



# COMMON GROUND

IFLA WORLD CONGRESS 2019  
Oslo, Norway 18-20 September



## OFFICIAL REPORT

*After six years of planning and two years of intense working, more than 1,500 participants made IFLA World Congress 2019 a Landscape Architects' festival. We had the strong feeling to be lifted and pushed by a landscape movement during the Congress. The Landscape Architects have the blue and green tools that the world demands. The 21st century is the century of the Landscape Architects, as we have the holistic approach needed. The IFLA World Congress in Oslo became a success since Planners, Architects and Landscape Architects considered the event not only to be relevant, but not to be missed. The Congress in Oslo was remarkable and will be written in the Norwegian Landscape history as the greatest and most successful Landscape event in Norway ever, in the 90 Years of existence for the Norwegian Association of Landscape Architects. Thank you for participating!*

*Rainer Stange*

Rainer Stange, NLA President



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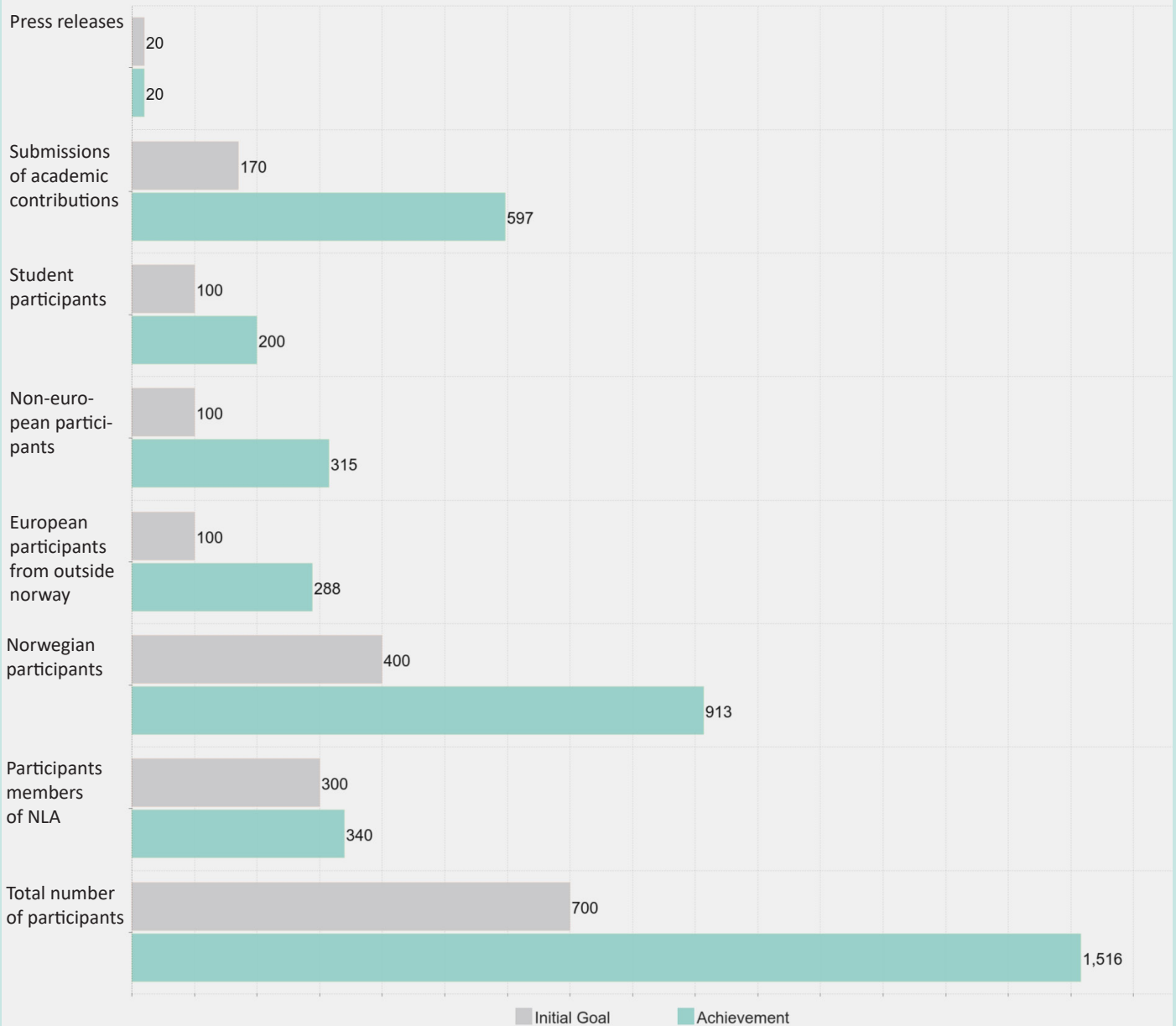


