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Only a couple of weeks ago, the **26th IFLA EUROPE General Assembly** took place in Lisbon. As you know, this forum congregates the 34 National Associations' Presidents and Delegates of IFLA EUROPE, and its outcomes are important for all of us as core subjects for our profession are discussed there.

The Conference on ***Landscape Archetypes, lessons for the future***, organized by the Portuguese Association of Landscape Architects (APAP), lead the way for the contributions of national representatives, which were streamed in our web page (link to IFLA EUROPE's facebook if you want to see these). These contributions established the core of **IFLA EUROPE's 2015 Resolution on Learning from Landscapes** – approved unanimously by the whole Assembly and open for consultation at www.iflaeurope.eu-, which considers landscape resilience crucial to people's livelihoods. This document will be part of IFLA EUROPE's contribution to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change which will take place in December this year in Paris.

Precisely regarding the constant work done on the protection of Cultural Landscapes, **UNESCO was granted the IFLA EUROPE 2015 Award** due to the leading path it has envisioned since the 1972 World Heritage Convention, the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, and through many other Declarations, Conventions and Recommendations, and furthermore since 1992 after the inclusion on Cultural Landscapes into the World Heritage List.

Further to this, IFLA EUROPE has continued to acknowledge the volunteer work undertaken by some of our members, naming two new **Honorary members** –Margarida Cancela (Portugal) and Fritz Auweck (Germany). We have also started a new dimension of institutional relations by voting our first **Corporate Members** which include both civil society institutions – CIVILSCAPE-, university and research administrations –UNISCAPE-, teaching and academics – ECLAS, the European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools-, as well as outstanding commercial enterprises -Van den Berg Nurseries for their efforts to lead a conscientious, inspiring and innovative business-.

The youth that will stake our stead were not forgotten either, and the winners of the **2015 Young Professionals Competition**, were awarded (please consult www.iflaeurope.eu).

Furthermore, the action plan for future years was discussed and established, covering subjects that range from education to professional practice, from financing and communication to core projects for our Federation. This will be taken on by a **new Executive Council**, as elections took place some of the officers posts. We are positive this new Council led by Tony Williams (Ireland) as President, Anja Boserup (Denmark, Secretary General), Marc Claramunt (France, Treasurer), Herman Georg Gunnlaugsson (Iceland, Vice-President Professional Practice), Emilia Weckman (Finland, Vice-President Education), and Laure Aubert (Germany, Communication Vice-President), will manage great achievements. On the other hand, a new exclusive sponsor –**Hunter Industries**- has joined us in our efforts to establish more complex, longer lasting institutional relations for the benefit of landscape architecture in general with outstanding commercial enterprises.

It has been an amazing and passionate task striving to **channel all our members thoughts & aspirations** these past years: we do feel proud of the actions taken so far and the way they are developing. I will continue them as Past President now: the example given by many of our former officers, who actively help today our Federation, as well as by many of you who have been working for IFLA EUROPE year after year are the best example for all of us to follow.

But **our work** would not have been possible without the support of all of you, who have tirelessly answered mails, for the National Associations' Presidents and Delegates as well as their Secretariats and ours –Daniela, Jeanine and Christine-, for all the working group members, and specially for the Executive Council officers, -Andrei Condoros, Jeremy Dennis, Laure Aubert, Marc Claramunt, Marina Cervera and Tony Williams- from whom I have always felt their unrelenting support. I could not think of better companions to share this adventure with. And I must give all of you **the greatest of thanks** for giving me this opportunity. I will be seeing you all it our next General Assembly in Istanbul, as well as in our future meetings. **See you!**



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