



**General Assembly Minutes
IFLA Europe**

The General Assembly of IFLA Europe duly called and held on the 21st and 22nd of September 2013 at Gästehaus Hauptbahnhof, Berlin, Germany.

ATTENDEES:

Executive Council (ExCo)

President	Mr. Nigel THORNE
Secretary General	Ms. Marina CERVERA
IFLA Europe Treasurer	Mr. Jeremy A. DENNIS
IFLA Europe VP PP	Mr. Carlo BRUSCHI
IFLA Europe VP Education	Mr. Tony WILLIAMS
IFLA Europe Com. & Exec-Sec.	Ms. Christine BAVASSA

Delegates

ABAJP-BVTL, Belgium	Mr. Didier VANCUTSEM
AEP, Spain	Ms. Cristina DEL POZO
AIAPP, Italy	Ms. Anna SESSAREGO
ALAROS, Russia	Mr. Ilya MOCHALOV
APAP, Portugal	Ms. Margarida CANCELA D'ABREU
ASOP, Romania	Mr. Andrei CONDOROS
BDLA, Germany	Mr. Fritz AUWECK
BSLA, Switzerland	Mr. Christian TSCHUMI
CTLA-TR, Turkey	Mr. Mustafa ARTAR
CZLA, Czech Republic	Ms. Klara SALZMANN
DL, Denmark	Ms. Anja BOSERUP QVIST
ELAU, Estonia	Mr. Bruno MARQUES
F.F.P., France	Mr. Marc CLARAMUNT
FILA, Iceland	Ms. Thorhildur THORHALSDOTTIR
HALA, Hungary	Ms. Fruzsina ZELENAK
ILI, Ireland	Mr. Tony WILLIAMS
ISALA, Israel	Mr. Leor LOVINGER
LAAB, Latvia	Ms. Lilita ZELTINA
LALA, Lithuania	Mr. Gintaras STAUSKIS
LI, United Kingdom	Mr. Ian PHILLIPS
MARK, Finland	Ms. Emilia WECKMAN
NLA, Norway	Mr. Gyda GRENSTAD
NVTL, Netherlands	Ms. Charlotte BUYS
ÖGLA, Austria	Mr. Karl GRIMM
PHALA, Greece	Mr. Thanos SKLAVENITIS
SAK, Poland	Ms. Urszula FORCZEK-BRATANIEC
SVERIGES ARKITEKTER, Sweden	Ms. Emily WADE
ULA, Bulgaria	Ms. Lubima KARACHEVA
UPAS, Serbia	Mr. Andreja TUTUNDZIC



National Associations' Presidents/Vice-presidents

AEP, Spain	Mr. Antonio (Toño) SOPESENS
APAP, Portugal	Ms. Miguel BRAULA
BSLA, Switzerland	Mr. Pascal GYSIN
DL, Denmark	Ms. Karen SEJR
ELAU, Estonia	Ms. Sirle SALMISTU
FILA, Iceland	Ms. Hermann Georg GUNNLAUGSSON
HALA, Hungary	Mr. Tamás DÖMÖTÖR
ILI, Ireland	Mr. Tony WILLIAMS
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UPAS, Serbia	Mr. Dusan TODOROVIC
Wageningen University, Netherlands	Prof. Adri van den BRINK

¹ Landscape Architecture Europe



Saturday 21ST SEPTEMBER 2013

With the approval of the ExCo members, Mr. Nigel Thorne, IFLA Europe President, acted as Chair of the meeting and Ms. Marina Cervera, IFLA Europe Secretary General, assisted by Christine Bavassa, (Executive Secretary) recorded the minutes.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM:

- Mr. Alexandru Ciobota (ASOP, Romania)
- Mr. Pol Gekhiere (BVTL-ABAJP, Belgium)
- Mr. Michael van Gessel (LAE, Netherlands)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES :

The Minutes of the 2012 General Assembly were approved on the assurance that Mr. Andreja Tutundzic, UPAS', Serbia delegate be included in the list of attendees.

