



International Network for Urban Biodiversity and Design

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URBIO Newsletter

URBIO Highlights

Dear Colleagues

Greetings!

Since its inception in May 2008, this is 10th anniversary of our network and we are very excited to see how the network has grown over a decade.

We are now gearing up for our next conference after the successful conference in Panama city. We are glad to inform you that our 6th URBIO conference will be in Capetown. The theme for the 2018 conference is Food Security and Urban Biodiversity. Proposals that address these topic areas are especially appropriate for session and panel discussions. Subthemes include: • Food security • Urban agriculture • Urban biodiversity • Conservation development • Human dimension • Landscape design • Planning and policy • Public engagement and education • Water and energy. Abstracts must be submitted by 15 April 2018. Early bird registration due by end May 2018 and late and last registration by 7th August 2018.

Though there are concerns about the drought in the Capetown, we expect that the crisis would be resolved by that time as September is closer to the winter rainfall months. Moreover, the city already has some water conservation programs in place.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the conference and please follow the latest updates and more information on accommodation, registration and local tours on following link visit <http://www.urbio2018.co.za/>. We have very interesting series of events planned for you all and on behalf of our local hosts and the entire URBIO Advisory Board, I welcome you to another interesting and exciting conference in 2018.

-President, URBIO Network

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URBIO Conference 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Symposia and panels

15 March 2018

All abstracts

15 April 2018

Abstract review

Last two weeks April 2018

Early Bird Registration

End May 2018

Late and last registration

By 7 August 2018

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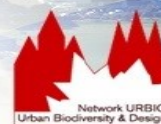
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Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town Upper Eastside
Conference dates : 11 - 14 September 2018

Colombia. The office is hosted by the Metropolitan Area of the Aburrá Valley (AMVA) and will focus on at least three fronts: climate change, low-emission freight and strengthening nature in cities.

(<http://www.iclei.org/details/article/iclei-new-colombian-office-established-in-valle-del-aburra-to-focus-on-urban-low-emissions-and-biod.html>)

Call for papers: Special Issue “Urban Landscape Degradation and Restoration”

SURE members are welcome to submit their paper to the Special Issue “Urban Landscape Degradation and Restoration” on Urban Sciences. The good news is that the journal will waive any publication cost charges for manuscripts submitted to this special issue with the deadline being **July 31, 2018**.

(<http://www.society-urban-ecology.org/news/>)

Biodiversity & Nature’s contributions continue dangerous decline, Scientist warns

The result of three years of work, the four regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services cover the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Africa, as well as Europe and Central Asia – the entire planet except the poles and the open oceans. The assessment reports were approved by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), in Medellín, Colombia, at the 6th session of its Plenary. IPBES has 129 State Members.

(<https://www.ipbes.net/news/media-release-biodiversity-nature%E2%80%99s-contributions-continue-%C2%A0dangerous-decline-scientists-warn>)

Scientific assessments by Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) confirm need for imperative actions to safeguard life on Earth

Dr. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, CBD Executive Secretary, said: “These assessments are sobering. They show that the pressures on biodiversity and its associated ecosystem services from human activities, including climate change, are increasing. They show that the status of biodiversity is decreasing. They show that while the world is taking actions, more needs to be done to halt the loss of biodiversity.”

(<https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2018/pr-2018-03-23-IPBES-en.pdf>)

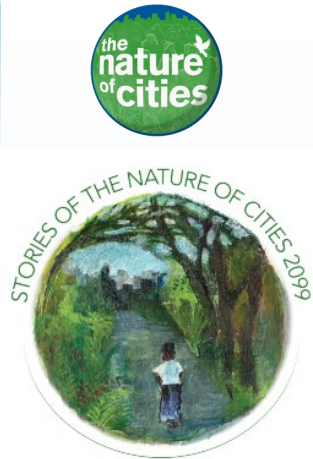
IUCN prepares for a new wave of ‘Green List’ conservation success

On the third anniversary of the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014 and the ‘Promise of Sydney’ commitments, the IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas (the IUCN Green List) has achieved an important milestone. The IUCN Council – the principal governing body for the Union – has formally approved the IUCN Green List Standard and mandated its further implementation by IUCN and members, worldwide.

(<https://www.iucn.org/news/protected-areas/201711/iucn-prepares-new-wave-%E2%80%98green-list%E2%80%99-conservation-success>)

New ICLEI office established in Colombia to focus on low emissions development and biodiversity

ICLEI South America has recently opened its first coordination office in



The Nature of Cities and partners ArtsEverywhere.ca, the University of Utah, the University of Utah’s Center for Ecological Planning + Design, the New York City Urban Field Station, the University of Johannesburg, the University of Johannesburg’s Graduate School of Architecture, and Trinity College Dublin want to imagine with you. Here we announce the Stories of the Nature of Cities 2009 Prize for Urban Flash Fiction. From among all submissions, we’ll choose up to six prize recipients in 2018, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize categories, plus honorable mentions.

