



FROM CITIES TO LANDSCAPE:  
DESIGN FOR HEALTH & BIODIVERSITY

# IFLA AR-URBIO CONFERENCE 2016

25-27 October | Panama City, Panama  
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## CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS, THEMATIC SESSIONS & SYMPOSIA

### CONFERENCE THEME

*From Cities to Landscape: Design for Health and Biodiversity*

### Sub-themes

#### ***Cities within Landscapes***

Along with the rise migration to cities, urban areas continue to grow and, once established, form part of complex landscapes related to the major components of global change. The complexity of such socio-ecosystems is revealed in the essence of their physical, biological, cultural, and social components. The metabolism of cities transforms related regional ecosystems at multiple scales through various uses and activities, such as agriculture, transportation, infrastructure, and ecological processes. When present, cultural landscapes can play a dynamic role as a regenerative force. The design and maintenance of these transformations is key to regional and global sustainability.

#### ***Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, and Human Health***

The health of the biological component of urbanized landscapes, both within and outside cities, is key to the provision of ecosystem services (and disservices) and human health. Although many urban scenarios are detrimental for biodiversity, others are not, and for this reason urban areas can become important conservation zones within human-dominated landscapes. Thoughtful research and evidence-based design is critical for creating cities and landscapes that are good for both nature and people.

#### ***Planning, designing and managing landscapes for livability***

Landscapes are transformed and managed to meet modern human needs, such as health, housing, food, goods, and services. However, many human practices result in damaged landscapes and environments. Such practices are unsustainable, and result in diminished resilience and livability. In many cases they also contribute to social injustice. Global change makes it imperative to focus trans-disciplinary efforts on planning, designing, and managing sustainable, resilient, local based adaptive landscapes that also are livable and just.



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## CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

We invite new and challenging paper submissions from any area or discipline of design and research, from wide points of view, and especially interdisciplinary perspectives responding to the conference themes. IFLA-AR|URBIO2016 embraces research and practice that is key to advancing important ideas in nature-based solutions, environmental knowledge and design that serves both society and the environment.

We solicit papers on sustainability, resilience, beauty, justice, and livability and particularly encourage interdisciplinary research and practices.

The Call for Abstracts is open to all professionals and researchers. Advanced university students in studies related to the conference themes are invited. There will be special sessions for research papers and posters.

## CALL FOR THEMATIC SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

We welcome proposals for sessions, and symposia related to any area of landscape architecture, biodiversity, ecology, design research and professional practice, especially those that benefit from the emerging research and professional networks, as well as existing networks not already covered by IFLA and URBIO areas.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Abstracts must be submitted in a **MS-Word document**, in **English** or **Spanish**, in single-space, Arial 12 font.

The official language of the Congress is English, with a simultaneous Spanish-English/English-Spanish translation for keynote and plenary sessions. Most concurrent session will be in English, although some may be in Spanish.

## PAPERS

Abstracts for research projects should focus on results and their significance, with reference to methods when appropriate. Abstracts for design projects should focus on context, meaning and, when appropriate, measures of success.

All submissions will be peer reviewed. Notice of acceptance will be sent to you by **20<sup>th</sup> June 2016**, at the latest. Note that presenters must be registered for the conference.

The format of each submission should be as follows:

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- Title of the paper
- Author(s)
- Institution or affiliation of each author
- Email address of the corresponding author
- Physical address of the corresponding author
- Indicate whether it is a student paper, and the name of the program
- Indicate which main congress themes the abstract relates to
- Indicate whether the submission is an oral paper or poster
- Abstract of no more than **500 words** for papers

## POSTERS

We invite Posters on any of the conferences themes. Posters provide an opportunity for an informal presentation featuring “give and take” with conference attendees. Presenting a poster is also a good way in which to discuss and receive feedback on a work in progress that has not been fully developed into a paper.

All submissions will be peer reviewed. Notice of acceptance will be sent to you by **20<sup>th</sup> June 2016**, at the latest. Note that presenters of posters must be registered for the conference.

If your proposal is accepted, your poster will be displayed for a 2-hour time period during the conference. You will be expected to “present” your poster at that time. At least one author for each accepted poster must register for and attend the conference. The space available for your poster will be **3 feet high by 4 feet wide** with a small shelf below. You must bring all printed materials with you. Power sources will not be available.

The format of each Poster submission should be as follows:

- Title of the paper
- Author(s)
- Institution or affiliation of each author
- Email address of the corresponding author
- Physical address of the corresponding author
- Indicate whether it is a student paper, and the name of the program
- Indicate which main congress themes the abstract relates to
- Abstract of no more than **300 words**

## SESSIONS

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All submissions will be peer reviewed. Notice of acceptance will be sent to you by **15<sup>th</sup> April 2016**, at the latest. Note that presenters must be registered for the conference.

The format of each submission should be as follows:

- Title of the session, or symposium, **no more than 10 words long**
- Name of the lead organizer(s)
- Institution(s) or affiliation(s) the lead organizer(s)
- Email address of the corresponding organizer
- Physical address of the corresponding organizer
- Indicate which main congress themes the abstract relates to
- Session description of no more than **300 words**
- A list of proposed speakers for the session; indicate whether the speaker have been invited and/or confirmed

All submissions should be sent to:

[www.conftool.com/iflaurbiopanama2016](http://www.conftool.com/iflaurbiopanama2016)

## DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Papers and Posters: **15<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Thematic Sessions and Symposia: **30<sup>th</sup> March 2016**