



# BULLETIN

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY

Message from IALE President Peilei Fan

## Dear Members of the International Association for Landscape Ecology

I hope this message finds you well in this holiday season.

When I attended the World Congress of IALE in Nairobi this July, it was exactly 20 years since I visited Kenya and the Africa Continent for the first time as a Ph.D. student. The beautiful natural landscapes of Masai Mara, Lake Nakuru, and Nairobi National Park continue to exert its irresistible attraction to me. Equally impressive is the dramatically transformed urban landscapes in Kenya in the past two decades, driven by a myriad of demographic, socioeconomic, and regional and global geopolitical forces. The constantly evolving landscapes in Kenya and around us worldwide serves as a reminder that our discipline of landscape ecology is much needed. We, as landscape ecologists, need to enhance our scientific rigor of the discipline as well as to collaborate with others to deal with the impacts of climate change and other societal transformations. These are exactly the missions of IALE, i.e., to promote landscape ecology as the scientific basis for the analysis, planning, and management of the landscapes across the world and to advance international co-operation through scientific, scholarly, educational and communication activities.

It should be applauded that the World Congress of IALE, the premier event for landscape ecologists, was organized in the Global South for the first time in Nairobi in July 2023, allowing many of us to directly experience the transforming landscapes in Africa. The success of this WC, with more than 450 participants from 63 countries, is a fantastic outcome of the hard work of a local organization committee and the IALE Africa Chapter, especially in a reshaped world after the pandemic.

I would like to express our greatest gratitude to the outgoing Executive Committee (EC) members, Robert Scheller (President), for his outstanding leadership and invaluable contribution that led IALE in the past four years, particularly the three years of COVID-19. Our deep appreciation also goes to other outgoing EC members: Irene Petrosillo (Treasurer), Bastian Steinhoff-Knopp (Deputy SG & Communication Officer), Christine Fürst (Past President), Henry Bulley (VP), and Dolores Armenteras (VP). Thank you for your extraordinary service.

We are thrilled to welcome new EC members: Benjamin Burkhard as Secretary General, Athanasios-Alexandru (Arkis) Gavrilidis as Treasurer, Amélie Davis as Deputy SG & Communication Officer, and Mauro Agnoletti, Keitaro Ito, Ramesh Krishnamurthy as VPs for 2023-27 and Cristian Echeverria, Markéta Šantrůčková and Weiqi Zhou as continuing VPs of 2021 to 2025, Danilo Boscolo as Chair of the Council, Theo van der Sluis as bank/institutional representative, and Robert Scheller as Past President. Their enthusiasm and willingness to serve and diverse experiences will surely bring fresh perspectives to our organization.

I am also extremely delighted to announce the establishment of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of IALE. To increase the scientific rigor and the visibility of the LE discipline, the SAB will provide direction and guidance to the IALE leadership on mission, vision, and key activities. The inaugural SAB is composed of seven leading scholars of the field of Landscape Ecology: Matthias Bürgi, Graeme S. Cumming, Cristian Echeverria, Joern Fischer, Monica G. Turner, Kimberly A. With, and Jianguo (Jingle) Wu.

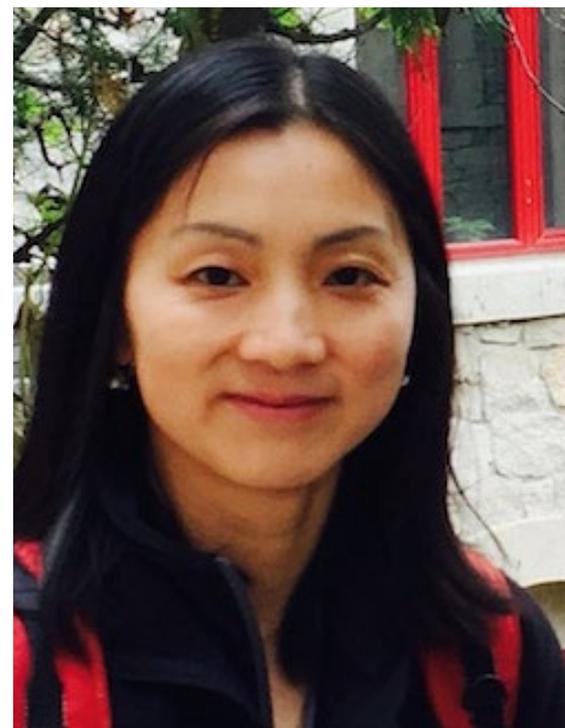
Thank you all for your unwavering support and contribution to IALE. Please continue to submit news items (meetings, activities, publications) for our newsletter and bulletin. I encourage interested IALE national or regional chapters to submit a proposal to host the IALE World Congress 2027.