**During 3 days, over 1,500 participants gathered in Oslo, Norway, to participate in a world congress on landscape architecture; IFLA 2019 Common Ground.**



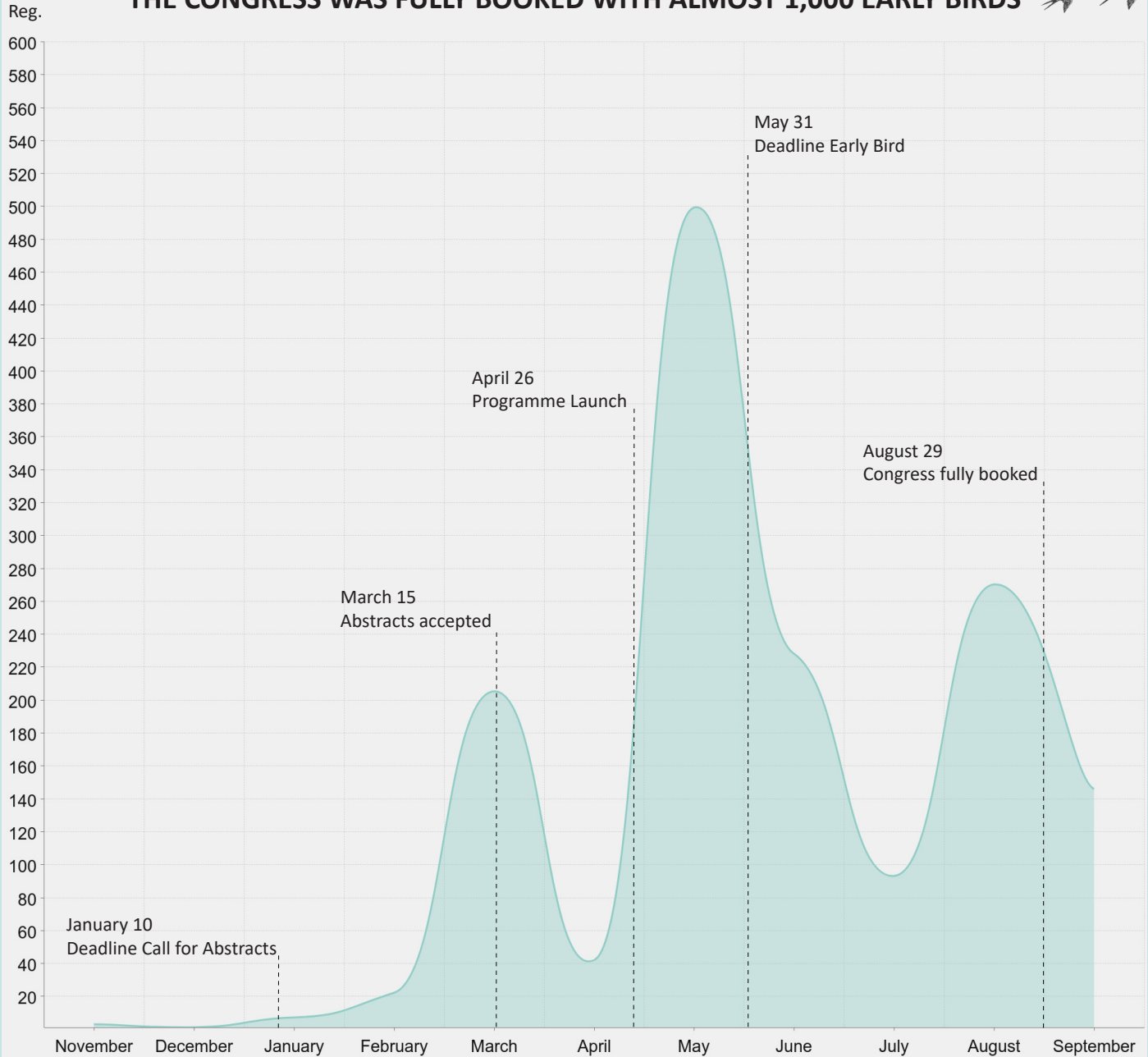


## INITIAL GOALS WERE ACHIEVED - THANKS TO A HUGE INTEREST

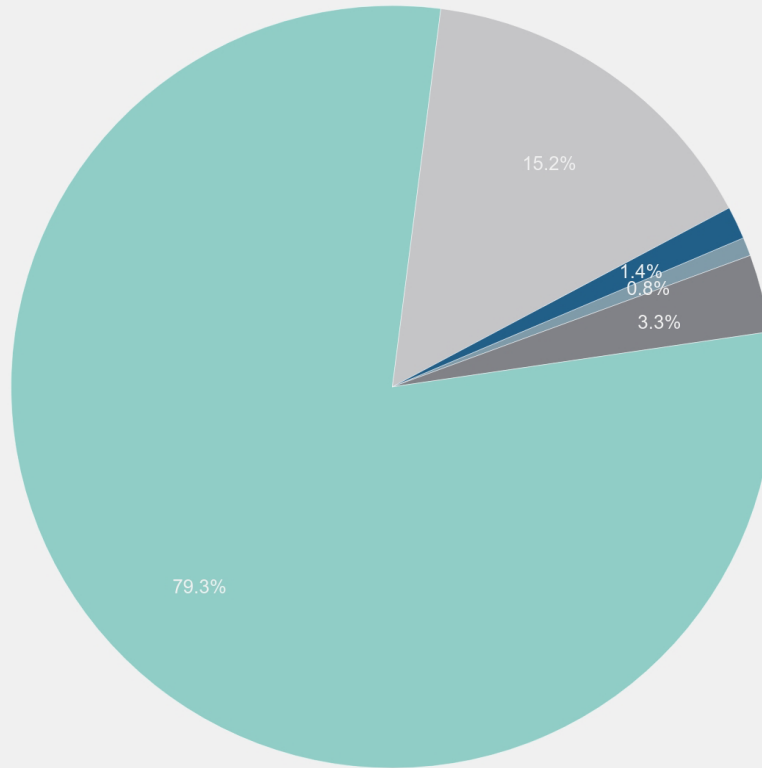




# THE CONGRESS WAS FULLY BOOKED WITH ALMOST 1,000 EARLY BIRDS

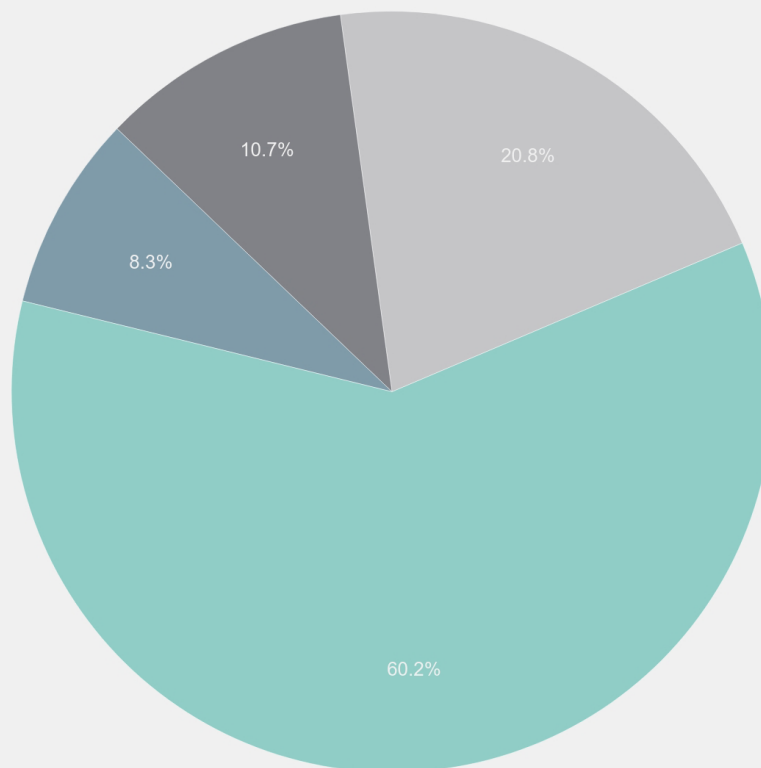


### ALL IFLA REGIONS WERE REPRESENTED



● Africa 12 ● The Americas 50 ● Europe 1,206 ● Asia Pacific 231 ● Middle East 21

## THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS CAME FROM NORWAY



● Norwegians	913	● Nordics outside Norway	126
● Europeans outside the Nordic countries	162	● Participants from outside Europe	315

