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The idea of creating an International Federation of Landscape Architects was the outcome of a series of meetings which took place in Brussels (1934 & 1935) and Berlin (1938), but was held back due to **World War II**. Soon after it ended, the Institute of Landscape Architects (UK) organised a Conference in Cambridge (1948).

Following a suggestion by Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe and René Pechère, an informal meeting took place on **Sunday 15th August 1948** which congregated the representatives of 14 countries which agreed unanimously on the creation of an International Federation of Landscape Architects. Its official first meeting took place in Paris (1949) where Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe was elected President, together with Ferdinand Duprat (Vice-President), Silvia Crowe (Honorary Secretary), and René Pechère (Treasurer). The official Constitution was only signed at its second conference in Madrid (1950).

Ever since this moment these annual meetings have been taking place -only interrupted occasionally- so that in less than one month, from the 6th-8th June, the **52<sup>nd</sup> IFLA World Council** will congregate in Moscow -and later on at the follow-up Congress in Saint Petersburg- the representatives of the 71 National Associations that presently form part of IFLA.

It has been a **decisive last year for IFLA** following the structural changes that came into being after the last World Council in Buenos Aires (2014), possibly the most profound functional rearrangements since its foundation back in 1948. The new Executive Council, besides the Regional Presidents for Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe, now includes an Executive Director, as well as the Chairs of Education and Academic Affairs; Professional Practice and Policy; and Communications and External Relations. Their input will be debated in the World Council scenario, where core subjects dealing with education and professional practice, our visibility as a profession and communication between us, aim to be crystallized in an action plan which will ensure our strategic vision for the future to come.

IFLA Europe is completely supportive of this newly revised International Federation. The fact that we are part of a **structure with world-wide scope** allows for multiple possibilities to define our European vocation as well as our own and peculiar way of seeing the future as landscape architects. It is our aim to enhance and promote this international organisation, whom we all should feel proud of belonging to. The further consolidation of other IFLA regions, which aim to become legal entities such as IFLA EUROPE is, will also strengthen visibility worldwide.

You will be kept informed about the decisions and debates that will take place at the World Council either by IFLA EUROPE or directly from your National Associations. Further information on our **26<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference & General Assembly** which will take place in Lisbon, 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October, under the subject of *Landscape Archetypes, Lessons for the Future*, can be found at our web page.