



IALE - NORTH AMERICA

Monthly Update: January 2025

Hello! from the President

It is my privilege to witness the progress we are achieving in advancing the field of landscape ecology and nurturing the next generation of leaders. I eagerly anticipate connecting with all of you at the 2025 Annual Meeting to further strengthen our collective efforts. This event is a wonderful opportunity to share your research, network with colleagues, and explore new ideas shaping the field. Don't miss this chance to engage with the vibrant landscape ecology community and contribute to its growth. I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all past participants for your invaluable contributions. Your dedication and enthusiasm have laid the foundation for the continued success of IALE-North America. Looking forward to seeing you at Raleigh in mid-April.

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

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

This year's annual meeting will be in [Raleigh, North Carolina](#), set in the diverse forests of the southeastern Piedmont. The meeting theme is *Landscapes of change: dynamic interactions between nature and people*. The program will contain [15 organized sessions](#) and [five workshops](#) spanning a wide range of engaging landscape-related topics. Field trips will include expeditions to the longleaf pine ecosystem of the nearby Sandhills region, to Duke Forest and the North Carolina Botanical Garden, and to North Carolina State University's Schenck Forest.



Photo: Longleaf pine stand, Calloway Forest Preserve (The Nature Conservancy)

- **The call for abstracts has been extended to 8 January 2025.** Submission directions are [here](#).
- Early [registration](#) is encouraged, with a deadline of **17 March 2025**.
- Conference organizers have arranged a hotel room block at a reduced rate, available for reservations made before **21 March 2025**. You can reserve your room [here](#).

What else is there to do in the area? Some examples...

- The *free* North Carolina Museums of [Art](#), [History](#), and [Natural Sciences](#) - all in Raleigh.
- Lollygag your way down to the Triple-A Minor League Baseball [Durham Bulls](#) for a home series against the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders. The Single-A [Carolina Mudcats](#) (in Zebulon) also have a home series.
- [Lake Johnson Park](#) has paved and natural surface trails. The 6600-acre Umstead State Park is nearby.
- The [Sara P. Duke Gardens](#) contains 55 acres of botanical gardens at Duke University.
- The [Ackland Art Museum](#) on the campus of University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.
- The [JC Raulston Arboretum](#) at NC State University has a collection of landscape plants from 50 countries.
- Feeling spooky? There are several ghost, vampire, and true crime tours, such as [Raleigh Ghost Tours](#), [US Ghost Adventures](#), and other [options](#) for a unique cultural living museum experience.

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