



## MINUTES OF MEETING FOR 73<sup>rd</sup> EC MEETING

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: JNFAU, Masab Tank, Hyderabad

### Executive Council Members Present

Sujata Kohli	Hon. President
Sridevi Rao	Hon. Vice President
Nidhi Madan	Hon. Secretary
Jitendra Pawgi	Hon. Treasurer
Rohit Marol	Past President
Asok Kumar	Associate Member
Dwaipayan Bhattacharya	Associate Member
Rohini Prasad	Kerala Chapter Representative
K. Senthil Kumar	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry Chapter Representative

### Special Invitee

Sreejith S.	Conference Convenor
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### Executive Council Members Not Present

Avadhoot Kumthekar	Fellow Member
Swati Sahasrabudhe	Fellow Member
Shravana Reddy	Fellow Member
Maithily Velangi	Co-opted Member
Anju Bareja	Mumbai Chapter Representative
Bobby Sujansingani	Gujarat Chapter Representative
Jasleen Waraich	Delhi NCR Chapter Representative
Nina Chandawarkar	Bangalore Chapter Representative

Hon President Sujata Kohli presided over the meeting.

#### 1 KERALA CONFERENCE

Rohini Prasad, chapter chairperson told the EC that various committees were in place, and lots of work and coordination was yet to be done. Progress has been slow so far. She suggested a coordinator to help the convenor. The EC suggested delegation of responsibilities to help the chapter come together.

##### a. Theme/ content/ Speakers

Content committee has been working on the development of sub-themes – Identity, Approach and Stewardship based on disturbed and resilient landscapes.

There are three confirmed international speakers- ecologist and filmmaker- John Dennis Yu who documents disturbed landscapes, Gina Wirth from Scape Studio, NY and Kongjiang Yu from Turenscape.

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The second round of speakers have yet to be contacted, Indian speakers too.

One more speaker from SE Asia is planned, and some probable Indian speakers are Suprabha Seshan, Murali Thumarakuru (disaster mitigation), Arvind Krishnamurthy (for a workshop) and someone from Atree (for a workshop). Sujata Kohli suggested contacting Meenu Tiwari.

Outline program to be set up. Workshops are planned with both vendors and professionals together. Paper presentations to be included.

Venue can only be booked three months in advance and subject to no government conflict at the time, which is a concern. Alternate venues to be suggested. Also workshop sub-venues to be identified.

The opportunity to have the pre-conference dinner, possibly near Kovalam, for members to get a flavour of Kerala was discussed. Walk options include Laurie Baker works and/or tree walks. Options for members traveling to Kerala for extended travel to be shared.

Registrations to be done online. Fees from the last conference was shared and discussed. LOC to finalize fees with Rohit Marol.

Krishna Kumar and Sreejith to coordinate the conference website with the ISOLA website vendor Nitin Moudgil. All past data of conferences was lost, as the previous conference website was a free platform. The need to have all conference related data in one place using the ISOLA website was agreed.

#### b. Graphics

Some graphics designed by Brij Dua were shared. Handouts to be prepared in time for IFLA Congress and for website updates.

#### c. Account opening/ Finances/ Donors

Jitendra Pawgi has received all conference signatory change paperwork. Target of Rs.1cr donorship, with potential budget of 50l projected. Minimum donor amount is 3l.

## 2 IFLA

### a. World Congress Representation

Approximately 15 ISOLA members will be attending the World Congress.

It was decided that a video be developed prior to the event, about ISOLA with all chapter contribution 1-2 mins of video content. This can be used for other outreach opportunities in the near future as well.

## 3 APPROVAL FOR NEW CHAPTERS

### Chapter Representatives

- a. Maharashtra
- b. Hyderabad

Both Maharashtra and Hyderabad completed the formalities for chapter formation. The EC unanimously approved and welcomed the new chapters.

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The newly formed Hyderabad chapter hosted a wonderful event 'Recent Trends in Landscape Architecture' earlier in the day. The event organization was led by Vice President Sridevi Rao who along with the enthusiastic team set up the event at short notice.

We look forward to the Hyderabad chapter hosting the 2021 Conference.

#### **4 STATUS OF ISOLA CHAPTERS**

##### **a. Mumbai**

Mumbai chapter shared details of their next event and informed by email that the 2018 SD Vaidya lectures was on youtube.

##### **b. Kerala**

Kerala chapter is planning some smaller events this year in the leadup to the conference. They intend to work with statutory bodies to require landscape architects to sign and stamp landscape drawings, similar to such requirements for architects and structural engineers. They will look at documenting open spaces in Kerala.

Other agenda items for the chapter include registration of their postal address, chapter account MoU with CET, discussed previously, and conducting Museum walks.