I am extremely honored to serve the IALE community with a dedicated EC and the guidance from our SAB, as well as from our members worldwide. I am looking forward to another promising year of research and global collaboration.

Happy holidays!

*Peilei Fan*

IALE President



# 2023 IALE World Congress Report

## IALE 2023 In Retrospect

The 11th World Congress of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE) was held from 10th - 15th, July 2023 at the Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya, under the theme, Transboundary resource management, climate change and environmental resilience. This was the first World Congress in the global south, and it

University (lead host), the Regional Center for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD), the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe), the Global Tourism Resilience & Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC) of Eastern Africa, Kenya's Forestry Research Institute, and ESRI Eastern Africa. Overall coordination was



IALE 2023 Attendees

attracted more than 500 accepted abstracts. There were more than 450 participants from 63 countries representing Africa, Asia, Europe, North & South America, as well



IALE 2023: Former IALE President, Prof. Robert Scheller, hands over to New President Prof. Peilei Fan

as Oceania (Australia and New Zealand). IALE 2023 was the first Hybrid World Congress, post COVID-19 pandemic, and the congress was hosted as a collaborative venture among the Africa Chapter of IALE (IALE Africa), and the Local Organizing Committee which comprised Kenyatta

provided by The V Events Company (led by Ms. Vennitta Mwita).

Additionally, IALE 2023 saw an increased participation from developing countries through sponsorship support for more than 30 early PhD students and career scientists, including 13 recipients of the IALE 2023 Foreign Scholar Travel Award. Overall, these early PhD students and career scientists came from more than 20 countries including Congo DRC, Ethiopia, Iran, Eswatini, Ghana, India, Zambia, Cameroon, Egypt, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

There were 6 organized workshops including the following: 'Editor's guide to successful publishing', 'Mentoring and Networking: Building your support network for a successful career in landscape ecology', 'Spatial Scaling of Categorical Data', 'Hierarchical models of species distribution', 'Developing a Strategy for



IALE 2023 attendees enjoy lunch break



31 Symposium/paper sessions, 3 Lightning Paper Sessions, and 7 panel sessions. The organizing committee also organized 3 poster sessions and more than 10 thematic paper sessions to accommodate the accepted abstracts.

The Congress opening ceremony on 10th July was graced by the Hon. Soipan Tuya - Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina - Vice Chancellor of Kenyatta University, Prof. Robert Scheller - Outgoing IALE president, Prof. Moses Cho - IALE Africa president, the Directors of RCMRD and icipe, as well as other local dignitaries. The Kenyatta University Choir and Dance Ensemble welcomed congress participants with renditions of local musical selections and traditional dances.

The Congress also featured 6 keynote speakers including Prof. Dr. Christine Fürst, Prof. Dolors Armenteras, Dr. Parisa Pakzad, Prof. Jianguo (Jingle) Wu, Dr. Henri Tonnang, and Dr. Emmanuel Nkurunziza. The IALE Executive Committee recognized individuals for their outstanding service and leadership to the IALE Community in various capacities, and they include: Prof. Henry N. Bulley (BMCC, City University of New York), Prof. Christine Fürst (Vice-Rector, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg), Prof. Jianguo (Jingle) Wu (Arizona State University), and Prof. Benjamin Burkhard (Leibniz University Hannover). The Congress concluded on 14th July with a passing of the IALE EC Presidential Gavel from Prof. Robert Scheller (North Carolina State University) to new IALE President, Prof. Peilei Fan (Tufts University). The World Congress participants also engaged in local tours around Nairobi as well as overnight excursions to the Maasai Mara to witness wildebeest migration season, as well as to Nairobi National Park and other scenic sites in Kenya, including Amboseli National Park, Lake Nakuru, etc. A more interactive version of the IALE 2023 World Congress in retrospect with pictures and videos can be found at [IALE2023-Storymap](https://www.iale2023-storymap.com).



Local Organizing Committee (LOC) chair, Prof. Joy Obando speaks during IALE 2023 opening ceremony

Springer-Nature sponsored a poster competition at the IALE 2023 World Congress, with the following prizes: 1st Prize (EUR/USD 250, voucher for books via Springer.com); 2nd prize (EUR/USD 150, voucher for books via Springer.com); and 3rd prize (EUR/USD 100, voucher for books via Springer.com). The poster competition winners were as follows:

**1st Place:** *Andrzej N. Affek* - Modelling agricultural persistence after war induced forced displacement depopulation - the case of the polish Carpathians after World War 11.

