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***2010 US IALE Twenty-Fifth Anniversary
Symposium—Athens, Georgia
5-9 April 2010***

***Welcome Return to the
University of Georgia***

Weather is typically warm and the flowering dogwood and redbud trees will likely be in full bloom in early April. We invite you to enjoy beautiful Athens, Georgia following what for many has been a cold and challenging winter season.

On 5 January 2010 the US-IALE Twenty-fifth Anniversary Symposium Abstract Committee reviewed abstract submissions. We recognize with appreciation the expertise and professional experience of committee members Marguerite Madden, Vern Meentemeyer, and Don Shure who joined us in this essential process.

A number of collaborative symposia have been scheduled that encompass topics such as, landscape ecology

of wildfires; complexity of acoustical pattern in landscapes; pathogens in heterogeneous landscapes; land-surface phenology; and graph, network, and circuit models in landscape ecology. Special symposia have been organized to recognize the contributions of US-IALE presidents, and editors of the journal *Landscape Ecology*.

Herman H (Hank) Shugart, University of Virginia, has accepted our invitation to present the US-IALE Twenty-fifth Anniversary Awards Dinner Address. Plenary speakers are comprised of Gary W Barrett, University of Georgia; Carol Brewer, University of Montana; Richard TT Forman, Harvard University; Simon A Levin, Princeton University; Joseph A Tainter, Utah State Univer-

sity; and Monica G Turner, University of Wisconsin.

Road trips, roundtables, and workshops, have been carefully selected to the 2010 theme, “Is What Humans Do Natural?” Parties such as, the student social, Château Élan, Thursday evening, 8 April 2010, and the opening reception, Hill Atrium, Monday evening, 5 April 2010 have been planned as special celebrations.

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President's Message – Jianguo (Jack) Liu



Jack Liu, US-IALE
President
2008-2010

"The landscape ecology community has increasingly turned to research on coupled human and natural systems across landscapes, as exemplified in the themes of the 2009 and 2010 US-IALE meetings."

I am very pleased to have seen the development of landscape ecology as an interdisciplinary field and the advancement of US-IALE as a professional organization during my tenure as president since 2008. This progress is attributable to the hard work and cooperation of many people, and I am sure it will continue well into the future.

I am excited by the interesting and important work being done by landscape ecologists in the United States and around the world. The landscape ecology community has increasingly turned to research on coupled human and natural systems across landscapes, as exemplified in the themes of the 2009 and 2010 US-IALE meetings. These meetings are an excellent forum for the exchange of findings and ideas about complex reciprocal interactions between humans and natural systems. It is crucial that we continue to build and apply knowledge to advance ecological and socioeconomic sustainability, because global human population is still rising, households are proliferating faster than population size, human impacts on landscapes are increasing, and impacts of landscape changes on humans are escalating.

Funding for the US-IALE meetings has continued to expand even in the midst of our global financial crisis. The "NASA-MSU Professional Enhancement Awards Program" has supported more than 250 students from over 100 institutions attending the annual US-IALE meetings since 1998 and will support approximately 20 students in 2010. NSF-funded [CHANS-Net](#) (International Network of Research on Coupled Human and Natural Systems) supported 14 "CHANS Fellows" (junior faculty, junior researchers, postdoctoral associates, and students) who attended the 2009 US-IALE meeting and will provide support to approximately 10 Fellows to attend the 2010 US-IALE meeting (and a similar number to attend the 2010 meeting of the Association of American Geographers). USGS

and Utah State University supported 10 students to attend the 2009 meeting. The new "USDA-NIFA Professional Enhancement Awards Program," sponsored by the new National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will support 10 students to attend the 2010 US-IALE meeting and will also provide additional financial support for the meeting.

