Landscape Forum Bucharest 2015

The Romanian Minister of Education will attend the official opening of the LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum Bucharest 2015

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The Romanian Minister of Education and Scientific Research, Sorin Mihai Cîmpeanu, will open the international workshop LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum Bucharest 2015, on the 22nd of April 2015 at 9am, at the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest.

The official opening of the event will be also marked by statements given by the Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention - Democratic Governance Directorate within the Council of Europe - Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons and by the Director of the General Directorate for Territorial Development in the Romanian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration -Anca Ginavar.

The presence of these notables figures highlights, both at national and European level, the recognition of the importance of initiatives focusing on the validation of landscape as an essential aspect regarding the quality of life for people everywhere. Moreover, it also emphasizes the importance of addressing issues related to landscapes' value, protection, management and planning at all levels of education.

Between the 21st and 25th of April 2015, the LE:NOTRE Forum gathers experts from a wide range of landscape disciplines, providing a unique opportunity for interacting creatively in informal workshops. The focal area of the Bucharest forum is the chain of lakes along the river Colentina, which has huge potential for the sustainable development of Romania's capital city.

The Colentina landscape represents high relevance for the forum's four focal themes:

- Urban growth and peri-urban sprawl: the urban periphery
- Sustainable tourism and recreation: visions for landscape regeneration through tourism development

- Heritage and identities: permanence, patrimony, specificity and dynamics of landscape identities
- Rural fringe and productive landscapes: multifunctional rural landscapes and the economic dimension

The LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum Bucharest 2015 is hosted by Ion Mincu University for Architecture and Urbanism Bucharest, University of Agronomical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest, the Romanian Association of Landscape Architects and the Professional Association of Romanian Urban Planners. More information about LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum Bucharest 2015 can be found on the event's website http://forum.ln-institute.org/.

To date, the Forum has been organized in Antalya (2012), Rome (2013) and Sarajevo (2014).

The LE:NOTRE institute has been established under the auspices of ECLAS, the European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools, as an umbrella organisation for interdisciplinary collaboration between education, research and innovative practice in the landscape field. The goal of the LE:NOTRE Institute is to develop and strengthen the links between landscape education, research and innovative practice, in the public, private and not for profit sectors.

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