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Save the Date!

International Conference "Historic Gardens and Climate Change"

4th – 6th September 2014

**Potsdam, Nikolaisaal, Wilhelm-Staab-Str. 10-11, und Orangerieschloss,
Park Sanssouci**

**Die Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation (Stiftung Preußische
Schlösser und Gärten, SPSG) Berlin-Brandenburg invites to the
international congress
„Historic Gardens and Climate Change
– Recommendations for Preservation“**

The consequences of global climate change are also clearly apparent in the Berlin-Brandenburg region: extreme weather events with storms and cloudbursts, and increasingly frequent droughts, are new environmental phenomena that affect the conservation and care of the gardens in the World Heritage Site, 'Palaces and Parks of Potsdam and Berlin' and other historic gardens, too. In which way the discipline of garden conservation should react to these challenges up to now has been discussed only in its beginnings.

Concern for the survival of the cultural heritage entrusted to them has led the Prussian Palaces and Gardens in Berlin and Brandenburg Foundation (SPSG), which cares for

gardens covering some 750 hectares, to address the issues of climate change at an early stage and with a view to the future. After having organized two preparatory symposiums the international conference 'Historic Gardens and Climate Change' brings together and discusses multi-disciplinary research findings and proposals for their preservation, aiming to produce practical guidelines for action.

The conference will take place at the Nikolaisaal, Potsdam and the park of Sanssouci palace. It will be funded by the German Environmental Foundation (DBU) geförderte and organized in cooperation with the German UNESCO Comitee and ICOMOS-IFLA.

PROGRAM

Thursday 4th September 2014– Nikolaisaal

9:00 Welcome

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Dorgerloh, Director General, SPSPG

Dr. Heinrich Bottermann, Secretary General, DBU

9:30 Introduction

Prof. Dr. Michael Rohde, Gardens Director, SPSPG

9:45 Opening Lecture

Prof. Dr. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber

Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

'Climate Change, Creation, and the Cultural Heritage of Humanity'

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 ROUND TABLE I:

How serious is the threat to historic gardens?

Impulse statements:

Dr. Paul Becker, Vice-President of the German Meteorological Service (DWD) and Head of the Climate and Environment Section

Mónica Luengo Añón, Andalucía International University, Chair of the International Scientific Committee of Cultural Landscapes ICOMOS-IFLA

Our everyday memory retains experience of weather but not of global long-term changes to the climate. How may climate change affect the region? How serious is the threat from global climate change to plants in historic gardens? And how should this threat be appraised on an international scale?

Further panel members:

Dr. Michael Lee, University of Virginia (USA)

Barbara Jäckel, Berlin Plant Protection Department

Brigitte Mang, Director, Austrian Federal Gardens, Vienna

N. N., Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) (t.b.c.)

12:20 Discussion

12:50 Book presentation: 'Historic Gardens and Climate Change'

13:00 Lunch break

14.30 ROUND TABLE II

Scientific Findings: Soil – Water - Plants

Impulse statements:

Dr. Bernd Uwe Schneider, Head of Staff Scientific Executive Board and Prof. Dr.

Reinhard Hüttl, Scientific Executive Director and Chairman of the Board, German

Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ) Helmholtz-Zentrum Potsdam, Leitung

Prof. Dr. Martin Kaupenjohann, Technische Universität Berlin Department of Ecology,

Department of Soil Science

Dr.-Ing. Sylvia Butenschön, Landscape architect, Technische Universität Berlin (TUB),

Department of Heritage Conservation

Various academic disciplines can provide useful information for the preservation of historic gardens. How do plants react to drier soils when rainfall becomes irregular?

Are there modern techniques and prescriptions, or are old gardening practices such as mulching still relevant?

Further panel members:

Prof. Dr. Steffen Rust, Professor of Tree Assessment and Care, Faculty of Resources Management at the University for Applied Sciences and Arts (HAWK), Göttingen

Prof. Dr. Eeva Ruoff, Aalto University, Finland; President, 'Stiftung zur Erhaltung von Gärten – Fondation pour la Conservation des Jardins', Switzerland

Dr. Graziano Ghinassi (t.b.c.), Università di Firenze, Italian Representative on the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage

Werner Sellinger, grünplan GmbH engineering bureau for landscape planning and care, Vienna

16:15 Discussion

16.45 Coffee break

18:30 – Orangerieschloss (Orangery Palace), Park Sanssouci

Public evening lecture

Prof. Dr. Dr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), former Federal Environment Minister and Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

'The Cultural Sustainability of Preserving Historic Gardens'

Welcome

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr. Sabine Kunst, State of Brandenburg Minister of Science, Research and Culture

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Dorgerloh, Director General, SPSG

Followed by reception

Friday 5th September 2014

9:00 Welcome and lecture

Dr. Roland Bernecker, Secretary General, German Commission for UNESCO

'Historic Gardens and Parks as the Heritage of Humanity'

Prof. Dr. John Dixon Hunt, University of Pennsylvania (UPenn), Professor of the History & Theory of Landscape, formerly of Dumbarton Oaks and publisher of the Journal of garden history

'Conservation & Re-Invention'

Review of the first conference day

Prof. Dr. Michael Rohde, Gardens Director, SPSG and Dr. Heiner Krellig, Project Manager

10:00 Lecture

Prof. Dr. Hubert Weiger, Chairman, BUND (Friends of the Earth Germany)

'Heritage and Nature Conservation in the Age of Climate Change'

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 ROUND TABLE III;

Tradition and Innovation in the Specialist Care of Historic Gardens

Impulse statements

Prof. Dr. Norbert Kühn, Technische Universität Berlin Institute of Landscape
Architecture and Environmental Planning, Faculty of Engineering Biology, Educational
Dean, Landscape Planning
Mike Calnan, Head of Gardens, The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or
Natural Beauty

*Investigations of the specific care requirements of trees and shrubs in historic gardens
are only just beginning, but as early as 2002 the National Trust, which looks after 230
gardens in England and Wales, commissioned a study on gardening in 'the global
greenhouse' and drew up a programme for environmental standards in garden care.*

Further panel members:

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Dorgerloh, Director General, SPSG

Dr. Roland Bernecker, Secretary General, German Commission for UNESCO

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Troll, Head of Department for Historic Gardens, State Palaces and
Gardens of Baden-Württemberg

Jens Hendeliowitz, Landscape architect, director of LandscapeVisions, author and
teacher, Copenhagen

12:10 Discussion

12:40 Ratification of the 'Sanssouci Declaration'

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 ROUND TABLE IV:

Research requirements and strategies for the future of historic gardens

Impulse statements

Prof. Dr. Albert-Dieter Stevens, Berlin-Dahlem Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum,
Head of the Garden and Head of Department, Biological Collection

Prof. Dr. Jan Woudstra, University of Sheffield Department of Landscape, Reader in
Landscape History and Theory

Vela Portugalskaya, Russian State Museum, Deputy Head Curator of the Gardens

*To preserve historic gardens sustainably demands long-term concepts and strategies.
The conference publication offers promising findings, but also demonstrates the need
for further, more specific research. What is yet to be done, if the aesthetic message of
gardens is to live on for future generations?*

Further panel members:

Annegreth Dietze-Schirdewahn, Professor and Head of Research at the Department of
Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning, University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway

Dr. Johanna Leissner, Coordinator of the major EU research project, 'Climate for Culture', co-founder of the Fraunhofer Sustainability Network and the Research Alliance Cultural Heritage

Prof. Dr. habil. Rolf Kätzel, Curatorial Head of the Eberswalde Forest State Competence Centre

Stephanie de Courtois, Université Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, ICOMOS Versailles

Ludwig Trauzettel, Head of Gardens, Dessau Wörlitz Cultural Foundation

16:10 Discussion

The round table discussions will be chaired by Volker Panzer (ZDF public broadcasting service)

16.40 Coffee break

17:30 Guided Tour of the 'Paradiesapfel' garden exhibition in Park Sanssouci

19:00 Evening event for authors and speakers at Schloss Glienicke

Saturday 6th September 2014

10:00-12:00 Excursions in the SPSG palace gardens, led by the scientific staff and park section heads of the Gardens Department

12:00 End of the conference

Venue

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