Thanks to these and other supporters, the [25th Anniversary Meeting of US-IALE](#) in 2010 promises to be a most exciting and memorable event. A series of wonderful activities is being organized to celebrate this special occasion, including a symposium featuring retrospectives and perspectives by former US-IALE presidents and talks by many other distinguished scientists. I am grateful to Gary and Terry Barrett for their generous financial contributions to the 2010 meeting in addition to the time and effort they have been contributing as program chairs and local hosts for the meeting. If you, your family, and others such as your organization can also contribute to US-IALE financially, please contact Treasurer [Lisa Schulte](#) or the [meeting organizers](#) (the Barretts), or visit the [US-IALE web site](#) for more information. Donations are tax deductible. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

To better serve members, US-IALE is in the process of transforming the membership management system, thanks to Matt Viehdorfer (web master), Rebecca Kennedy (web coordinator), Lisa Schulte, and Falk Huettmann (chair of the Membership Committee). If you have not yet renewed your 2010 membership, please do so today by visiting the [Membership](#) link on the US-IALE web site or contacting [Lisa Schulte](#). Please also encourage and recruit others to join US-IALE.

The 25th anniversary meeting of US-IALE is fast approaching. I look forward to seeing you in April.

Jack Liu, US-IALE President

Student News and Notes

Three events are scheduled for students at the 2010 US-IALE meeting in Athens, Georgia:

The **student-mentor breakfast** will be held on Wednesday, April 7th, from 7:00 – 8:00 am in the Magnolia Ballroom. This event brings students and landscape ecology professionals together to discuss professional development issues in a small group setting. Both students and professionals sign up in advance for this event through the conference registration process during which professionals indicate their current work and students prioritize their desired future occupation from these categories: academic, government, state or county agency, non-profit organization, or business. We will try to match students and professionals according to their professional aspirations. This event is free, but registration is mandatory.

The **NASA-MSU professional development workshop** will be held on Thursday, April 8th from 3:00-6:00 pm. This year’s workshop, titled “Building Collaborative Research with Landscape Ecology” will bring together students and young professionals with more senior professionals who will share their experience in fostering collaborative relationships.

Landscape Ecology has become a crucial component of many interdisciplinary studies. Many grant opportunities are now focused on large collaborative projects. Now is the time to develop skills and strategies for finding collaborators, writing collaborative grants, and working successfully in a collaborative setting. Senior landscape ecologists will describe approaches to collaboration and give guidance on setting up and enacting collaborations. We will also discuss issues of authorship and how to salvage collaborations gone wrong. This is an interactive workshop and is open to students, postdoctoral fellows, and other people interested in beginning collaborative

projects. It will cover the following topics:

- Selecting potential collaborators (individuals and organizations)
- Writing grants when working with people from multiple backgrounds and institutions
- Dealing with expectations (scheduling tasks, identifying authorship, etc)
- When things go wrong — salvaging collaborative projects

The **student social** will be held after the workshop. The conference organizers have gone all out this year and will be shuttling us to a local winery for a tour and samples Thursday evening following the student workshop.

We are looking for nominees for the student representative position for 2010-2012. Have you considered becoming a student representative? Being a member of the Executive Committee allows you to meet many professionals in your field and gives you insights into the function of a national scientific organization. It also looks great on your CV. US-IALE’s student activities are coordinated by two student representatives, who have overlapping two-year terms, with 1 position replaced each year to ensure continuity. If you want to get involved or have questions, contact us!

We look forward to seeing you in Athens!

Student Representatives

Namrata Shrestha

University of Toronto at Mississauga

Tabitha Graves

Northern Arizona University

Need a roommate for the meeting?

Check out our [online board](#) to help find one!

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Tabitha Graves



Namrata Shrestha

Foreign Scholar Travel Award

Please consider bringing one or two books for the book auction that supports the Foreign Scholar Travel Program!

The purpose of the FSTA is to provide support for landscape ecologists from foreign countries to attend the annual US-IALE conference, and to foster international exchange about advances in landscape ecology. Applicants are selected based on primarily the scientific merit and application of their work to landscape ecology, financial need, and demonstration of how attending the annual US-IALE conference will provide a significant professional opportunity for developing their expertise in landscape ecology.

Applications received this year represented 8 countries: Bangladesh, Brazil, China, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines and South Africa. We are in the final stages of awarding 2 scholarships for US \$1,200 to help defray the cost of foreign travel. This year's applicants were a truly talented group making it difficult for the committee to rank applications. I'd like to thank Sam Riffell (Mississippi State Univ.), Nancy McIntyre (Texas Tech Univ.), Robert Corry (Univ. of Guelph) and John Bisonnette (Utah State Univ.) for taking the time to carefully review

all the applications. Winners will be announced at the annual conference in Athens.

