

VI ICON-LA International Conference  
11 June-15 June 2012

**Green Infrastructure: from global to local**

**St. Petersburg (Russia), Uppsala and Stockholm (Sweden)**

**EFLA Regional Congress**

Details regarding the conference are available on the conference webpage  
**<http://www.icon-la.org>**

**Dear participant,**

You are very welcome to our joint conference in St. Petersburg and Uppsala.  
We are expecting a participation of many good professionals from all around the globe.

There will be **7 subthemes in the conference:**

Green Infrastructure in different scales;  
Green Heritage;  
Green-Blue infrastructures;  
Built structure-Green infrastructure and their interactions;  
Green infrastructures: ecosystem services;  
The link between green and social infrastructure;  
Transportation and green infrastructures.

The scientific output will be in the form of a ***peer-reviewed conference abstract proceedings*** (will be completed before the conference) and a special issue in one of the peer reviewed publications (Urban Forestry and Urban Greening, Landscape and Ecological Engineering or Nordic Architectural Research etc.) after the conference. Editors of these scientific journals will be invited to the conference.

**The conference will consist of total 5 days: two days** of conference presentations and a technical excursion in **St. Petersburg, one day** on the train **St. Petersburg-Helsinki** plus **boat-ferry** between **Helsinki and Stockholm** and **two days** of conference presentations and technical excursions in **Stockholm and Uppsala**.

**The keynote speakers** are world leading academics and practitioners: **Martha Schwartz** (USA , UK), one of the leading world's landscape architects, Professor **Nancy Rottle** from the University of Washington, USA; Professor **Stephan Pauleit** from Munich Technical University, Germany, Dr. **Larisa Kanunnikova**, the Main Landscape Architect of St. Petersburg, Professors **Clas Florgård**, world specialist in indigenous vegetation and **Per G Berg**, DG Environment (EU) expert for the European Green Capital Award from SLU, Sweden.

**This conference will be a part of the EFLA (European Federation for Landscape Architecture) General Assembly meeting which will take place on 8–10<sup>th</sup> of June in St. Petersburg.** Invited to the conference are also IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects) and its members. The conference will be held in the time of the Imperial Gardens of Russia Festival in St. Petersburg and participants will be able to be a part of this event as well.

### **Abstracts**

We look forward to receiving your abstracts. **The due date is 20<sup>th</sup> of March** (please see on our **website** the abstract's and posters requirements)

### **Conference fee**

**The registration fee is 300 Euro for 5 days** which includes coffee breaks, lunches, ticket to the Allegro train (St. Petersburg to Helsinki), the ferry trip with one meal (From Helsinki to Stockholm), excursion buses in Uppsala and St. Petersburg and a copy of the conference proceedings.

**Please register on our website and use your registration number for further steps such as payments, accommodation and visa's arrangements**

The information about two conference dinners (one in St. Petersburg and one in Uppsala) will be announced shortly.

### **Payment**

For the payment instruction please visit our web site <http://www.icon-la.org> (payment instruction)

**Please notice that there will be two separate payments for this conference**

**Russian part:** 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June. The payment should be made **IN CASH (120 EUR) on the first day** of the conference (during the registration). Or it is **60 Euro for one day** of the conference (optional).

The registration fee for students is **60 Euro for 2 days or 30 Euro for one day** of conference attendance (optional).

**Swedish part of the conference:** 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June, **180 Euro or 60 Euro for one day** of conference attendance (travel plus conference during the trip (optional).

**for students is 90 Euro for 3 days or 30 Euro for one day** (optional).

**It should be paid via BANK TRANSFER.** Please see Payment Instruction on our webpage.

## **Accommodation**

We worked with different travel agencies to organise comfortable and appropriate options. At the moment St. Petersburg "Favorit" DMC is helping us with an accommodation arrangement and Russian visa support.

**Note: Transportation for conference participants to the conference venue will be provided.**

Because the end of May and early June is the **peak time of the tourist season in St. Petersburg (White Nights)** we need to book the accommodation as soon as possible (just book, not pay!) **but no later than April 15, 2011**. Please visit our webpage for further information.

We would really appreciate if you can let us know what kind of accommodation you are interested in and how many people will be accompanying you. We also need to know if you are interested in the pre-conference tour (also for accommodation and visa purposes).

On the website you will find the requested forms.

You can also find your **own** accommodation. Most hotels will provide you with tourist visa support.

## **Russian Visa**

Please, visit our web site for the instruction.

Attached you will find two separate **forms for accommodation and visa support** which we would like you to fill in as soon as possible

After receiving your information for the visa, the Russian organisers ("Favorit") will send you a **Confirmation and a Hotel Voucher (NOT VISA!!!)**. These papers will contain information about your stay — dates, city, hotel, and also all the required information about the Tourist Firm "Favorit".

Once you have received the papers (**Confirmation and a Hotel Voucher**) you can apply to your nearest Russian Consulate and they will grant a **Russian tourist visa** for you for the **whole period of your stay** (not only in St. Petersburg but also in any other places you are going to visit in Russia during your stay). The majority of consulates accept copies sent by fax or scanned copies and do not require original papers. You can visit the webpage of the Russian Consulate (nearest to you) and find out their visa requirements. Usually tourist visa applications are processed quite quickly.

The price for the visa support is 5 Euro. Payment must be made **in cash at the conference location**. **We would really appreciate if you can send us your forms as soon as possible.**

## **Swedish Visa**

Remember that for some passport holders it will be necessary to have a Swedish visa as well. Please contact us for further information.

**Pre-Conference Tour in St. Petersburg (9<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> of June 2012)**

9<sup>th</sup> of June: Historical Centre of St. Petersburg: Hermitage Museum, Rivers and Canals

10<sup>th</sup> of June: Peterhof Gardens

**Post-conference tour in Uppsala-Stockholm (16<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> of June 2012)**

The programme will be announced shortly.

*We would also like to know about your interest in pre-conference tours.*

**If you have any further questions about the conference please do not hesitate to contact us at [contact@icon-la.org](mailto:contact@icon-la.org)**

We look forward to seeing you in St. Petersburg in June!

The Organising Committee