**2nd Place:** *Gninentian, Vaishaili Vasudeva* - Exploring multi-taxa based ecological indicators to form riparian integrity in a tropical watershed.

**3rd Place:** *Dibyendu Biswas* - Movement ecology of two migratory vulture species in great Panna landscape, India - Reflection on the transboundary conservation.

The IALE 2023 World Congress was supported by the IALE Executive Committee, the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD), the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe), ESRI Eastern Africa, the Wyss Academy for Nature - University of Bern, SPARC (Supporting Pastoralism and Agriculture in Recurrent and Protracted Crises), Springer-Nature and Land - MDPI.

From a national standpoint, the IALE 2023 World Congress enabled Kenya to further harness collaborative engagements to achieve the country's strategic mission to promote and facilitate good governance in the protection, restoration, conservation, development and management of environment and forestry resources for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development, including the 15 billion Trees Initiative dubbed 'Mission 15B#JazaMiti' that aims to grow 15 billion trees over the next ten years. In particular, the IALE 2023 Local Organizing Committee has been rebranded into a "Working Group on Landscape Ecology" comprising academics, researchers, and practitioners. The goal is to take advantage of the lessons learned from the World Congress and explore multi-institutional collaborations for transboundary resource management in East Africa.

For IALE Africa, the World Congress served as a much-needed impetus to promote Landscape Ecology in African countries. The Africa Chapter meeting brought together more than 80 people who were either interested in IALE Africa membership or research/outreach ventures in Africa. There was also a strong contingent of early career scholars from Africa who have stepped forward to move IALE Africa into the next phase of facilitating the adoption of landscape ecology principles as a scientific framework for Environmental and Natural Resource Management in African countries. Notwithstanding the challenges we encountered, IALE Africa, Kenyatta University and the Local Organizing Committee are grateful for the opportunity to host the 11th IALE World Congress in Kenya. The Conference co-chairs are ready to share insights with the next host of the 12th IALE World Congress, especially regarding the flexibility to adapt to unexpected situations and hidden logistical costs of hybrid events.



Some members of IALE 2023 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and Volunteers



IALE 2023 Opening ceremony: Local Organizing Committee (LOC) members, IALE EC President, Vice-Chancellor of Kenyatta University and invited guest