Within the next month, we will begin promoting the Silent Book Auction being held at the upcoming conference in Athens. Proceeds from the book auction directly fund the FSTAs. We have not received as many books in the last couple of years as we'd like to see, so please consider bringing one or two! Even one book will help our efforts. If you can't bring a book, please take time to participate in the silent auction. We'd like to make some changes to the auction such as adding additional software or local art to the items being auctioned. If you have any ideas on how we can improve the auction, or if you'd like to join the FSTA committee, please send me an email at ddonnerwright@fs.fed.us. Volunteers are never turned away!

**Deahn Donner
Committee Chair**

25th Anniversary Symposium (Continued)

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Suggestions for enhancing and increasing IALE membership were given during the 2009 US-IALE Board of Directors' Meeting. These included provisions for online access to an interactive set of resources not previously offered to our members. As one response to this need, a website has been published for the posting and retrieval of digital images for use by our members. Configuration of the link and cost of service has been met by us for two years, after which time may be continued by US-IALE as an historical archive of US-IALE images for sharing in perpetuity. Please go to **US-**

IALE Athens 2010 and click the appropriate "link" on the right-side panel. Recheck your email for your password previously sent to the membership.

Corresponding with scholars and practitioners continues to be a highlight in organizing this program. We appreciate each abstract, poster, and talk.

**Terry L Barrett and Gary W Barrett
2010 US-IALE Program Host and Chair**

US-IALE Winter 2010 Awards Update

Although the nomination period has closed, the Awards Committee is looking forward to announcing winners for the following awards at the 2010 annual banquet in Athens, Georgia.

Further information about each award and a complete list of past award recipients can be found at the [Awards link](#) on the US-IALE webpage.

Outstanding Paper in Landscape Ecology

The Awards Committee reviews nominations for papers published during the past year that make an outstanding contribution to the literature of the field of landscape ecology. In 2009, the outstanding paper award was presented to Tremblé et al. (2008) for their publication “Modeling population connectivity by ocean currents, a graph-theoretic approach for marine conservation” in *Landscape Ecology* (23:19-36). There also was an honorable mention award presented to Nassauer and Opdam (2008) for “Design in science: extending the landscape ecology paradigm” in *Landscape Ecology* (23:633-644).

Distinguished Landscape Ecologist

The intent of this award is to recognize unique individuals whose long-term scientific contribution have helped to define the field of landscape ecology, and is the most prestigious award presented by our Chapter. Recent recipients include Herman H. “Hank” Shugart, Jr. (2009), Eric Gustafson (2007), and Bruce Milne (2006).

Distinguished Landscape Practitioner

The intent of this award is to recognize outstanding applications of the principles of landscape ecology to real-world problems. Recent recipients include Kevin McGarigal (2009) and David Hulse (2005).

Distinguished Service Award

The intent of this award is to recognize individuals who have contributed exceptionally

in terms of time, energy, and dedication to advance the mission of US-IALE. Recent recipients include Garik Gutman, William Taylor, and Jack Liu (2006).

Best Student Presentation

The intent of this award is to recognize the best presentation (oral or poster) given by a student at the previous annual meeting, and includes a \$500 travel grant. At the 2009 meeting, awards were presented to Bronwyn Rayfield (University of Toronto) for “Identifying potential movement pathways in fragmented landscapes: incorporating uncertainty in landscape resistance” and Sarah Olson (University of Wisconsin) for “Malaria patterns and hydrology in the Amazon – will land use and cover changes alter risk?”

USDA-NIFA Professional Enhancement Awards

For the second year in a row, we have a sponsor for student conference travel awards. This year, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the US Department of Agriculture is sponsoring ten professional enhancement awards of \$500 each.

**The 2009-2010 US-IALE
Awards Committee
Pete August, Jeff Hollister,
Todd Lookingbill, Steven Walters, &
Anita Morzillo (Chair)**

PH.D Fellowship Opportunities University of Hawaii at Mānoa

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM) at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) is seeking applications from outstanding students interested in pursuing a doctorate in sustainability, conservation, and natural resources. The two selected Ph.D. fellows will be fully funded by a recently awarded USDA Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowship (NNF) grant. Review of applications begin April 1.

http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/nrem/students/grad-e_komo_mai.html#admit.

