic	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Czech-Republic.pdf
Denmark	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Denmark.pdf
Estonia	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Estonia.pdf
ELASA	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/ELASA-IFLA-FINAL.pdf
Finland	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Finland.pdf
France	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/France1.pdf
Greece	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Greece1.pdf
Hungary	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Hungary.pdf
Ireland	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Ireland2.pdf
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Latvia	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Latvia.pdf
Lithuania	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/LITHUANIA.pdf
Netherlands	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Netherlands1.pdf
Norway	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Norway1.pdf
Poland	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Poland1.pdf



Portugal	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Portugal.pdf
Romania	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Romania.pdf
Slovakia	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Slovakia.pdf
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Spain	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Spain1.pdf
Sweden	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Sweden1.pdf
Switzerland	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/Switzerland.pdf
UK	http://iflaeurope.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/03/UK.pdf

Further to the PK presentations, Italian Delegate Uta Zorzi presented GIAHS (Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems). She explained the objectives of the GIAHS program - to identify landscapes worldwide that are particularly rich in biodiversity as a result from the co-adaptation of an anthropic community with its surrounding environment and show a particular aesthetic and socio-cultural interest thanks to the “continuity of use” of traditional agricultural techniques.

Delegate Zorzi explained that GIAHS project does not intend solely to protect landscapes and traditional management techniques, but to apply the principles of dynamic conservation, i.e. to exploit these techniques for the sustainable development of these areas, with direct and indirect benefits for the population. In this way, traditional landscapes become the motor of the rural development of the area.

She informed that GIAHS requirements according to 5 criteria they have set were:

- Food and livelihood security
- Biodiversity and ecosystem functions associated with agricultural systems
- Knowledge systems and adapted technologies
- Culture, value systems and social organisations (Agriculture)
- Remarkable landscapes, land and water resources management features

In order to safeguard and support the agricultural heritage systems of the world in 2002 the FAO has launched an initiative for the dynamic conservation of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS). The initiative GIAHS promotes public understanding, awareness, national and international recognition of agricultural heritage systems and is intended to safeguard social, cultural, economic and environmental goods and services that these provide to farmers and their families, smallholders, indigenous populations and local communities.

The initiative favours an integrated approach that combines sustainable agriculture and rural development. GIAHS has projects in Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Chile, China, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic), Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tunisia and Turkey. In these countries, the adaptive management approaches are developed and implemented to assist national and local stakeholders in the dynamic conservation of their agricultural heritage systems.

At present, there are no GIAHS in Europe yet. Uta Zorzi asked for assistance from IFLA EU delegates to participate in this project. Tony Williams reiterated the importance of IFLA EU participating in this important initiative and informed that all related documents were at disposal of delegates in the Dropbox.



MATTERS ARISING: IFLA EU PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

TW presented report and informed about IFLA EU's work and Strategic Plan.

Ana Luengo commented on Tony's report and expressed satisfaction that the traditional president's report has taken step forward and was turned into a strategic and action plan for IFLA Europe.

Ian Phillips (LI) commended on a very good and very comprehensive President's Report and asked about the Working groups, the outcome, deliveries and objectives of their work. He also asked about observatories and expressed how impressed he was about Observatories and their approach in Cataluña and asked how we can develop their approach in IFLA Europe. TW replied that previous IFLA EU presidents particularly Ana Luengo and other colleagues such as Carlo Bruschi, Marina Cervera, Nigel Thorne have greatly contributed to the work and most importantly all delegates contribute to it. He informed that many projects are inter-connected and of interest to all. He informed that the tasks of working group is continuous.

Comment by Croatian Delegate Barbara Klemar regarding the status of the points of report e.g. on-going, in progress etc. and asked if CALA could get more details on some issues that are very important, especially regarding cooperation with EC and specific actions that need to be taken – it would be useful for NA to know how to plan their actions for the future. TW explained that the Strategic Plan gives more details but more information can be found in the officers' report such as Fritz Auweck PQD and Leor Lovinger (Green Infrastructure). Barbara Klemar reiterated the issue of profession of landscape architects being pushed out of the picture. Fritz Auweck informed that the European Commission insists that such problems have to be solved at national level but that IFLA Europe can assist and support this process. He informed that national government has a lot of possibilities to follow the requirements of European Parliament. TW said that this issue is being dealt with at highest level and that this issue will be discussed under Professional Practice committee.

Motion to vote on President Report and Action Plan: adopted unanimously.

In favour: All (votes in favour: 63).

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

The report was applauded.

- Resolution 2016:

Christian Tschumi informed that all delegates received the Draft resolution and were asked for comments. He explained the history of IFLA Europe Resolution as an effort led by past president Ana Luengo and of all delegates whose objective is that IFLA Europe's voice is heard. All delegates are invited to participate in the Resolution WG.

Ana Luengo explained to the newcomers that there is a Working group consisting of Christian Tschumi and herself and asked for volunteers to participate in the WG for drafting IFLA Europe Resolution which gets adopted at the end of General Assembly. The aim of the Resolution is that the Conference's theme, together with the General Assembly's delegates Pecha Kucha presentations and the IFLA EUROPE Award for that year,



are rounded up in a thematic resolution. She announced the theme of 2017 Resolution is **'(UN)LIMITED LANDSCAPES NO FENCE, NO OFFENCE'**

Gertjan Jobse, Netherlands asked about comment sent by NVTL related to the Resolution and Ana Luengo informed that it will be discussed during the session of the WG.

- Charter of the European Landscape Architect

Ana Luengo asked Stef Steegen, IFLA Europe HM, one of the founders of EFLA and the first Secretary General to inform about the Charter of the European Landscape Architect. He emphasised how important it is to get the message conveyed and how important it is for landscape architects to send and communicate simple messages to the citizens. Project was circulated to the delegates and AL informed that WG (with Stef Steegen, Annalisa Maniglio, Michael Oldham) has been established and that it will be working on the Charter which will be presented at the next General Assembly in Bucarest. AL also encouraged delegates to take part in the work of this WG.

- Council of Europe

AL informed that IFLA Europe is now a registered CoE International Non-governmental organisation, that IFLA Europe participates in the work of European Landscape Convention and CDCPP – Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape. AL also informed that IFLA Europe is invited to all CoE meetings and contribute to COE documents. AL informed that the next ELC Conference will take place in March 2017.

AL also informed about the importance of **CEMAT** (Council of Europe Conference of Ministers Responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning). CEMAT is also or even more plays fundamental role in territorial planning in Europe and IFLA Europe's next stage is to start assist in CEMAT meetings which will start taking place in 2017.

Herman van den Bossche informed about the work of **CDCPP**. Because of the complexity of the 3 topics involved and because there are few or none representatives of the member states that are expert in the 3 matters, the WG is only dealing with heritage. Culture and landscape were therefore not really considered. That said, on behalf of IFLA-Europe, Herman made two remarks:

1. What counts for heritage, counts in general also for heritage designed landscapes.
2. Not only universities organise heritage study programs, high schools organise heritage programs on a professional level. It is not only about academic study programs.

Herman van den Bossche also informed about CoE **HEREIN project** – heritage network which brings together European public administrations in charge of national cultural heritage policies and stimulates cooperation between ministries responsible for heritage management He informed that in case the delegates or their respective countries are interested in participating in Herein project, they contact Orane Proisy, French Ministry of Culture either as organisation or individually. IFLA Europe members are invited to step into the project. A meeting is planned in January 2017. Information about the date and the program will follow.