They raised the issue of high membership fees, which since it has been debated in detail previously was not discussed again.

The possibility of EC members visiting Kerala to help with conference preparation was raised. The chapter will inform the EC if required.

##### **c. Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry**

A lecture series w/ MGR University is proposed.

Bank account paperwork to be submitted.

#### **5 ISOLA AWARDS ENTRIES & NEXT AWARD SCHEDULE**

##### **a. Entries upload**

All entries may be uploaded to the website.

##### **b. Award Ceremony –**

The decision to host the awards ceremony for the current year at AGM, as previously decided, or at the conference, due to the exposure, was discussed. A decision to be taken after consideration by all EC members.

##### **c. Next Awards**

It was decided that the next Awards jury will be hosted by the TN & Pondicherry Chapter together with an EC meeting + event in December. They are the only chapter to not have hosted an EC meeting and have shown interest in doing so. A future EC meeting will be scheduled for Kolkata instead of the December meeting.

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Asok Kumar will be the Awards coordinator for this year, under the continuing Convenor, Savita Punde.

## **6 NASA TROPHY**

- a. Brief
- b. Jury

NASA brief to be written by Shilpa Chandawarkar and Sujata Kohli.

More opportunities of interaction with NASA with their council members to be explored by Nidhi Madan.

## **7 NMP FOUNDATION SUPPORT**

The proposal by Minesh Parikh for ISOLA to take over their foundation initiative – giving scholarships to needy students of landscape architecture was discussed and unanimously decided that all initiatives that ISOLA is involved in must be by ISOLA, and with no individual or foundation name. However the initiative was appreciated, and has been a possibility that ISOLA could look into in the future independently.

## **8 COLLABORATIONS**

- a. MoU with CoA

Pending

- b. Workshop for Department of Urban Planning, Chandigarh Administration

The Department of Urban Planning, Chandigarh contacted ISOLA to conduct a workshop. ISOLA president to follow up.

- c. IGBC

IGBC is hosting its annual Green Building Congress in Hyderabad from 31st October- 3rd November, 2018 and has requested ISOLA to partner with it. They would like ISOLA to set up a seminar on 'Green Landscapes & Biodiversity' as one of the parallel seminars planned for the third day.

The opportunity to develop an event wherein a number of ISOLA members can present for a short time, along with speakers or alternate formats was discussed. Dwaipayan to set up a brief concept note to take it forward.

It was acknowledged that even though the green landscapes do not reflect the suggestions given in a workshop held with IGBC, they have included the suggestions in the resort rating systems.

## **9 GUIDELINE DOCUMENTS**

- a. Amendment of Byelaws Document
- b. Chapter formation
- c. Code of Professional Conduct Document

Documents to be closed by AGM.

The lawyer Jaimin Dave need to be talked to regarding the charity commissioner.



## 10 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### a. Updated status

Based on the last two years data of online membership renewals, for the years 2016-17 and 17-18, it was found that the number of new members has remained more or less the same (46 and 44 respectively). However, in spite of a year without a conference, 2017-18 has seen collections of 8.54l over 2016-17 which were 2.48l only. The renewal this year has been constant with a minimum of 2-4 renewals a week, with less reminders sent. In large part this bump in renewals has been by associate and fellow members (and very few student members which was the case the previous year) which explains the larger collections.

## 11 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Jitendra Pawgi said even though FRIENDS OF ISOLA is an EC initiative we shall not involve chapter representatives or chapters to get donations because it will clash with the chapter level donations. Hence EC 'excluding' chapter representatives will need to work towards it.

## 12 EDUCATION BOARD

### a. Workshop -

Videos of workshops, at this point the TTP workshop but also others in the future, to be ISOLA resources.

### b. Guidelines for college teaching B. Arch program

Sridevi Rao to review draft sent by Nikhil Dhar and what we do with it.

### c. Research centre

Works and direction to be decided by Sridevi Rao. Names of people who have volunteered to help with research shared to further the agenda.

## 13 Newsletter

Dwaipayan will be the Newsletter Coordinator for the rest of the EC term. He will collate information from chapters, institutions etc. and formulate the theme and content for the biannual newsletter with complete editorial control. EC will approve final draft.

## 14 WEBSITE& SOCIAL MEDIA

Current status of website, facebook page and account, Instagram account and Twitter

Social media has not seen much effort. Sridevi Rao to help with the twitter account. Conference LOC will update the facebook account. Website to be updated regularly, and possibly redone next year or the year after.

## 15 NEXT EC MEETING

Next AGM is scheduled for 8th September 2018 at CEPT auditorium.

Prepared by:

*Nidhi Madan*

*Honorary Secretary*

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