**Awards for 2010 will be
announced at the
annual banquet in
Athens, Georgia**

NASA-MSU Professional Enhancement Awards – Winter 2010 Update



Richard Forman speaking at the NASA-MSU Awards Dinner at the 2009 annual meeting in Snow Bird Utah

The NASA-MSU Professional Enhancement Awards are being offered for the 13th consecutive year to students who are presenting at the 2010 annual meeting. Approximately 20 awards will be given for the selected students to cover expenses associated with attending the symposium. These special awards are made possible by the support from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Michigan State University (MSU). The selected students will

have opportunities to meet with some leading landscape ecologists at a special dinner gathering, learn the latest developments in landscape ecology at the symposium, and build professional networks with other symposium attendees.

Jack Liu (Chair)
Anita Morzillo (Co-Chair)
NASA-MSU Award Program

US-IALE Membership Committee: Report and Plans

U.S. IALE's membership is in a stable condition but always on the watch. There is potential to increase the membership further because more people are interested in landscape ecology. This is specifically the case for our younger cohort, e.g. undergraduate, graduate and early career academics and professionals. These young members are the basis of the future of our society and its success, and therefore worthy of investment. Thus we have undertaken the challenge of further increasing membership enrollment.

After several meetings and consultations, we have identified seven action items: i) create and distribute an updated flyer that presents IALE to undergraduate students, non-members and the public (a great task completed by Vanessa Hull), ii) focus on targeted US-IALE marketing campaigns, iii) promote membership issues as a relevant criteria for decisions on future conference venues, iv) create a centralized, up-to-date and protected US-IALE membership database online available for many US-IALE officers and purposes (nicely done by Matt Viehdorfer, with data help from other offi-

cers), v) inquire on membership status of international members and awardees, vi) facilitate discussion and ideas on how to make US-IALE and its expertise more widely known and used, and vi) find databases and information on previous (lost) members.

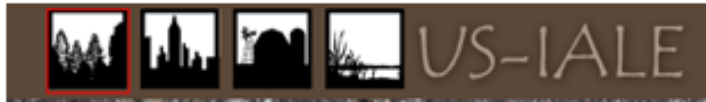
We are currently in the process of addressing more ideas, and appreciate support and constructive feedback from the US-IALE community. We will be sending out the new membership flyers and will be contacting member groups in the near future for additional feedback. In the meantime, if you have additional comments, please feel free to contact us.

Some organizational and book-keeping news: In April 2009 former chair Pat Zollner handed over the US-IALE membership affairs (thanks Pat!) to the new chair; all group members remained active for another term (Lauren Bailey is replaced by Vanessa Hull for reasons of maternity leave). Thanks to all!

Membership Committee
Falk Huettmann, Chair

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Web News



In recent months, the Web Team has been focusing on two main projects: the 2010 meeting, and membership. The first activity has been to ready the US-IALE Athens 2010 25th Annual Symposium website for your use. We have been doing this work in collaboration with the hard-working Symposium Hosts and Program Chairs, Terry and Gary Barrett. One novel feature of the 2010 meeting, that can be found on the meeting website homepage, is that Terry and Gary Barrett have initiated a photo archive so that members themselves can document the history of the organization through pictures. Look for it under the sidebar ‘Call for USIALE Images’. In coming years, we hope to establish a photo archive via the website directly.

The second task, which directly affects membership and the record-keeping of the organization, has been to collect and convert all past and current member information into a web-based master database. This has been done in conjunction with Falk Huettmann, the Membership Committee Chair, and Lisa Shulte, US-IALE Treasurer. We are currently undergoing beta-testing of the new member database and online member activity area. We hope to have it finalized in the coming weeks. This will also allow us to establish a new individually tailored password-protected access point for members, so you can check your membership status

and history and update personal information online, and tailor your US-IALE web experience. It also will allow the members of the USIALE Executive Board to better track membership history data and to strategize how to sustain our membership.

