



## Criteria for Membership in IFLA Europe

### Preamble

This document supplements the IFLA Europe Statutes, II Constitution, Article 2.

The Federation shall comprise national associations of landscape architects of member countries of the European Union, the European Economic Area or signatories to bilateral accords recognising the European Union's Directives concerning the free movement of labour and all the members of the Council of Europe with the sole condition that the association has made a membership request to the Federation.

The Federation shall recognise only one national association in each country. National associations must be appropriately constituted legal bodies in their own countries and, by attaining membership of the Federation shall be required to become a member of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA). These associations are referred hereafter collectively as the effective members.

The 'Declaration of EFLA' signed in 1989 in conjunction with the foundation of EFLA has four appendices. Appendix C records the reciprocal recognition of academic qualifications awarded by a number of listed courses of the signatory countries. Appendix D sets out the general standards for Landscape Architecture Education required for Effective Membership in EFLA:

- a. *Undergraduate entry:*  
*a minimum of 4 years full-time academic study (or part-time equivalent)*  
*+ 2 years professional practice*
- b. *Graduate entry following a first degree in a related subject of at least 3 years duration and after a selection procedure:*  
*a minimum of 2 years full-time academic study (or part-time equivalent)*  
*+ 2 years professional practice*

In addition, IFLA Europe offers Interim Membership and Affiliate Membership to associations not immediately fulfilling the requirements of Effective Membership.

IFLA has adopted Criteria for Membership, stating, among other things, that a member association must, in its constitution, byelaws or rules, clearly identify that academic attainment, specifically in undergraduate or post graduate qualification in landscape architecture (which may be landscape planning, and landscape design) is a prerequisite for membership. Only these members may be identified as full members of the association. (In the past it may have been that these requirements were not applied at the time of granting membership to the association. However, all future membership applications must follow the standards now agreed; i.e. minimum entry qualification for individual membership of the association is a four-year degree.

This is further specified in the IFLA Charter for Landscape Architecture Education 2006, Article II:3 states that landscape architectural education involves the acquisition of knowledge within the following broad areas:

- a. *History of cultural form and an understanding of design as a social art*
- b. *Cultural and natural systems*
- c. *Plant material and horticultural applications*
- d. *Site engineering including materials, methods, technologies, construction documentation and administration, and applications*
- e. *Theory and methodologies in design and planning*
- f. *Landscape design, management, planning and science at all scales and applications*
- g. *Information technology and computer applications*
- h. *Public policy and regulation*
- i. *Communications and public facilitation*
- j. *Ethics and values related to the profession*



## Criteria for Effective Membership in IFLA Europe

Effective Membership of IFLA Europe is open to a professional Association of Landscape Architects subject to the following conditions:

1. Only one professional association can be admitted from any member state.
2. The professional association is required also to be/become a member of IFLA.
3. The professional association must in its constitution, byelaws or rules, clearly show that full membership (members with voting rights) is limited to persons fulfilling the academic standards and trained in accordance with the minimum standards set down by EFLA in the Declaration of 1989, Appendix D.
4. The professional association will accept applications for membership from graduates of all landscape architecture programmes in the European Member States (programmes recognised by IFLA Europe), subject to whatever additional professional practice requirements may be required by the national association.
5. Where the profession of Landscape Architecture comprises one section of a broader multi-disciplinary or multi-interest professional organisation to the extent that it independently represents the landscape architectural profession it may be admitted as an Effective Member of EFLA provided it can fulfil the requirements determined in these guidelines.
6. Effective Member associations may establish intermediate membership categories reflecting a variety of stages in professional development. Consequently, they are expected to provide student membership. They may also offer Honorary Membership to persons outside the profession on the merit of important support to the profession. (Such membership classes should not have voting rights.)
7. Education programmes within Effective Member countries are to be regularly monitored and reviewed by Effective Member associations to ensure standards of education and course content are maintained and improved.
8. Member Associations are committed to the maintenance and improvement of professional standards and competences and the promotion of the profession in general.
9. Full voting members of Effective Member associations must not have conflicting financial or commercial interests outside the profession that might in anyway undermine their professional integrity or judgment in all matters. Any potential conflicting interests must be declared to IFLA Europe for the avoidance of doubt.