AL explained about Herein – the programme dealing with revalorisation of gardens, and not only heritage garden. AL informed about Herein agenda: creation of public park in the whole Europe, education of gardeners, specialists and landscape architects and IFLA Europe is now working on a project funded by the European Union. IFLA Europe is participating in it as an entity and AL informed that people can participate either through IFLA Europe or individually (directly) from respective countries.



Comment by Niek Hazendonk, NVTL: Question about the text about CDCPP – last sentence in the Report sent to delegates says IFLA Europe will continue to pay attention to the cultural landscape in this heritage context. Niek made remark that it is not heritage context but European landscape convention is not only about heritage but about landscape in the past and the future and not only about heritage. He expressed preference that IFLA Europe explains the role of the landscape architecture in the context of the European Landscape Convention including heritage.

AL replied that the word heritage has to be included as it is CoE Steering committee for European culture, heritage and landscape.

AL asked for the CoE activities and projects to be voted and equally informed that so far CoE has been paying for all the meetings/travels by IFLA Europe.

Motion to vote the budget for CoE and future projects and activities:

In favour: All (votes in favour: 63).

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

- IFLA World

Kathryn Moore expressed pleasure and gratitude for being invited to the IFLA Europe's General assembly. She stated that it was a great pleasure to be present at the IFLA EU GA – after the 'coming together' of IFLA Europe and EFLA and informed that IFLA world continued to support IFLA Europe despite some difficulties encountered in the process of EFLA returning to IFLA, the so called 'coming together'. She commended on the Pecha Kucha initiative to see how the landscape architecture is developed in each member country.

She informed the delegates that when she became president of IFLA, she started asking herself fundamental questions about it. She informed that IFLA world is there to support and establish the profession on an international basis, to promote education and professional practice and promote international exchange of knowledge, research and skills in all countries and communities, especially in places such Africa and Middle East where Landscape architecture is emerging as a distinct profession.

IFLA is a federation of 76 National Associations (NA) organised in five regions and underlined how important it is for a Federation to have strong and active regions that are connected into Action Plan. IFLA Europe is one of the oldest and strongest regions compared to e.g. Africa with 7 members and 150 landscape architects;

The Chairs of IFLA World Committees introduced in 2014 played a vital role – they connected across the regions, shared information, support interregional and global initiatives and have been very effective at the international level and KM expressed gratitude for their work.

The core components of achieving IFLA objectives, are IFLA staff, awards, archives, exhibition, capacity building and education, accreditation, professional status, partnerships and Memoranda of understanding. There is a matrix of working groups such as cultural landscapes, LA without borders, climate change, council of students and professionals, international landscape convention and charters.



She informed about the IFLA website and the possibility of becoming partner, friend of IFLA World, corporate member or sponsor of particular IFLA World events. She invited delegates to take part in work of the working groups and to subscribe to e-bulletin.

KM informed that as far as the finances are concerned, things are not going well and upon becoming president, KM realised serious problems related to the extensive spending in the previous years. ExCo with the support of WC delegates, almost entirely agreed to spend over 300.000 € which was almost entire reserve of IFLA. The majority of the spending was on strategic planning, books, digitalisation of drawings and recruitment. KM informed that as soon as she became the president, she realised the danger and initiated moves to put in place actions to reduce spending. Contributing to the problem there was number of financial actions have been put in place such as reducing the accountability of financial management, removing the checks built in to IFLA Constitution and by-laws, presentation and approval of budgets and reducing ability of IFLA to manage its income by changing such as IFLA Europe changing the collection and distribution mechanism of dues. Financial crisis made it difficult to obtain sponsorship, resulted in reduction of membership dues from ASLA and other members and expanded ExCO put additional pressure. KM expressed gratitude to James Hayter and Ben Roberts for bringing clarity to financial picture. FBP committee are working on improving the situation and bring back the stability to IFLA. To give picture of the expenditure, KM informed that one person in 2014 spent over 90.000€ on travel, in 2015 budget of 15.000€ was available to all ExCo and in 2016 there is no budget for travel. IFLA World undertook at the World Council in Turin to provide financial information every month and to provide WC Minutes within 3 months and KM apologised that this was not respected.

In terms of sponsorship, Ben Roberts secured sponsorship for Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe award and is in discussion for sponsorship on secretarial support to help establish advisory circle. Sponsorship for the student competition is increased.

The next important event is WDS and Council in Montreal – interdisciplinary event that will gather landscape architects, architects, industrial designers, urban planners, graphic designers and others, fantastic opportunity for sponsors, international practices and governments who will benefit from global exposure at such event.

KM emphasised that in terms of professional development, in order to build capacity and to truly grow the discipline and profession, it is necessary to have a more expressive and more interdisciplinary definition of design and landscape. KM underlined the importance of support of all of its regions.

KM informed that as IFLA president she was aware of the expectations and a need for a truly global organisation. Global challenges do not stop at territorial boundaries so she asked for IFLA Europe delegates' support so that central organisation can continue to grow which will give landscape architecture as profession a voice at international level. She underlined that IFLA Europe is the strongest region and she asked for its help and support and that any issues that need to be addressed that we might have and talk openly about it. There were no comments or questions from the delegates.



MATTERS ARISING: IFLA EU VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION REPORT

Emilia Weckman (EW) apologised for having report available to the delegates late and outlined the main five projects that Education is dealing with:

- School recognition panel
- Assistance on Survey of education possibilities and professional requirements -new cooperation project with IFLA Europe Professional Practice and IFLA World.
- IFLA Europe – ECLAS cooperation with the aim to develop areas in which IFLA Europe and ECLAS will collaborate.
- External relations – connections and collaboration, exploring networks where collaboration is possible and interesting.
- EU Teach Research Project (EU LAND).

Comment from Margarida Abreu Cancela (APAP) raised a question about SRP checklist to be sent to Universities and asked about an updated document. She also raised the question to TW about Uniscape who haven't yet been reached and asked about UNISCAPE meeting that was held earlier in Galway. TW replied that there was a meeting to which TW did not participate but had discussion with VP Prof. Conor Newman professor of archaeology who was surprised that Uniscape and Bas Pedroli did not get back to us but this issue is to be followed up. UNISCAPE are now a corporate member so the dialogue between the associations can be expected to increase and co-operative efforts increase. Marc Claramunt informed that the SRP meeting discussed the research by the designers or landscape architects to know whether it is possible to promote research being done by landscape architects.

Herman van den Bossche asked a question related to the schools that are not recognised, do they get diploma and can those students enter professional associations and become their members, are they recognised with their diploma from their non-recognised school. TW as previous VP Education President replied that the recognition process is voluntary and that it is up to National associations to address their respective universities and ask for their programmes to be recognised. IFLA Europe changed statutes slightly saying when the course is recognised, it will be easier for professionals to move between the national associations. It does not mean that the course is worse or better but IFLA Europe gives its 'quality mark'. TW informed that the process is slow from a bureaucratic point of view as there are many issues to be checked and clarified with the Universities or Schools. It is the objective of IFLA Europe to establish a recognition process and ensure it is managed effectively. The process will also be further developed at a global level with IFLA World under the Chair of Andreja Tutundzic.

EW asked about situation in delegates' respective countries and asked all interested to contact her separately on this issue.

Motion to vote on VP Education Report: adopted unanimously.

In favour: All (votes in favour 63).

