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WORLD URBAN PARKS

OUR STORY

World Urban Parks champions urban park outcome for city liveability, place-making, conservation and access, and provides srtong membership services by connecting, leveraging and supporting diverse memebrships across the international urban parks, open space and recreation community and allied sectors. We are community wanting to make a better world and who are ready to help each other.

The concept of World Urban Parks came to fruition in 2015 out of a strategic review of the International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration (Ifpra) by the International Urban Parks and Green Space Alliance (Parks for Life) in conjunction with other stakeholders.



Ifpra was a unique international organization representing and providing a forum for people, organizations and cities managing parks, recreation, conservation, ecology and allied fields and fostering international and national cooperation.



Parks for Life was an international alliance of professional and peak park recreation associations and similar organizations spanning the USA. Canada, UK, Australia, and New Zealand. It had interest in advocacy and aligning global activities, such was World Parks Day.

VISION

A World where people value and have easy access to quality urban parks, open space and recreation.

MISSION

To promote and support the provision, effective management and use of urban parks, open space and recreation world-wide as an integral contribution to healthy communities connected to the natural world.

WORLD URBAN PARKS DIRECTORS ASSOCIATIONS

Catherine Nagel

City Parks Alliance, USA

Elisabeth Fournier Hortis, France

Ryu Ono World Urban Parks Japan, Japan

> **John Senior** Parks & Leisure, Australia

Dato' Ismail Ngah** MyParks, Malaysia

Dr. Noor Azlin Yahya* MyParks, Malaysia

AGENCIES

Anne Charlton* City of Calgary, Canada

Julia Grant** Department Environment & Water, Australia

> **Kyle Ripley**** City of Calgary, Canada

> > **Chris Hardman*** Parks Victoria, Australia

Simon Talbot** Parks Victoria, Australia

Jon Pape City of Copenhagen, Denmark

Jayne Miller Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, USA

> **Torgeir Sorensen** City of Stavanger, Norway

BUSINESS/ **NGO PHILANTHROPIC**

Gil Penalosa* 880 Cities, Canada

Patricia O'Donnell* Heritage Landscapes, USA

Mark Camley London Legacy Development Corporation, UK

James Griffin** Griffin Commons Consulting Co., USA UNIVERSITIES

Professor Willie Nel University of South Africa, South Africa

COMMUNITY

Ignacio Lira Mi Parque, Chile

Daniel Boulens** France

REGION CHAIRS

Kevin Halpenny Europe Region, Europe

Chris Rutherford Asia-Pacific Region, New Zealand

> **Keith Anderson*** Americas Region, USA

Scott Martin** Americas Region, USA

Jorge Perez Jaramillo*

Emerging Cities Region, Columbia

Bishop Ngobeli** **Emerging Cities Region, South Africa**

SKILL-BASED

Dr. Christy Boylan Landscape Consultant, Ireland

Dr. David Cochrane* Economics Consultant, Australia

Jenn Benden

Generate Network, New Zealand

Kristen Jackson** Active Communities, Australia

CO-OPTED

Jim Griffin Griffin Consultancy, USA

Lynn Wilson Capital Regional District, Victoria, Canada

> **Rob Small** LivCom, New Zealand

* Vacated the Board During the Reporting Year

**New to the Board During the Reporting Year

WORLD URBAN PARKS DIRECTORS

ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO

Chair: Mark Camley

Executive Officer: Sophia Czarkowski

KNOWLEDGE & STNADARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Dr. Jon Pape Executive Officer: Vacant

LARGE URBAN PARKS COMMITTEE

Co-Chair: **Dr. Richard Murray** Co-Chair: Margaret Gormley

Executive Officer: Henrik Waldenström

CHILDREN, PLAY & NATURE COMMITTEE

Co-Chair: Amanda O`Rourke Co-Chair: Helena Bjarnegard Executive Officer: Anya Gregory

OLDER ADULTS & PARKS COMMITTEE

Co-Chair: **Tim Geyer** Co-Chair: Mary Worrall Executive Officer: **Doolin O'Rilev**

HEALTHY PARKS HEALTHY CITIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Kristen Jackson

Executive Officer: **Sean Morris** (Retired – October 2018)

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Co-Chair: **Kevin Halpenny** Co-Chair: Peter Bridgewater Executive Officer: Harold De la Rosa

MEMBERSHIP PORTFOLIO

Co-Chair: Lynn Wilson Co-Chair: Digby Whyte Executive Officer: Vacant

ALLIANCES PORTFOLIO

Chair: Elisabeth Fournier Executive Officer: Karl Nesbit

WORLD PARKS ACADEMY BOARD

Chair: **Dr. Christy Boylan** (*Retired December 2018*) **Dr. Digby Whyte** (As of January 2019) Executive Officer: Stephen A. Wolter Executive Member: Neil McCarthy

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Jim Griffin

Executive Officer: Ben Jonah

EUROPE REGION COMMITTEE

Chair: Kevin Halpenny

Executive Officer: Laure Guillemette

NORTH AMERICAN REGION COMMITTEE

Chair: Scott Martin Executive Officer: Vacant

EMERGING CITIES REGION COMMITTEE

Chair: Bishop Ngobeli Executive Officer: Vacant

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION COMMITTEE

Chair: Chris Rutherford Executive Officer: Nic Crous

HONORARY MEMBERS

A policy on honorary members is yet to be developed. However the recipients of the prestigious World Urban Parks Distinguished Individual Award receive honorary memberships. World Urban Parks has also inherited four honorary members from Ifpra who were recognized for outstanding service.

World Urban Parks Distinguished Individual Award 2018: Gil Penalosa, Canada

World Urban Parks Distinguished Individual Award 2016: Neil McCarthy, Australia

World Urban Parks Distinguished Individual Award 2015: Dr. Christy Boylan, Ireland

Ifpra Honorary Member: Gilbert Briscoe, South Africa

Ifpra Honorary Member: Roger Brown, USA

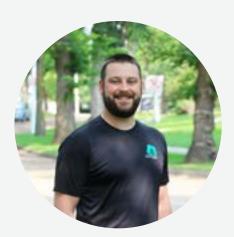
Ifpra Honorary Member: Kanzo Hirano, Japan

Ifpra Honorary Member: Alan Smith, UK

STAFF



NEIL MCCARTHY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



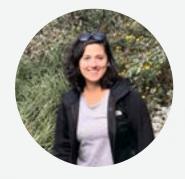
BENJAMIN JONAH SECRETARIAT COORDINATOR & PROGRAM MANAGER



RICHARD O'BYRNE STRATEGY COORDINATOR



SANDRA VIVIANA MURILLO **SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR**



REBECCA COHEN **POLICY COORDINATOR**



PARTNERS

PRINCIPAL DONOR

Government of South Australia - Department of Environment and Water



WORLD URBAN PARKS PARTNERSHIPS

- World Health Organisation
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), #NatureforAll
- The Nature of Cities
- National Associations
- Indiana University & Epply Institute
- World Parks Academy
- University Teknologi MARA Malaysia

- ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability
- International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)
- World Design Summit
- National Park City Foundation
- Entente Florale Europe
- Generate Network

WORLD PARKS WEEK PARTNERS

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- #NatureforAll
- London National Park City
- Green Flag

- -10:10 Climate Action
- ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability
- The Nature of Cities
- Cities with Nature
- Agents of Discovery

WORLD URBAN PARKS EMERGING PARTNERSHIPS

- Arbor Day Foundation
- Green Flag
- International Horticultural (AIHP)

- UNICEF
- Burra Charter ICOMOS
- Man & Biosphere

2018 - 2019 MEMBERSHIP





What's it like to be a Member?