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04.04.2018 - 06.04.2018, Fenner Conference on the Environment: Urban Sustainability and Conservation. Shine Dome, Canberra.

(<http://fennerconference2018urban.com.au/>)

24.04.2018, Biodiver-City: Enhancing urban biodiversity and ecosystem services to make cities more resilient. Sophia, Bulgaria.

(https://europa.eu/newsroom/events/biodiver-city-enhancing-urban-biodiversity-and-ecosystem-services-make-cities-more-resilient_en)

26.04.2018 - 28.04.2018, Resilient Cities 2018, Bonn, Germany. (<https://resilientcities2018.iclei.org/>)

19.06.2018 - 22.06.2018, ICLEI World Congress 2018. Montreal, Canada.

(<https://worldcongress2018.iclei.org/>)

08.07.2018 - 12.07.2018, World Cities Summit, Singapore. (<http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg/>)

21.07.2018 - 26.07.2018, Conservation Science, Policy, & Practice: Connecting the Urban to the Wild. Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

(<https://scbnorthamerica.org/index.php/naccb2018/>)

26.07.2018 - 27.07.2018, 7th International Conference on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management: Theme: Variety of Species Innovates Variety of Research, Melbourne, Australia.

(<https://biodiversity.conferenceseries.com/>)

24.10.2018 - 26.10.2018, Local Renewables Conference - Urban transformation to a circular economy, Freiburg, Germany and Basel, Switzerland

(<http://www.iclei.org/details/article/local-renewables-conference-urban-transformation-to-a-circular-economy.html>)

13.12.2018-16.12.2018, 9th International Conference on Sustainable Built Environment 2018, Kandy, Sri Lanka. (<http://www.icsbe.org/icsbe/2018/>)

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IPBES Regional Assessment Reports

Three years in development, at a total cost of about US\$5 million, the IPBES Regional Assessment Reports on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services involved the review of several thousand scientific papers, as well as extensive Government and other information sources, including indigenous and local knowledge, to arrive at conclusions about each region's land-based, freshwater and coastal biodiversity, as well as the state of ecosystem functioning and nature's contributions to people. Together they represent the most important expert contribution of the past decade to understanding of nature and its contributions to people, offering a roadmap for future action.

(<https://www.ipbes.net/outcomes>)

Biosafety Protocol News Issue 13

The 2017 – 2018 issue of the Biosafety Protocol News is significant as it marks both the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Aarhus Convention, hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and ten years of collaboration between the secretariats of the Aarhus Convention and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

(<https://www.cbd.int/doc/newsletters/bpn/bpn-12-en.pdf>)

Governance of Protected Areas - From understanding to action and Urban Protected Areas – Profiles and best practice guidelines explains the context and concept of urban protected areas, profiles urban protected areas in 15 metropolitan areas around the world, and offers best practice guidelines.

(<https://www.iucn.org/news/protected-areas/201710/governance-protected-areas-and-urban-protected-areas-best-practice-guidelines-available-portuguese>)

New SURE book “Making Green Cities“ to be published in 2019

A SURE book to be published for the Springer Cities and Nature Books series. The book “Breuste, J.; M. Artmann; C. Ioja; S. Qureshi (eds.). “**Making Green Cities – Concepts, Challenges and Practice**” will reflect the broad research and geographical background of SURE and its members. (<http://www.society-urban-ecology.org/news/>)

Post Doc Position on Remote Sensing and Biodiversity

UW-Madison, SILVIS Lab is offering one postdoc position focused on remote sensing and biodiversity, as part of a new USGS-funded project.
(http://silvis.forest.wisc.edu/jobs/remote_sensing_biodiversity_postdoc)

Career Opportunities

Assistant Professor in Environmental Science

Location: American University of Paris
Type: Full-time position
Start Date: August 1, 2018.
(<https://www.aup.edu/employment-opportunities>)

International SURE Internships

SURE seeking highly motivated students who are interested to work and are willing to support the organization, communication and documentation of current SURE activities including a range of projects and events across the globe.
(<http://www.society-urban-ecology.org/job-portal/sure-trainees/open-sure-trainee-positions/>)

About Us

The URBIO network (URban BIOdiversity and Design) is an open worldwide scientific network for education and research to promote the implementation of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in urban areas. Within the CBD programmes, URBIO is scientific advisor for the Major Group "Local Authorities" and partner of the "Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity". Currently the Network has 1121 members from 62 countries (November 2014). To foster the scientific exchange between researchers, practitioners and stakeholders the network organizes international scientific conferences and workshops as side events to CBD-COP meetings, maintains a website, distributes a quarterly newsletter to the network members and collaborates with various international networks. Since 2008 the URBIO network has held four conferences: URBIO2008 during May 2008 in Erfurt/Germany, URBIO2010 during May 2010 in Nagoya/Japan, URBIO2012 during October 2012 in Mumbai/India, URBIO2014 in October 2014 in Incheon/Korea and IFLA-URBIO 2016 in Panama City.