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

The report was applauded



- ELASA Presentation

Victoria Kendrick, Heleen Van Boxelare and Svetla Minkovska from ELASA gave a short introduction on the history and idea of ELASA. ELASA is an online network connecting students and enable learning across universities. She informed that ELASA meetings are organised with a central theme for students and by the students. ELASA is a network, platform for connecting and interacting with a website which is constantly updated with the latest information. They use mailing list and social media to reach a broader audience. They organise activities, workshops, site visits with professionals and academics as well as international evening as an opportunity for a cultural exchange. ELASA meetings were organised on various subjects such as flooding and construction (NL), erosion of coastlines (UK), potential of temporary use/art (SPAIN), designation and protection (MONTENEGRO), geology and character (SLOVENIA). They informed that the future activities of ELASA will be for the voice of landscape architecture to get louder, to bridge the gap between students, academics and professionals, to recognise the importance to stay strong together under the current circumstances in the EU and get more students involved. They asked delegates to help ELASA reach new students, empower local initiative, get ELASA in touch with the local associations and distribute their contacts. ELASA representatives thanked IFLA Europe for their support and their report was applauded.

MATTERS ARISING: COMMUNICATION OFFICER REPORT

Laure Aubert (LA) presented Report and apologised for late submission to the Delegates.

- LAE - Landscape Architecture Europe

Nigel Thorne presented himself and informed about Landscape Architecture Europe (LAE), a foundation that seeks to enhance the dialogue in landscape architecture on a European level by publishing a triennial yearbook. Produced for the LAE Foundation and the European section of the International Federation of Landscape Architecture, the books aspire to be the definitive critical review of the state of the art of European landscape architecture. He encouraged the delegates to enquire more about LAE and IFLA Europe's financial contribution.

Eric Luiten, LAE Board Chairman introduced himself and informed the participants that he believed in the added value of LAE publication and informed that the 5th edition of LAE will be prepared and thanked for the IFLA Europe contribution.

Karin Helms (FFP) asked about making the publication even larger and asked for a more visibility and larger dissemination and promoting of the LAE book.

Gertjan Jobse (NVTL) informed about the relation between IFLA Europe and LAE and the Memorandum of Understanding. He underlined that it is important that the delegates and LAE members know each other and communicate with each other and also to select jury members and representatives in whole of Europe but also asked LAE to consider the representation in Europe and also to use more the networks and spread and disseminate the information as much as possible in order to reach all the interested and to increase the visibility of both organisations.



The financial contribution to the publication made by the LAE was agreed by IFLA Europe's General Assembly during the time of Nigel Thorne's presidency of the organisation following a presentation from the LAE Board (Lisa Diedrich) as one of the most tangible examples of productive work carried out by our members across the European region. This factor has not changed in terms of a major consideration as to why IFLA EU should continue their contribution towards funding the publication.

The presentation made to the GA by both the new editor in chief and Nigel, emphasised this core consideration and asked the question as to whether members considered this investment true value for money.

Previous concerns had related to true representation on the LAE formative, decision making board but there are now four main board members who have a direct relationship with both the LAE board and IFLA Eu GA which ought to allay any remaining fears of under representation.

It would appear members remain keen to support future publications based upon general discussions at the GA meeting.

There is a need to update and improve upon the 'Memorandum of Understanding' between the two parties.

- Website and social media/Scapeworld activities

Laure Aubert informed about that after being hacked, the website has been rebuilt and informed that the improvements are a permanent process. The contract issues to be solved with our provider are very time-consuming as well as technical, and she asked thus all the delegates who have experience about SQL database or SHS access to provide feedback or assistance

Social networks

LinkedIn being the most important social group with 5.673 members followed by Facebook with more than 5011 followers; IFLA EU Brief news- Tumblr blog (649 posts in 2016), Land8Lounge – social network dedicated to landscape architects all over the world). We aim to connect more the different projects to each other's through our powerful social networks.

Scapeworld – programme aimed to raise awareness about landscape architecture engaging landscape architecture students, young practitioners, general public and all interested in LA.

- IFLA EU Publications/Yearbook

Yearbook—Laure Aubert asked for more contribution from the National associations in order to invert this year's trend (fewer contributions than the previous year).

- IFLA EU Youth Competition

Youth competition – IFLA Europe aims to further develop the visibility and the possibilities for collaboration with National associations. IFLA Europe is glad for this third edition to welcome the youth competition winners who could all on short notice attend the GA for the price ceremony.



Motion to vote on VP Communications Report: adopted unanimously.

In favour: All (votes in favour 63).

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

The report was applauded.

MATTERS ARISING: VICE-PRESIDENT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Hermann Georg Gunnlaugsson addressed the participants and outlined Professional Practice report. He informed that the Professional Practice objectives will focus on professional practice services, policies and promoting cooperation in professional practice and working groups.

He informed that after taking over the role of the VP PP and looking at the work that has been done over the years, there is more need for the EXCO Members to meet the IFLA Europe Members and be more visible.

- PQD – PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS DIRECTIVE

(Fritz Auweck, WG Chair)

Fritz Auweck informed briefly about the PQD project which was started in 2010 and informed about how IFLA Europe participated in the discussions and tried influencing the modifications of PQD with the European Commission (EC) and other important decision makers. In 2014 IFLA Europe was dealing with possibilities how can Landscape architecture as a profession be automatically recognised. In 2014 IFLA Europe launched a call to the National Associations to provide to the IFLA Europe feedback on whether the LA profession was recognised in their respective countries. Another two calls were done after the General assembly in Lisbon (in December 2015 and May 2016) where the National associations were asked to be more active in trying to reach the official status of 'regulated profession' in accordance with the EU guidelines.

The profession is regulated according to the European Union (EU) conditions in 6 EU countries and 1 Council of Europe (COE) country. The profession is not regulated (long term) in 5 EU countries and 2 COE countries. In 7 EU countries, National Associations are active to clear the situation. In 3 countries, the feedback of the National Associations was provided long time ago. In 8 EU countries, national associations did not answer until end of August.

He informed the participants that the goal is to reach a minimum of 10 countries within the EU in which the profession is officially regulated. He expressed satisfaction that the activities in countries are being taken to improve the situation. He mentioned as positive feedback Austria where the LA profession is regulated together with the engineers and in France where there are good steps made towards the recognition. He reiterated the importance of getting the feedback from the National associations and asked them to make more efforts in providing IFLA Europe the necessary information before the next General Assembly in 2017. More feedback to be provided from Belgium, Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg and Poland.



He underlined the main future activities:

- Activate the national associations which did not answer at the GA and by a 3rd call;
- Assistance to those national associations being in the process;
- collection of the conditions of regulation as a database on the IFLA internal website and Working group PQD to be joined with PRA project

Tony Williams urged the delegates to provide the necessary information.

Barbara Klemar (Croatia) asked for more information and asked about the criteria. FA proposed to provide more information after the GA.

- CPV – Common Procurement Vocabulary

Fritz Auweck also informed about the sub-project within the PQD – CPV. The European commission has set up a regulation about the common procurement vocabulary (CPV) – terms related to Landscape Architecture. The Austrian, Swiss and German LA associations have taken a look at the translations of Landscape Architecture issues from English to German and they want that those translations will be corrected. Besides this the whole profession is represented not in the correct way in the CPV.

Fritz Auweck asked the delegates to set up a Working group and work towards influencing the regulation and the future office in Brussels will be the contact point.

