



Plenary sessions

Landscape Ecology and sustainability

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The idea behind the first plenary session is to set the scene for the potential role of IALE in promoting sustainability of land use systems (including water) in the broad sense. The first plenary sessions therefore address the major land use systems and the speakers are asked to define the role that Landscape Ecology could contribute to promote sustainability, where across the world exploitation is the normal activity.

1. Introduction to the congress: Ladislav Miko, Director Natural Resources, EU-DG Environment.
2. Landscape Ecology and wetlands, Peter Bridgewater (Secretary General Ramsar Convention, Gland, Switzerland)
3. Landscape Ecology and Agriculture, Jaques Baudry (INRA, France)
4. Landscape Ecology and Forestry, Keith Kirby (Natural England, UK)
5. Landscape Ecology and Urban development, Joan Nassauer (University of Michigan, USA)
6. Landscape Ecology and Biodiversity, John Wiens, (The Nature Conservancy, USA)

The second plenary session is designed to provide a stimulating vision on future options from a landscape ecologist and an "outsiders position". The speakers will be asked to pursue their own agenda independently, so that the popular issues can be compared with the scientific view of the world.

7. The landscape Ecologist vision of future developments and research: Xiuzhen Li (Institute of applied Ecology, China)
8. An independent view of environmental issues needing research: Rudy Rabbinge, (Wageningen UR, The Netherlands)

Round Table Discussion

Chair: Felix Kienast (Switzerland)

Rapporteurs: Roy Haines Young (UK)

The task: Discuss the results and conclusions of the symposia in relation to the challenges in the plenary sessions. The Panel is proposed to consist of:

1. Jean Paul Metzger (Brazil)
2. Nobukazu Nakagoshi (Japan)
3. Laura Mussachio (USA)
4. Shelley Hinsley (UK)
5. Andrew Bennet (Australia)
6. Teresa Pinto Coreia (Portugal)