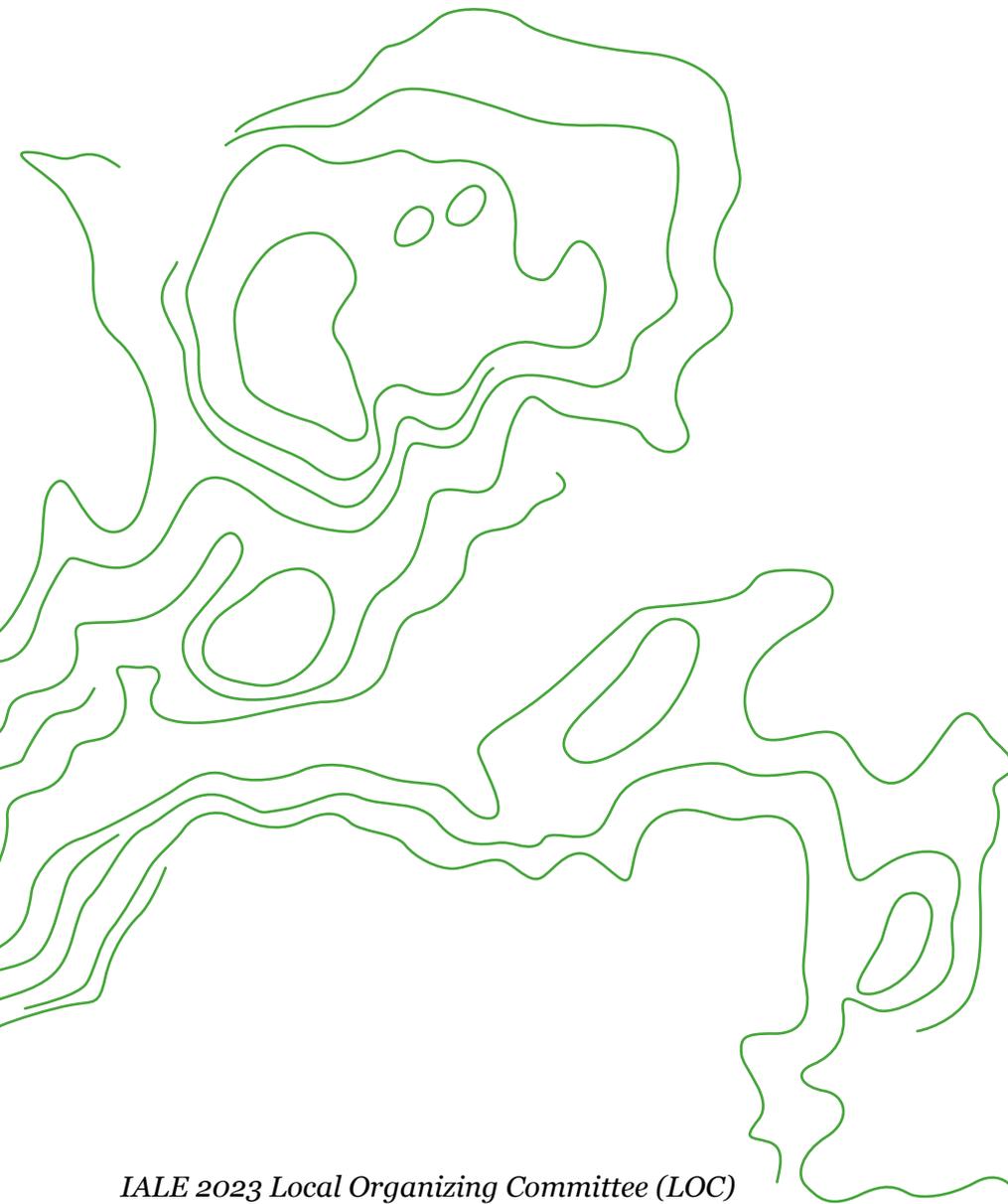
A workshop presentation during a during IALE 2023



Participants listen during a paper session during IALE 2023

*Photos from the IALE World Congress by David at Domo Visual LTD*





A cross-section of IALE 2023 attendees



### *IALE 2023 Local Organizing Committee (LOC)*

*Prof. Joy Obando* (Chair), Department of Geography, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

*Prof. Simon Onywere* (Co-Chair), Department of Spatial and Environmental Planning, Kenyatta University

*Julius Gichohi*, Ag. Director Capacity Building and Training (RCMRD), Nairobi, Kenya

*Paul Idude*, Director Corporate Services (RCMRD), Nairobi, Kenya

*Prof. Chris Shisanya*, Agro-Climatology Professor of Geography, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

*Dr. Anthony Macharia*, Biogeography and Ecosystems, Department of Geography, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

*Dr. Esther Munyiri*, Director, Global Tourism Resilience & Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC) Eastern Africa

*Dr. Peter Wangai*, Department of Environmental Studies and Community Development, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

*Dr. Jane Wangu Njuguna*, Senior Deputy Director, Research and Development, Kenya Forestry Research Institute

*Dr. Elfatih M. Abdel-Rahman*, Research Scientist, Data Management, Modelling and Geo-Information Unit, icipe

*Margaret Nthuli*, Industry Leads, Non-Profits, ESRI Eastern Africa

### *IALE Africa*

*Prof Moses Azong Cho* – University of Pretoria, South Africa (IALE Africa President & Chair of International Scientific Advisory Committee)

*Prof Yazidhi Bamutaze* – Makerere University, Uganda (IALE Africa Secretary)

*Prof. Henry N. N. Bulley* – BMCC, City University of New York, USA (IALE Africa Initiator & IALE EC representative)

## Call for proposals to host the IALE World Congress 2027

IALE invites proposals to host the next IALE World Congress in 2027. The IALE World Congress is the premier event for landscape ecologists worldwide and regularly attracts ~1000 attendees. The event lasts one week and must include plenaries, symposia, oral sessions, poster sessions, a social dinner and field trips.

Past locations include (see also our website for a more detailed overview of past events: [www.landscape-ecology.org/World-Congress](http://www.landscape-ecology.org/World-Congress)):

2003 – Darwin, Australia

2007 – Wageningen, The Netherlands

2011 – Beijing, China

2015 – Portland, Oregon, USA

2019 – Milan, Italy

2023 – Nairobi, Kenya

IALE is committed to providing the fullest support possible for hosting the event including loans, direct travel support for young scholars, processes and procedures developed over the past 30 years, including program assistance, registration and other. We encourage all interested parties to submit a proposal. Bids are due by *January 1, 2024*.