Comment from Gertjan Jobse (NVTL) – Thanked Fritz for the work and endurance in the project. He expressed concern that IFLA Europe has 7 countries where the LA profession is regulated according to the EU requirements. He asked if it is possible to have the minimum of 10 countries as required. FA said it would be possible and asked to have even more where the LA profession is regulated according to the EU.

Comment from Karin Helms (FFP) – as far as France is concerned, the situation is progressing and stated that PQD is extremely important as it was the first contact between FFP/IFLA Europe and the French government. She emphasised that we have to pursue in this project and expressed support to all countries to make the efforts they made in France.

Comment from Ana Luengo – informed about the Council of Europe project related terms and expressions that can help the CPV project.

- GI – Green Infrastructure

(Leor Lovinger, WG Chair)

Leor Lovinger addressed the participants and informed about two key counterparts:

- DG Environment and
- EKLIPSE project.

He expressed satisfaction that the IFLA EU ExCo decided to present its award to the DG Environment and recognise their work. GI Working group meetings took place regularly and emphasised that a lot can be achieved.

**- EKLIPSE – project gathering 15 institutions and associations in Europe chosen out of 100 applicants.**

This project shows that there is need for the skills of Landscape Architects in Europe and on a European level. This project is driven by many academics, but it is important for IFLA Europe to have a voice at this table and to make IFLA Europe and Landscape architects more visible at the EU level. Connection and visibility at the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation at the European Commission is important for IFLA Europe. IFLA Europe has to provide tools and expertise to the European Commission which will make important decisions related to the Landscape architecture.

HGG re-addressed the participants and thanked Fritz and Leor and other WGs participants for their dedication and work. He asked the delegates to read the VPP report and provide their support as it would make IFLA Europe stronger.

- Professional Recognition

HGG informed the delegates about the work and the meetings that the WG had about the assistance that the National Associations require. He reiterated that the IFLA Europe is about working together and contacts with people and urged the delegates to discuss issues related to the professional recognition they face at home and find solutions together.

Leor re-addressed the participants and asked the delegates to provide feedback, opinions, experiences or ideas in order to put together a project to DG Environment e.g. fisheries, environment or other, in order to obtain EC funds. He also emphasised the work of ELASA and possibilities of doing projects together.

Comment from Ilya Mochalov, ALAROS (Russia) about the Professional recognition which ties with the task IM is doing at IFLA World level WG Professional standards. He said that the report on the WG activities will be ready by the end of 2016 and can be combined with the efforts of the PRA WG.

Question was posed about the contact person for the discussions with the EC and it was suggested to perhaps have a lawyer who will participate in the work of the groups and in contacts with the European Commission

TW reiterated what FW has stated before that IFLA Europe needs information and feedback from the National associations and the deadlines in order to be able to provide the necessary answers and solutions. He agreed that IFLA Europe needed a legal advice in further discussions with the EC.

Motion to vote on VP Professional Practice Report: adopted unanimously.

In favour: All (votes in favour 63:).

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

The report was applauded.

The General assembly is adjourned until the following day.



SUNDAY 18th October 2015

MATTERS ARISING: TREASURER'S REPORT

Marc Claramunt opened the session and informed the participants about its report. There are three parts of the report:

- Review of accounts and 2015 budget,
- presentation of the adapted 2016 budget and
- presentation of 2017 budget.

He informed that Jeanine Colin Genin, Financial manager was present to provide any details regarding the budget. He reminded the delegates of the importance to submit the claims for General assembly reimbursement before 15 December 2016 otherwise it will be very difficult to reimburse after the closure of the year.

He informed the participants that Daniela Micanovic no longer works for IFLA World but only of IFLA Europe. In order to fulfill the Belgian law about termination of the contract, IFLA Europe has paid all the expenses. As IFLA World still needs to pay part of the expenses as IFLA Europe advances the money, MC informed that since IFLA World still owes this money to IFLA Europe (amount of 24119,55€), IFLA Europe will not yet pay its second part of the annual fee to IFLA World. He also informed the delegates that a letter is to be signed by IFLA World to clarify the money that is owed and expressed hope that this agreement to be signed in the near future.

TW explained the situation as it is necessary to – comprehensive agreement with IFLA World and we need to sort out what is becoming a problem and have a clear understanding how the Secretariat works as IFLA Europe was paying 40% (IFLA World was paying 60%). What we did is that we went to Partena who manages employment and as Belgian law needs to be respected, IFLA Europe made a part-time contract for Executive Secretary and terminated contract with IFLA World. IFLA Europe also asked legal advice from Partena so that from a legal standpoint, the agreement with IFLA World is clear. IFLA Europe also had to pay the outstanding liabilities including severance payment and taxes (around 24119,55€) and IFLA Europe fee is around 25000€ but we said we would not pay the money until IFLA World's due is cleared. First part of IFLA Europe's liability is paid and according to the agreement, IFLA Europe would pay second part of its fees towards IFLA World once they cleared their due and if not, it would be a payment of IFLA Europe dues for 2017. IFLA Europe signed the Agreement, IFLA World accepted their liabilities.

TW underlined the importance of strong connection with IFLA World and future cooperation and being effective and strong region of IFLA World.

Ian Phillips asked about the situation of Christine Bavassa (CB).

TW informed that IFLA Europe discussed the situation regarding CB. She is still not well and is not able to return to work. TW informed that IFLA Europe does not pay its salary but the Belgian social service. He said that Partena's legal adviser informed IFLA Europe about several solutions: she returns to work if she is fit to work and the second option is that CB returns to work and IFLA Europe dismiss her in which case she would



be entitled to severance payment which amounts to ca 42000€ and is increasing every year. IFLA Europe's share in this payment would be 40%.

Third option is that State can assess CB's condition and if found that her situation is permanent or semi-permanent, IFLA Europe can release her from the contract and that is the option that IFLA Europe is looking at.

Marc Claramunt continued his report and explained in details the 2015 accounts.

TW informed the participants that EW held the vote of Finnish Delegate while he held the vote of Israeli delegate.

Motion to vote on 2015 accounts:

In favour: All (votes in favour 55)

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

MC presented the adapted 2016 budget in details (income, expenses, ExCo budgets, WG budgets, bank account situation).

TW informed that Vice Presidents have to spend their budgets until the end of year.

Motion to vote on adapted 2016 Budget:

In favour: All (votes in favour 57)

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Jeanine Colin-Genin explained the situation about the liabilities. The expenses liabilities for 2015 are relating to claims received after 25th December 2015 and were paid beginning 2016. She also explained that sometimes there was a difference in the expenses due to non-euro transfers (bank charges included). Also, a part of liabilities is from unpaid fees.

TW explained that in 2014 GA voted to remove some liabilities from the accounts (in liabilities for 4-5 years) as there was no point in keeping those liabilities in the account as the money will not be recovered but poses problems to the accounting. As for unpaid fees, the associations did not have the right of vote if fees were unpaid. MC also informed that Belarus, Luxembourg and Ukraine did not pay their fees.

Question from Ian Phillips – when members' associations are due and when are IFLA World fees are due – TW informed that both fees are at the same time as IFLA Europe collects one fee, a portion of which is then disbursed to IFLA World as a finite payment.

Comment from Ilya Mochalov about the Belarus member – Ilya Mochalov to contact her.

Jeanine Colin-Genin informed that Ukraine could not pay the fees due to complicated situation in the country.



As for Luxembourg, it was an unilateral decision by the Luxembourg NA president not to pay the fees as he was IFLA World Treasurer and had a disagreement with them.