The website has a collection of resources for use by the membership and the landscape ecology community at-large. We now feature [teaching resources](#) for use by the membership. This list, which includes links to courses taught by landscape ecologists, was compiled by Sarah Gergel. We have a student section that includes a link to the student forum, where you can share your views with other students and landscape ecology researchers and practitioners who join in. In addition, on our website, there is information about how to join the USIALE -L Discussion list. Via this list you may receive or send information relevant to the discipline of Landscape Ecology. Employment opportunities are also often shared via this list. With respect to finding or announcing a job, as a free service to the membership and the broader landscape ecology community, we continue to have a job posting area on the website. As always, if you have comments or ideas for the US-IALE website, please let us know.

Rebecca Kennedy
[US-IALE](#) Website Coordinator

New Membership functionality coming soon to the website. This will allow members to check membership status and update personal information online.

Nominations Committee

Elections will be held in Spring 2010 for the following positions:

- Treasurer
- 2 Councillors-at-Large
- Student Representative.

Voting will take place online, as usual.

In addition, I will be stepping down as committee chair (after six years in the position), and Christopher Lepczyk will be taking the reins.

Nancy McIntyre, Chair,
Nominating Committee

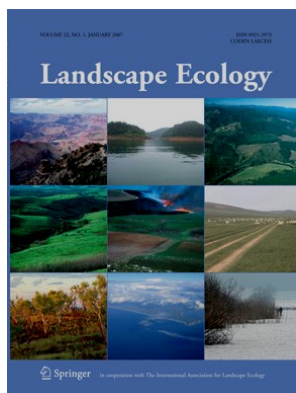
Watch for the announcement that on-line voting is available.

2007 Most Cited Papers in Landscape Ecology (ISI Web of Knowledge, Including 2009)

Author(s)	Title	Vol	Issue	Starting Page	Times Cited
Falcucci, A; Maiorano, L; Boitani, L	Changes in land-use/land-cover patterns in Italy and their implications for biodiversity conservation	22	4	617	25
Schulte, LA; Mladenoff, DJ; Crow, TR; Merrick, LC; Cleland, DT	Homogenization of northern US Great Lakes forests due to land use	22	7	1089	23
Baguette, M; Van Dyck, H	Landscape connectivity and animal behavior: functional grain as a key determinant for dispersal	22	8	1117	20
Bolliger, J; Kienast, F; Soliva, R; Rutherford, G	Spatial sensitivity of species habitat patterns to scenarios of land use change (Switzerland)	22	5	773	19
Scheller, RM; Mladenoff, DJ	An ecological classification of forest landscape simulation models: tools and strategies for understanding broad-scale forested ecosystems	22	4	491	17
Cousins, SAO; Ohlson, H; Eriksson, O	Effects of historical and present fragmentation on plant species diversity in semi-natural grasslands in Swedish rural landscapes	22	5	723	15
Gagne, SA; Fahrig, L	Effect of landscape context on anuran communities in breeding ponds in the National Capital Region, Canada	22	2	205	15
Koper, N; Schmiegelow, FKA; Merrill, EH	Residuals cannot distinguish between ecological effects of habitat amount and fragmentation: implications for the debate	22	6	811	14
Loram, A; Tratalos, J; Warren, PH; Gaston, KJ	Urban domestic gardens (X): the extent & structure of the resource in five major cities	22	4	601	14
Matthews, RB; Gilbert, NG; Roach, A; Polhill, JG; Gotts, NM	Agent-based land-use models: a review of applications	22	10	1447	14
Bailey, D; Billeter, R; Aviron, S; Schweiger, O; Herzog, F	The influence of thematic resolution on metric selection for biodiversity monitoring in agricultural landscapes	22	3	461	13
Buyantuyev, A; Wu, JG	Effects of thematic resolution on landscape pattern analysis	22		7	13
Collins, BM; Kelly, M; van Wagtendonk, JW; Stephens, SL	Spatial patterns of large natural fires in Sierra Nevada wilderness areas	22	4	545	13
Davies, ZG; Pullin, AS	Are hedgerows effective corridors between fragments of woodland habitat? An evidence-based approach	22	3	333	13
Gardner, RH; Urban, DL	Neutral models for testing landscape hypotheses	22	1	15	13
Gobster, PH; Nassauer, JI; Daniel, TC; Fry, G	The shared landscape: what does aesthetics have to do with ecology?	22	7	959	13
Godefroid, S; Koedam, N	Urban plant species patterns are highly driven by density and function of built-up areas	22	8	1227	12
Syphard, AD; Clarke, KC; Franklin, J	Simulating fire frequency and urban growth in southern California coastal shrublands, USA	22	3	431	12
Umetsu, F; Pardini, R	Small mammals in a mosaic of forest remnants and anthropogenic habitats-evaluating matrix quality in an Atlantic forest landscape	22	4	517	12
Shao, GF; Wu, JG	On the accuracy of landscape pattern analysis using remote sensing data	23	5	505	12