### Criteria

All proposals must be routed through an *IALE national or regional chapter*. We will not accept bids directly from individuals, academic/research institutions or private companies. Guidelines for bid preparations (including details about the city, venue, transportation options, field trips, potential support, meeting sustainability efforts) are available on request.

Please provide your proposal as a PDF file to the IALE Secretary General Benjamin Burkhard at [burkhard@phygeo.uni-hannover.de](mailto:burkhard@phygeo.uni-hannover.de).

## 2023 IALE World Congress Award Service Awards

Presidential Awards for Special Service: IALE was very grateful for the commitment and service of four of its members: Jianguo Wu, Benjamin Burkhard, Christine Fürst, and Henry Bulley. They were recognized at the World Congress closing ceremony. Jianguo Wu has served as the Editor-in-Chief of our flagship journal, *Landscape Ecology*, for the past 18 years, and is known for his integrity, rigor, and fairness. Benjamin Burkhard was recognized for serving on the IALE Executive Committee for the past 12 years and has been instrumental in keeping us organized and active. Henry Bulley was recognized for his unfailing commitment to launching IALE-Africa, which has become one of our largest and most active chapters. Finally, Christine Fürst was recognized for her service as President (2015-2019) and Past President (2019-2023) and her deep commitment to promoting IALE around the globe.



Prof. Benjamin Burkhard receives IALE Service Award

## Updates from IALE chapters

News from IRALE (Indian Regional Association for Landscape Ecology)

[www.landscape-ecology.org/resources/News/Attachments/IRALE%20News%2011\\_%20June%202022.pdf](http://www.landscape-ecology.org/resources/News/Attachments/IRALE%20News%2011_%20June%202022.pdf)



News from IALE-Europe

European participants' meeting at IALE World Congress 2023 in Nairobi

IALE-Europe wants to meet its members, preferably physically, since these members are the core of our landscape ecology community. That is also the foundation of two objectives included in the 2022-2025 Action Plan: bringing the IALE-Europe members together and supporting the national chapters. The Executive Committee (EC) of IALE-Europe used the opportunity of the IALE World Congress 2023 to gather at the congress since a nice group of European landscape ecologists travelled to Nairobi. An informal Come-Together was organised, and all representatives of the European IALE chapters and other European members were invited. About 40 representatives and members from 20 different European countries, including the past and new IALE International President, joined for a chat and toast with Kenyan beer and wine at sunset time. After a round of brief presentations of each of the participants, we exchanged news and experiences, reflected on the work of the different European countries, discussed the expectations of the different chapters and members across Europe, and the role of IALE-Europe in supporting activities in the different countries. The meeting resulted in new ideas of collaboration between European chapters, for example, for the organisation of the next European congress in 2025. But most importantly, we truly enjoyed the talks with each other, as it was for many of us since 2019 that we met. It ended up being a nice evening that continued for hours after the official closing of the congress day.

Sharing experiences on landscape ecology education and linking ideas beyond Europe The IALE-Europe Working Group on Education in Landscape Ecology – Sharing Knowledge and Experiences dedicated one of the four “Lightning Sessions” at the IALE World Congress in Nairobi to the topic of “Transboundary education of landscape at different levels”. The six stimulating presentations were followed by a round table discussion with more than 30 participants. The discussion revealed

the need to further exchange novel ideas on teaching landscape ecology and the aspiration to develop more synergies in teaching approaches in Europe and beyond. So the IALE-Europe Working Group agreed to coordinate an online meeting to follow up on this symposium and to further coordinate joint activities at the global level. The first online meeting is planned for early 2024, possibly in February/March. Anyone interested is welcome to get in touch with Werner Rolf ([werner.rolf@tum.de](mailto:werner.rolf@tum.de)) for more information. We will keep you posted!

Executive Committee meeting in Lisbon

The EC took the opportunity to meet Selma Pena, the president, and Ana Müller, the vice-chair of the Portuguese IALE chapter APEP - Associação Portuguesa de Ecologia da Paisagem to discuss common activities and support for the chapter. Having the meetings at the university and in different local places, we had the chance to cross the city in a unique manner.

What else is up our sleeve? Plans for IALE 2025 European Congress will be unveiled soon!