We see our members as partners. Becoming a member opens up program and professional development opportunities to improve recreation and parks in your community setting, but also ensures you are an essential part of our mission to build open space and recreation world-wide.

World Urban Parks works to promote and support the provision, effective management and use of urban parks, open space and recreation world-wide as an integral contribution to healthy communities connected to the natural world.



KEY DRIVERS



ADVOCACY

A global voice supporting the value and benefits of parks and the industry through science and unity.



BEST PRACTICE

World-class communities, organizations, and professionals recognized for high standards and efficiencies through congresses, benchmarking, awards and certification.



COLLABERATION

Resolving issues and increasing knowledge and capacity through diverse networks of colleagues and partnerships.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

ADVOCACY

A global voice supporting the value and benefits of parks and the industry through science and unity.

MEMBERSHIP

Built on a strong foundation of organizational and individual membership representing world-class communities, organizations and professionals recognized for high standards and efficiencies.

ALLIANCES

Networked, influential and collaborative through diverse networks of colleagues and partnerships.

COLLABORATION

Efficient management and administration to ensure all legislative and regulatory requirements are met, and that members and funders have full confidence in World Urban Parks.

OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION

World Urban Parks actively aspires to ensure all cities have parks, gardens, waterways, and openspace that contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



All out strategies are designed to enable the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Primary Goals World Urban Parks contribute directly to:













And through our contribution to the above we achieve and are committed to:













And we aspire through our actions that we will assist communities achieve the following UN Sustainability Goals:











All our future policies, statements and work of World Urban Parks will identify how they contribute to the UN Sutainable Development Goals and targets.

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CHAIR'S REPORT



Last year, I was honoured to be chosen as Chair of World Urban Parks following the inaugural Chair for World Urban Parks, Gil Penalosa.

I would first of all like to thank our outgoing Chair, Gil Penalosa, for his expert guidance of World Urban Parks since its beginnings in 2015. Under Gil's strategic leadership, the organization has grown and developed into a globally important voice for urban parks and green spaces. Under Gil's leadership, we transitioned successfully and establish many key programs. The Board extends its thanks to Gil for his leadership and his commitment to World Urban Parks as the Board's inaugural chair. We were also extremely proud that he was awarded the World Urban Parks Distinguished Individual Award for 2018.

On behalf of the World Urban Parks Board and staff, I want to also thank David Cochrane. Dave was instrumental in the creation of World Urban Parks. While we are happy for Dave's retirement, we do miss his invaluable contributions to the organization.

As the world's cities populations are growing extensively, our work is especially critical today, and into the near future. As park and recreation professionals, we play a significant role in ensuring the health and well-being for the people living in these cities through the provision of quality parks and green spaces and positive recreation opportunities. We also can ensure that the environment of these cities is well cared for and protected. We are a talented group of professionals around the world who can make the world a better place!

Let's take some extra time to do this important work! Please roll up your sleeves with me as we do this critical work!

Rolling up your sleeves and getting involved is a key theme for me as Chair of World Urban Parks. We have come a long way in such a short time since the establishment of World **Urban Parks.**

I would like to share with you some of our achievements this year and thank you for your ongoing support in achieving these critical milestones. Your active participation in World Urban Parks is much appreciated and certainly key to our success to date.

We have expanded our influence this year through alliances with:

- IUCN #NatureforAll (2018)
- National Park City Foundation (2018)
- The Nature of Cities (2019)

Our partnership with Indiana University's Eppley Institute has resulted in the development of the World Parks Academy. Our services were expanded this year with the establishment of the Program of Merit status to the University Teknologi MARA Malaysia's Bachelor of Parks and Amenity Management Program. Graduates of the program will become members of World Urban Parks and receive provisional Certified Park Professional status.

On the policy front, World Urban Parks has been actively promoting the value and benefits of urban parks and green spaces through the development of four key policy statements this year:

- The Melbourne Statement (2018)
- Children, Play & Nature Policy (2019)
- Mexico 2025 Statement (2019)
- Universal Charter for National Park City (2019)

Organizationally, the World Urban Parks has four key portfolios to help us focus our efforts:

- Advocacy
- Membership
- Alliances
- Governance

These Portfolios help us deliver valuable membership services, and we thank the many volunteers who have contributed their efforts to make this possible. During this year, the Governance Portfolio took over the responsibility of all revenue responsibilities including membership revenue.

A newly created and incredibly important committee is Emerging Cities; geared toward individuals and organizations in countries where the per capita GDP is below US \$25,000, which is precisely where the largest and fastest urban population is taking place, where parks have the lowest relevance and, in consequence, need the most support from World Urban Parks. This Committee has establish two regional sub-committees: Latin American and African.

Also important are World Urban Parks many committees and working groups. Currently, hundreds of individuals are active in 37 committees and working groups; these range from Children, Play & Nature, Older Adults and Parks, Large Urban Parks, Healthy Parks Healthy Cities, through to Funding & Audit.

We continue to welcome new members in all committees, ideally large organizations and cities should have at least one member. Please contact us if you would like to join one of these groups. Our volunteers benefit through excellent networking opportunities and professional development opportunities, while helping to advance World Urban Parks work on behalf of urban parks.

World Urban Parks also promotes urban parks through hosting key conferences worldwide. This year, we have hosted several

conferences and events, the inaugural Congresp Pargues by the Asociacion Nacional de Parques & Recreacion and the International Parks & Leisure Congress by Parks & Leisure Australia.

I hope you can see that World Urban Parks is entering an exciting new phase of development. We've made great progress since World Urban Parks initiation in 2015, and I am very excited about what lies ahead.

It is obvious that the CEO and the Board can't do our work without you, our members. As a member-based organization, we'll be as good as the quality and time dedicated by our members. You truly are the key that allows World Urban Parks to have an effective voice. Through your involvement in World Urban Parks, you are helping to create more resilient, equitable, and healthy cities that are welcoming for all, especially the most vulnerable citizens: children, older adults, and the poor.

Finally, the World Urban Parks Board is a diverse group of dynamic, respected and knowledgeable professionals who are always ready to meet challenges and contribute time and advice in the interest of our members. On behalf of my fellow board members, we sincerely thank you for your trust and support. We look forward to the coming year where we can build on our momentum and further our agenda on a global scale.



THIS YEARS HIGHLIGHTS

THE FIRST AMBASSADOR FOR WORLD URBAN PARKS

The Board of World Urban Parks was proud to announce our first Ambassador, Gil Penalosa, this year. Gil was the inaugural Chair of World Urban Parks and has guided the organisation over the last three years. In that time, we have been able to transition successfully and establish many key programs. The Board extends its thanks to Gil for his leadership and that he is so committed to World Urban Parks to take on this role.



The Melbourne 2018 INTERNATIONAL PARKS AND LEISURE (IPLC) Congress in partnership with the Parks and Leisure Australia focused on addressing the pressing global impact and challenges that urban growth and density will have on

our parks, overall wellbeing, climate, and sports and leisure. We outlined many of the challenges, but also addressed how we as a sector can comprehensively respond to ensure that our open spaces are protected, communities improved, and our lifestyles enhanced.

From the IPLC 2018 comes the Melbourne Statement. World Urban Parks developed this statement in response to the congress and lays out key principles in conjunction with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Read the *Melbourne Statement Today* or Listen to the *Webinar on Future of Spaces and Places in Cities!*



PARKS & LEISURE AUSTRALIA - THANK YOU!

On behalf of World Urban Parks, we wish to congratulate your organisation on delivering what has become the largest and most successful urban park congress in Australia.

The fact that it was so successful and that it was "sold out," is a testament to the leadership and professionalism of your team and we are very thankful for their efforts and the time they gave to international delegates.

The reflections here and in the December newsletter reflect how well the Congress was designed and presented, and you all should be immensely proud. It was 1998 when Australia last hosted the World Urban Parks Congress, I hope it won't be another 20 years before Australia hosts its next one.

What an outstanding success! Breaking all records for annual Parks & Leisure Australia (PLA) conferences, the 2018 event (staged jointly with World Urban Parks) in Melbourne, Australia greatly exceeded its high expectations with 720 delegates including 56 from overseas and the Awards Dinner attendance of 520. Due to venue capacity we even had to decline late delegate registrations and dinner tickets! The 56 overseas delegates came from nineteen countries - Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Finland, France, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and USA

PRINCIPAL DONOR

Thank you to the Government of South Australia - Department of Environment and Water as World Urban Parks first Principal Donor.

The Government of South Australia, has a clear vision for Adelaide, as outlined in their Greening Adelaide policy and has been leading the challenge to rethink urban parks and open space, through the recent hosting of the Second International National Park City Forum.

World Urban Parks is proud to have such support from the Government of South Australia and the leadership they are providing.

The leadership shown by the South Australian Minister
David Speirs is exceptional both for his passion for Adelaide's
parklands and his vision to make Adelaide green."
- Jayne Miller, Chair - World Urban Parks

"World Urban Parks is very proud to have the Department of Environment & Water as our Principal Donor Partner" -Neil McCarthy, CEO - World Urban Parks

2018 A BIG YEAR FOR WUP AWARDS

2018 saw the launch of the international Large Urban Parks Awards, and we congratulate the following parks on their achievement:

Gold

Centennial Park, Sydney (Australia) - Learn More! Phoenix Park, Dublin (Ireland) - Learn More!

Silve

Rivierenhof Park, Antwerp (Belgium) - Learn More!

Rronza

Auckland Domain/Pukekawa (New Zealand) - *Learn More!* Eco Park, Kalota (India) - *Learn More!* Parque del Agua, Zaragoza, Spain - *Learn More!*

Interesting and Valuable Park

Parque Ecologico Metropolitano de Leon (Mexico) - *Learn More!* 100th Ataturk Culture Park (Turkey) - *Learn More!*

The Legacy Award

The City of Melbourne

The Distinguished Individual Award

Gil Penalosa

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THIS YEARS HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD URBAN PARKS & WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION PARTNERSHIP

World Urban Parks (WUP) and World Health Organization (WHO), are pleased to announce they will be working together to improve the quality of life for our senior community worldwide. Through its Global Network for Age-friendly cities and communities (GNFACC) WHO supports more than 750 cities and communities in 39 countries to become more Age-friendly. World Urban Parks is a global body, established to champion urban park outcomes for city liveability, place-making, conservation and access, and provides strong membership across the international urban parks, open space and recreation community and allied sectors.

In 2009, for the first time ever, the world's population became more urban than rural. By 2050, around two-thirds of all people will live in cities and urban populations will grow by more than 2 billion people. In addition to this, it is predicted at the same time more than 2 billion people will be over 65 years of age. It is therefore imperative to ensure Cities are liveable and that everyone has access to urban parks and green space.

CHILDREN, PLAY, AND NATURE



This year, World Urban Parks committee, Children, Play, and Nature, released a statement. This statement provided a call to action and provided benefits of play and nature and the global deficit of free play in nature.

Read the full statement here!

Watch the release through the World Parks Academy webinar!

STATEMENT OF COLLABORATION

At the International Parks and Leisure Congress in Melbourne, hosted by Parks and Leisure Australia, World Urban Parks and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas entered into a Statement of Collaboration.

This statement of collaboration between World Urban Parks and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) to advance our shared vision for inspiring and empowering people from all walks of life around the world to nurture and connect with nature, parks, and protected areas in and around urban areas.

You can read the statement of collaboration in three languages!

Statement of Collaboration - *English*Statement of Collaboration - *French*Statement of Collaboration - *Spanish*

FEATURED PARTNER

The National Association of Parks and Recreation of Mexico, dedicated to the professionalization of those actors that promote the creation, revitalization, and sustainability of urban parks and public spaces in Mexico, convened the 1st National Meeting of Large Urban Parks and Forests held on the days February 21, 22 and 23, 2019 in the city of León in Guanajuato, Mexico.

With the presence of 20 Mexican parks; the event achieved its participation with the main objective of promoting a deep exchange of experiences and best practices. The host city received more than 50 directors, presidents of patronages and comanagement organizations of public spaces and major Mexican parks and large-scale in the country.

During the course of the meeting various tours were held, including visits to the Leon Metropolitan Ecological Park, the Guanajuato Cultural Forum Complex: the Bicentennial Theater and Sculpture Garden, the Explora Ecological Park as well as the Explora Science Museum.

During the 3 days the attendees had the opportunity to share success stories in dialogue tables for best practices on the different thematic axes that frame the large park and urban forest.

The themes were developed in:

- 1. Physical conditions, equipment, attractions and amenities
- 2. Fundamentals: Strategic planning
- 3. Economic development: sources of income and budgets; human resources and management model
- 4. Marketing, communication and events
- 5. Shared vision or trends
- 6. Curriculum, educational programs and certification

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WORLD URBAN PARKS CONGRESSES

World Urban Parks Congresses in 2018 included the inaugural Congreso Parques by the Asociacion Nacional de Parques & Recreacion and the International Parks & Leisure Congress by Parks and Leisure Australia.

World Urban Parks had sent out an Expression of Interest (EOI) to partner national associations and general membership at large. The EOI sought organizations to host any of the World Urban Parks world or regional congresses over the coming years.

World Urban Parks nearly has a full program for 2019 and 2020.

2019

- Regional Congreso Parques, Monterrey, Mexico
- Regional Greater & Greener, USA
- Regional South America Parks Congress, Argentina Learn more!
- World Kazan, Russia Learn more!

2020

- Regional Recreation Aotearoa, New Zealand Learn more!
- Regional ARPA, Canada
- Regional Leon, Mexico

OTHER

- Parks & Nature Congress SAMGUS, Iceland
- IERM Durban, South Africa
- Cities for Mobility Stuttgart
- **ICLEI World Congress**
- Hortis National Congress Reims, France
- Greening the Urban Environment Tullamore, Ireland
- Nature of Cities Summit Paris, France



EVENTS

CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL DE PARQUES URBANOS

The 1st International Congress of Urban Parks, in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, trained and gathered professionals, public officials, technicians, decision makers, academics, students, civil society and suppliers related to the public space in the same place, to boost the urban parks and recreation industry in Mexico, creating a space of three days of training, conferences, workshops and commercial exhibition.

> **22 COUNTRIES 175** INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANTS **+180 CITIES 1866 TOTAL ATTENDEES**

The Agenda 2025 for the Public Space and Public Life in Mexico: A collective call for action, was signed by more than 20 national organizations. In 2019, World Urban Parks signed and endorsed the Mexico Agenda 2025. "The forward- thinking agenda that has been developed in Mexico provides a blueprint that can be applied across the world. It challenges us all to make the changes in our own urban parks to deliver better places and cities for people, for nature, for the planet." - Mark Camley, World Urban Parks Advocacy Chair

INTERNATIONAL PARKS & LEISURE CONGRESS

The 2018 International Parks & Leisure Congress was the largest of its kind for Parks & Leisure Australia with 720 delegates including 56 international delegates. International delegates were from Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Finland, France, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and USA.

During the Congress many World Urban Parks initiatives took shape. While at the Congress, World Urban Parks entered into a new partnership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) – the #NatureforAll campaign for Australia and New Zealand. Also, there was the Melbourne Statement that was produced which outlined the pressing challenges surrounding urban growth, urban environmental and livability issues and their impacts on parks, leisure and recreation, climate, and communities. The Melbourne Statement reiterated World Urban Parks commitment to the UN Sustainable Development's principles including Redesigning Cities, Rethinking Concepts, Rediscovering Nature, and Re-Energising Communities. By integrating these four principles, World Urban Parks will continue to ensure that all cities have accessible and inclusive parks, gardens, waterways, and open spaces.



NATIONAL PARK CITY

National Park City Foundation in collaboration with World Urban Parks and Salzburg Global began development of the Universal Charter for National Park Cities.

Over the course of the past year World Urban Parks has worked collaboratively around the world to bring together professionals to assist in the development of the Universal Charter. With the second International Forum for National Park Cities occurring in Adelaide with the leadership of the South Australian government to roundtables occurring in both Toronto, Canada and Washington, D.C., USA.

World Urban Parks has set the goal of 25 by 2025! This means, to have 25 cities around the world commit to being a National Park City by 2025. London has been named the world's first National Park City on July 22, 2019!



PARKS WEEK

World Parks Week 2018 was an amazing week of people, organizations, and cities celebrating our parks and green spaces all over the globe! The week was organised to:

- Communicate the critical importance of parks in a global context
- Promote best practice by learning from other park services
- Encourage people to enjoy their local park and appreciate the importance of green space

World Urban Parks previously organised a World Parks Day in September. Since then, World Parks Week was established and moved to the last week in April to accommodate both northern and southern hemispheres for optimal weather and time outdoors.

World Parks Week 2018 had close to 40 events in 8 countries across the world in celebration of parks. We look forward to developing this program into an international celebration of parks known by park and recreation organisations as well as their users. If you would like to participate in future World Parks Week's contact the Secretariat Coordinator!



SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Global social media report from August 2018 to August 2019.

1172 FOLLOWERS

LINKEDIN

258 FOLLOWERS

GROUP MEMBERS

3454 FOLLOWERS **739,500** | IMPRESSIONS 314 FOLLOWING

NSTAGRAM

160 FOLLOWERS

FOLLOWING

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

	2019	2018
REVENUE		
Awards Income	4,252	-
Conferences & Seminars	15,768	-
Member Fees - Individuals	12,752	14,300
Member Fees - Organizations	110,286	91,941
Interest Income	62	191
Donor Income	2,236	-
Other Income	2,015	-
TOTAL REVENUES	147,370	106,432

EXPENSES		
Accounting & Audit Fees	7,565	6,340
Awards Programme Expenses	4,010	76
Bad Debts	14,902	5,505
Bank Fees	1,844	2,734
General Expenses	1,511	431
Insurance	3,065	2,172
Management Fee	97,032	77,089
Conference & Seminars	1,248	-
Member Fee Collection	3,996	2,901
Other IT & Software Systems	3,022	1,109
Travel & Accomodation	1,569	-
Administration Expenses	31	-
TOTAL REVENUES	139,794	98,356

Net Profit / (loss) Before Taxation	7,576	8,077
Total Taxation	2,121	1,013
Net Profit / (loss) After Taxation	5,455	7,064

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Accounts Receivable	20,741	24,328
Cash & Cash Equivalents	54,897	43,575
GST Receivable	1,034	568
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	76,672	68,472
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	23,131	8,088
Credit Card	955	-
Income Tax Payable	2,101	950
Income in Advance	33,923	48,327
TOTAL CURRENT REVENUES	60,110	57,365
NET ASSETS		
Retained Earnings	11,107	11,107
Financial Reserve	748	-
Systems Fund Reserve	4,707	-
TOTAL EQUITY	16,562	11,107

AWARDS

INTERNATIONAL LARGE **URBAN PARK AWARDS**

World Urban Parks is delighted to announce the first winners of its International Large Urban Parks Awards - recognizing the quality of the Parks, the skills of the people who manage them and the value they bring to the cities they serve. Richard Murray, Chair of the judging panel, announced the awards and commended the quality of applications, "These inaugural 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 livable."

2018 INAUGURAL AWARD WINNERS:

Centennial Park, Sydney - Australia - GOLD Phoenix Park, Dublin - Ireland - GOLD

Rivierenhof Park Antwerp - Belgium - SILVER Auckland Domain/Pukekawa - New Zealand - BRONZE

Eco Park, Kalkota – India – **BRONZE**

Parque Del Agua – SPAIN – BRONZE

100th Ataturk Culture Park - Turkey - Interesting & Valuable Large Urban Park

Parque Del Ecologico Metropolitano De Leon – Mexico – Interesting & Valuable Large Urban Park

LEGACY AWARD

The Legacy Award of World Urban Parks recognises past leaders or organisations who impacted parks and park management. The 2018 World Urban Parks Legacy Award was presented to the City of Melbourne at the International Parks & Leisure Congress.

The City of Melbourne is a leading capital city local government authority. There vision is to be a bold, inspirational and sustainable city. A key component of that vision is to ensure the city can adapt, grow and thrive sustainably in a changing environment. The City of Melbourne recognises the vital role green spaces play in the liveability of today's city and the health and well-being of the community. Congratulations Melbourne!

DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUAL AWARD

World Urban Parks encourages and recognises significant contributions made by individuals to the urban parks, open space and recreation sector with this prestigious international award. The 2018 World Urban Parks Distinguished Individual Award was presented to Gil Penalosa at the International Parks & Leisure Congress.

Gil Penalosa is an accomplished leader and inspirational speaker. Because of Gil's unique blend of pragmatism and passion, his leadership and advice is sought out by many cities and organizations. Over the past ten years, Gil has worked in over 300 different cities across six continents. Currently, Gil serves as World Urban Parks Ambassador. Congratulations Gil!



GOVERNANCE PORTFOLIO

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governance Portfolio oversees the Finance & Audit functions of World Urban Parks, strategic planning, business systems, end of year reporting, & AGM Board Governance.

MEMBER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM **CASE STUDY**

A new Member Management System was unveiled in 2019 that will promote improved efficiency for acquiring and retaining WUP members. This change to a web-based payment platform allows for convenient, fast and verifiable membership transactions in a manner that is consistent with standard payment processes for most member organizations and individuals.

This easy to use system should dramatically improve member retention rates and allow the Secretariat and Board to spend their resources, especially time, on work that directly advances the mission of WUP.

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 5

Portfolio Chair / Co-Chair: Jim Griffin

Executive Officer: Ben Jonah

MEMBERS

Noriah Mat Sue Black **David Cochrane**

Bill Wells (Observer) Steve Allan (Observer)

DIRECT BENEFITS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Allow members to join or renew memberships online, manage their own profiles, and view purchase history

The website will be totally integrated with membership management and will use modern technology that will enable the content to be kept up to date

Create multiple communities - each with their own security settings, discussion forums, document libraries, wikis, and blogs

DIRECT BENEFITS FOR WORLD URBAN PARKS & PROTECTING OUR MEMBERS

The new system will meet international requirements and industry standards that we haven't achieved before:

- Privacy
- Scalability & Reliability
- Data Security & PCI Compliance
- Technology Standards
- Extendibility & Openness
- Mobile Capability
- Upgradability

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

- Possible transition to single accountancy/audit functions
- Possible transition to establish business address in country that allows tax exemptions for non-profit
- Possible transition from Google to MS 365 for work productivity software
- Move to fully integrate related programs

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Achieved successful AGM, financial performance and audit review
- **Delivered small profit for FY 2018-2019**
- **Diversified income stream**
- Transitioned to new organizational leadership
- Launched member management system





MEMBERSHIP PORTFOLIO

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

Membership Strategy

Membership Growth 2

Membership Retention 3

Increasing capacity of the Membership Committee 4.

Rationalising oversight of activities 5

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Membership Strategy 1

Membership Recruitment Strategy 7 & tracking database

World Urban Parks Strategic Targets 3 2017/18 performance

Marketing & Communications Plan, 4 Social Media, & AGM Survey

Membership brochure 5

MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY

World Urban Parks has updated our Membership Strategy. Our approach has been developed to ensure we understand the World Urban Parks Value Proposition and Market fit. The diagram outlines the approach being taken.

The center piece of our Value Proposition - is the belief that we can make a difference and that this can be done through a global network of passionate individuals and committed organizations.

MEMBERSHIP PORTFOLIO CASE STUDY

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for World Urban Parks was held electronically from 24th August to 31st August. The AGM is always held via electronic survey so that all members will have six days to participate at their

The AGM provides an opportunity for members to see, comment on and approve:

- Board appointments
- The annual report of World Urban Parks for the 2017/18 year
- The audited financial reports for the 2017/18 year
- The appointment of the auditor and terms of that appointment

34 World Urban Parks members participated in the AGM and thus a quorum was achieved as required.

As part of the 2018 AGM, members completed a survey regarding key services they are seeking, which areas they would like to participate in and how they would like to participate.

The three key services our Members seek are:

- Communications Knowledge sharing
- Conferences, Seminars and Webinars
- Resource Database and Research

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 6

Vice Chair: Lynn Wilson

Deputy Vice-Chair: Dr. Digby

Executive Officer: Vacant

MEMBERS

Neil McCarthy Chris Rutherford Kevin Halpenny Rebecca Cohen

Bishop Ngobeli Jason Brown Nic Crous

WORLD URBAN PARKS STRATEGIC TARGETS 2017/18

		2017	2018 / 2019	
STRATEGIC TARGETS (MEMBERSHIP)	Responsible	Actual	Target	Mar 31 Progress
100 Organization Members	CEO	72	100	90
180 Paying Individual Members	CEO	140	180	191
300 Individual Members (Paying, honorary, Complimentary)	CEO	252	300	413

EUROPE REGION COMMITTEE

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 10



Chair / Co-Chair : Kevin J Halpenny

Executive Officer: Laure Guillemet

MEMBERS

Elisabeth Fournier Pekka Engblom **Axel Fischer Felicitas Heimann**

Ola Melin **Engblom Pekka**

Brigittee Loewenthal Stefano Cerea

2019 / 2020

Anne Marchand

Didier Vidal Ana Luengo **Carl McClean** Jean-Marie Rogel

KEY ACTIVITIES & DIRECTION FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increased WUP membership in the **Europe Region**
- **Promote/Increase CPP and CPPI** certification among Europe Members
- Participate in the organisation of a **European Congress**

GREENING THE URBAN **ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE**

TULLAMORE CO. OFFALY, IRELAND, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018

CASE STUDY

The Irish Landscape Institute hosted a one-day conference in partnership with the International Federation of Landscape Architecture (IFLA Europe), World Urban Parks Europe Region and Entente Florale Europe. These three international organisations have through Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), signed in 2017, recognised that they share many common values and objectives and agreed to cooperate on various initiatives such as information sharing. The one-day conference was an action in line with the spirit of the MOUs and was planned to coincide with the Entente Florale Awards presentation in Tullamore. The conference was addressed by several WUP members from various European countries.

- Participation in the quadrennial Nordic 1 **Parks Conference**
- WUP partnered with the Irish Landscape 2 **Institute and Entente Florale Europe on** a 1 day conference in September 2018
- Participation in the Hortis Association 3 Conference from October 4-6th, in Reims, France
- Participation in the International Parks 4 and Leisure Congress - Melbourne **Australia October 2018**

NORTH AMERICAN REGION COMMITTEE

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

- Integrating the Region by having Co-Chairs for **Canada and the United States**
- **Designate a Focus Activity Purpose for the Committee**
 - •Increase communication amongst region members
 - •Facilitate focused opportunities to share information, innovation, and collaboration between the region and global community
 - •Create engagement opportunities within existing professional networks and organizations
 - •Elevate the National Park Cities Initiative

"OUR INCREASINGLY INTERCONNECTED WORLD FINDS ENERGY, CREATIVITY, AND INNOVATION IN ITS URBAN HUBS. A FOCUSED, ACTIVE, AND **ENGAGED NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE OFFERS** THE OPPORTUNITY FOR NORTH AMERICAN PARK LEADERS TO ENGAGE WITH FELLOW **GLOBAL LEADERS WHO ARE ACTIVELY SHAPING** TOMORROW'S CITIES, TODAY."

- Scott Martin, Co-Chair of North American Region Committee

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 2



Co-Chair: Scott Martin

Co-Chair: CJ Nobel

Executive Officer: Vacant

MEMBERS

Anne Charlton B Doyle

Jennifer Ringold

J. Sabbach

Lynn Wilson

Catherine Nagel Rebecca Cohen

Tomas-Herrera-Mishler Bill Wells **Jayne Miller**

Thanks to the leadership of WUP Chair Jayne Miller, and building on the incredibly powerful Melbourne Statement, the North American Committee is actively reconstituting itself to meet the needs and interests of urban parks professionals in the region. The aim is to provide a value-added platform for those in the North American park community with an interest in, and passion for, global park leadership and thinking.

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Reconvened North American Region Committee

Convened a North America Committee Gathering attended by 2 20 Professional Leaders at the City **Parks Alliance Greater and Greener** Conference



EMERGING CITIES COMMITTEE

CASE STUDY

World Urban Parks in late 2017 established a concept around an Emerging Cities Region to represent the needs of the cities around the global south, where greater growth of urbanization is happening (developing countries). In 2015, there were 1,729 Cities with a population of greater than 300,000. This will grow by 30% by 2030. The regions that will grow substantially are Asia, Africa and South America.

Most of these cities have common issues around urban sprawl, immigration, informal developments, inequality among many other conditions, and specifically, underdeveloped green space and green space management, as well as challenges in population growth, infrastructure and access. In general, the area would cover South and Central America, Africa, Central Asia and Pacific Islands. They will be defined by Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or simply opting in. The Region will better serve under-represented cities that contain most of the world's urban population. Due to the span of the region, several deputy chairs are proposed.

Initially our focus will be Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, India and other cities located in countries where the per capita GDP is below US\$25,000. However, we will be working closely with the UN and UNHabitat. This approach is unique and will enable all our members to participate either directly, through knowledge support, financial support and programs such as Peer Reviews.

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 0



Chair: Bishop Ngobeli

Deputy Vice-Chair: Luis Romahn

Executive Officer: Vacant

MEMBERS

Jayne Miller Gil Penalosa **Neil McCarthy**

DIRECTION FOR 2019/2020

- **Launch the Latin America Region**
- 2 Develop the African Region
- 3 Launch the Eurasian Chapter

CASE STUDY - LIVCOM

During the past year we collectively used much time and effort in pursuing opportunities to take on the LivCom awards from the Trust that appears to own them. This would have involved taking over the Trust based in the UK which has potential other strategic advantages for World Urban Parks. Unfortunately the inactivity of the current Trustees combined with uncertainty around ownership of the LivCom awards has led us the point of needing the Trustee's to qualify several matters which they have not done to date.

More positively we have been exploring opportunities to develop other awards with partner organisations and hope to be able to introduce additional awards into our WUP portfolio in the next few

ASIA-PACIFIC COMMITTEE

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 2



Chair: Chris Rutherford

Executive Officer: Nic Crous

MEMBERS

Become a member of this committee today!

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Melbourne Conference - Completed in 2018 a very successful conference in partnership with Parks & Leisure Australia

Recreation Aotearoa Green Pavlova 2020 - Planning underway for this Asia-Pacific Conference in Rotorua in



ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO

COMMITTEES

LARGE URBAN PARKS COMMITTEE

KNOWLEDGE & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

CHILDREN PLAY & NATURE COMMITTEE

OLDER ADULTS & PARKS COMMITTEE

HEALTHY PARKS HEALTHY CITIES COMMITTEE

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **1** Member Survey
- **2** Melbourne Statement
- **3** National Park City Initiative
- 4 Mexico 2025 Agenda
- **5** Large Urban Parks Award

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ADVOCACY PORFOLIO | CASE STUDY

continue to support the initiative through supporting the programme to have 25 NPCs by 2025.

The Advocacy Group, along with the CEO and Chair have supported the development of the Universal Charter contributing to regular

meetings and events in London and Salzburg, WUP have also supported both London and Adelaide in preparing approaches to become

a National Park City. The Charter will be launched on 21 July 2019 and London declared the first National Park City on 22 July. WUP will

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS (3)



Chair: Mark Camley

Executive Officer: Sophia Czarkowski

MEMBERS

Dr. Richard Murray Tim Greyer Amanda O'Rourke Anthony-Paul Diaz Jon Pape Jo Hopkins **Neil McCarthy**

Kristen Jackson **Kevin Halpenny**

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

Build LUP Awards

Get More Momentum In Group

National Park City Initiative

Promulgate Policies

Member Survey

ACHIEVEMENTS International Large Urban **Parks Award**

KEY ACTIVITIES &

2 Development of the regular Knowledge Report for the World Urban Park Newsletter

LARGE URBAN PARKS COMMITTEE **CASE STUDY**

Developing Knowledge

During 2018 the LUP Committee further developed the concept of knowledge for World Urban Parks and developed The Hooshmand Report as part of the Knowledge Hub. This report is published in every Newsletter and Dr. Hooshmand Alizadeh, will provide a range of interesting articles from around the world. Dr Hoosmand is a member of the Large Urban Parks Committee (Co-Chair Knowledge and Research Working Group) and Society of Iranian Architects & Planners. Dr Hooshmand Alizadeh currently works at the Department of Urban Planning and Design, University of Kurdistan, Iran. He mainly focuses on public spaces, urban sustainability, urban form, behaviour and space, Kurdish Cities.