MATTERS ARISING: PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Nigel Thorne spoke to his report.
No questions were raised.

He then handed over to Emily Wade and Bruno Marques to report on the [IFLA Strategic Review](#).

Discussion/questions:

Ilya Mochalov seized the opportunity to remind everyone of the IFLA World call for Chairs of the organisation's working groups and nominations for the post of president.

Margarida Cancela asked if the system of calculating the dues would remain the same. This was confirmed for the foreseeable future.

Tony Williams raised again the question of the financing of committees.

Ana Luengo thanked Emily Wade and Bruno Marques for the work they have done and suggested that there would be changes and that things were unlikely to remain as they are. Nigel Thorne agreed.

MATTERS ARISING: SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT :

Marina Cervera spoke to her report.

Margarida Cancela asked Marina Cervera to introduce the members of the communication group. Marina obliged.

MATTERS ARISING: VICE-PRESIDENT (EDUCATION) REPORT:

Tony Williams spoke to his report.
No questions were raised.

MATTERS ARISING: VICE-PRESIDENT (PROF. PRACTICE) REPORT:

Carlo Bruschi spoke to his report.

Regarding the Statutes and By-Laws revision carried out throughout the year, Nigel Thorne spoke to say that the general assembly would not be asked to vote on these revisions. This was because IFLA World Constitution and By-Laws were also under fundamental review and it would be essential to ensure that the two documents were complimentary. The 2014 General Assembly should not spend hours having to make minor revisions because the two sets have not been synchronised.

He praised the enormous amount of work carried out by Carlo Bruschi and hoped that throughout the forthcoming months others around the table might engage and review it via a small working group to make sure that everyone is happy with the proposed changes. The IFLA World Constitution will hopefully be approved at the World Council in Buenos Aires, and thereafter perhaps Carlo Bruschi would put the finishing touches needed.

Andreja Tutundzic supported the suggestion.

Klara Salzmann spoke to thank Carlo Bruschi especially for the Pecha Kucha initiative.



LAE INTRODUCTION

Lisa Diedrich, board member for the Landscape Architecture Europe (LAE) was invited to report on this initiative in which IFLA Europe had been involved for years.

PECHA KUCHA PRESENTATIONS

The presentations took place after the committee and working group meetings.

IFLA Europe members highlighted national best practices, key landscape architecture projects and concerns. The following presentations were from:

Bulgaria:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/ula_bulgaria
Czech Republic:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/szkt-clgs_salzmann.recovering.pptx
Denmark:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/danish_landscape_pechakuscha_2013
Estonia:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/la_achievements_in_estonia_for_ga_2
Finland:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/ga_2013_berlin_mark
France:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/pecha_kucha_pr_sentation_ffp
Iceland:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/iceland_ifla_presentation_2013_02.p
Israel:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/2013.09.21_pechakucha_-_leor_-_fina
Latvia:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/ifla_latvija.pptx
Norway:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/2013.09.21_nla_berlin.pptx
Poland:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/sak_forczek-brataniec_poland_big
Romania:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/la_in_romania.pptx
Serbia:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/sala_pk.pptx
Spain:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/pecha-kucha_la_in_spain
Switzerland:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/bsla-fsap_tschumi-master_ch
Sweden:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/sweden-pecha_cutcha_2013.pptx
Turkey:	http://issuu.com/iflaeurope/docs/ctla-tr

22ND OF SEPTEMBER 2013

The president opened the meeting, welcoming back all the participants and requesting the reports back from the committee meetings held on the previous day.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT BACK:

Chair: Tony Williams

Participants:

Adrian **Hoppensted**; Adri **van den Brink**; Andreja **Tutundzic**; Claudia **Fabian**; Cristina **del Pozo**; Emilia **Weckman**; Erich **Buhmann**; Fruzsina **Zelenak**; Gintaras **Stauskis**; Gyda **Grendstad**; Hermann Georg **Gunnlaugsson**; Lilita **Zeltina**; Liv **Sonntag**; Lubima **Karacheva**; Marc **Claramunt**; Margarida **Abreu**; Mustafa **Artar**; Nadezhda **Papazova**; Pascal **Gysin**.

