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# Landscape planning: its contributions to the evolution of the profession of landscape architecture<sup>☆</sup>

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## Preamble

The inaugural Fábos Landscape Planning and Greenway Symposium was held on April 17, 2004 in Amherst, Massachusetts on the University of Massachusetts campus. The symposium brought together experts who have influenced landscape planning, policy making and planning theory from the local to the international level. Panelists discussed innovative greenway planning techniques, partnership, development, advances in landscape planning research, and greenway implementation strategies. The Fábos fund sponsored this symposium. Following the inaugural meeting in 2004 the symposium will be held every three years. The fund is dedicated to promoting landscape and greenway planning and celebrating the achievements of University of Massachusetts landscape planning alumni.

The symposium is intended for professional landscape architects and planners, as well as academics, students, policy makers and greenway advocates. The goals of the symposium are:

- To promote the use of greenways as a planning strategy for implementing more environmentally sensitive land use planning decisions.
- To bring together experts in landscape and greenway planning who have influenced theory, policymaking and planning from local to international levels to discuss current issues in landscape planning.

The program was organized into two concurrent sessions, one on Greenways, one on Landscape Planning.

Keynote: Charles Flink, FASLA (Principal, Greenways Inc.)

I.A. Regional and National Greenways

Chair Jack Ahern (Department Head, Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst-LARP)

Panelists Dave G. Dionne (East Coast Greenway Alliance)

Joseph H. Crystal (U.S. National Park Service)

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Tom Sexton (Regional Director, Rails to Trails Conservancy)  
 Katherina Ziman Scudo (Pavia, Italy)

Keynote: Stephanie Caswell (Director of Ecology and Terrestrial Conservation, U.S. State Department)

#### B. International Landscape Planning

Chair Joao Machado (Instituto Geografico Portugal)  
 Panelists Luis Ribeiro (Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal)  
 Xiaoming Liu (Beijing Forestry University, China)  
 Laszlo Kollanyi (Szecsenyi University, Hungary)  
 Makoto Yokohari (University of Tsukuba, Japan)  
 Alessandro Toccolini (University of Milan, Italy)

#### II. A. New England State Greenway

Chair Pamela Miller (Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst)  
 Panelists Leslie Lewis (Connecticut Dept. of Env. Protection)  
 Paul Smith (Alta Planning + Design)  
 Lisa Mosczynski (Blackstone Conservation Alliance)  
 Sue Barker (Rhode Island Greenways Alliance)

#### B. Landscape Planning: Innovations in Research and Theory

Chair Spencer Joyner (Harte-Hanks, Inc.)  
 Wei-Ning Xiang (University of North Carolina)  
 John Wargo (Yale University)  
 David Laws (MIT)  
 Kelleann Foster (Pennsylvania State University)

#### III.A. Greenway Research and Practice

Chair Robert L. Ryan (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)  
 Donna Erickson (University of Michigan)  
 Bruce Leish (Carol Johnson Associates)  
 David Meyers (University of Maryland)

#### B. Landscape Planning: Innovations in Practice

Chair Valdis Zusmanis (Carol Johnson Associates)  
 Chris Greene (Halvorson Design Partnership)  
 Richard Dorrier (EDAW)  
 Peter Flinker (Dodson Associates)  
 James L. Sipes (Sand County Studios)

Keynote: Jon Rodiek (FASLA Editor-Landscape and Urban Planning)

The symposium culminated with a keynote address by Jon Rodiek entitled “Landscape Planning: Its contribution to the Evolution of the Landscape Architecture Profession.” Dr. Rodiek was honoured as the first recipient of the Fábos Prize to award his achievements as an international leader in landscape planning. The following is a summary of this presentation:

Landscape planning: its contribution to the evolution of the landscape architecture profession.

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