KEY FACTS & FIGURES

COMMITTEE

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 5

Co-Chair: Dr. Richard Murray

Co-Chair: Margaret Gormley

Executive Officer: Henrik Waldenstrom

MEMBERS

Michael Boland Neil McCarthy Eric Taumulonis

LARGE URBAN PARKS

Dave Sheldon

Lilia Haua

Patricia O'Donnell **Mark Camley**

Alberto Ipas **Peter Verdyck Debashis Sen Chris Hardman**

Hooshmand Alizadeh Martin Vanjaarsveld

Margaret Gormley

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

Launching 2019 International Large **Urban Parks Award**

Continue Building of Data-base. a) Large Urban Parks, b) for good practices, c) for literature, websites, and research institutes

WG Good Practice: To increase our membership, to improve our database information, and to be more active providing more information and case studies from around the world.

> Providing a special newsletter for the **Large Urban Parks Network**

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CHILDREN PLAY & NATURE COMMITTEE

CHILDREN & PLAY NATURE **CASE STUDY**

Children, Play and Nature Webinar Series: One of our strategic focus areas has been the curation and development of a webinar series on the important topic of Children, Play and Nature. We have collectively found that the development of these webinars has been helpful in getting our group to focus on specific outputs, facilitating knowledge exchange within the committee, and expanding our impact and engagement outward to other members of World Urban Parks and the broader community of people interested in this topic. Members of our committee have also helped other advocacy committees with the development of other webinars as tools for this kind of exchange and capacity building.

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Webinar 1: Children, Play and Nature Policy Launch (late 2018) The webinar about taking policy into practice with 3 dynamic presentations from 3 different contexts/countries explaining the benefits, importance, and responsibility of urban park professionals to incorporate elements that support independent play in nature for children and highlighting case studies of how this translated into practice on the ground.
- **2** Webinar 2: Changing the Way Calgary Plays (2019) The second webinar highlighted the success of Calgary's multi-layered approach to creating more independent and unstructured play into its management of parks.
- **3** CPN Policy refinement
- 4 New co-chair
- 5 New members

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 8



Co-Chair: Amanda O'Rourke

Co-Chair: Julie Guimond

Executive Officer: Anya Gregory

MEMBERS

Anya Gregory Amanda O'Rourke

Julie Guimond Cathy Kiss Angela Wright

Lisa Gaydon **Cheryl Charles Amowi Phillips Sruthi Atmakur Erinda Fino**

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

Continue to build on the CPN 1 **Webinar Series**

Refine Policy Statement

Create Working Groups on Sub-Topics

More Strategic Partnerships

WEBINARS FOR OLDER ADULTS & PARKS **CASE STUDY**

In May 2019 the Older Adults and Parks committee launched its first Webinar via the World Parks Academy. Committee members Stephanie Firestone and Geoff Alexander, from AARP in the USA, spearheaded the project and worked collaboratively with a team from AARP, and the 8 80 Foundation to put the webinar together based on the "Creating Parks and Public Spaces for People of All Ages" guide. Great parks and public spaces are places where everyone, regardless of age or ability, feels a sense of belonging. But many parks aren't designed, maintained, and programmed in a way that meets the unique needs of children and older adults. Creating Parks and Public Spaces for People of All Ages: A Step-by-Step Guide seeks to change that. Created by AARP, 8 80 Cities, and the Trust for Public Land, this guide is an exciting new resource for community leaders and residents who are interested in building more inclusive public spaces. The webinar is available for free viewing at the World Parks Academy via the link below.

Provalens Learning, World Parks Academy Link

It is proposed further webinars will follow to form a series designed to showcase how different countries and cultures across the globe can make their unban parks age friendly.

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

- **Continued Education**
- Continued Collaboration with WHO
- **3** Webinar Series

OLDER ADULTS & PARKS COMMITTEE

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 6

Co-Chair: Tim Geyer

Co-Chair: Dr Mary Worrall

Executive Officer: Doolin O'Riley

MEMBERS

Brigitte Loewenthal Gil Penaolsa

Stephanie Firestone **Geoff Alexandra**

Catharine Ward-Thompson-**Catherine Yanda**

Drilon Lleshi Karl Nesbitt

Mimi Kalb

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Collaboration between WUP and WHO 1 through its Global Network for Age-friendly **Cities and Communities – Virtual Internship**

Education/dissemination of information 2 and networking

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HEALTHY PARKS HEALTHY CITIES COMMITTEE

HEALTHY PARKS HEALTHY CITIES **CASE STUDY**

In October 2018, five members of the WUP Healthy Parks Healthy Cities Committee had the privilege to attend and present at the WUP/PLA International Parks and Leisure Congress held in Melbourne, Australia. The theme of the conference of the future of places and spaces in cities was extremely relevant to the focus of the HPHC Committee. A consistent theme of presentations and discussions during the Congress was the increasing importance which parks and green spaces play in improving the liveability and environment of cities which are ever increasing in size and density.

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 5

Chair: Kristen Jackson

Executive Officer: Sean Morris

MEMBERS

Carlos Aubert Mark Bowater Neil McCarthy Ruth Holmes David Ellis

Jo hopkins

Kakazuma Takeda **Anne Cleary Daniel Raven-Ellison Judy Ling Wong Rob Small**

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **HPHC Position Statement** 1
- Attending and presenting at WUP IPLC: 2 Committee members attending & presenting at the WUP/PLA IPLC held in Melbourne in October 2018.

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

- Summary of research data 1
 - Communications Plan 2

Sub committee preparing a communications plan for how to get the work and information of the HPHC committee to the WUP membership & more broadly.

- **Principles of Healthy Cities** 3
- Sub-committee of HPHC committee developing the principles of a healthy city for use by WUP members and broader for advocacy and practical application.
 - Healthy Urban Parks and Green Cities 4 **Agenda information for WUP members**
 - Appointing Co-chair and Executive Officer 5

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE **CASE STUDY**

Portland is known as the most environmental friendly city in the United States. The city has the highest number of urban parks per capita in the country. Urban Parks that combine ecology, water management, art and participation through exemplary design strategies.