Tony Williams thanked Andreja Tutundzic for taking very good minutes of the meeting during which the main issues discussed were updating the education table, which the delegates could find in the [Dropbox](#) link that was sent to them with the documents of the General Assembly. The format of the table was explained. It was stressed that IFLA EU needed to know what schools existed within Europe no matter whether they were recognized by IFLA EU, or the national association and that it was imperative that each national association ensured the table was up to date and complete. He asked that all national associations to check and send any revisions to the secretariat and directly to him.



The second item on which was highlighted were the requirements of the national association to join and these details should be entered in the amended spreadsheet.

Delegates were again requested to download the survey from the [Dropbox](#) and fill it in and return to Tony Williams as soon as possible.

Second part of the report dealt with the ECLAS-IFLA Europe relationship, which was now guided by a clear working brief and agreement.

Finally Tony Williams mentioned the action plan of the committee, which he requested the delegates to download and update with their associations requirements and to ensure they are allocated a suitable task.

The report was applauded.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT BACK:

Chair: Carlo **Bruschi**

Participants:

Fritz **Auweck**; Ms Anja **Boserup Qvist**; Frans **Boots**; Miguel **Braula Reis**; Margarida **Cancela d'Abreu**; Andrei; Frederic **Dellinger** ; Vaiva **Deveikiene** ; Tamas **Domotor** ; Urszula **Forczek-Brataniec**; Karl **Grimm**; Silvia **Groeger**; Andjelka **Jevtovic** ; Mario **Kahl** ; Arto **Kaituri** ; Lubima **Karacheva** ; Leor **Lovinger** ; Ana **Luengo** ; Sandor **Mohacsi** ; Ian **Phillips**; Sirle **Salmistu** ; Klara **Salzmann** ; Anna **Sessarego** ; Thanos **Sklavenitis** ; Toño **Sopesens** ; Rainer **Stange** ; Dusan **Todorovic** ; Didier **Vancutsem** ; Emily **Wade**.

Committee's advice, comments and notes

- IFLA Europe should find a mechanism and set up a strategy for influencing deciding bodies and promoting landscape architecture to the decision makers; put the landscape architecture in focus of the public and politicians; change people perception about landscape architects' work.
- Study a road-map on how IFLA/IFLA Europe member associations could collaborate on the international and European level in order to raise the public awareness about the importance of landscape architecture.
- Find a method to nurture the initiatives happening during the General Assemblies: how can we make them survive and thrive? Promote better relationships and exchanges of information/points of views among the member associations; start Dropbox communications by means of specific folders.

Report was applauded.

Nigel Thorne reminded that the list of aspirations can be as long as one wished but participants need to contribute to make them reality.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT BACK:

Chair: Marina **Cervera**

Participants:

Laure **Aubert**; Christine **Bavassa**; Charlotte **Buys**; Ariane **Delilez**; Jeremy **Dennis**; Krzysztof **Hermann**; Bruno **Marques**; Désirée **Martínez**; Piotr **Murda**; Haris **Piplas**; Karen **Sejr**; Marta **Schmid**; Barnabàs **Szakács**; Thorhildur **Thorhallsdottir**; Nigel **Thorne**; Christian **Tschumi**.

Marina Cervera explained that the structure of the meeting comprised two mini workshops relating to the website and the journal.

The first part of the meeting dealt with the website issue. There were many positive comments and the workshop was fruitful. The meeting benefited from the attendance of 17 participants, more than ever before.

The main demand had been to keep it very simple but comprehensive and 'open-source' based so it is easy to manage, maintain and update. Internship opportunities should be included on the website, links to 'architects without borders' and in general make it more people friendly. A PayPal system was suggested for potential sales etc. The web should be more 'alive' with an interactive blog and social networks. In conclusion, there were lots of ideas that came up from the discussion, which will be included where possible, practical and affordable.