2007 Most Cited Papers (Continued)

Author(s)	Title	Vol	Issue	Starting Page	Times Cited
Treml, EA; Halpin, PN; Urban, DL; Pratson, LF	Modeling population connectivity by ocean currents, a graph-theoretic approach for marine conservation	23		19	9
Bunce, RGH; Metzger, MJ; Jongman, RHG; Brandt, J; De Blust, G; Elena-Rossello, R; Groom, GB; Halada, L; Hofer, G; Howard, DC; Kovar, P; Mucher, CA; Padoa-Schioppa, E; Paelinx, D; Palo, A; Perez-Soba, M; Ramos, IL; Roche, P; Skanes, H; Wrbka, T	A standardized procedure for surveillance and monitoring European habitats and provision of spatial data	23	1	11	8
Concepcion, ED; Diaz, M; Baquero, RA	Effects of landscape complexity on the ecological effectiveness of agri-environment schemes	23	2	135	8
Nassauer, JI; Opdam, P	Design in science: extending the landscape ecology paradigm	23	6	633	8
Ockinger, E; Smith, HG	Do corridors promote dispersal in grassland butterflies and other insects?	23	1	27	6
Arellano, I; Leon-Cortes, JL; Ovaskainen, O	Patterns of abundance and movement in relation to landscape structure: a study of a common scarab (<i>Cantbon cyanellus cyanellus</i>) in Southern Mexico	23	1	69	6
Eigenbrod, F; Hecnar, SJ; Fahrig, L	Accessible habitat: an improved measure of the effects of habitat loss and roads on wildlife populations	23	2	159	6
Renfrew, RB; Ribic, CA	Multi-scale models of grassland passerine abundance in a fragmented system in Wisconsin	23	2	181	6
Andersen, BJ	Research in the journal Landscape Ecology, 1987-2005	23	2	129	6
Zajac, RN	Challenges in marine, soft-sediment benthoscape ecology	23		7	6
Duncan, DH; Dorrough, J; White, M; Moxham, C	Blowing in the wind? Nutrient enrichment of remnant woodlands in an agricultural landscape	23	1	107	5
Hinchey, EK; Nicholson, MC; Zajac, RN; Irlandi, EA	Marine and coastal applications in landscape ecology	23		1	5
Cozzi, G; Muller, CB; Krauss, J	How do local habitat management and landscape structure at different spatial scales affect fritillary butterfly distribution on fragmented wetlands?	23	3	269	5



US-IALE 2011—Portland, Oregon



Portland, the host city for the 2011 annual meetings for US-IALE

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! Plans are underway for the 2011 USIALE meeting in Portland, Oregon (tentative dates: April 3-7, 2011). Portland offers numerous amenities that we believe will provide an excellent meeting experience. The city is recognized widely as a modern “Ecotopia” because of its commitment to sustainability and progressive land use planning. Portland itself is rich in parks and recreation opportunities. Within the Pacific Northwest region exist some of the most diverse and scenic landscapes including the Columbia River Gorge, Pacific Coast, the Willamette Valley, and Cascade Mountains. Diverse ecosystems exist within the region including temperate rain forest, several different forest types, alpine, coast, high desert, and low-lying valley. Regional industries

include wine, hops, timber, shipping, and fishing. Our conference program and planning will seek to feature the aspirations and challenges of living in the Pacific Northwest including an emphasis on locally grown food, limiting sprawl, maintaining ecosystem diversity, and maximizing landscape sustainability. Additional information will be available on the USIALE website as planning continues. At this time, we also appreciate any input and suggestions from the membership.