After the congress is before the congress. Our African colleagues have done a great job bringing the Landscape Ecology



On the 2nd and 3rd of November 2023, the EC of IALE-Europe had its annual live meeting. For this edition, we met in Lisbon to facilitate the shift to a new branch at the local bank and to a new treasurer. The meeting showed how cumbersome the management of banking issues has become for trans-European organisations, despite the accelerated digitalisation. During these two full days, we had intense discussions on how to further implement the Action Plan for the 2022-2025 period, particularly about the roadmap for the IALE 2025 European Landscape Ecology Congress, the activity of the working groups, the relaunch of the webinar series dedicated to early career researchers and the new status of the Landscape Ecology journal.

community from around the world together in Nairobi this year. Closing a congress also includes looking forward to the next Congress. So, one of the next international events to look forward to is the IALE 2025 European Congress, which is organised every four years in between the World Congress. The European congresses are inclusive and open to everyone from all around the world.

The next European Congress will take place in the summer of 2025. It will be a joint organisation of colleagues of two national IALE chapters, bringing us back together to the region where IALE was founded in 1982. It will be a great occasion to build further on the landscape ecology community. Besides sessions in different formats, the congress



will include excursions to the landscapes in the different countries. In addition, an intensive PhD course will be organised. The hosts and venue will be announced when all arrangements are set, but IALE-Europe is very excited about the proposal. We will keep you posted on more details in the next IALE Bulletin and are looking forward to welcoming you in Europe!



Members of IALE-Europe EC meeting colleagues from the Portuguese Chapter APEP in a highly recommendable family-owned café with home-cooked local recipes and wine in Lisbon.

## Update from working groups

### News about IALE Working Groups

IALE supports working groups that joined researchers according to their scientific specialization and interests. Working groups usually prepare sessions in IALE World Congress or in conferences organized by IALE chapters. Working groups could also prepare their own conference or workshop or participate in conferences organized by other scientific institutions. Some of them are very active in publishing papers and books.

Currently, 10 IALE Working Groups work in different fields:

- Biocultural Landscape and Seascape,
- Historical Landscape Ecology,
- Landscape Planning,
- 3D Landscape Metrics,
- Spatial Analysis of Organisms in the Environment,
- Urban and peri-urban governance,
- Food and Water Security,
- Forest Landscape Ecology IALE-IUFRO,
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Assessments,
- Outreach and Policy.

More information about each working group is on the IALE website ([www.landscape-ecology.org/Working-Groups](http://www.landscape-ecology.org/Working-Groups)). Alongside information about programme and work, you could find there also contacts to the groups' leaders. Write directly to the working group leader if you are under consideration to join the working group. One person could be a member of several working groups.

IALE members could also initiate a new working group formation. A short proposal of the new working group with a description of its mission, proposed activities, and first members should be sent to the IALE President or IALE Vice-president responsible for the working groups.

After the IALE World Congress in Nairobi and election to the IALE Executive Committee, the new committee for IALE working groups was established with three members: Markéta Šantrůčková (chair, [santruckova@vukoz.cz](mailto:santruckova@vukoz.cz)), Ito Keitaro, and Ramesh Krishnamurthy. If you have any question about the existing working groups or if you are under consideration to establish a new working group, do not hesitate to contact me (Markéta Šantrůčková, [santruckova@vukoz.cz](mailto:santruckova@vukoz.cz)).  
Markéta Šantrůčková



## Notable Publications

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We would like to thank all our supporters in 2023 – without whom our journal would not have been possible

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible journey we have taken together. It has been a year of growth, collaboration and forging new links that have enriched the mission of our journal.

First and foremost, we would like to thank all the IALE people we have had the pleasure of meeting this year, not only at the IALE 2023 World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the joint sessions on "Publishing and disseminating transboundary landscape ecology and landscape architecture research: challenges and opportunities" and "Towards equitable publishing in landscape ecology: identifying barriers and solutions" at the Nairobi Congress. We would like to thank the organisers of both sessions, Jingle Wu and Jennifer Costanza, for the opportunity to present our journal editorial reflection on the perspective of a community-owned, self-published, open access e-journal in the field of landscape ecology. The reflection we presented was pretty much based on our last editorial. If you are interested, you can read it here: [doi.org/10.3097/LO.2022.1106](https://doi.org/10.3097/LO.2022.1106)

We are also pleased to announce that the

submissions. With the ones currently in press we will have 15 articles published by the end of this year. Further manuscripts are in a much progressed stage, expected to be published within early 2024. This would not have been possible without the support of many. First, we would like to thank all reviewers (see list in the right column, in alphabetic order) for dedicating to us their valuable time and expertise during the review process. Furthermore, we would like to thank all IALE chapters that decided to become journal partners to support our work, namely the regional chapter IALE-Europe and IALE-North America and the national chapters IALE-Chile, and ialeUK. Since the German IALE chapter has launched this journal in 2007, Landscape Online took major steps towards internationalization. We also thank IALE for the financial support that enabled us to offer all IALE members the publication in our journal with a fee-waiver.