## APP AND STREAMING SERVICES WERE WIDELY USED DURING THE CONGRESS

17,166

Views of the congress  
programme in the app

1,264

Congress app users

400

Live streamings  
on the first day

## THE NUMBER OF VIEWS ON THE NLA YOUTUBE CHANNEL IS CONSTANTLY GROWING

40

Film clips from IFLA 2019  
Common Ground can be watched  
on NLA's YouTube channel.

1,100

Views of the IFLA Playlist on  
NLA's YouTube channel.  
"IFLA Highlights" is the most  
viewed clip with 363 views.  
(23 Oct 2019)





## A CONGRESS WITH 12 INSPIRING AND ENGAGING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

From top left: Anne Whiston Spirn, Kathryn Gustafson, Helena Bjarnegård, Eric-Jan Pleijster  
Jala Makhzoumi, Ola Bettum, Kurt Johannessen, Anita Berritzbeitia  
Zoe Banks Gross, Anne Beate Hovind, Henri Bava, Frode Hvattum



## STRONG AND BEAUTIFUL VOICES





## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES



**40 BREAKOUT SESSIONS AND A POSTER EXHIBITION WITH OVER 80 PROJECTS**





## AWARD WINNERS

From left: Student Design Competition Award Winners, 1. prize: Zhou Ming Jie, Wei Zhong Mian, Jiang Han Yang and Chair of Jury Beverly Sandalack. Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award Winner 2020 Kathryn Gustafson and IFLA President James Hayter. Student Design Competition Award Winners, 2. prize: Zhuang Hang, not present Hu Ersi. Student Design Competition Award Winners, 3. prize: Ricardo Pala, Pedro Casalta and Marta Terlim. SGJA 2019, Anne Whiston Spirn





