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The International Large Urban Parks Award 2019 Announcement

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The International Large Urban Parks Award enables Cities around the world to benchmark their performance and understand where improvements could be made. The Awards are based on 4 main criteria which are:

- Park Design and Layout
- Features and Facilities
- Protection and Community Engagement and Involvement
- Park Management and Maintenance

The Awards are given in three Categories:

- Gold Award ≥ 800 Points
- Silver Award 650 – 799 Points
- Bronze Award 500 – 649 Points

World Urban Parks is pleased to announce the following recipients for the 2019 International Large Urban Parks Award:

Gold	<i>Chapultepec Bosque</i> in Mexico City (Mexico)	is award Gold. In the largest conurbation in the Americas the park offers a 7 square km green lung to millions of people. By citizens´ and city engagement it is now well on its way to be restored to its full potential providing recreation, culture, history and biodiversity.
Silver	<i>Shakespear Regional Park, Auckland</i> (New Zealand)	is awarded Silver. A peri-urban park, it offers the residents of Auckland, the most populous urban area in New Zealand, easy access to a large nature reserve with rich biodiversity in close proximity to the city. Well protected and managed vegetation and wild life – in cooperation with Maori representatives – trails, beaches and lodging provide urbanites with nature experiences and recreation.
Bronze	<i>Penang City Park, Georgetown</i> (Malaysia)	is awarded Bronze. It is a well-equipped and well managed large park on the outskirts of the city, full of amenities for all ages. It provides sports and play opportunities in a well-groomed green surrounding. NGOs take an active part in arranging events in the park.
Bronze	<i>Queen´s Park, Invercargill</i> (New Zealand)	is awarded Bronze. It is a city park, centrally located in the town, providing strolling opportunities in a series of

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		gardens with various themes. A large part of the park holds a golf course.
Honorary recognition	Hasan Celal Güzel Millet Bahçesi, Gaziantep (Turkey)	receives an honorary recognition for providing the citizens of Gaziantep, Turkey, a full range of sports facilities, centrally located in the city,

Quotes:

“It is an exciting time, as the world urban population will double from 3.5 billion to over 7.0 billion in the next 40 years and therefore it is this important to support the development of parks and open spaces as critical elements in creating vibrant cities and healthy communities. The International Large Urban Parks Award program is an important element in the promotion of the benefits of urban parks around the world and to highlight best practice within our industry.”

“I am pleased to announce the 2019 International Large Urban Parks Awards and congratulate all the recipients. “

Neil McCarthy
CEO World Urban Parks

“The Awards highlight best practice in urban park management with leading examples from Mexico - Chapultepec Bosque (Mexico City) and from New Zealand – Shakespear Regional Park (Auckland)”

“These 2019 awards reflect the global importance of Urban Parks - spaces that help with health, the environment and community cohesion. I congratulate each of the winners for all they do to make their cities more liveable”

Richard Murray
Jury Chair
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