Furthermore, we are grateful for the support of our 22 editorial board members: Leila Mahmoudi Farahani (Australia), Veerle Van Eetvelde (Belgium), Jochen A. G. Jaeger (Canada), Cristian Echeverria (Chile), Dolores Armenteras (Colombia), Andreas Aagaard Christensen (Denmark), Hannes Palang (Estonia), Aude Zingraff-Hamed (France), Angela Lausch, Christoph

Merz, Olaf Schroth, Stefan Heiland and Uta Steinhardt (Germany), Emilio Padoa-Schioppa and Irene Petrosillo (Italy), Wendy McWilliam (New Zealand), Janez Pirnat (Slovenia), Simona R. Grădinaru (Romania), Ana Beatriz Pierri-Daunt (Spain), Audrey L.

Mayer, Jessica Price and Jingle Wu (USA). As we are continuously looking forward to complement and enhance our editorial board with further competences, please get in touch with us in case you are interested to become involved.

We eagerly anticipate the submission of more captivating and insightful manuscripts for open access publication at [www.landscape-online.org](http://www.landscape-online.org). As we embark

on the new year of 2024, we extend our warmest wishes for a prosperous and successful start. We hope to have the pleasure of connecting with you on various occasions throughout the year. In the meantime, please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Best wishes

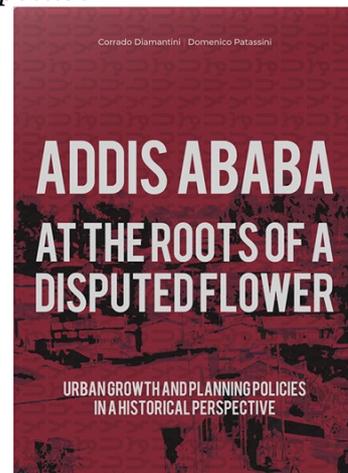
*Werner Rolf and Uta Schirpke*

(Co-Editors-in-Chief)

on behalf of the Editors of Landscape Online and Executive Committee of IALE-Germany (Christian Albert, Dagmar Haase, Roman Lenz, Ulrich Walz)

### Addis Ababa. At the Roots of a Disputed Flower. *Urban and planning policies on a historical perspective*

Book by Prof. Corrado Diamantini and Prof. Domenico Patassini with a Preface by IALE members Dr. Blal Adem Esmail (Ruhr University Bochum) and Dr. Chiara Cortinovis (University of Trento), together with Dr Linda Zardo (Università luav di Venezia)



We are glad to announce the release of a new book titled "Addis Ababa. At the Roots of a Disputed Flower", published by ListLab as part of the Babel International category. The book includes a valuable contribution from Dr. Blal Adem Esmail and Dr. Chiara Cortinovis, member of the IALE Germany and IALE Italy, respectively. This book represents the English edition of the work by Prof. Diamantini and Prof. Patassini, marking three decades since its original Italian version was published by *Franco Angeli*. The significant task of bringing the book up to the present day is accomplished through the addition of the first chapter, marking a substantial departure from the original Italian edition. This new chapter provides readers with fresh insights into the modes and significance of the transformation that has



Image: Landscape Online at the IALE World Congress in Nairobi.

editorial board of our journal has received new support from exceptional individuals who have joined our ranks. These new relationships will bring fresh perspectives to our editorial process, broadening the scope and increasing the impact of our journal.

This year, we have handled about 34 manuscripts, of which 22 were new

unfolded in Addis Ababa in a mere 15 years. The book offers a comprehensive exploration of the evolving urban landscape in Addis Ababa, one of Africa's most significant urban regions. Authored by Prof. Diamantini and Prof. Patassini, this English edition revisits and expands upon the original Italian version published thirty years earlier. Addis Ababa's transition from a capital city to a continental hub has led to rapid and profound urban changes, marked by the emergence of skyscrapers, shopping centers, and upscale residential developments. The book delves into the various perspectives surrounding this transformation, examining its impact on the city's social fabric. Through this update, the book offers a comprehensive historical account of the city, chronicling the various policies and plans that have shaped its trajectory, with a particular emphasis on the developments of the mid-1980s. This book, with its educational value, serves as a valuable resource for undergraduate and doctoral courses while offering insights into the contemporary history of Addis Ababa and urban planning and management in Africa.

