

# IFLA NEWS



Dear Members,

The Financial and Business Planning (FBP) Committee have continued to build on the draft Business Plan presented to the World Council in Montreal in October 2017. The draft business plan was included in the documents provided for the World Council and was prepared by the FBP committee in order to assist in ensuring a stable and dynamic future for IFLA as a global organisation.

This business plan must be, of course, developed in conjunction with and be part of our strategic planning and so will be informed by the discussions of the EXCO (Executive Council), other committees and most importantly, you the members.

Whilst in Montreal, we took the opportunity, chaired by our Treasurer James Hayter, to have a focused FBP meeting with the members and observers at the World Council. This allowed an open discussion about how we conduct our business and proved to be a very useful forum in order to further develop some of the governance concepts underlying our federation and add to the thoughts we have been developing within the FBP and EXCO.

In particular, our discussion included some thoughts on '*what do we do best and what can we do for our members*' in tandem with '*what can our members do for IFLA*'. For instance, in terms of '*what we do or can do best and what*

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international level for our members and so ensure a good and fruitful dialogue with UN agencies, International Associations such as Union Internationale des Architectes (UIA), International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP), International Association of Engineers (IAENG) and other allied disciplines to ensure we are focused on matters of concern to our profession and foster a collaborative approach to the issues facing our world, our planet.

And in terms of *'what can you, our members, do for IFLA'*, perhaps much of the work we do in committees such as accreditation of educational institutions and courses, professional recognition and policies, communications and so on can be assisted by our members and the resources of the associations. This type of structure, where we (IFLA) assist you the members and you the members reciprocate could be a very powerful model for our federation and would ensure we use the resources of our profession in a very efficient and resourceful way.

Of course, business planning is also about financial management and IFLA is now, more or less, out of the difficult financial period which required a focus on stabilising our finances and we are facing a period of growth where we can develop both our regional structures and build a globally effective federation.

In the coming months and prior to the World Council in July 2018, we will be further developing our business plan in conjunction with the strategic planning and development of our governance model to allow us to build the type of federation we can all be active in (both as individuals and as associations) and which is a 'two way street' with resources being shared and projects and tasks undertaken in the most efficient cost effective way but also with the time, resources and expertise of us as landscape architects, using our skills designers, practitioners and project managers in order not just to benefit our federation or our profession but to find truly sustainable and responsible means to developing solutions to the difficulties facing our planet and to harness opportunities which present themselves.

We actively seek your involvement and as we develop the ideas, discussions and documents that will inform our business and strategic planning we will be seeking your commentary and particularly your involvement in deliberation and discussions at the forthcoming World Council in Singapore next July 2018.

For the season that is in it, and whether you celebrate the wonders of Christmas, Winter Solstice (as we Celts do), Hanukkah, Yuletide or all and any celebrations for the winter season, Have a happy one and we look forward to working with you all in the new Julian calendar year (given that in the Celtic Calendar, the new year is November 1st) .....*my, it can be difficult being multinational in our greetings... but ensures our richness of cultures, so....*may you have good days ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Williams

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From our members: The ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO will take place in Philadelphia 18-22 October 2018. They are currently accepting presentation submissions for the meeting, more information [here](#).

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