MC presented 2017 budget (income, expenditure etc). He expressed his hopes to have one more sponsor.

TW informed that the work of technical groups will be also linked to the sponsors and asked the delegates if they knew company dealing with Hard Landscape and Surfacing and Play Equipment that could be interested in sponsoring IFLA Europe to let us know.

Question from Tono Sopesens - Some countries paid only 10% of the fees due, e.g. Portugal, Ireland, Lithuania

Ana Luengo explained that it was a difference from what IFLA Europe budgeted for at the beginning of the year and the actual amount (number of members change).

Motion to vote on 2017 Budget proposal:

In favour: All (votes in favour 57)

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

MC informed the delegates about the fee calculation system and explained that a document detailing how the fees are calculated is available in the dropbox.

TW informed that all supporting documents are under President's Report in the dropbox including a letter from April asking IFLA World for a review of Strategic plan and IFLA Europe still feels it is not finalised. Financial business planning committee is putting together a fee structure which will look at how the regions will pay into IFLA World – centre. IFLA Europe will maintain its current fee calculation payment.

Question from Niek Hazendonk – European region has its own fee structure, IFLA World its fee structure and finances and then the other regions: do the associations pay to IFLA Europe and to IFLA World. What about other regions? Other regions don't have own financial structures. Do we pay for ourselves and for them?

TW informed that IFLA Europe pays a proportion to IFLA World (St Petersburg 2012 decision). IFLA World needs certain amount of funds to function and it needs to function as a global organisation that works with organisations such as UNESCO but IFLA Europe needs own effective secretariat and region as it also deals with important institutions such as the European Union, European Commission and Council of Europe. We are paying a proportion but not for other regions. Other regions want to copy the way IFLA Europe functions – IFLA Asia Pacific and Americas want to have their own regional secretariats and want to pay the same way as IFLA Europe. He reiterated that IFLA Europe has to assist IFLA World and expressed willingness and readiness to help other regions to set up the same fee structure as IFLA Europe.

Question from Ilya Mochalov – is IFLA Europe represented at the FBP at the World level? TW replied that Hermann Georg Gunnlaugsson is IFLA EU representative. HGG informed that the last FBP meeting took place in July but HGG received the documents only beginning of October.



Ilya Mochalov stated that IFLA Europe should not only be on the FBP but should help it to form the IFLA World policies.

TW stated that at the last IFLA World ExCo, he asked that the FBP report be changed to Treasurer's report. He stated he would follow the implementation of Strategic plan and inform the delegates accordingly. He informed that IFLA Europe is focused on trying to help the other regions. In Moscow 2015 IFLA suggested that regions did not want to be legal entities which created a bit of flurry. Regions need to look at what legal entity they will use, how they will manage it and other important issues they need to address.

MC continued his report and informed that IFLA Europe has to have three Auditors (Scrutineers). He asked if the current scrutineers would like to continue. He also asked volunteers for the position of third scrutineer as Gyda Grindstad from the Norwegian National Association stepped down. Ingvar Hegrenes volunteered.

The treasurer extended gratitude to Jeanine Colin Genin and Daniela Micanovic for their daily work, seriousness and patience to ensure IFLA Europe budget management is transparent with special thanks for the organisation of the General Assembly. He also expressed the gratitude the National Association for timely payment of due and special thanks to the IFLA Europe sponsors Van den Berk and Hunter Industries.

Motion to vote on IFLA Europe Auditors:

Herman van den Bossche

Karl Grimm

Yngvar Hegrenes

In favour: 56 (votes in favour)

Against: 0

Abstention: 1 (Herman van den Bossche as he found inappropriate to vote for himself)

Tony Williams asked Santiago Casanella, European Regional Manager of Hunter Industries to present himself as IFLA Europe sponsor.

Santiago Casanella explained the background and gave a short company presentation.

TW thanked Santiago Casanella and informed about the possibility of linking technical group with sponsors. In general, IFLA Europe would like to initiate sponsorship arrangements which also include a technical working group aspect as this should help ensure both increased visibility for our sponsors and also the development of technical guidance and dialogue for our members.

TW reiterated the need for technical managers, project managers and members for these groups who will also act as chair on behalf of the EXCO and members. IFLA Europe will also be appointing a liaison officer for each TWG in order to have a physical presence and coherent dialogue with the sponsors.

TW informed that Jeremy Dennis will lead Financial, Administrative and Sponsorship Working Group.



REPORT FROM FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPONSORSHIP WORKING GROUP

Tony Williams

Jeanine Genin, IFLA EU Financial Manager

Valdeko Lukken, ELAU

Karl Grimm, OGLA

Herman van den Bossche, ABAJP/BVTL

Marc Claramunt, IFLA EU Treasurer

Ilya Mochalov, ALAROS

Yngvar Hegrenes, NLA

Tono Sopesens, AEP

Fritz Auweck, BDLA

Jeremy Dennis, DK (rapporteur)

The meeting began with a discussion on the tasks of elected scrutineers, board of auditors, and board of trustees. In the minutes from GA Lisbon, are listed that the Board of Trustees consists of Noel Farrer, Thanos Sklaventis and Anja Boserup, the Board of Auditors consists of Gyda Grindstad, Karl Grimm and Herman van den Bossche. Scrutineers are Karl Grimm and apparently, Herman van den Bossche (to his surprise). The conclusion was that there is a need for a short document describing the role of these three bodies. No longer than 1 page each. These documents will be produced by EXCO (lead by TW and MC) to be circulated before next GA.

Afterwards MC expressed the need for a sponsorship working group lead by someone else, because running both treasury and sponsoring is not possible. Jeremy Dennis was asked to lead this group and accepted. TW afterwards gave an introduction to the idea on technical working groups, and how these functions with a sponsor. For now, there is the Trees and Vegetation TWG, Water management TWG and Lighting TWG, but others are identified (see President's report pp14-15). There is a general call for people who can manage these TWG, for now TW is head of Trees and Veg and AL is head of Water management WG. If no one comes forward, the groups will not necessarily form.

IM made a comment that IFLA Europe could consider employing a paid fundraiser (part-time). This and various other questions will be put into a short action plan for the Sponsoring group before year-end.

VOTING SESSION**IFLA EUROPE ELECTIONS****Candidates presentations:** Secretary General and Treasurer

Candidates are now invited to introduce themselves and give the audience a brief preview of their future functions.

Election for Secretary General (1st mandate) 2016-2018

Nominated: Urszula Forczek-Brataniec (SAK Poland). CV & Letter of intention.

Brief speech from candidate, addressing the participants and informing about her willingness and commitment to LA profession and IFLA Europe objectives.



Election for Treasurer (2nd mandate) 2016-2018

Nominated: Marc Claramunt (FFP, France). CV & Letter of intention.

Brief speech from candidate, addressing the participants and informing about his willingness and commitment to LA profession and IFLA Europe objectives.

TW informed that voting would now take place for the officer posts of Secretary General and Treasurer.

TW informed that voting would now take place for Honorary Members (Lars Nyberg and Robert Holden) and Corporate Members (ECTP).

Delegates are asked to vote using the ballots handed in to the purpose. DM collects the votes and two volunteers proceed to count the votes and inform about the outcome.

REPORT BACK FROM PRESIDENTS COUNCIL WORKING GROUP

Barbara Klemar (CALA, Croatia) informed the delegates that the main topics that were discussed included communication problem and how to enhance the communication between the members, how to make IFLA Europe website more visible and publish activities more in social media and how to encourage National Associations to publish/inform IFLA Europe about their work and activities.