Program Chair:

[Rebecca Kennedy](#) (USDA Forest Service)

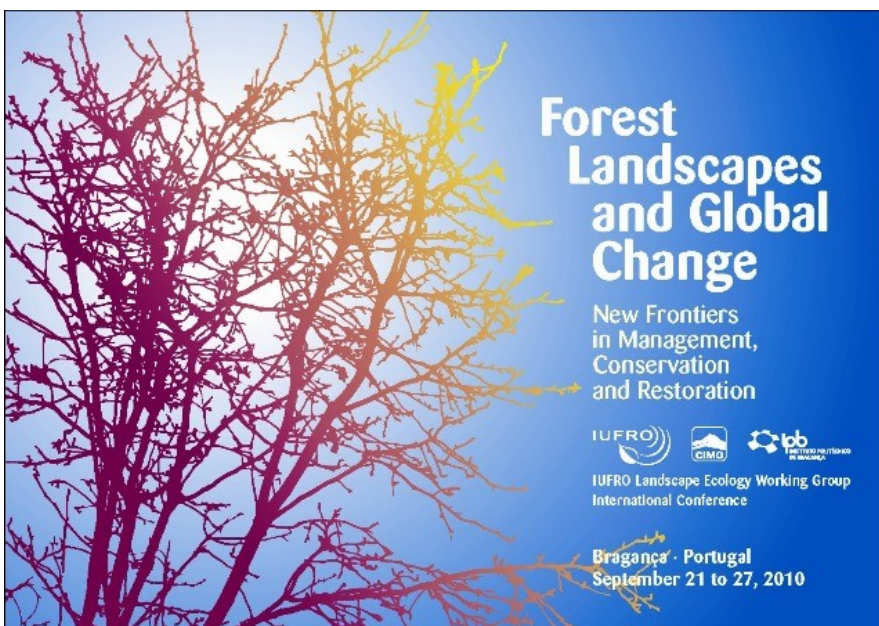
Local Organizers:

[Robert Scheller](#)

(Portland State University)

[Anita Morzillo](#) (Oregon State University)

"Forest Landscapes and Global Change" IUFRO Landscape Ecology Conference September 21-27, 2010 in Bragança, Portugal



This IUFRO Landscape Ecology international conference aims to bring together scientists, planners, and managers in order to share science and experiences on approaches, methods and tools to assess change, to forecast change in structures and processes, and to optimize goods and services provided at multiscale-multifunctional levels under a context of change.

Topics addressed are: Scaling in landscape analysis, Patterns and processes in changing landscapes, Disturbances in changing landscapes, Biodiversity conservation and planning in changing landscapes, Monitoring landscape change, Tools of landscape assessment and management, Management and sustainability of changing landscapes, Urban Forestry in changing regions

Contact: [João Azevedo](#)
[Meeting website](#)

By-Laws Update

The last time the US-IALE By-Laws were updated was 2003. A number of things have changed since then, some minor and some not so minor. The Executive Committee proposed updates to the By-Laws last spring which the Membership voted on and approved. More significant changes included the addition of three additional articles that reflect the growth and current efforts of the organization. These new articles include:

Article 18, Meeting Site Selection Committee. The Article describes the responsibilities of the committee, the primary responsibility being to identify locations for future meetings (four-year time horizon) as well as local meeting hosts. A Councillor-at-Large, appointed by the President, serves as the

Committee Chair who serves as a liaison between the local organizers and the Executive Committee.

Article 19: Establishment of a Sponsorship Committee whose primary responsibility is to increase revenue for the annual conference.

Article 20: Nominating Committee and its attendant responsibilities are separated into a new, more clearly detailed separate article.

Other minor revisions included changing the US-IALE Chair and Chair Elect to US-IALE President and President Elect. Duties of the Program Chair and Local Host were more clearly defined as was those of the Awards Committee. Finally, the comment period for by-law revisions was revised from 60 days to 45 days.

By-Laws were revised in 2009 after approval by the Membership.

Past Officers Advisory Committee: A Prospectus

Function: To advise current officers of past best practices of managing and operating US-IALE, to share experience and institutional memory with current officers, and to perform other appropriate duties (e.g., to offer wisdom and perspectives on some important issues), as requested by the President. The committee does not have voting privileges on US-IALE policies and procedures that sitting officers have.

