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As every fall since 1989, IFLA EUROPE's Conference and General Assembly is ready to take place. It is at this unique moment of the year that all our 34 National Associations' Presidents and Delegates will meet to discuss on topics related to our profession.

These will range from education to professional practice, from financing and communication to core projects for our Federation. As last year, the proceedings will also include the nomination of new Honorary Members, Corporate Members, the voting of the 2015 Resolution, and an Award giving ceremony. This will honour the winners of the **2015 Young Professionals Competition**, as well as the **IFLA EUROPE 2015 Award** which has been granted to UNESCO for the leading path it has envisioned since the 1972 World Heritage Convention, and furthermore since 1992, after the inclusion on Cultural Landscapes into the World Heritage List.

Precisely on this subject, and besides our General Assembly, a Conference on **Landscape Archetypes, lessons for the future**, has been organized by the Portuguese Association of Landscape Architects (APAP). In it, together with the representatives of all our 34 National Associations, invited lecturers will scientifically contribute to the topic presenting a diversity of approaches that will enable us to redefine our workmanship, expertise and professional practice.

Landscapes, the combined works of both man and the natural environment which represent the living archive of humankind's technological development in its strive to adapt itself to natural impositions, are a result from millenary mechanisms, of intangible processes repository of ancestral knowledge. However, they are subject to changes which encompass from natural phenomena to anthropogenic activity, and many of them have become clearly vulnerable once the age-old relations between human communities and the environment are altered. It is therefore fundamental that, as landscape architects, **we generate vital answers** to the changes underway.

Sensitive to changes, holistic in their answers, integral as regards the complexity of their solutions, all of the conferences and presentations will establish **a rich landscape mosaic of strategic answers**. The new climatic order invites us to link individual experience to humankind's future, so that projects presented will encompass subtle articulations ranging from global evolution to interventions at the closest local level. They will bring our attention to the many and varied projects already under way, on solutions which are being currently experimented and on the mutations in the practice of landscape planning which can already be seen in Europe: *planning our landscapes is also a way of anticipating the future to come*.

We deeply thank the Portuguese Association of Landscape Architects for all their endeavours in organising these events which will take place from the 16th - 18th October, and **we look forwards to meeting you all in Lisbon!**