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PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN

ON BEING A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

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My first presidential bulletin one year ago informed you on the state of affairs dealing with the official recognition of the profession. This subject is core to our Federation; it is the reason of our existence as when in 1957 the European Economic Community was established with the signing of the Treaty of Rome, it created a legal instrument (Directive 89/48/EEC) covering the general mutual **recognition of professional qualifications**.

The **European Foundation for Landscape Architecture** (EFLA, Brussels 1989) was created precisely at this stage as, though IFLA existed since 1958, it seemed unable to respond to the specific requirements of the European area. EFLA's objective was to harmonise the education and practice of landscape architecture within the countries then members of the European Union (12 at that time). Michael Oldham, EFLA's first president, reminded us all of this situation at our last General Assembly in 2014.

Since then, and for the last 26 years, a regular process of close cooperation within the legislative framework of the EU has been going on so that nowadays IFLA EUROPE has established a fluent relation with the Directorate General of Growth at the **European Commission** who is in charge of ensuring an open internal market for services in the EU.

Right now, and like in previous years with the help of the *Federal Chamber of German Landscape Architects*, -we must deeply thank Fritz Auweck and Mario Kahl for their constant commitment- we are working directly on two issues. The first one deals with an exhaustive mapping of the profession's regulation in the Member States and the European economic area. **A profession can be considered regulated** in the sense of the 2005/36/EC directive in the following situations: the access to the profession is subject to mandatory qualification requirements, i.e. the activities of the profession are reserved to persons holding a given qualification; the title is protected, i.e., only a person having a specific professional qualification can use a given professional title; or both access to profession and title are protected. At this moment IFLA EU and the EC are cooperating to create a final list on the countries where the profession is regulated.

The second working line deals with establishing a **Common Training Framework** (CTF) for landscape architects which is being currently worked on by IFLA EUROPE's Education Committee. IFLA EU is working at the same pace than DG Growth, as they are too working now on guidelines for the CTF. These will be published in autumn 2015 so that at the stage IFLA EU will start preparing a final document.

Support provided by IFLA EUROPE's National Associations will be crucial in the next months, as well as **your personal feedback** to continue strengthening our position in Europe. As to be able to receive immediate information on professional matters from you, we have established this year two projects. *Professional Mobility* across Europe assists professional migration for members of IFLA EU's National Associations; IFLA EUROPE's *Members' Data Base* will bring your capacities to the forefront, reinforcing solid working relationships with strategically important partners (more information in our web page).

Time seems to be moving slower than any of us would like, but we need to persevere and remain vigilant, producing all the documents, establishing the necessary relations with institutions so as to insure all of us will be able to continue practising our profession… **Together we will be stronger!**

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