

IFPRA

EUROPE 2009
European Congress
Mikkeli, 15.-17. June
Finland

MODERN SOCIETY — BALANCE WITH NATURE



**WELCOME
TO MIKKELI!**

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PRE TOUR

*June 12–14
Cities by the Sea
Helsinki and Kotka*

POST TOUR

*June 18–20
Lake Saimaa,
Midsummer Festival*



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KAUPUNGINPUUTARHURIEN SEURA r.y.

The host town of IFPRA Europe Congress 2009 Mikkeli warmly welcomes all delegates and visitors to Finland and the town of Mikkeli next June. Mikkeli is excellently situated in the heart of the Finnish Lake District where water can be seen almost everywhere. A good living environment with nature and constructed areas in balance with each other is an important part of life quality for the citizens in Mikkeli. The theme of the congress was named from the basls "Modern Society – Balance with Nature". An extra extension trip will let the visitors experience the unique "nightless nights" of the North, when the sun keeps shining during night time. The finnish Midsummer is also worth experiencing.

We look forward to meeting you in June.

Sincerely,

Counsellor Mr. Viljo Muuronen, IFPRA Europe, Chair elect



Viljo Muuronen

**IFPRA EUROPE CONGRESS
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PRE TOUR 12th - 14th June 2009, CITIES BY THE SEA

12th - 13th June Helsinki, the Finnish Capital: historical and modern parks, new high class housing areas
13th - 14th June Parks of the City of Kotka

(The tour starts 12th June from Helsinki at 12 am and ends in Mikkeli 20th June at 5 pm.)

MIKKELI 14th - 17th June 2009

Sun 14th June 2009

9.30 - 10.30 IFPRA World Executive meeting
10.30 - 13.30 IFPRA Workshop
14.30 - 16.00 IFPRA Europe Commission meeting
16.00 - 19.00 IFPRA World Commission meeting
20.00 - 23.00 Commissioner Dinner

Further details are available on our website: www.ifpraeuropemikkeli.com

19.00 Cruise on Lake Saimaa for other congress participants including evening meal on the ship (Tickets Optional)

Mon 15th June 2009

9.00 Registration, Exhibition/Poster Viewing and coffee at the Concert and Congress House of Mikaeli

10.00 Opening: *Dr. Christy Boylan, Chair IFPRA Europe and Mr. Alan Smith, Chief Executive, IFPRA*

Welcome – City of Mikkeli
Mayor Kimmo Mikander

10.45 Official Opening
Response by *Dr. Christy Boylan*

Installation of the Chair of IFPRA Europe
Counsellor *Mr. Viljo Muuronen, Parks Manager, City of Mikkeli, Finland*

11.15 Coffee, Exhibition/Poster Viewing

The Finnish Landscape Architecture in the 21st Century
Mr. Pekka Leskinen, Managing Director, The Finnish Association of Landscape Industries, Finland

Discussion

12.30 Lunch, Exhibition/Poster Viewing

14.00 Reuniting Culture and Nature: Implementing the European Landscape Convention
Ms. Maggie Roe, Senior Lecturer, Landscape Research Group, School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape University of Newcastle, England

Known, expected and possible Climate Challenges for Europe in the 21st Century
Mr. Helge Drange, Professor Geophysical Institute, University of Bergen, Norway

21st Century Parks Design
Mr. Rob Small, President IFPRA World, Melbourne, Australia

15.30 Coffee, Exhibition/Poster Viewing

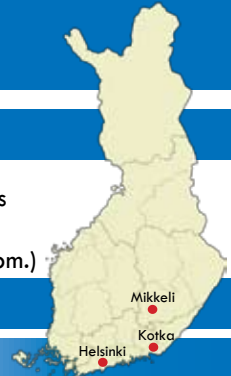
16.00 National Urban Parks, NUP
Mr. Jukka-Pekka Flander, Senior Adviser, The Ministry of the Environment Finland

The Classification of Green Areas in Finland
Ms. Sari Suomalainen, Commissioner of Finland, a Member of the Classification Working Group, Finland

17.00 Discussion

19.00 Reception of City of Mikkeli at Old Vicarage Kenkävero

20.00 Dinner at Old Vicarage Kenkävero (Tickets Optional)



Mikaeli



Kenkävero



8.30 Coffee, Exhibition/Poster Viewing

9.30 Helsinki Parks and Infrastructure in the 21st Century
Ms. Lotta Kontula, Landscape Architect, City of Helsinki, Finland

Parks and City Landscapes with Water
Mr. Dieter Grau, Landscape architect, Partner, Atelier Dreiseitl, Germany

10.45 Coffee, Exhibition/Poster Viewing

11.15 Make Room for the Landscape Strategies for the Landscape in Gothenburg
Mr. Lars Johansson, Parks Manager, City of Uppsala, Sweden

Lisboa- Parks and Infrastructure in the 21st Century
Mr. Joao Basto, Landscape Architect, Lisboa City Council, Strategic Planning Department, Portugal