The second part of the meeting focused on the IFLA EU Journal. Marina Cervera highlighted the enormous effort put into this second issue. Perhaps further thought is needed to determine just how this might be created (i.e. it is not a 'top down' but 'bottom up' structure that is building the journal). Briefly, every national association that has a newsletter or a journal provides IFLA EU with the most significant pieces (that they already have in their own language) so that the communication group work would be more a work of translation, editing and coordinating than to try to engage people to write for IFLA EU.

This was considered the major challenge. Firstly, to see if it is possible - it would not happen more than twice a year meaning only one person would be checking things previously published by the national associations and find the piece that reflected the work done by the national association or on some exhibition that had been launched or new projects. The idea is to exchange more as with the Pecha Kucha rather than have the communication workgroup finding interesting things. Marina Cervera reminded everyone that feed-back from delegates was very important.

Before concluding Marina Cervera reported that she wanted to move a motion to vote in favour of the website tender document that she hoped all the delegates had read which was summarized to the audience by Bruno Marques' summary as author of the draft. She concluded that the new website was planned to be launched in February 2014.

A vote on the motion in favour of the website tender was moved. Motion was carried with 24 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Marina Cervera thanked the delegates who attended the communication meeting as well as the volunteers of the working group who work very hard.

The report was applauded.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET(S)

Jeremy Dennis spoke to his [report](#).

No questions were raised regarding the 2012 accounts.

Nigel Thorne moved to approve the 2012 accounts subject to a confirmation from the scrutineers' report at the end of October. A vote was taken and the motion was carried with 29 votes in favour.

Further to a question raised by Ana Luengo, Jeremy Dennis seized the opportunity to correct the year mentioned on the appendix 6 that had been circulated to delegates which corresponded to 2014 and not 2013.

As for the budget 2014, he said that the base rate for the fees would remain the same. The one fee structure had shown that people were paying more willingly, so there was no need to change that. €114.000 anticipated from the associations' fees and €10.000 from the organisation's sponsor van den Berk. On the expenses side, the fixed payment to IFLA World of €25.000 amount would probably increase or decrease depending of the decision at IFLA World Council. Office expenditure has been reduced by €3.000 thanks to the virtual office and the fact that the secretary did not spend money if not strictly needed.

He confirmed that once again the working groups (Communication, Education & Professional Practice) were each granted € 5.000. Mainly because the chairs and ExCo had come to the conclusion that a minimum of physical meetings were needed for the functioning of the working groups.

Two things remained which were not included in the treasurer's report and needed to be commented on. The 2015 GA being in Norway, he anticipated that the flight costs would be quite expensive and that there would be a need to find some funding for that but there are 2 things that need to be discussed in the budget and vote on. One thing



is, in the version that was circulated the fee for ENQA² had not been shown which he believed was unfortunate as it had an important role in Education and asked Tony Williams to briefly introduce ENQA.

Tony Williams explained that IFLA Europe had joined it as affiliate member. The fee of €2.200 was, according to Tony Williams the key to [INAUDIBLE] and the reason why he had asked that the subscription to ENQA be included in the general budget of IFLA Europe and not in the budget of the Education Committee. Jeremy Dennis suggested that the ENQA subscription fee be taken from the EXCO (president, secretary general and treasurer) operational budget, which is rarely used.

A vote on the motion in favour was moved. Motion passed with 26 votes in favour.

Jeremy Dennis also reported that regarding the website, no voting was required as a budget of €4000 had been already approved. And the communication working group operational budget would be reduced to €3.500.

Nigel Thorne then spoke to explain that the ExCo had discussed the possibility of using the ExCo budget and give €2.500 over 2 years to the making of the LAE book (publication every 4 years).

He said that as a strong supporter of LAE he would like to think that IFLA Europe will continue to support and be a contributor of the next publication as its production was important.

