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President's Message

State News:

Congratulations to the IFLA Eastern Region, the AILA National Council, Paul Costigan, Kylie Evans and the Executive Office team and the NSW State Group for hosting such a thought - provoking, highly successful and professionally run conference. Our State Executive would also like to thank our National Representative, Kirsten Bauer, for her contribution to the event and representing Victoria. Thanks Kirsten.



(L:R) Mark Brennan, Caroline Martin,
Wendy Heath, Liesl Malan,
Darren Atkinson and Niall Simpson (Tas Grp)



Perry Mills & Barbara Ozga



Wendy Heath with Professor Konjian Yu,
Peking University



... The IFLA Conference in full swing!
(L:R) Darren Atkins, Martha Fajardo and Barbara Ozga

In Brisbane two years ago we debated whether big is better. Our State group believe it is, when it comes to membership. Last week Martha Fajardo, President of the IFLA welcomed China and India to the IFLA family. Victoria hopes to welcome **22 new Associate members!!** to the AILA. Our group continues to act locally and intends to support the concept alluded to at the conference closing that there is strength in numbers and to be as Martha urged: 'LOUD'.

In the year 2008 we welcome all delegates back to the World's most liveable city - Melbourne, where we will host our National Conference. We would welcome all of you to become involved in the organising of this event. Perhaps you would like to attend the next Executive meeting which is scheduled for 6:00pm on Thursday 29 June.

Regards

Darren Atkinson
Victorian Group President AILA

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'Time' conference overview...

Organisers of the IFLA conference in Sydney last week should be congratulated on showcasing some of the most inspiring and thought provoking landscape projects and ideas of our time.

This conference began with a passionate display of social and environmental change in the Colombian capital city of Bogotá, wrought through the promotion and creation of pedestrian infrastructure over car based frameworks, to encouraging experiences of landscape to be more than the visual aesthetic; creating places for sound, smell and textural experiences.

Creating places for cultural propagation and encouragement was also a common message amongst presenters. Whether by helping degraded communities build central meeting places or 'nodes' for themselves or planting rice paddies in University grounds (to encourage the students and teachers to have an appreciation of their agricultural heritage through seasonal planting and harvesting), these landscapes became places of value, meaning and importance to their local communities.

If there was one thing to take away from this conference, it is the sense of real hope that we, as landscape architects, can positively change the world! Through educating others (and each other) that our work is not just embellishing the works of architects, engineers and planners or the beautifying of residential gardens and local parks. It is about finding and implementing creative design solutions to the cultural, social, environmental and historical issues of each individual location.

Though these ideas and principles were impressed upon us with a sense of urgency, it will of course take 'time' (and much patience) to educate the developers, communities and politicians who will play an integral part in these future landscapes.

Wendy Heath
Graduate Landscape Architect

World IFLA Conference delegate – AILA applicants required

Following the success of the conference in Sydney the Victorian AILA executive has created a \$2,500.00 fund to send a delegate to the IFLA world conference 6 – 10 October 2006 Minneapolis USA. The Victorian executive felt it was important for state members to participate in international events and discussions about our profession. Written applicants should be sent to the Victorian Group office, by 26 June 2006 and include details of why you would be a suitable candidate. All members (including student and graduate) are encouraged to apply. Applications will be assessed by the State Executive and announced on the 27 July 2006 at the State Executive Committee meeting. The successful delegate will be required to provide a report back to the state group at the AGM. The fund has been made possible by the support received from event sponsors and it is hoped the state group will be able to send delegates to future events. If you have further queries please contact the Victorian Group President at presidentvic@aila.org.au

2006/2007 AILA Victoria Budget

Submissions are being sought for items to be included in the budget for the next twelve months. Current submissions include additional funds for promotion of landscape architecture at career events and more social events for members of all ages. Please send ideas to Mark Frisby (mbf@colleipl.com.au)

AWARD WINNER!

The Royal Botanical Gardens Cranbourne won 4 Awards, including the "Chairman's Award' at the recent South East Development Architectural Awards. Our congratulations to all involved on this project!
http://www.sed.org.au/arch_awards.htm

BDP Representation

If AILA members or practices have concerns or professional issues that they feel should be raised through the BDP Victorian Regional Committee, email them to the Victorian President, Darren Atkinson at presidentvic@aila.org.au

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 27 June - AILA TALK SERIES – 6:00pm, RAIA Offices

The Australia Award for Urban Design is a national award administered by the national offices of the Planning Institute of Australia, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects and AILA. The official citation for the Awards comments that: *'... the jury sought to recognise entries that showed excellence in all selection criteria and offered a larger and timely message to the importance of urban design excellence to the country at large.'*

Given the wide range of entries and the status of the event, it is noteworthy that this year's Award was shared between two Melbourne projects - both managed by the City of Melbourne.

1. **Places for People 2004**, a study prepared by the City of Melbourne and Jan Gehl Architects. The jury commented that 'the study acknowledged the importance of continued and consistent commitment to creating and maintaining the public realm'. The project was essentially concerned with monitoring how Melbourne's public places have responded to the City's urban design policy over an extended period.

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2. **The Melbourne CBD Pedestrian and Traffic Study**, a study prepared for the City of Melbourne by Coomes Consulting Group. The jury held the study to be 'a leading example of commendable research and study that underpins Melbourne's urban design policy and practice, making Melbourne a leader in Australian urban design policy and practice, and a shining light for other cities to follow.' The study received an AILA Award in 2004 and is essentially about improving pedestrian amenity, security and connectivity in key CBD areas - making it easier for people to get out of their cars and walk.

Jenny Rayment, Melbourne City Council and Rob Cooper, Coomes Consulting Group will present overviews of the two projects.

AILA NEEDS YOU! MELBOURNE CAREERS EXPO : 28-30 JULY, Melbourne Exhibition Centre

The Herald Sun Melbourne Careers Expo 2006 will be held from Friday 28 – Sunday 30 July 2006, at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. We are seeking assistance from Members and Students, who are able to volunteer some time to represent AILA during the Expo. This is a great opportunity to promote the profession and of course the Institute. Please contact Jo Russell-Clarke via email at ailavic@raia.com.au for further details.

Landscape as Material Exhibition by David Wong

We are delighted to present the latest ShowBox instalment, **Landscape as Material** - a new exhibition by environmental sculptor, **David Wong**. The exhibition is on show at the National Design Centre's ShowBox gallery until 30 June, 2006.

Bringing together elements of the Australian landscape, such as banksia flowers and ti-tree branches, parched dry clay, red scoria and river rocks, David challenges the way we view the natural environment. The ShowBox is open daily from 10am-5pm. Entry is free. For more information, [click here](#).

Friday 14 July & Tuesday 17 October – The Deans Lecture Series, 6:30pm

THE DEAN'S LECTURE SERIES - 2006 PROGRAM

Free lectures held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm, Ground Floor, Architecture & Planning Building, The University of Melbourne.

Friday 14 July - Lawrence Vale, Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge USA. In association with the Rethinking Nationalism Conference hosted by the University of Melbourne, 14 - 16 July 'The Temptations of Nationalism in Modern Capital Cities'

Tuesday 17 October - Panel discussion 'Melbourne Docklands: Private vs Public Interest'

Friday 27 October 2006 - AILA Mini Conference – 9.30am – 4pm, Melbourne,

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