The production of this new edition involved a collaborative effort by a team of dedicated individuals. Dr. Blal Adem Esmail from Ruhr University Bochum, Dr. Chiara Cortinovis from the University of Trento, and Dr.

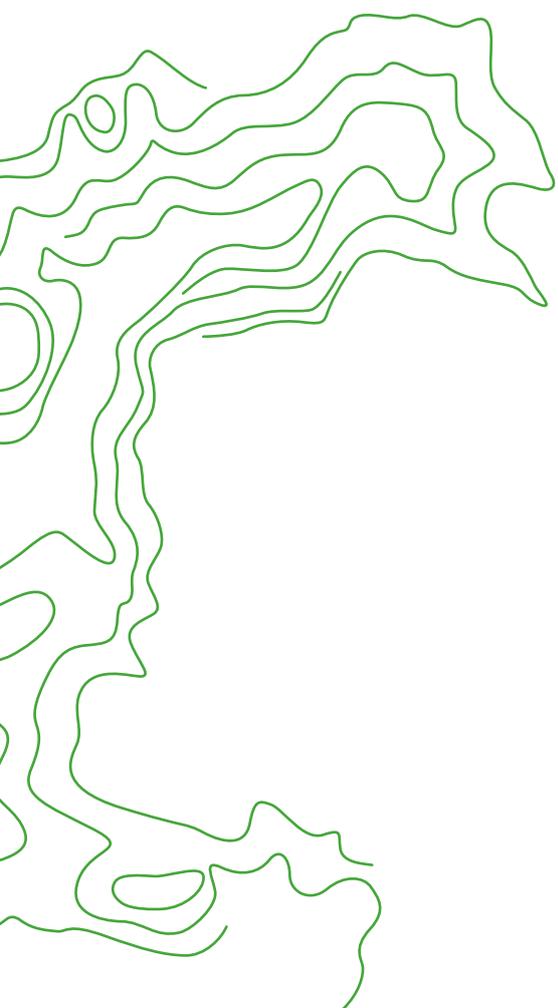


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Linda Zardo from *Università Iuav di Venezia* played key roles in coordinating the translation process and have written the book's Preface. Unlike the original Italian edition, which primarily featured maps and urban plans, this English edition boasts an enriched iconography that includes valuable archival material and newly-created visuals. Arch. Flavia Vaccher, affiliated with *Università Iuav di*

*Venezia*, conducted extensive research in planners' archives, uncovering previously unpublished documentation. Arch. Federico Alcaro of *TAMassociati Venice* organized thematic content and enhanced images, while Gianfranco Pozzer, from *Università Iuav di Venezia*, crafted spatial maps of the Addis Ababa.



### *Appreciation of additional external reviewers in 2023 for Landscape Online:*

Agnieszka Latocha, Agnieszka Nowak-Olejnik, Agnieszka Ważna, Alicia Coleman, Alina Pancewicz, Amit Kumar Batar, Ancuta Fedorca, Antonia Pfeiffer, Aude Zingraff-Hamed, Barbara Natalia Sowińska-Świerkosz, Camila Gomes Sant'Anna, Chris Green, Christine Mott, Daniel Alejandro Rozas-Vásquez, Davina Vačkářová, Didit Okta Pribadi, Emily Bank, Enrica Garau, Fabian Meyer-Heß, Giacomo Peruzzi, Gunawan Prayitno, Hana Skokanova, Hana Vavrouchová, Heera Lee, Ian Mell, Iwona Cieślak, Johanna Schumacher, José Muñoz-Rojas, Judith Springer, Justyna Kleszcz, Krzysztof Rostański, Luca Battisti, Maciej Zalewski, Marco Neubert, Maryam Pourzakarya, Michał Sobala, Miguel Carrero-Pazos, Moritz Gubler, Muhammad Faiz Barchia, Nina N. Kaiser, Olga Druzhinina, Paola Gullino, Rajiv Pandey, Richard Axelby, Riyadh Mundher, Stefanie Rößler, Sylvie Campagne, Tuhin Kumar Das, Varun Narayan Mishra