He reminded everyone that in recent years emphasis had been placed upon careful financial planning and extreme prudence but in the future, associations will have to think of how they might want IFLA Europe to develop. They will need to start deciding how they might wish to begin (not necessarily raising fees) and looking to real sources of sponsorship to be able to say, "we can fund these things".

Further to questions related to funding, Nigel Thorne stressed that the LAE had done remarkable work in getting funding to publish their books. He added that IFLA (World) had also been approached and had contributed with money to the last publication. This time around the new strategy of raising regional funds for regional projects, it was unlikely that IFLA World would contribute and it would be understandable for IFLA Europe to donate some money.

It was also confirmed that IFLA Europe name would be highlighted as key sponsor.

Marc Claramunt asked if IFLA Europe was monitoring the project. Fritz Auweck spoke to say that the relationship between LAE and IFLA Europe was close; he, for instance being in the LAE board.

Christian Tschumi spoke to suggest that national associations be approached to raise funds and in general for specific projects.

Nigel Thorne agreed but also stressed that many associations were already struggling and we should be looking towards other sources also.

Pascal Gysin thought that the LAE books needed to be considered as a major tool of communication, which should not need to be discussed every four years. He asked if the book was given out to decision-makers, associations, members, etc., but if not maybe there was a better way to use the €8,000 spent on it.

Karl Grimm spoke to thank Nigel Thorne for explaining the whole situation and agreed that it had to be a tool of communication but had to reflect the whole profession in all of Europe.

Nigel Thorne spoke to say that he understood Karl Grimm's very valid point but reminded everyone that the material in the books is selected on the basis of a call for submissions and that to be able to win, one had to enter the competition.

Tamas Domotor agreed with Karl Grimm's intervention. He said that despite the financial and cultural differences, the selection structure had to be reviewed to really include a major range of European works.

Nigel Thorne reassured them that the GA was exactly the place and time for the delegates to discuss and feed back to Fritz Auweck who sits on the board. The only way to change things is to engage.

Fritz Auweck spoke to say that the LAE wish was not only to show the best but also to show what was going on in Europe.

A vote on the motion in favour was moved to approve ExCo's decision to devote €2.500 for LAE for the next 2 years. Motion passed with 27 votes in favour.

² [European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education](#).



Finally, Jeremy Dennis thanked again the organisation's sponsor van den Berk Nursery for their contribution. He reported about the meeting held in Brussels with Nigel Thorne and the van den Berk team during which the various ways of distributing their contribution into IFLA Europe activities were discussed, perhaps the student competition. ***A vote on the motion to approve the 2014 budget was moved. Motion passed with 29 votes in favour.***

Before proceeding with the agenda, Nigel Thorne invited Tamas Domotor to say a few words to the audience before leaving.

Tamas Domotor spoke to say that the Hungarian association had been approached back in 2003 and encouraged to join EFLA. It had taken 10 years to finally make HALA a full member of IFLA Europe. Tamas Domotor seized the opportunity to thank Nigel Thorne and the ExCo as well as the BDLA, host of the event.

VOTING SESSION

The candidates were invited to introduce themselves and give the audience a brief preview of their future function.

1. Election for President (1st mandate).

Nominated: **Ana Luengo** (AEP-Spain). [CV](#) & [Letter of Intention](#)

After a brief speech, Ana Luengo was asked to leave the room and the delegates to vote.

Result of the vote:

In favour: 32

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Nigel Thorne called for a round of applause upon Ana Luengo's return to the meeting room and he thanked the audience for the vote and assured that Ana Luengo would continue supporting all the work done so far. He recalled Ana Luengo's longstanding dedication in IFLA Europe.

2. Election for Vice-president Education (2nd mandate). [CV](#) & [Letter of Intention](#)

Nominated: **Tony Williams** (ILI-Ireland).

Nigel Thorne spoke on behalf of Tony Williams to say that he was running for re-election and that the GA would be foolish not to retain him for a further 2 years.