12.15 Discussion

12.30 Lunch, Exhibition/Poster Viewing



14.00 - 15.00 Parallell Sessions on Sub-Themes

ECONOMIC & ENGINEERING VALUES

Why not sell the Parks?
Dr. Anna Steidle, Landscape Architect, Germany

The Ecological Green Space Managing Scheme: Eve
Mr. Philippe Hirou, Landscape Engineer, L'Isle Jourdan, France

Challenges of park maintenance in Helsinki
Mr. Pekka Engblom, Park Manager, Western Helsinki

PARKS FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, HEALTH & WELL-BEING VALUES

Parks for People of all Ages: The Scoonselhof Park-Cemetery in Antwerpen
Mr. Walter de Backer, Landscape architect, Antwerpen, Belgium

Parks for People of all Ages, case Spain
Ms. Mireia Valls Hausmann, Manager for Technical Office for Equipments and Infrastructures, Diputació de Barcelona -Municipalities Net, Spain

Outdoor Classrooms: Teachers' wishes and demands to green spaces
Mr. Peter Bentsen, PhD Fellow, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

15.15 - 17.30 Technical Visits

A. PARKS, OTHER DEVELOPED GREEN AREAS and HOUSING AREAS

- ◆ Citypark (Kirkkopuisto)
- ◆ Naisvuori Park and lookout Tower
- ◆ Wooden housing area Emola
- ◆ The shoreline and harbour of housing area Grahn
- ◆ Orijärvi wooden house area

Coffee

19.30 - 23.00 Outdoor Garden Party at Kyyhylä Manor (Tickets Optional)

B. NATURAL AREAS

- ◆ Urpola nature reserve
- ◆ Terti Manor
- ◆ Kaihunharju ridge and Mikkeli park
- ◆ Kalevankangas recreation area in the centre of the city

Wed 17th June 2009

8.30 Coffee, Exhibition/Poster Viewing

9.00 A new Role for Parks and Urban Nature in the transforming Metropolis
Professor Ola Bettum, Landscape Architect, University of Life Sciences, Aas, Norway

Process Biography Approach in developing open Space Systems and Projects
Professor Dr. Diedrich Bruns, University of Kassel, Germany

Assessing the Quality of Kuala Lumpur Green spaces by using GIS
Mr. Johari Yusof, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Discussion

10.45 Break

11.00 Yardstick Parkcheck - what do your parks user want? and how do you know?
Mr. Chris Rutherford, Ifpra Yardstick Project Manager

Mr. Garry Page, Parks and Recreation Manager Rotorua District Council, NZ
 Presentations on future Ifpra Events: *Mr. Paul Cheung, Hong Kong* and *Mr. Alan Smith, Chief Executive, IFPRA*

12.00 Europe General Assembly

12.25 World General Assembly

12.45 Lunch, Exhibition/Poster Viewing



13.15 - 14.30 Parallell Sessions on Sub-Themes

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY VALUES

Project Reykjavik Island
Mr. Thorofur Jonsson, Landscape Architect, Island

City with Flora and Fauna
Mr. Werner Koch, Director of Department for Parks, Cemeteries and Forest, City of Stuttgart, Germany

VISUAL & ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

Nordic Environment as a Tourist Attraction, Landscape Lab
Ms. Marja Uusitalo, Researcher at the University of Lapland, Finland

Parks as Agent for Community Sustainability
Ms. Tina Risgaard Knudsen, Biologist, Ramboll Denmark

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY VALUES continues

The Role of Parks in Developing Civic Pride
Mr. Heikki Laaksonen, Parks Manager, City of Kotka, Finland

Green Infrastructure Planning in North Dublin, Ireland
Mr. Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks Superintendent, Parks Department, Fingal County Council, Dublin, Ireland

VISUAL & ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES continues

Improving the ecocompetitiveness of Mikkeli Region
Mr. Timo Lehtonen, Environmental Manager, City of Mikkeli

Compensation System

15.45-18.00 Technical Visits

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Coffee and Goodbye until the next Ifpra Congress in Hong Kong 2010!

POST TOUR 18th - 20th June 2009, LAKE SAIMAA, MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

18th - 20th June Eastern Finland. Experience the land of thousand lakes and midsummer sunshine!
18th June at 9 am start from Mikkeli.
20th June at 12 am bus to Mikkeli. 12.30 pm bus to Helsinki. Arrivals to Helsinki Airport at 4.30 pm and Helsinki city at 5 pm.

Further details are available on our website: www.ifpraeuropemikkeli.com

REGISTRATION FEES

Please register at www.ifpraeuropemikkeli.com

Congress	By 13th April 2009
Registration Fee - Ifpra Member	550 €
Registration Fee - Non Ifpra Member	650 €
Accompanying Person Fee	290 €

Accommodation not included. Check hotel prices on our website.

Pre Tour Fee	By 13th April 2009
Accommodation included	457,50 €

Post Tour Fee	By 13th April 2009
Accommodation included	457,50 €

Prices are 20 % higher after April 13th.

VAT 22 % included.

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Domestic travel services: www.matkahuolto.fi (bus) and www.vr.fi (train).

The organizers reserve the right to amend the programme should the need arise.

The arrangers welcome you to Finland: the Association of Municipal Park Managers, the Finnish Association for Landscape Industries, the City of Mikkeli and the International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration!