

DRAFT MOM THE 105th ISOLA EC MEETING**Venue: Online****Date: 6th December 2025, Saturday****Time: 10:30-13:00****Elected and Co-opted members**

Members Present:

S.no	Names	
1	Urmila Rajadhyaksha	Honorary President
2	Rohini Prasad	Honorary Vice President
3	Maithily Velangi	Honorary Secretary
4	Dhanashree Kulkarni	Honorary Treasurer
5	Dhara Shah	Fellow Member & Chapter Co-ordinator
6	Bhakti Thakoor	Fellow Member & EB Co-ordinator
7	Rashmi Paramesh	Associate Member
8	Sanjana K	Associate Member
9	Deepak Rao	Co-opted Member
10	Dhileep Raja	Co-opted Member
11	Sanjana M	Co-opted Member
12	Dr. Sridevi Rao	Past Hon. President
13	Devyani Deshmukh	Past Hon. Secretary
Members Absent:		
14	Ankur Jajpuria	Fellow Member
15	Sadaf A	Associate Member
SPECIAL INVITEE		
16	Hrishikesh Phadke	IFLA-APR Congress 2025 Business Head

1. Reporting from IFLA APR Regional Congress 2025

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Hrishikesh Phadke shared the accounts and expenditure incurred for the congress and the profit made by ISOLA. The detailed report and expense sheet will be shared by the IFLA organising committee post some of the pending payments and settlements with ISOLA.

EB Co-ordinator -Bhakti Thakoor appraised everyone about the EB led National Studio on Growth Paradox as theme and the GSP- which was a successful workshop held a week before the IFLA-APR in Mumbai, hosted at VESCOA premises. Detailed report will be shared on this.

2. **Reporting from IFLA APR AGM -**

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3. **Constitution of Membership Norm Revision Committee**

Due to constant requests from multiple landscape professionals graduating from various courses currently not recognised by ISOLA /IFLA , there was a consensus from EC and CR's to create membership categories that will allow memberships to these candidates who are interested to be members, to make it inclusive.

A Membership committee is constituted consisting of : Dhileep Raja, Dhanashree Kulkarni, Rashmi Paramesh & Sanjana Khemmani to look at the possible membership categories and prepare guidelines for them. The membership categories need to be ready asap since there are many mails being received from various professionals to apply for memberships..

4. **Constitution of Awards revision and organizing committee**

There were suggestions from members to add/ revise ISOLA Awards categories (with reference to IFLA/ SILA etc award categories) , to allow more diversity of projects. There was also concern raised about the Landmark Award and Gold Medal Award, which has not seen any nominations in past few years. Hence, there was a need to re-look and redefine these categories too. A committee is constituted for this, which includes Hemanshu Taneja and Neha Shah as working group members.

5. **Online Research symposium date and committee**

The EC-driven ISOLA Symposium needs to be conducted in the coming year. The chapters will be called for their interest in joining hand with EC to host the symposium. Dhara Shah is the co-ordinator for the Symposium.

6. **Education Board-** MOU with JNHAF, Hyderabad, Process of new Institutional memberships
EB to take up the pending Institutional recognitions and MOU updations in the coming months.

Bhakti Thakoor also informed that , Saurabh Popli visited the Manipal University in Jaipur for inspection of their Landscape program and has shared his inputs on the same. Based on the response on the inputs, the Institutional Membership will be awarded to the Program.

7. Hyderabad conference book, Bangalore conference books disbursement & Research Symposium proceedings, Chennai- updates

Hyderabad Conference books: The cost of hard copies of the conference book was not included in the delegate registration fees for the Hyderabad Conference. Participants were given the option to purchase a hard copy separately; however, there was no response to this option. The soft copy of the conference book has been designed and is ready.

The Chapter requested the Executive Council (EC) to print 125 hard copies for Chapter use, to be distributed as souvenirs at events and to members who contributed to organizing the conference. However, this practice has never been encouraged within ISOLA. Organizing members and other contributors work voluntarily without material expectations, and distributing printed books in this manner may set an inappropriate precedent for future events. Therefore, ISOLA funds cannot be utilised for this purpose.

ISOLA remains deeply grateful to its members for their voluntary engagement and commitment to the organisation, which is led and sustained by its members. At the same time, financial discipline must be maintained, and such transactions need to remain outside the scope of organisational expenditure. In view of the overall operational interests of ISOLA, the EC has declined this request.

