

2019 IFLA Student Design Competition Report

The IFLA student design competition was organized in conjunction with the 56th IFLA World Congress to be held in Oslo, Norway in September 2019. The Norwegian Landscape Architects (NLA) was the hosting IFLA component and the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) the hosting organization. The jury process took place on 5 and 6 June at the offices of the Norwegian Landscape Architects as arranged by Marit Hovi, NLA Office, and with with additional organization and administration provided by Ingrid Merete Odegard, NMBU, and Sally Robertshaw, IFLA Executive Secretary, and they also coordinated the administrative review of the submissions (eligibility, payment of fees, etc.) prior to the convening of the jury.

Anita Veiseth, Ola Bettum, and their colleagues developed the competition brief to reflect the congress theme "Common Ground." The organization and administration of the competition entails an extraordinary amount of work, and the hosting organizations and individuals are sincerely thanked for their work.

The jury for this competition was:

- Marius Fiskevold, PhD, MNLA, Oslo, Norway
- Beverly Sandalack, PhD, FCSLA, MCIP, RPP, Professor and Associate Dean, University of Calgary, Canada,; Chair of the Jury and Chair of the IFLA Competitions Committee
- A third jury member was to participate but was unexpectedly unable to travel on the first day of the jury.

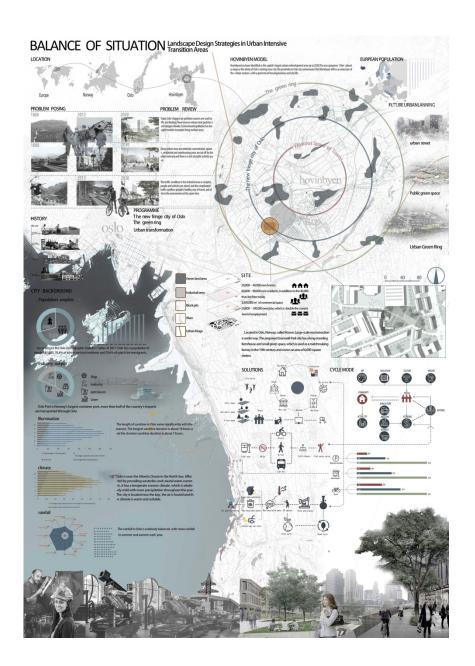
1st Prize – Group Han Prize for Landscape Architecture \$1,500 US

"Balance of Situation: Landscape Design Strategies, Urban Intensive Transition Areas"

Jiang Han Yang Zhou Ming Jie Wei Zhong Mian

Nanjing Forestry University, China

The site design is very clear and well developed, and resulted in the definition of various spaces. It could be built in stages. The common ground is accessible by neighbours, bicyclists, and others. This project addressed the various edge conditions and extended beyond the site to include some of the context. The project considered the previous farm function and proposed urban agricultural uses. The site plan brings the various spaces and uses together into a united concept. It is graphically very strong, and the jury notes the clear and strong design of the various spaces, and of the site as a whole.



2nd Prize – Group Han Commendation Award for Landscape Architecture \$1,000

"Urban Life Laboratory - Self-service garden with free constructing spaces"

Zhuang Hang Hu Ersi

Beijing Forestry University, China

This project considered the previous function of the match factory in a new interpretation. They addressed the context and edges, and extended the landscape plan beyond the site boundary into the garden blocks and outside the farm buildings. There was a good articulation of the interior courtyard. The project considered how the site would be used throughout the year and for different purposes and seems flexible. The presentation is graphically competent and persuasive.

3rd Prize - Norwegian Association of Landscape Architects Merit Award \$500 US

"Et sted a vaere"

Ricardo Pala Marta Terlim Pedro Casalta

Universidade de Evora, Portugal

The strength of this project was its clear design. Although not developed in detail, the plan convinced the jury that the public space would be properly proportioned and human-scaled. Among so many projects that were overly complicated, this submission succeeded in its simplicity and clarity. The students are encouraged to develop their skills in detailed design so as to complement the conceptual abilities..

Jury Special Mention

In addition to the top three prize winners, the jury selected three projects for special mention. Although they did not receive a top prize, they were commendable for various aspects of their work.

"The Idyllic Ideal"
Liu Hui
Zheng Anjun
Ma Xiaoyi
Yuan Zhengxiong
Wang Yuan
Southwestern Forestry University, School of Landscape Architecture and Horticultural Science, China

"Push the Cube - community park model of multiple symbiosis" Yi Hou Youjin Chen Hainan University, China

"Moving the History Boxes"
Shi Zhancheng
Li Xiaowan
Wang Yiqian
Qiao Qijin
Soochow University, Suzhou, China