TW informed that IFLA Europe will produce reports on Working Groups that will be available in Dropbox for all delegates. TW informed that it was important to have a flow of information between the members of National associations, among themselves, with other National associations and IFLA Europe.

He also informed about the Members database project that will strengthen IFLA Europe and its representation in various projects or institutions that require expertise from our members.

TW informed the delegates about Professional Mobility Project prepared by Michael Oldham (MO) – how can LA can move freely in the CoE area. MO presented a report in Oslo GA in 2014 and one of the recommendations was to set up an area on the website so that members can inform each other about members and their expertise in various areas. Its objective is to in the near future establish Professional cards (as per European Commission proposal).

REPORT FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS

Emilia Weckman informed the participants that the Committee Working Groups that were in session: EULAND21 Project, ECLAS and Prep Survey.

EW invited delegates to become member of School Recognition Panel in order to help the work.

EULAND 21 - Trans-European Education for Landscape Architects

Gintaras Stauskas, Lithuania informed about EULAND 21 Project funded by the European Commission. He informed the participants that is was a trans-European project, recognised in a wider sense, that touches



upon the high education in landscape architecture and the professional practice. The goals of the project is developing cooperation focusing more on partners, regions, school profiles as specific themes that will be covered as well as building capacities of schools working together. It also includes coordinating the quality of the programmes as it should be universal in Europe. The project has a European dimension and the focus will be on guidelines for Landscape architect education in Europe developed jointly by IFLA Europe and ECLAS. In terms of benefits, University of Vilnius has a very clear goal to develop and launch Landscape architecture programme. Moreover, as far as the Landscape architecture schools were concerned, he emphasised that there is evident difference from the current situation in the schools and the guidelines, so all the schools will benefit from this project through refining of the school programmes. The Guidelines will be the backbone of the project. CPSLA – previous project on continuous professional development will also be used.

He informed that they have developed and tested a tool - assessment of existing subjects and programmes taught in the school against the guidelines. He expressed the hope that the impact will be large – firstly, the schools to become more attractive (more students and applicants to study LA), IFLA Europe's role of professional federation will be emphasised and further recognised; societal impact by showing Landscape architect profession in its real light and its value. He asked the participants if they would like to participate in the project and informed about the upcoming kick-off meeting in Vilnius and encouraged other schools, regions to apply for similar projects underlining the importance of IFLA Europe participating in it.

ECLAS

Ellen Fetzer, Vice President of ECLAS Executive Council informed the present about ECLAS, its organisation, role and main activities (annual conference, publication of Journal of Landscape architecture, books and publications for LA). The establishment of the ERASMUS Programme by the European Union provided a basis for the further development co-operation between landscape schools within the countries of the European Union.

She emphasised the importance of exchanging the best practices in Landscape architecture across Europe. ECLAS informed that Le Notre institute is the external relations arm of ECLAS . She informed that in 2006 a major step forward was taken with the founding of the Journal of Landscape Architecture (JoLA). This has grown and developed and is now an established academic journal with high production values and is currently published in three issues per year.

Ms Fetzer informed about ECLAS' three main activities:

1. Landscape forum (next one is taking place in Munich, Germany 2017 and will focus on inclusive landscape);
2. Pull resources and use digital technology to deliver educational services to everybody interested in landscape architecture and related disciplines
3. Landscape education for democracy project.

She underlined the readiness to cooperate with IFLA Europe and informed the participants about the forthcoming activities and events.



Survey of professional requirements and education possibilities Project

Andreja Tutundzic, IFLA EEA Chair and Delegate of UPAS, informed about the project Survey of professional requirements and education possibilities – he informed the participants about the project Survey of professional requirements was to establish practical information about different Landscape architecture schools across the world and information about legal requirements for professional practice in IFLA Europe member counties obtaining the professional recognition in IFLA Europe recognised countries. The project will include information about profession, how long does the study last, is the school accredited by the National council or IFLA Europe, is internship required, is there a Chamber, can a student become a member of a chamber etc.

The project wants to profile an exact picture of the state of the art of the pathways to the profession worldwide. PREP Survey of professional requirements and education

- Project activities and inventory should be done through special website software that will allow to cross all the data. PP would be merged with PQD but it would be useful to understand the requirements to practice in other countries.
- The project is pending for lack of funds right now.

Ian Phillips (UK) expressed LI's support of the project but would like more details about it and its implementation and asked if AT would make more details available. EW informed that AT will prepare report and will make it available in Dropbox for all delegates.

TW informed that during the vote on the 2017 Budget, this project and its funding will be addressed.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS

LA informed that the working groups were discussing the LAE, Website and social medias as well as scapeworld, Youth competition and the IFLA Europe Yearbook publication.

REPORT BACK FROM WORKING GROUPS

- LAE

Nigel Thorne informed that IFLA Europe has three members sitting on the LAE Board: Marina Cervera, Urszula Forczek-Brataniec and himself. It became clear that it is very important to communicate better. NT believes the relationship between LAE and IFLA Europe is only there to be improved. There is a number of issues that have been discussed how to improve the communication but also how important the feedback from the delegates is. The next call is likely to be in January 2017.

1. IFLA EU member representation on the LAE Board can no longer be seen to be an issue for reasons highlighted above
2. Communication between the two parties has been highlighted as a major cause for concern. Both the LAE and IFLA EU need to establish much clearer and much more readily accessible channels of communication in order to allow the widest possible audience to be fully aware of the availability of the LAE offer and competition to be entered. It would seem there is a perception - real or otherwise - that the information available to members regarding access to the competition is less than transparent. This has to be overcome



without further delay. Quite how this can be written into to any agreement and then adhered to is for others to decide.

3. The information needs to be permanently available online and there need to be direct links between the websites of the two parties with information and updates posted regularly.

4. The suggestion is also that the delegates are regularly updated with LAE information as to progress of the publication (but the fear remains that one can take a horse to water but...)

5. There is a suggestion that the standards set out by the LAE demands are too high. This ought not to be something to be discussed other than internally between the LAE (who necessarily set the standards) and the IFLA ExCo. It is essential that standards remain high in order that those rewarded with their work included in the publication continue to reflect the best practice standards achieved throughout Europe in the LA profession. The competition should not be yet another reflection of the lowest common denominator being the best or only option available.

6. There was a suggestion that the publication might broaden its invitation to those parties being included in the competition. The LAE board is regularly looking at alternative ways of opening up the options for which the competition invites submissions - again these must remain appropriate and to a set standard that shows the best possible work across Europe. (If one reviews the four publications so far there is an obvious line of development that has been achieved with each one - a line of improvement and wider inclusion.) Ideas on this front should be encouraged from all members and these can then be discussed on their individual merits at the LAE Board meetings.

7. There appears to be a perceived lack of 'transparency' as to many of the operations and decisions made by the LAE Board. This is more likely to do with the fact that 'communications' all round have been poor to date and need to improve. The information is there is members wish to find it - perhaps it can be made more readily available by providing obvious 'way-finding' techniques on the two websites. There needs to be transparency in all things - operations; finances; personnel; jury decisions; etc. The information is there but not necessarily easily discovered. It is this latter issue that needs resolution.

8. It is obvious that not everyone will always be satisfied with the ultimate decisions made. However, so long as these have an audit trail by which they can be assessed and judged, then in a democracy, the majority decision will win out.