Tony Williams was asked to leave the room to allow the delegates to vote.

Result of the vote:

In favour: 32

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

The result of the vote was greeted with a round of applause as Tony Williams rejoined the ExCo table.

Before continuing, Nigel Thorne wished to pay tribute to Carlo Bruschi for the tremendous work done throughout the years of his mandate. In 4 years, he said, Carlo Bruschi had transformed the fundamentals of the organisation and with enormous effort, enormous engagement he has managed to get most of the delegates to say at least what their organisation does and how it is set up. Over the last 15 months, he has worked tirelessly on the Statutes, the By-Laws, the Code of Ethics and a whole variety of things. Nigel Thorne said that personally, he couldn't thank him enough and said that it was unfortunate that one couldn't vote on the recognition of someone's work and asked for a round of applause to show the GA's appreciation.

3. Election for Vice-president Professional Practice (1st mandate).

Nominated: **Andrei Condoros** (ASOP-Romania). [CV](#) & [Letter of Intention](#)

Andrei Condoros briefly spoke to say that he was ready to work hard to meet the associations' expectations and then left the room for the delegates to the vote.

Result of the vote:

In favour: 28

Against: 0



Abstention: 0

Andrei Condoros was invited back to the room with a round of applause.

4. **STRATEGIC PLAN** according to working group instructions. Nigel Thorne reminded that this had been done through the working groups. He emphasised that the Strategic Plan in itself had not changed.

5. **ADOPTION OF REVISED Statutes** and **Regulations**. Nigel Thorne reminded that the GA could not vote on the Statutes and Regulations before the GA in Norway 2014.

6. **ADOPTION OF Code of Ethics**

An approval was asked on the basis of the draft circulated.

Andreja Tutundzic spoke to say that he thought that the coordination panel ought to be explained one or two sentences in the Statutes & Regulations although it is mentioned.

A vote on the motion to accept the draft Code of Ethics forward was moved. Motion passed with 30 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Carlo Bruschi was again thanked for the work done.

7. **Bidding procedures**

Nigel Thorne explained that since the General Assembly had been held for the past 3 years in different countries in Europe to promote the profession, it was decided to have some kind of guidance in the organisation of the event.

A vote on the motion to accept the Bidding procedures was moved. Motion passed with 32 votes in favour.

8. **Nigel Thorne as HONORARY MEMBER.**

Jeremy Dennis spoke to thank Nigel Thorne for the remarkable job he had done within the organisation, which he had revolutionised. He invited Bruno Marques to come the front to present the 'homage' he had prepared for Nigel Thorne with the contribution of all the member associations. Video can be seen...

A strong round of applause was given.

Before Bruno Marques' presentation, Carlo Bruschi spoke to thank all of the delegates for their patience and friendship. He apologised for any unintentional misunderstanding, problem or disappointment, and gave IFLA Europe his best wishes for an outstanding, effective and brilliant future. The General Assembly gave him a round of sustained applause.

And before Bruno Marques was finally allowed to carry on with his presentation, Jeremy Dennis quickly spoke to say that Andrei Condoros and Charlotte Buys had accepted last year to be the scrutineers but now that Andrei Condoros had been elected VP he could not act as scrutineer. Charlotte Buys was asked if she still wanted to stand as scrutineer, which she did and Anja Boserup Qvist accepted to join.

The audience was presented a succession of slides of pictures of Nigel Thorne at different times of his life combined with letters of support from the member associations of which a digital booklet will be distributed to the delegates.

The speech received a round of applause. After which Nigel Thorne was asked to leave the room and the delegates proceeded to vote.

Result of the vote:

In favour: 32

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

Nigel Thorne was greeted back to the room with a very warm round of applause and Bruno Marques called on the future past president for a last speech.



Nigel Thorne started saying that he was going to kill his daughter, who, he was sure had given Bruno Marques all the pictures shown on the presentation.

