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Celebrated in Ciudad de Panama this past October 23-27, the Panama IFLA URBIO 2016 Regional Conference and Regional Council was an outstanding success, building bridges with the Biodiversity and Ecology Communities of URBIO.

Opened by the Conference President of Honor, Panama Mayor, José Blandon, presenting *Action Plan: "Metropolitan Panama: Sustainable, Human and Global"* the Conference was a rich international exchange of practice and scientific knowledge with Keynote Speakers from Panama and worldwide sharing local landscape dimensions and urban challenges, visions and experiences.

Along with the official signature of the WUP IFLA MOU by President Gil Peñalosa, important future partnerships were discussed with the IDB, the UNEP and the City of Panama.

The Regional Council took place on October 23 with special invitees, Panama City Deputy Mayor, Raisa Banfield, URBIO President, Haripriya Gundimeda, ASAPP President, Alberto Arosemena, and President of the Lebanese Landscape Association LELA, Jala Makhzoumi. It also welcomed Otniel de Moya, Vice President of the new Dominican Republic Association, ARPA and newly elected President of the Central America & Caribbean Multi Association (APAC).

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and Guatemala with interest from Honduras and El Salvador. During the Conference a draft of the Caribbean and Central America Landscape Charter was prepared. After a year-long exchange, the Capacity Building Program, led by Gloria Aponte, is to be set at the Universidad de Panama to support future development of a new Landscape Architecture programme.

IFLA Americas Region Executive Committee officers', Raquel Peñalosa (President), Tino Manta (Treasurer) and Monica Pallares (Secretary), re-election was approved with acclamation for the 2016-2018 period. Carlos Jankilevich and Gloria Aponte, Regional Chairs for the PPP and EAA, will continue their mandate for the same period, as well as Leonardo Moreira with the CSEP. A call for interest for the Regional Communications Committee Chair, AR CER is open.

As a continued tradition since 2012, the Americas Regional Conference concluded its meeting with the writing of *The Panama City Declaration: URBIO and IFLA 2016*.

We therefore recognise and assert that urban landscape design for resilient and sustainable cities must focus on urban health together with biodiversity.

De esta manera, reconocemos y afirmamos que el diseño del paisaje urbano para ciudades resilientes y sostenibles debe centrarse en forma conjunta en la salud urbana y la biodiversidad.

The IFLA Americas Region is proud to invite you all to the 2017 IFLA World Congress hosted by the CSLA the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and taking place within the World Design Summit 2017 in Montreal, Canada October 16 to 23 under the theme 10 Days to Change the World. Take part by submitting your proposal. The Second Call for Proposals will be launched at the end of January, stay tuned. <http://worlddesignsummit.com/>

From our members: ALIA announces date for the fourth International Festival of Landscape Architecture, taking place in Sydney in 2017. The festival is designed to position landscape architecture as a leading profession in shaping a better future for Australia. More information about this can be found on the IFLA Website [here](#).

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