Justification: In the current organizational structure, there is almost complete turnover in officers every few years. After learning the “ropes” of managing US-IALE, terms end and officers step down. The institutional memory as well as wisdom and experiences of past leaders of the society should not be lost because they are important to the continued success of the society.

Members: Each member serves 4 years and can be reappointed by the President of US-IALE. Members are limited to past officers of the society. The Committee may consist of 7 members, including three former presidents, one former secretary, one former treasurer, one former councillor-at-large, and one former student representative. Ideally the members served the society at different periods of time and have different types of scientific expertise. The President of US-IALE appoints one of them to serve as Chair of the Advisory Committee.

Current Committee:

Peter August (Chair)	Ashton Drew
Steven Seagle	Eric Gustafson
Louis Iverson	Mary Santelmann
Janet Silbernagel	

The institutional memory as well as wisdom and experiences of past leaders of the society should not be lost because they are important to the continued success of the society.

Site Selection Committee Report

"...considering suggestions of Austin, Denver, Sacramento and Toronto as potential venues."

Prior to the 2009 annual meeting, the committee entertained and discussed several candidate sites for the 2012 and 2013 meetings. Immediately following the 2009 meeting, the site selection committee received a formal proposal from Jeff Hollister (Program Chair), Peter August and Anne Kuhn (Local Hosts) to host the 2012 annual meeting in Rhode Island. As the first US-IALE meeting in New England and one of just a few in the Atlantic Coastal Plain, a Rhode Island meet-

ing should be a wonderful site and hopefully, a welcome change of pace for IALE members.

For the 2013 meeting the committee is considering suggestions of Austin, Denver, Sacramento and Toronto as potential venues as part of our effort to expand the meeting planning timeline and identify enjoyable, accessible, and cost-effective locations.

As liaison between the EC, local hosts, and meeting planners, the committee has continued to consolidate

records from past meetings in cooperation with current and past board members and staff. We are coordinating with the IALE webmaster and Delaney Meeting & Event Management to develop improved meeting functionality, streamline the meeting planning process. As always, any suggestions for venues, volunteer hosts, or other ideas are welcomed and encouraged! Please email Matt Baker

Matt Baker
Site Selection
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Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report a slight uplift in our finances in 2009. Our net worth has increased from approximately \$122,000 at the end of 2008 to \$127,000 at present. Income came from last year's annual symposium in Snowbird (UT),

book auction at the symposium for the Foreign Scholar Travel Award fund, donations, and membership fees. We generally had expenses similar to 2008 for 2009, with a few increases in particular services. Memberships continue to cover

operating expenses. Additional details about our income and expenses for 2009 will be provided at the 2010 meeting in Athens, GA.

Lisa Schulte Moore
Treasurer, US-IALE

Benefits of Membership

An organization is as strong as its membership. Consider getting involved.

If you are reading this, you are most likely a member of US IALE. We (the Executive Council) would like to encourage you to promote the organization and its resources to your colleagues, friends and students. It is easy: [Membership](#)

We have made great strides in developing the US IALE web page, the membership interface and revamped. Our meetings continue to expand and offer state-of-the-science access for meeting participants. We continue our commitment to

enhance student resources. This is a great organization, consider getting involved. Please contact one of the members of the Executive Council for more information.

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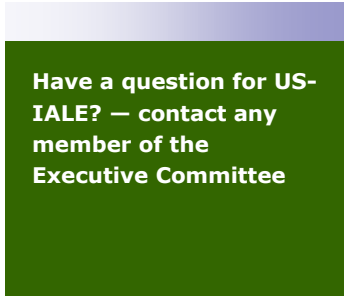
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US-IALE's purpose is to

- foster landscape ecology in the United States
- provide a link among practitioners in landscape ecology within the United States as well as the international community
- promote interdisciplinary research and communication among scientists, planners, and other professionals concerned with landscape ecology

Who Would Benefit from US-LALE Membership?

<i>Landscape Architects</i>	<i>Ecologists</i>
<i>Land and Nature Managers</i>	<i>Conservation Biologists</i>
<i>Land Use Planners</i>	<i>Biogeographers</i>
<i>GIS Specialists</i>	<i>Spatial Statisticians</i>
<i>Wildlife Biologists</i>	<i>Ecosystem Modelers</i>



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