The past 4 years working with the delegates and particularly working with the ExCo have been fun, it's been a rollercoaster, it's been challenging he said. And every time after he had left every general assembly, I had left with a great deal of enthusiasm and positivity gained from the people he had been working with. And although, people may differ slightly on the details fundamentally they're all working toward the same ends he added.

He thanked the public for their support, for their kindness, for their friendship.

He wished everybody well and that the organisation continues in a positive motion.

He didn't believe he deserved this honour but he was really happy and delighted.

9. Teresa Andresen NOMINATION AS HONORARY MEMBER.

Tony Williams spoke to say that when originally Nigel Thorne was nominated, he suggested that Teresa Andresen be also nominated because as he reminded the audience it was Teresa Andresen who started the whole process of the coming together. Nigel Thorne supported and said that if the vote was positive that Teresa Andersen should be invited to next year's General Assembly.

Tony Williams moved to vote on the motion to nominate Teresa Andresen honorary member. Nigel Thorne seconded the motion. The motion was voted and carried with 31 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

10. REGIONAL MEETING AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Regarding 2015 Marina Cervera reported that there were 3 candidates for the 2015 General Assembly, namely Bulgaria, Romania and Portugal. The three countries were invited to make a short presentation of their associations.

[Before voting Ilya Mochalov spoke to remind the audience that in 2015 IFLA will hold its World Council and Congress in Russia and probably in March and that this had to be taken into account.]

A vote by secret ballot was carried out to select the **2015 host of the General Assembly**.

While the count of the votes was going on, Gyda Grenstad from Norway was invited to make a brief account of the programme elaborated for the 2014 General Assembly on the 18th and 19th of October and the seminar theme of "Landscape & Democracy" (taking advantage of the 200 anniversary of the Norwegian constitution in 2014).

Nigel Thorne invited Mustafa Artar to present the Turkish candidature for the General Assembly in 2016. Mustafa Artar said that he wasn't presenting anything at the moment but that in Norway, Turkey would present its candidature to host the 2016 GA and regional conference in Antalya in September 2016 (very probably).

The counting of the votes declared **Portugal** as the winner. Bulgaria and Romania were asked not to give up and to come back and not to take their defeat as personal.

11. RENCONTRES LE:NOTRE in Versailles

Before giving the floor to Marc Claramunt, Nigel Thorne wished to congratulate him on creating one of the most memorable moments in his presidency – his presentation in St. Petersburg has been remarkable not only because he spoke in English but his reference to Andre le Notre as 'papa' delighted us all! Marc Claramunt thanked Nigel Thorne and proceeded to make a brief report of the "Rencontres" held in Versailles with a set of pictures.

Before continuing with the last item of the agenda, Anja Boserup Qvist asked to speak with reference to the IFLA WC in Argentina in 2014 and whether Ilya Mochalov could confirm the dates and places of the event.

Ilya Mochalov replied that the dates voted were early June and that indeed the World Council would take place in Patagonia and the Congress in Buenos Aires.

Anja Boserup Qvist spoke again to wonder if she was the only one to think that going to Patagonia and Buenos Aires represented a long journey.

Desiree Martinez explained that she had been in contact with the Argentinians and they had told her that they would deliver a calendar with precise information very soon. She added that IFLA EXCO had already forwarded its



concern. Anja Boserup Qvist insisted that maybe the European region should voice its concern regarding the dates and locations of the World Council.

Nigel Thorne reasserted that the question had been raised by many people but that no solution had yet been found. The matter would be referred back to IFLA EXCO for further discussion.



12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Before getting to the conclusion of the meeting, Nigel Thorne made a final round for people to speak.

- Emily Wade spoke to say that Sweden would very much like to host the IFLA Europe General Assembly in 2017. She said that she wasn't bidding yet for it but wished the GA to strongly consider going to Sweden.

Nigel Thorne thanked Emily Wade and suggested that this should not deter other countries from bidding also.

