



IALE - NORTH AMERICA

Monthly Update: December 2024

Hello! from the President

I am honored to lead the strides we are making to advance the landscape ecology discipline and mentor our next generation. The commitment of our student representatives (see below) is an important part of these efforts. I look forward to engaging with you all at the 2025 annual meeting to strengthen our collective efforts.

[Li An](#), President, IALE-North America | 2024-2026

Highlights

Meet our Student Representatives!



[Richard Magala](#) (2023-2025) is a PhD candidate at Iowa State University, working with Dr. Lisa Schulte Moore. His research focuses on advancing sustainable ecological intensification through modeling. Richard participated in the 2023 and 2024 IALE-NA meetings; those experiences were invaluable for expanding his professional network and deepening disciplinary knowledge.



[Venkatesh Kolluru](#) (2024-2026) is a Ph.D. candidate working with Dr. Ranjeet John at the University of South Dakota. His research investigates grassland ecosystem dynamics across various spatial and temporal scales. At the 2024 IALE-NA annual meeting, Venkatesh honed his networking and communication skills as part of his professional development. For the upcoming annual meeting, he is helping review abstracts and workshop and symposium proposals.

Richard and Venkatesh are organizing several student-focused activities on the 2025 annual meeting [agenda](#), including a student walk around Raleigh, student-mentor networking lunch, off-site social, and pre-banquet networking social. They enjoy facilitating an engaging environment that creates opportunities for professional growth and collaboration within the IALE-NA community and enhances the overall student experience.

Join us for the IALE-North America Annual Meeting! 13-17 April 2025

This year's annual meeting will be in [Raleigh, North Carolina](#), one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. Appropriately, the meeting theme is *Landscapes of change: dynamic interactions between nature and people*. The program will contain [15 organized sessions](#) and [four workshops](#) spanning a wide range of engaging landscape-related topics. Students may apply for travel grants through both the [IALE-NA Student Travel Award](#) and the [NASA-MSU Professional Enhancement Award](#) programs. Additional travel grants are available to US citizens through the [BioLEAPS Travel Award](#) program.

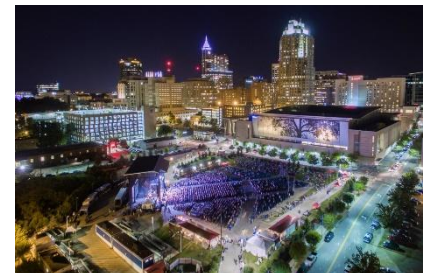


Photo: Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau

The call for abstracts is open! Directions for abstract submission may be found [here](#). **Deadline for abstracts and all travel awards: 16 December 2024.**

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