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Annual Programme of Activities 2011

During 2011, UNISCAPE proposes to develop the following projects:

e) European Landscape Masters Course

Details are going to be discussed during the meeting in La Rábida (20-21 May 2010)

f) Proposal for creating a map of all the different research themes led in UNISCAPE's Universities

UNISCAPE, according the Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member states (6 February 2008), encourages the development of theoretical and applied research programmes on landscape on a multidisciplinary basis. In order to reinforce scientific interdisciplinary co-operation among European universities, to facilitate the relationships among UNISCAPE's members and to involve new members in the network, President Carlo Magnani propose to create a map of competences and research programmes led in UNISCAPE universities at present.

The creation of the map can be achieved contacting all Universities and submitting them a simple questionnaire investigating:

- a. the context of the research programme: objectives and aims, contents and innovations, partnerships with other institutions
- b. the expected results
- c. the funding

Such a map could be a useful instrument for illustrating the state of the arts, developing the exchange of knowledge among experts and to promote the comparison among different countries. It will be useful for different typologies of users: lectures, PhD students, undergraduates and all officials interested in landscape and related subjects. The aim is an enhancement of knowledge of the specific topics and research areas of the network Universities. The web-based map of research activities will enable people outside a specific university to explore opportunities for interaction.

The Projects outcomes will be: an increased visibility for research local projects and research groups; a facilitation of communication between nodes of the network; promotion of exchanges and cooperation between members of UNISCAPE.

Steps necessary for the implementation of the project: a) activation of the Universities representatives to support the information retrieval; b) preliminary active investigation of the subjects regarding the landscape studied in all the UNISCAPE Members.

An upgrade of UNISCAPE website could be programmed, creating a section dedicated to the results of the mapping. In this way, the map should be available to the public and constitute a reference model for young researchers and local communities. The research map could be navigable in two modes: graphics (emphasis on the connections among research activities and people) and text (emphasis on the description and presentation of the single themes). A search engine will help to retrieve projects and products based on keywords.

g) New publication 2010/2011

Possible themes of the next book edited by UNISCAPE could be: the river landscapes; the peri-urban landscapes; participation; best practices and territorial experiences.

UNISCAPE welcome every Member to submit a proposal before the 30th of September, in order to discuss these proposals during the next General Assembly.

h) Proposal for making specialised knowledge accessible to all

Proposal for a small booklet structured as an address book.

For every letter there should be the definition of a landscape expert prepared in collaboration with all UNISCAPE's members

i) Proposal for organising a second edition of the Photo Contest People's Landscapes

Considering the great interest of students for the photo contest People's Landscape, we propose to organise a second edition of the contest. This edition should be opened to all students of European universities, in order to gain visibility among institutions that are not members of UNISCAPE.

In the future, we could also think of enlarging the contest, including different sections, for instance a "video" or "documentary" section, and different objects of observation.

It would be interesting to collaborate with photographic associations or foundations in the organisation of next editions.

j) Other proposals

Mauro Agnoletti proposes a case-study involving American Universities in Florence: a small project of research for investigating American students' perception of landscape in Florence and surroundings.

Other proposals and suggestions for new activities are welcome.

We kindly ask Members to submit us their suggestions before the 30th of September, in order to discuss all the proposals during the next General Assembly.