- Klara Salzmann spoke to announce that her mandate as CZLA delegate to IFLA was ending and that her successor would be Igor Kyselka although she said that she would continue to be around because she liked very much these encounters and the atmosphere.

Nigel Thorne thanked her and said that it had been a pleasure working with her. The audience gave her a round of applause.

- Vaiva Deveikiene spoke to announce that her mandate as president of the Lithuanian association of landscape architects was over at the end of November. She wanted to thank EXCO for all the help and support. She said that she had been very happy to know everybody and hoped to see them in the future.

Nigel Thorne thanked her and said that he was sure that they'd keep in touch.

- He then gave the floor to Leor Lovinger who thanked the BDLA for hosting the general assembly as well as the ExCo and everybody for their warm welcoming. He announced that ILASA was ready to be an active member of IFLA Europe. He said he had been impressed by the energy he was able to appreciate and that he would bear that in mind when doing his report back home.

Nigel Thorne thanked him and welcomed ILASA back.

- Ilya Mochalov then spoke to remind all the delegates about a serious process going on with the strategic plan and announced that the revised Constitution & By-Laws would soon be circulated to delegates for them to put it forward their association and discuss it to come back with feed-back.

He finally also encouraged the delegates to take part to the nomination process in the future elections of IFLA for the post of president.

Nigel Thorne agreed and said that this was the delegates' opportunity to seize the invitation.

- Then Desiree Martinez spoke to thank IFLA Europe for inviting her and thanked Nigel Thorne for his commitment and hard work. She also thanked the BDLA for the invitation and congratulated Ana Luengo for her nomination.

Nigel Thorne thanked her for her words and for travelling all the way to Germany to attend the General Assembly.

- Margarida Cancela reminded everyone that 2014 would be the 25th anniversary of IFLA Europe and she asked the ExCo to think of some celebration.

Nigel Thorne agreed and said that indeed it was a very important year for IFLA Europe and that the ExCo would see that it is celebrated accordingly.

- ***Mustafa Artar moved a motion that the general assembly voted to agree to hold the 2016 general assembly in Turkey. Motion passed with a round of applause.***

Nigel Thorne confirmed that an IFLA world council would not now be held in January. He confirmed that this possibility had been bypassed now that the date of the IFLA World Council had been set in June 2014.

He reiterated the call for nominations for IFLA president and if IFLA Europe wanted to really be involved in that rather dramatic and exceptional change, then IFLA Europe must not ignore this call.

Equally, in 2014, IFLA Europe would be looking for a new treasurer and a new secretary general and delegates had to start thinking about it.

Reaching the end of the meeting, Nigel Thorne reintroduced Pieter van den Berk and his wife Chrystelle who had been following the plenary session from the back of the room. He said that Pieter van den Berk and his nursery had been a massive support to IFLA Europe and he requested a round of applause to thank VDB.

Then Nigel Thorne raised the question of IFLA Europe's single affiliate member, Israel. He considered this to be an abhorrent anomaly as Israel was paying a full fee but had no right to vote. He asked that the general assembly to rethink the present text of the Constitution to ensure that Israel's future position as a full member of IFLA Europe can be agreed. He strongly encouraged the delegates to think about the implications of this situation and alter it without further delay.



He continued thanking Mario Kahl and the BDLA for the enormous task accomplished and requested a round of applause from the general assembly.

In conclusion, as she was not present, he also wanted to thank Jeanine Colin. He stated that perhaps Jeanine and he have not always seen 'eye-to-eye', however, she has always been devoted to the Federation and he wished to thank her for all her hard work. He realised that change for many people was often difficult to accept and perhaps she had not always fully approved of the direction in which things were being developed. He wanted to ensure that his sincere thanks was recorded for her part in the Federation's development.

He repeatedly thanked Christine Bavassa for her continued dedication to everyone involved in the European and international operations and, of course, a personal vote of thanks for her kindness and loyalty to him.

Nigel Thorne closed the meeting thanking everybody. The meeting ended with a round of applause.