9. In conclusion, communication and transparency are the key issues closely followed by a need to be financially prudent. The cost of the publication, although not majorly invested in by IFLA Eu (in terms of overall financial outlays for LAE) is extremely high and as budgets become ever more scrutinised and sponsorship ever more difficult to secure; the more economically viable the publication costs the better for all concerned.

**- IFLA EU Website and social media/Scapeworld activities**

Elzelina van Melle, DK

Barbara Klemar, CALA

Andrea Knez, CALA

Paul Diehl, IFLA Europe Communications Group

Manuel Sánchez, IFLA Europe Communications Group

The WG mainly discussed the shortcomings of the website.

Facebook seems to be the major means of reaching a general audience.

It was concluded that more actions in the social network are to be implemented and that there should be increased interaction with the profiles of national associations.

Comments received during IFLA EU GA**-Facebook**

Continue with the actions of Scapeworld

- Tumblr

The avatar of the profile is the logo of VdB.

- Web

To locate all past Pecha Kucha on the website.

- Website –

One big topic was to explain the issues we are having with HoneyPot and that we are thinking of possibilities to move the website to another firm.

EVM, BK and AK mentioned a few possible improvements on the Website, such as the menus often are not quite logical, sub-items appear in parts of the menu where they are hard to find. In general, on the whole website should be taken more focus on key projects and priorities, these should be highlighted and promoted more.

Also, more prominent should be an announcement to get involved or a call for actions if a certain IFLA Europe-activity needs support from members.

The list of projects should be completed (so far only Scapeworld and the Members' database listed here so far).

- Scapeworld and social media platforms

Rapporteur: Manuel Sánchez Hernández (Communication group)

Scapeworld will continue their monthly activities.

Try more interaction between ELASA and Scapeworld, IFLA Europe to be the link between the student association and IFLA.

Propose coordinated action with the Romanian Association for the next general assembly in May 2016.

**- IFLA EU Publications: Yearbook**

IFLA Europe Yearbook

Gintaras Stauskis, LALA

Teele Nigola, ELAU

Anna Levonmaa, MARK

Karin Helms, FFP

Marina Cervera Alonso Medina, IFLA Europe Communications Working Group

Haris Piplas, IFLA Europe Communications Working Group

Discussed aspects:

- Improving product but needs more work to be representative mirror of IFLA Europe of executed and achieved activities within a calendar year
- Necessity to increase number of contributions of NAs.
- More financial (professional graphic design, spellcheck etc.) and 'political' (more 'pressure' from the ExCo towards pushing NAs, Honorary Members and other parties to contribute more actively) support for the Journal
- Needs Editorial Board that advises and peer-reviews articles that have different formats and lengths
- Question whether another Yearbook needs to be done until early June (GA in Romania)
- Inquiry necessary to analyse who wants to be in Editorial Board, directly and indirectly involved in the Yearbook, question whether to include ELASA representatives?

Question from Gertjan Jobse about the outreach of the book as lot of effort was made – he asked whether other ways of publishing the books, other than physical book, such as online version was discussed as the online version would reach larger audience.

HP replied that this issue was not discussed, it was decided to have a printed copy

LA informed that this option will be explored and that NA can have a pdf version available on their websites.

Question from Katerina Gkoltsiou, Greece informed about wrong capture under a photo in the yearbook – LA to correct the error and send a new corrected version.

- IFLA EU Youth competition -

Members: Laure Aubert (VP Communication), Divya Bishnoi (Jury's member, ELASA)

Issues discussed:

- Use of the evaluation file, a new tool introduced this year
- Improvements for the next edition:
 - Adjusting the evaluation criteria depending on the category
 - Giving clear instructions for the notes scale
 - Adjusting the rules (regarding the consideration of the pictures uploaded f.e.)
 - More communication towards the students (ELASA)
 - Necessary discussion of the strategy for the next years (awards and sponsorship)
- MS to take care of the layout of the IFLA Europe student competition book, following last year's template.



REPORT BACK PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP.**PQD**

HGG addressed the participants and informed the delegates that PQD will remain an important group. He informed that the countries marked in the document as red will receive a repeated call for information. He expressed the hope that IFLA Europe can still reach the goal of having minimum of 10 countries where the LA profession is officially regulated.

Unofficial Nordic LA meeting

HGG informed about the meeting regarding PQD situation in Nordic countries which is unique. The situation of the LA profession in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland is strong, but the profession is not protected or regulated by law in the same manner as in the 6 countries that are regulated and listed up in the PQD document that IFLA Europe has been working on.

HGG underlined how important the work on recognition of LA profession at national level is and urged the NAs to do all the necessary work.

AU from Turkey asked why Turkey was not on the list of PQD countries. FA explained that the first table contained the countries that are not EU members. He also expressed satisfaction that during the last meeting many delegates expressed willingness to assist in PQD process.

NH suggested that NAs give their experiences working in another country and problems they meet so it can help the process of LA professionals being recognised. AL informed that Professional mobility project led by Michael Oldham was also trying to touch upon this issue.

MATTERS ARISING: ADOPTION OF ACTION PLAN FOR 2017

TW informed that the Action Plan was a part of Presidents report and was adopted. TW proposed not to vote for it again as it was already adopted.

MATTERS ARISING: ADOPTION OF BOARD OF AUDITORS

TW explained that IFLA Europe has Board of Auditors established as per its Statutes and Regulations in order to make sure that IFLA Europe Statutes and Regulations as well as Code of Ethics is applied and asked for 3 volunteers who will only meet when necessary.

Christian Tschumi (Switzerland)

Ilya Mochalov (Russian Federation)

Gintaras Stauskis (Lithuania)

Motion to vote on Board of Auditors: adopted unanimously

In favour: 55(votes in favour:).

Against: 0

Abstention: 0



TW informed the participants that IFLA Europe would like to thank and give presents to Ana Luengo, Daniela Micanovic and Anja Boserup for their work.

FUTURE REGIONAL MEETINGS: GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

Three applications:

2019 - Turkey

2020 - Israel

2021 - Croatia (also back-up for 2019)

Ioana Tudora made a short presentation of IFLA Europe 2017 General Assembly. The GA theme is: **(UN)LIMITED LANDSCAPES NO FENCE, NO OFFENCE**. The general theme tackles a recurrent problem of the contemporary landscape but also one that is political and very actual. On one hand the landscape doesn't know any limits, borders, frontier. It is a spatial and social reality that is fluid, overlapped and crossed. It is a continuous interference. In a world where walls are raised between countries, where we administer segmentary parcels and territory pieces, the landscape finds itself stranded and artificially cut by lines that only find their sense on administrative maps. On another hand the accessibility, the spatial mobility, migration of people animals and plants are central topics of contemporary design.

IT informed that due to IFLA World Council and World Design summit in October, IFLA Europe would have its General assembly in June.

Motion to vote on approval of Bucharest General Assembly date:

May 2017

In favour: 31 (votes in favour:).

September 2017

In favour: 24 (votes in favour:).

The General Assembly in Bucharest will take place in May 2017. TW informed that there will be little time between the two General Assemblies and asked the delegates to continue to work on all important IFLA Europe issues until the next GA.

Ian Phillips(LI) made a short presentation about the General Assembly in UK and expressed his willingness to honour its commitments to hold IFLA Europe General Assembly in October 2018 and look forward to welcoming all the delegates and participants.