**NLA LANDSCAPE AWARD 2019: TAG Arkitekter – Lyreneset**  
**NLA HONORARY AWARD 2019: Bjørbekk & Lindheim – Ensjøbyen**





A SOCIAL LUNCH BREAK AT YOUNGSTORGET





## DANCING AND MINGLING



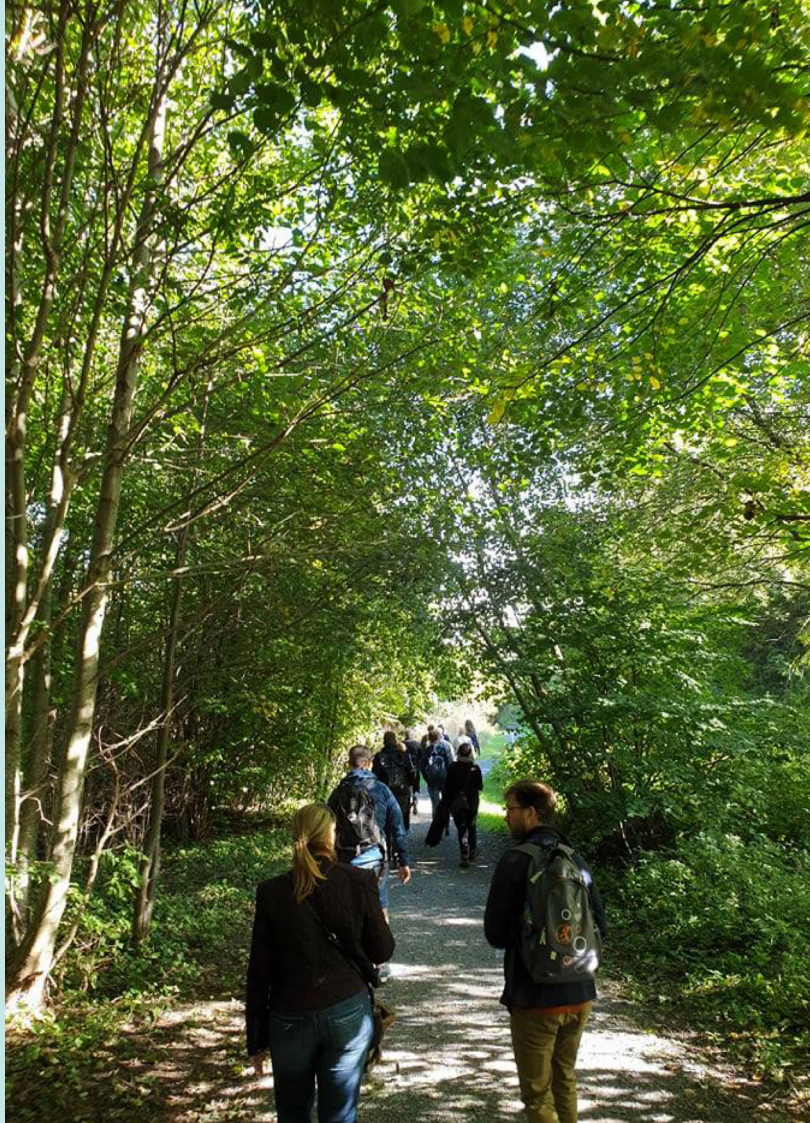


## BOOKS, TALKS AND CONVERSATIONS



## MOVING PERFORMANCES





## WALKS AND TALKS IN 18 DIFFERENT AREAS AROUND OSLO



## EXCURSIONS ON LAND AND ON WATER





## CLASSIC PROJECTS REVISITED



**AND RECENT PROJECTS ANALYSED...!**





**WITH HELP FROM OVER 100 AMAZING IFLA VOLUNTEERS**

“Thank you for a fantastic and inspirational conference!”

Lillian Thomsen,  
Danske Landskabsarkitekter, Denmark

“Stort tack för en fantastisk kongress! Jag har haft så kul, blivit så inspirerad och är imponerad av ert välorganiserade arrangemang.”

Emily Wade,  
Sweden

“It’s a pretty impressive and educational conference, thanks for your devoting!”

Dan Ye, Journal of China Landscape Architecture, China

“Thank you Oslo so much! You are a great example for the green cities. I bring all my experiences to my country what you gave. I never expected that I would swim in the fjord in the middle of September! Many thanks for NLA to organize this. Congratulations!”

Bardóczy Sándor,  
Hungary

“Takk for en super konferanse:))”

Tuva L. Torjesen, Volunteer,  
Oslo

“It was a very great experience and the programme was very interesting (...) The best congress I have ever participated!!!”

Junheng Lai,  
China

“Thank you for excellent organization of the congress, for unforgettable days!”

Nino Shengelia, President Gala,  
Georgia

“The Congress was very well organized, the event app worked pretty well and all the programs like the morning swim and into the office gave us a taste about life in Norway. (...) I’m seriously considering starting my career in Norway even though I prefer warmer temperatures.”

Dorottya Bekesi,  
Hungary

“The most fabulous congress I can remember!”

James Hayter,  
President IFLA, Australia

“Congratulations to a well organized congress, the welcoming spirit of the teams working towards this success went beyond the call of duty”

Jala Makhzoumi هلالج, professor of landscape architecture, Lebanon

“IFLA-kongressen ble virkelig en suksess og det var veldig gøy å være frivillig (...)”

Helene S. B. Finseth, Volunteer,  
Norway

“The IFLA World Congress was such a wonderful, successful event , and thanks for including me into the program. I would also like to thank all the people who were involved in putting together the reunion of landscape architects and other professionals from around the world.”

LIU Hugh Kwan,  
Hong Kong



Project owner: International Federation of Landscape Architects, IFLA  
Project organiser: Norwegian Association of Landscape Architects, NLA



**WARM REGARDS FROM THE IFLA 2019 PROJECT TEAM!**

Maja Kozak Dehlin Marit Hovi Christiane Wolfbauer Yngvar Hegrenes Anita Veiseth Karsten Jørgensen Mona Vestli (not in the picture)

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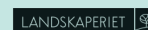
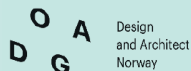
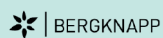
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