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Preparing the LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum on Gozo, Malta in March 2018

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Full documentation, call for posters, and registration: http://forum.ln-institute.org

The Landscape Forum Gozo

The annual Landscape Forum provides a unique opportunity to interact creatively with colleagues from a range of landscape disciplines in informal workshop and field visit settings. Within a stimulating environment, we promote both new teaching ideas and projects for research and for collaboration between theory and practice. This year's challenge is the potential contribution of sustainable development of the Island of Gozo.

In preparing the forum and the student competition, the LE:NOTRE board and a number of student groups visited the University of Malta as the local partner, and the Minister of Gozo and while studying different aspects of Gozo landscapes.



Prof. Dr. Nilgul Karadeniz, Chair of the LE:NOTRE Institute, Hon. Minister of Gozo Dr. Justyne Caruana and Prof. Erich Buhmann, Co-Chair of Landcape Forum in Gozo 2018 during a preparation meeting on 9 November 2017 (Image: LNI) We are very pleased to announce that around 70 students have submitted 16 contributions, each with four panels, to the 4th INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITION "Future! Envisioning the Eco Island of Gozo in 2050" as part of the preparation of the Landscape Forum 2018 in Gozo. The decisions by the jury will be announced by February 15, 2018. The winning teams will present their work at the Forum in Gozo.

One of the reasons Malta was selected as host of the 7th LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum is that Valletta (and therefore all of Malta) is European Culture Capital 2018. As Malta University has not yet its own Landscape Architecture program, Anhalt University is supporting the Faculty of the Built Environment in Malta as co-host.

When registering, the participants are asked to sign up to contribute to one of the following working groups:

- Urban Growth and Peri-urban Sprawl
- Rural Change and Agriculture
- Sustainable Tourism
- Heritage and Identity
- Green Infrastructure and Ecosystem Services
- Seascape and Coastal Landscape
- Landscape and Democracy

Please go to **forum.ln-institute.org** to register and sign up for the working groups.

Objectives of the Landscape Forum

What makes the LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum different from other European landscape events is the focus on dialogue, debate and discourse. Teaching, research, and collaboration between theory and practice are all addressed as colleagues from related landscape disciplines engage in lively discussion in an informal setting. To date, the forum has been organized - after a first test run at Anhalt University in Dessau in 2011 - six times: Antalya (2012), Rome (2013), Sarajevo (2014). Bucharest (2015), Paphos (2016) and Freising (2017). A joint publication with contributions from all participants results from these annual meetings.

Target groups

Participation of teachers, researchers and practitioners from a range of different 'landscaperelated' disciplines is central to the interdisciplinary process of discourse and mutual learning which is at the heart of the Landscape Forum.

Background of the Landscape Forum and the LE:NOTRE Institute

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. It aims to achieve this by furthering and facilitating communication, collaboration and cross-fertilization of ideas on an interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral basis, in order to promote the wider and deeper understanding of the cultural, environmental, social and economic role of the landscape for the benefit and well-being of society as a whole.

Forum participants are invited to become members of the LE:NOTRE Institute.

Contact Landscape Forum 2018

The 7th Landscape Forum 2018 on Gozo Landscape is co-hosted by <u>Prof. Dr. Alex TORPIANO</u>, University of Malta, Dean of Faculty of the Built Enviroment, <u>alex.torpiano@um.edu.mt</u> in cooperation with <u>Prof. Erich BUHMANN</u>, Anhalt University.

The Landscape Forum will also seek partnership with the Ministry for Gozo, with the Malta Planning Authority and with the Chamber of Architects & Civil Engineers of Malta as well as with others committed to the future of Gozo.

We invite you to send any questions you might have on the landscape forum 2018 to the organizational office of Anhalt University at <u>loel.dla@hs-anhalt.de</u>

The online student competition and the web publishing for the Landscape Forum is organized by Dr. Ellen Fetzer of Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Umwelt Nürtingen-Geislingen, HfWU.

Forum Website <u>http://forum.ln-institute.org</u>

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Further Images



Group images - Landscape Architecture students from Gent, Zagreb, Hannover and Brandenburg participating on the optional field trip to the competition on GOZO for the Landscape Forum 2018 - Here on 9 November 2017 at the Salt Pans. (Image: LNI)



A week earlier a student group of the TU München visited Gozo to prepare for the competition. The result of the student online competition will be shown also as exhibition to Gozotans during the Landscape Forum 20-24 March 2018. (Image: SML)



Typical Gozo landscape looking north from the Citadella of Victoria, 2 November 2017 (Image SML)



Typical Gozo open wide Valley at Masalforn with terraced agriculture. (Image SML)



Example of a Gozo steep Valley at Lunzjata Tal with historical water management (Image SML)



The steep west shore of Gozo at Dwejra (Image SML)



Board meeting <u>Le:Notre</u> Landscape Forum 2018 on 10 November 2017 at the Faculty of the Built Environment at Malta University (Image: LNI)



Anhalt University students meeting the Planning Authority PA in Malta preparing their studio on heritage management on GOZO. Within the group of international students of the program Master Monumental Heritage from left Prof. Dr. Andrea Haaase, Anneliese Reimann, Chair of Planning Board Perit Vincent Cassar and Prof. Erich Buhmann (Image: PA)

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