Aysegul Oruckaptan (CTLA) thanked all the participants and expressed regret that it was not possible to hold General Assembly in Istanbul in 2016. She expressed hope that in three years' time it would be possible to have General Assembly in Turkey.



Barbara Klemar (CALA) made a short presentation about Croatia holding General Assembly with the topic Coastal Landscapes.

Tony Williams informed that the ISALA delegation will present its plans to organise 2020 General Assembly in Israel.

OTHER MATTERS RISING FROM THE AGENDA

IFLA World Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award

Suggestion from Norwegian delegate Yngvar Hegrenes regarding IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award.

The IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award is the highest honour that the International Federation of Landscape Architects can bestow upon a landscape architect. The Award recognises a living landscape architect whose lifetime achievements and contributions have had a unique and lasting impact on the welfare of society and the environment, and the promotion of the profession of landscape architecture. Since 2011, the award has been presented annually to an individual in recognition of work of outstanding quality and originality.

The matter of the name of the Award has been discussed at the Norwegian Association of Landscape Architects September 2016, and also discussed briefly at the meeting of the Nordic Landscape Architect Associations meeting in Copenhagen, September 2016.

To honour Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe's memory, and to make the IFLA World Award in his name more obvious, NLA suggest an addition to the present name of the Award - that the term Landscape Architecture should be added to the name of the Award.

YH suggest to the IFLA Europe to motion to IFLA World the following;
Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe's Award to be renamed:
Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe's Award for Excellence in Landscape Architecture

Comment from Gertjan Jobse (NVTL): Consideration for the term as Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe award is for lifetime achievement and if we change it into prize for excellence in Landscape architecture.

Comment from Ian Phillips (LI) who expressed concern that this proposal might pose a problem in the UK as the UK National Association is moving away from term Landscape architect and moving toward Landscape professional as part of the changes set by the government and in order to extend the membership. He expressed his preference to have the term 'excellence' in the prize but not necessarily 'architect'.

Comment from Ilya Mochalov (ALAROS) who informed that even though there might be a general support at the IFLA Europe level, the final decision will be made by the IFLA World Council and this motion needs to be put forward to the World Council for vote.

Comment from Niek Hazendonk (NVTL) who underlined that for the Netherland's National Association it is very important to state 'Landscape architecture' and not award for landscape architects as it would exclude large number of their members and Netherlands.

Comment from Helena Gutmane (Latvia) who said that their National Association is Association of landscape architecture and not landscape architects.



Motion to vote to propose to the IFLA World suggestion of adding for Excellence in Landscape architecture:
adopted unanimously

In favour: 53

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

IFLA World

TW suggested the motion to vote that the following text be included in the Minutes

'IFLA Europe expresses the urgency that the IFLA World ExCo and FBP address the Strategic Plan and equitable fee structure as soon as possible.'

Motion to vote to propose to the IFLA World suggestion of adding for Excellence in Landscape architecture:
adopted unanimously

In favour: 54

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Joint IFLA Europe-ABAJ/BVTL physical office

Herman van den Bossche took the opportunity to thank Aysegul Oruckaptan for all the efforts that the Turkish National Association put in organising the General Assembly in Turkey.

HVDB presented slides of the future joint IFLA Europe/ABAJ/BVTL physical office.

AIAPP Magazine

Uta Zorzi (AIAPP) informed that the Italian National Association of landscape architecture has its Magazine with new graphic settings which is issued twice a year and is always based on certain theme – last theme is Vision. AIAPP decided to publish the Magazine in English and informed the delegates it would be available to them in both paper and digital version. UZ presented a copy of the Magazine to IFLA Europe ExCo.

IFLA Europe Silver Pin and Yearbook

TW informed that the IFLA Europe silver pin and IFLA Europe Yearbook are available to delegates.

FFP

Karin Helms informed the participants that the FFP for International Landscape Biennale in Barcelona film on learning from Michel Corajoud, renowned French landscape architect-15 minutes presentation, lecture and legacy to students on design method in nine steps, translated into English and summarised in old-fashion booklet which is available.

Niek Hazendonk informed the participants that the Dutch National Association together with the Association of Landscape Ecologists organised a symposium on climate change, food security, migration and landscape which was a big success in Netherlands. The Dutch Prince has attended and NVTL is planning another event



and discussed it together with Greek and Turkish counterparts and asked if anybody else is interested or has projects how landscape architect is involved with refugee issue to contact the NVTL.

RESULTS FROM THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, HONORARY & CORPORATE MEMBERS

Motion to vote on IFLA ExCo officers: total number of votes 57.

Urszula Forczek-Brataniec – 55 in favour, 2 abstentions

Marc Claramunt – 57 in favour, adopted unanimously

Motion to vote on Honorary Members:

Robert Holden - 55 in favour, 0 abstention, 2 against

Lars Nyden - 57 in favour, 0 abstention, 0 against

Motion to vote on Corporate Members:

ECTP-CEU – 55 in favour, 2 abstention, 0 against

Carlo Brusschi hands over the diploma to Johan Folkesson on behalf of Honorary Member Lars Nyden.

Carlo Brusschi hands over the diploma to Ian Phillips on behalf of the Honorary Member Robert Holden.

2016 IFLA EUROPE RESOLUTION

Christian Tschumi informed all about the IFLA Europe Resolution 2016 on URBAN LANDSCAPES: Landscape and the City, reading its text –which is projected in the screen- so that all the GA is able to vote on the definitive text which has been worked on during the GA.

Motion to vote on adoption of 2016 IFLA Europe Resolution – adopted unanimously (57)

In favour: 57

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

CT asks the Delegates to sign the Resolution, use it and apply it and TW asked the delegates to translate it into their respective languages so that it can be put on IFLA Europe's website.

The IFLA Europe 2016 Resolution was signed by representatives of the 34 National Associations of the European Region of the International Federation of Landscape Architects, having considered Urban Landscapes at the General Assembly in Brussels, and will be presented to the III UN Habitat Conference and the Urban Agenda.



IFLA EUROPE YOUTH COMPETITION

LA informed about the IFLA Europe Youth Competition winners and invited Nigel Thorne to present the prizes:

Category A, Project Geometric Nature:

Hristo Chilov and Sofia Stoyanova

<http://youthcompetition.iflaeurope.eu/entry/2016-geometric-nature-category-a-concept/>

Category B: Project Cubious:

Vrain Dupont, Claire Dauchy, Mylène Boutelier, Anton Leonov, Celia Tesseur and Valerie Frys

<http://youthcompetition.iflaeurope.eu/entry/2016-cubious-category-b/>

Category C: Project How to live on an Island

Atelier Polis: Vincent Poilleux and Martin Drozière

<http://youthcompetition.iflaeurope.eu/entry/2016-how-to-live-on-an-island-category-c/>

Prize winners made a short presentation of their winning project.

Nigel Thorne handed over the diplomas to the winners.

IFLA EUROPE AWARD TO EUROPEAN COMMISSION

TW presented IFLA Europe Award to the European Commission and its Directorate General for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries represented by Stefan Leiner, Head of Unit Biodiversity, DG-Environment, European Commission. Mr Leiner thanked IFLA Europe for the award and shortly addressed the participants. Commissioner Carmenu Vella, European Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries addressed the participants via pre-recorded message.

TW thanked EXCO and all delegates for participating in the 2016 General Assembly, thanking everybody for the excellent work done during the year and especially at the General Assembly; the General Assembly is then officially closed with a round of applause.