Bangalore conference books: A Google form was circulated twice to delegates to update their addresses and indicate their preference for the Bangalore Conference book. Only a few delegates responded. In the meantime, the office manager is compiling address details of ISOLA members who attended the conference using the ISOLA database to facilitate the dispatch of the books. The books will be posted to non-members who have shared their addresses. ISOLA members will be requested to collect their copies during the AGM.

Research Symposium proceedings, Chennai: Venkatlaxmi, the then Convenor of the symposium has shared that the videos material has been shared with her. She is in process of taking quotes for transcription etc. and will take this forward. Sridevi Rao will oversee the process.

8. **Upcoming Chapter Elections:**
5 chapters are due for Elections for the Term 2026-28: Rajasthan, Kerala, Gujarat, Delhi & Tamil Nadu-Pondicherry.
9. **Update of signatory changes - National, Chapter**
All signatory update was done. Charity Commission pending works to be undertaken and completed.
10. **Corporate discount Membership process :** Process to be updated in SME is pending. All other clarifications and confirmations are cleared.
11. **ISOLA Research Grant-** The second cycle will be undertaken. Volunteer to coordinate will be looked at.
12. **ISOLA Conference 2027-** Maharashtra Chapter has expressed interest in hosting the conference. However, everyone thought that all chapters should be given a chance to express their interest. Also, since many events, with the recently concluded IFLA-APR congress, were centred in the same region, there is a need to activate other regions. The option of hosting the conference in Kolkata will also be taken into account, though there is no chapter there.

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15	Hemanshu Taneja	Hon. Chairperson, Rajasthan Chapter
16	Bineet Chajjer	Hon. Secretary, Rajasthan Chapter
17	Sonal Tiwari	Hon. Chairperson, MP Chapter
18	Atul Kataria	Hon. Chairperson, MH Chapter
19	Syed Zahid	Hon. Chairperson, Hyderabad Chapter
20	Nilesh	Hon. Chairperson, Mumbai Chapter
21	Neha Shah	Hon. Secretary, Mumbai Chapter
22	Aparna Rao	Hon. Chairperson, Bangalore Chapter
23	Krutika Dinakar	Hon. Secretary, Bangalore Chapter
24	Ganga Krishnan	Hon. Chairperson, Kerala Chapter
25	Dr. Seetha	Hon. Chairperson, TN-PY Chapter
26	Sujatha Hingorani	Hon. Chairperson, Delhi Chapter
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Everyone joined in congratulating the entire IFLA-APR organising committee for the successful conduct of the Congress and upscaling and upgrading the benchmark for ISOLA events.

3. Update on proceedings of the morning meeting.

Maithily Velangi gave an overview of all the points discussed in the morning.

4. Next ISOLA Conference -2027: Chapters were invited to express interest in hosting the ISOLA Conference -2027. The EOI is expected by 20th December 2025

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Chapters were invited to express interest in hosting and co-ordinate the ISOLA Research Symposium in conjunction with the EC. The EOI is expected by 20th December 2025

6. ISOLA Website: The new ISOLA website is underway. All chapters were requested to appoint one point of contact from the chapter to feed in data related to chapter activities to the main committee overseeing the website.

7. Landscape Manifesto – presentations by Chapters

Most of the chapters presented their ideas for the year, tying the events with the recently released Landscape Manifesto and its awareness.

Chapters that requested time for this: Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Hyderabad.

8. Pan-India Events: The Pan-India events as was discussed in the previous EC meetings, will take off this year. Bangalore chapter recently conducted their Pan-India event- Thesis Open Day 10.0 successfully.

9. Annual Calendar: All chapters were requested to update the Annual Calendar as shared by Chapter co-ordinator, Dhara Shah.

10. MSLT: The ongoing association of ISOLA with NASA continues, and this year, along with Shilpa Chandawarkar, a call for ISOLA members to join hands for trophy coordination was opened up. Aparna Rao volunteered to be a part of this.

11. Hyderabad Conference books: The chapter requested 50 copies, if not 125. However, it was asked in the chapter to give a list of who these copies be distributed to, and upon justified reasons, it will be taken into consideration. Out of 50, 10copies will be in ISOLA HQ as part of ISOLA's collection of conference proceeding books.

12. Collaborative events: Chapters collaborating with other organisations for any events, to ensure that ISOLA is well represented at the event. Care should be taken that we are not allowing usage of ISOLA logo for their benefits alone.

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