

Landscape Ecology matters!



Wageningen, The Netherlands

25 years Landscape Ecology: Scientific Principles in Practice

The International Association of Landscape Ecology (IALE) will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2007, with the seventh World Congress being held between July 8th and 12th 2007, in Wageningen, The Netherlands. This congress, organised by IALE in conjunction with the Environmental Sciences Group of Wageningen UR University, will be a fantastic opportunity for landscape scientists, planners, managers and policy makers from across the world to share their ideas.

Over the past 25 years, the concepts and tools of Landscape Ecology have been established and developed. They are now widely applied throughout a range of research and applications from landuse change and sustainability to biodiversity and conservation planning, ecological networks and global change. Indeed, Landscape Ecological principles have been recognised as so important that they have been used to set national biodiversity programmes.



The congress venue

The congress will present the principles of Landscape Ecology and their practical application to conservation and landuse planning, land and water management, past, present and future. The discussions will demonstrate the increasing importance of Landscape Ecology in spatial planning for landscapes and biodiversity and will reflect the topics that are currently pertinent, such as remote sensing, geographic information systems, spatial statistics and modelling.

The congress will also demonstrate how the Landscape Ecology community has moved

from a small group of enthusiasts to a world wide movement. Early career scientists are particularly encouraged to attend to continue this development and ensure that these new landscape ecologists are an integral part of the future of landscape ecology. To help advance these new scientists, intensive courses will be run by renowned landscape ecologists. Other landscape ecologists may also like to use these courses as an opportunity for a refresher.

Courses include:

- Analysis of landscape patterns using FRAGSTATS
- Methods for modeling landuse change, including: calibration, validation and extrapolation
- Landscape Ecology for Impact Assessment
- Integrated Wetland Management
- Multifunctionality of Landscapes
- Landscape and sustainability
- Governing for sustainability.



The foyer



The congress will offer:

- A global review of Landscape Ecology;
- Symposia on key topics;
- Open sessions covering new topics;
- Workshops for brainstorming potential new directions;
- Short presentations and discussions
- Extensive space for poster sessions
- A final round table discussion
- Discussion of European policy issues
- A lively social programme
- Conference excursions to places where science and practice meet

Key dates:

- Call for Abstracts open: June 1st 2006
- Closing date for submitting abstracts: September 1st 2006
- Registration open: July 1st 2006

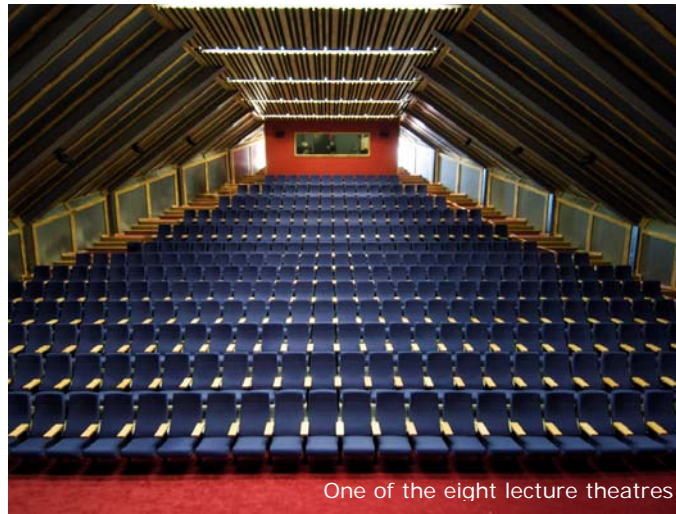
Venue, duration and time

The congress will take place in the adjoining towns of Ede and Wageningen in central Netherlands.

The core of the congress will take place over four days from Monday 9th July to Thursday 12th July 2007. In addition there will be an opening reception on Sunday 8th July, and post-congress excursions between Friday 13th and Sunday 15th July.

The conference venue will be at CINEMEC, a multifunctional Cinema Centre in Ede. The courses will be held nearby at the Wageningen UR University.

The evening programme is planned for several locations in Wageningen.



Free shuttle buses will be provided and bicycles will be available for rent.

Preliminary programme:

Sunday July 8th 2007

- Opening reception and registration

Monday July 9th 2007

- Opening and plenary session
- Official opening with the Dutch Minister of Agriculture and Nature
- Keynote speeches
- Parallel sessions
- Poster session

Tuesday July 10th 2007

- Plenary lectures
- Parallel sessions
- Poster session
- Congress dinner and party

Wednesday July 11th 2007

- Excursions to nine destinations
- Workshop on urban ecology
- Visits to Alterra

Thursday July 12th 2007

- Parallel sessions
- Poster session
- Plenary closing session

Friday July 13th to Sunday 15th 2007

- Post Congress excursions

Additional information can be found at:

www.iale2007.com

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