Since 2009 the city has implemented programmed to promote green infrastructure and create resilient urban environments by minimizing impervious surfaces and integrating nature based solutions into the design of the public space. Projects as the Tanner Springs Park, a park that reaffirms this position by integrating vegetated water facilities for storm water management, reintroducing groundwater and planting suitable vegetation. The city also encourages the installation of green roofs through the Ecoroof programme, a initiative that provide property owners with incentives of up to \$5 per square foot of vegetated roof. These are just a few examples of holistic and successful showcase projects actively promoted by the city of Portland.

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

- 1 Increase number of members in the Green **Infrastructure Advocacy Group**
- 2 Increase amount of accumulated documentation relating to Green Infrastructure
- 3 Investigate development of webinars relation to **Green Infrastructure and NBS**

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 7



Chair: Kevin Halpenny **Executive Officer**: Harold De la Rosa

MEMBERS

Peter Bridgewater

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Completion of Green Infrastructure Advocacy Group Terms of Reference

Establishment of Filing structure for collation of documentation on Green Infrastructure policy and best practice& tracking database 2



ALLIANCE PORTFOLIO

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- EOI for conferences. That include Participation from committee organization WUP world congress
- 2 x Association Round table delivered with topical presentations and key note speakers and plans going forward for future round tables
- **3** Developing a Webinar Strategy framework to share with all committees that identify learning outcomes that benefit WUP partners and its members
- **Preparation of the National Associations and** organizations agreement to be signed in Kazan (WUP World congress), in Bordeaux (national Hortis congress), in Australia and New Zealand
- September 2018 first contact in Nuremberg with Galabau, NurembergMesseOrganization (NMO) and GALK, first meeting of the committee: 17th of June, next 3rd of July (theme, agreement...)15th and 16th of May 2019: meeting in Bruxelles, under the umbrella of ELCA www.elca.info, with 3 other European organizations www.enaplants.eu, www.iflaeurope.eu, www.eilo.eu

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 4

Chair / Co-Chair : Elisabeth Fournier

Executive Officer: Karl Nesbitt

MEMBERS

Sue Black Carl Mclean **John Senior**

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

Webinar Strategy

Association Roundtables

Sponsorship Partners 3

Develop network and partnership

Develop visibility



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WORLD PARKS ACADEMY

Indiana University's World Parks Academy (WPA) collaborates with World Urban Parks to establish international standards in the parks and recreation industry through the delivery of competency-based certification and training worldwide. Operating as part of a global network, WPA serves as a platform for parks professionals to share knowledge, skills, and ideas in the field.

KEY ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1 Program of Merit Endorsement
- 2 Certified Park Professional Certified Park Professional - International
- 3 New Partnerships and CPP Training
- 4 WUP/WPA Webinar Partnership and Training
- 5 National Associations Roundtable

DIRECTION FOR 2019 / 2020

- Development of a 3-year WPA strategy
- 2 International review of the CPP and CPP-I competencies
- 3 Expansion of CPP, CPP-I, national association partnered CPP
- 4 Expansion of the Program of Merit for tertiary degree and other programs
- 5 Expansion of the Webinar Series and professional round tables by webinar
- Expanded presentations, workshops and training at WUP and other world and national conferences

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF MEETINGS 6



NUMBER OF MEMBERS 9



Chair:

Dr. Digby Whyte, Chair | Jan-March 2019 Dr Christy Boylan, Chair | April-December 2018

Executive Officer:

Stephen A. Wolter
Secretary, Eppley Institute, Indiana University

WUP Executive member:Neil McCarthy, CEO WUP

CERTIFIED MEMBERS (CPP/CPP-I)

64 Professionals from **15** Countries

Argentina Japan
Australia Mexico
Canada New Zealand
England Norway
France South Africa
Germany Spain
Ireland (4) USA
Israel

CERTIFIED MEMBERS TOTAL CERTIFIED CCP-1 MEMBERS TOTAL CP-1 MEMBERS TOT

NEW PROGRAM OF MERIT ENDORSEMENT | CASE STUDY

Malaysia's Universiti Teknologi MARA Awarded Program of Merit from Indiana University's World Parks Academy, World Urban Parks.

In 2019 the World Parks Academy (WPA) congratulated the Universiti Teknologi MARA's Bachelor of Parks and Amenity Management Honors Program as the first university to receive designation as a World Parks Academy Program of Merit. This followed a thorough review of the program's coursework, staff and resources and a visit to faculty and students of the School of Architecture, Planning and Surveying Centre of Studies for Parks and Amenity Management in Shah Alam, Malaysia. The WPA board concluded that the program significantly addressed sufficient competencies outlined in the Certified Park Professional competency framework. Graduates of the program will receive provisional Certified Park Professional status from the World Parks Academy, membership of World Urban Parks, and are encouraged to continue working in parks and recreation industry careers.

ABOUT THE WORLD PARKS ACADEMY PROGRAM OF MERIT:

The World Parks Academy endorses university programs and other tertiary parks, open space, and recreation-related programs that meet the World Parks Academy's standards based on its internationally developed Certified Park Professional competencies. Endorsement as a 'Program of Merit' is not at the same level or cost of accreditation programs but will give students and stakeholders confidence that the program is recognized internationally as relevant and of good quality.







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RICHARD O'BYRNE ROBERT GORDON **NEIL MCCARTHY** JENNIFER FRANCIS **FRED BONCI**

SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to the Government of South Australia – Department of Environment and Water as World Urban Parks first Principal Donor.

The Government of South Australia, has a clear vision for Adelaide, as outlined in their Greening Adelaide policy and has been leading the challenge to rethink urban parks and open space, thru the recent hosting of the Second International National Park City Forum.

World Urban Parks is proud to have such support from the Government of South Australia and the leadership they are providing.

"The leadership shown by the South Australian Minister David Speirs is exceptional both for his passion for Adelaide's parklands and his vision to make Adelaide green." - Jayne Miller, Chair of World Urban Parks

"World Urban parks is very proud to have the Department of Environment & Water as our Principal Donor Partner." - Neil McCarthy, CEO of World Urban Parks

World Urban Parks, is where 'World Park Leaders Grow Here' – World Urban Parks provides numerous opportunities for all of us to lead. On behalf of World Urban Parks, we invite you to be the difference and partner with us to change parks of the world. We are pleased to offer the following opportunities from now until December 2020. Park Industry Sponsorship – Major (Two available) and Supporter (Five available) International Large Urban Parks Award 2020 (One available) World Parks Week 2020 (One available)

Contact office@worldurbanparks.org to inquire about sponsorship opportunities.

