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IFLA WORLD CONGRESS SINGAPORE 2018

55th IFLA World Congress 2018 will be held in Marina Bay Sands, Singapore from 18-21 July. Organised by Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects, with National Parks Board as the organising partner, the congress will be held in conjunction with Singapore Garden Festival, bringing international show gardens and excellent horticulture display at Gardens by the Bay.

IFLA 2018 will investigate emerging questions in the practice of landscape architecture through the themes Biophilic City, Smart Nation and Future Resilience.

1. Biophilic City

Citing Singapore as an example of a Biophilic City, Timothy Beatley rhetorically postulates “Exactly what is a biophilic city, what are its key features and qualities?” by alluding to “Perhaps the simplest answer is that it is a city that puts nature first in its design, planning, and management; it recognizes the essential need for daily human contact with nature as well as the many environmental and economic values provided by nature and natural systems.” How do we frame landscape architecture’s necessity and leading role in improving our urban and natural environment in the context of a biophilic city?

2. Smart Nation

Positioning landscape architecture in the context of an increasingly digitalised society, we aspire to extend our ability to measure and assess our environments beyond our physical senses through the aid of remote sensors and probes. The advent of information technology and data analytics may provide insights into how we may enhance our design processes by better quantifying our understanding of our landscapes. How can landscape architecture contribute to an interdisciplinary approach and appropriate the use of technology and in so doing, offer practical solutions and new concept to address the many

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3. Future Resilience

Increasingly, landscape architects work beyond their disciplines to develop frameworks, concepts and tools with other fields of expertise to overcome challenges that threaten loss in biodiversity, inundation, and other environmental conflicts. How do we ensure that these systems continue to stay robust despite increasing threats? How can we design with limited resources and recover after a big hit? How instrumental is the field of landscape architecture in the ongoing conversation that surrounds issues that deal with the thematics of resilience within the city?

The call for abstracts is now open. For more info please go to www.ifla2018.com or email ifla2018@singex.com.

In other news...

The World Design Summit is adding more details of their speakers and themes all the time. You can keep up to date with these and all the landscape architecture related developments [here](#). We hope to be seeing you in Montreal.

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