

14th URBIO newsletter – November 3rd, 2010

Dear colleagues,



In this URBIO News letter we have the pleasure to congratulate our URBIO Patron Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Herbert Sukopp (Berlin) to his 80th birthday on 6th November 2010.

Herbert Sukopp is recognized internationally as the leading person who developed “Urban Ecology” as an own branch of ecology in the 70s of the last century and founded in 1978 the German Working Group “Biotope Mapping in Urban Areas” an earlier working group of urban ecologists and practitioners from which our network emerged from.

Dear Herbert Sukopp,
we congratulate you to your anniversary and we are looking forward in using your rich experience in future.
You can see that the fruits of your work are constantly growing.

It is especially fitting that within this newsletter we can report about the latest outcome and advantage of Urban Biodiversity within the COP 10 meeting in Nagoya.

1 COP 10 – City Biodiversity Summit

The City Biodiversity Summit (<http://cop10.jp/citysummit/english/index.html>) was successfully finished with 4 plenary meetings and 8 thematic sessions and a Declaration was adopted by the over 500 participants. Within the Plenary session 2 “Science supporting local action” the TEEB (The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity) Study was presented by Pavan Sukhdev and the URBIO network and the outcome of URBIO 2010 were presented by Professor Morimoto Yukihiro (co-chair of URBIO2010). The Declaration of the City Biodiversity Summit was delivered to high-level segment of COP10.

2 COP 10 – High Level Segment - Decision of “The Plan of Actions

The Plan of Action on Sub-national Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity has just been officially adopted by the CBD's 193 Parties!

Basically, this means that Parties and their sub-national governments and local authorities are now encouraged, under the terms that you will find at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-10/in-session/cop-10-l-23-en.doc>, to cooperate on all thematic programmes of work, cross-cutting issues, tools and mechanisms of the Convention.

On behalf of the URBIO network it is a pleasure for us to congratulate Oliver Hillel and the whole SCBD team for their wonderful and successful work on COP 10. It is a milestone!

3 Further Information on the Global Partnership

- The 2nd Cities and Biodiversity Newsletter is available at:
<http://www.cbd.int/authorities/doc/newsletter/cities-newsletter-01-02-en.pdf>
- On the City Biodiversity Index: Currently 33 cities are testing the CBI. Also, a French version of the CBI user's manual is in progress, whilst versions in German, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese and other languages are planned. The revised version of the user's manual of the CBI you can retrieve from <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/doc/User%27s%20Manual-for-the-City-Biodiversity-Index27Sept2010.pdf>.
- The new UNEP Urban Environment Newsletter is available at
http://www.unep.org/urban_environment/UrbanNewsletter/Issuessept10/index.html
- In a BBC World Service One Planet broadcast about the loss of global biodiversity and importance of urban biodiversity is reported
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00bgtqj>. A short video can be watched at YouTube:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/MrOneplanet#p/a/u/0/2EPg9uDJ44o>

4 Outcome Stockholm “Urban Nature” Conference October 2010

The documentation of the conference is now available at the conference website:
<http://international.stockholm.se/Stockholm-by-theme/European-Green-Capital/EGC-seminars--workshops/Documentation-EGC-Seminars-2010/#What-about-Urban-Nature---Biodiversity-and-Ecosystem-Services>.

5 Upcoming Conferences

- International Symposium on urban and peri-urban horticulture in the century of cities: Lessons, challenges, opportunities, 6th-9th December 2010, Dakar/Republic of Senegal,
<http://www.fao.org/ag/agp/greenercities/en/events/>,
To help developing countries meet the challenges of massive and rapid urbanization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) launched in 2001 a multidisciplinary initiative, Food for the Cities, which aims at ensuring the access of urban populations to safe food and healthy and secure environments. A major component of Food for the Cities is intensification of horticultural production in and around urban areas. The symposium aims at presenting examples, experiences and perspectives of urban and peri-urban horticulture as well as promoting initiatives and networks.
- Annual Conference of the AAG, Seattle/United States of America, 12th-16th April 2011,
<http://www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting>
At this conference will be a special session of interest for urban planners and ecologists with the title: 'Peri-urban natures: renegotiations and reinterpretations of peri-urban places and concepts', organised by Mattias Qviström, Sweden; Jay Bolthouse, Japan and Vera Vicenzotti, Germany.
- 3rd Nobel laureate Symposium on Global sustainability 'Transforming the World in an Age of Global Change', 16th-19th May 2011, Stockholm/Sweden, www.globalsymposium2011.se
As announced in the COP 10 – Side Event Stockholm Resilience Centre the third Nobel Laureate Symposium will focus on the need for integrated approaches that deal with the synergies,

conflicts and trade-offs between the individual components of climate change. Climate change, decreasing biodiversity, deteriorating ecosystems, poverty and a continuously growing population all contribute to reducing the planet's resilience and may have catastrophic implications for humanity.

- Cities of the Future Conference, 22nd-25th May 2011, Stockholm/Sweden,

<http://www.cof2011stockholm.org/>,

The conference will focus on the intersection between urban spatial planning and the planning, construction and operation of sustainable urban water systems. The conference program will involve city planning and design, interaction with other infrastructure systems, the surrounding land, as well as evolving technical and managerial solutions.

- 48th IFLA World Congress 'Scales of Nature – From Urban Landscapes to Alpine Gardens', 27th-29th July 2011, Zurich/Switzerland, The call for abstracts is now online at the conference website: <http://www.ifla2011.com/>

The IFLA World Congress is an international professional congress to be held in Zurich that is expected to be attended by more than 700 professionals and students from the fields of landscape architecture, landscape planning, research and associated professions from throughout the world to discuss current topics, exchange experiences and establish contacts.

6 New Book

Please recognise the recently published book by
Kevin J. Gaston: Urban Ecology. Cambridge University Press.

Best wishes from Germany and Japan

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