



INDIAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

From President ISOLA

Dear Members,

Greetings of the season.

Pray that the year ahead will bring you all happiness and prosperity.

In the decade that was and though ISOLA remains a small community, we have been able to create a mark in the industry and beyond.

The performance of this committee whose term is ending soon is enumerated in the secretary's report. Please do visit our website www.isola.org.in for detailed information of the all happenings in ISOLA.

The elections for the next term has already been announced and I urge you to participate and actively contribute to keep ISOLA an active and vibrant society. I take this opportunity to once again thank each of you for having reposed faith in our abilities to manage the affairs of ISOLA.

Lastly, I must thank all my team members who worked untiringly on various committees and also to put together an extremely successful conference at Bhopal.

ROHIT MAROL
Honorary President



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From Editor's Pen

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous new year 2013 !!

Past year was a year of achievements for our members and eventful for the society. This Newsletter presents an overview of the past events and the achievements of our members. This is probably the last news letter to be published by the present EC.

It was indeed a great experience to work for the society and present the newsletters.

With best wishes,

Abhijit Natu

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ISOLA 8th National Conference : The Place of Nature in Tomorrow's City

The Conference was held on 31st August and 01st September 2012 at the Noor-Us-Sabah Palace, Bhopal. In order to explore new territories and expand the profession to hitherto un-explored areas, the conference was for the first time held in Central India in Madhya Pradesh, and there was overwhelming attendance by landscape architects, related professionals, architects, students and stake holders. The EC took upon itself the task of organizing the conference with the local support of the Department of Architecture, Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology and School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal. The theme this year "THE PLACE OF NATURE IN TOMORROW'S CITY" sought to address the value of natural elements in urban and rural environments, and the economic, social and environmental benefits they provide. The conference aimed to focus on the issues and processes of integrating the natural environment into healthy sustainable urban centres from cultural, socio-political, and planning perspectives with examples from our past and present.



Shri. Jayant Mallaiya lighting the auspicious lamp.



Prof. Neelkanth Chhaya delivering the keynote.

The Chief Guest was Sh. Jayant Mallaiya, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources and Environment, Government of MP, who also gave away the 2nd Annual ISOLA Awards. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Neelkanth Chhaya, eminent academician and architect. Speakers this year were drawn from diverse fields to make the conference varied in content and bring about sharing of view points. Prof. James L. Wescoat, Ar. Narendra Denge, Ar. Yatin Pandya, Mr. Farhad Contractor, Dr. Vikram Soni, Ar. Romi Khosla, Dr. Bimal Patel, Dr. Mahesh Buch presented their views in various sessions. Another interesting feature of the conference was the presentations by participants from various cities presenting their cities focusing on the theme area. This session titled the Indian Panorama, was applauded by the audience owing to the interactive nature of this session. In the evening, after the sessions, there was a performance of the Amritashya Narmada Ballet by the troupe of Dr. Suchitra Harmalkar at the auditorium of the magnificent Bharat Bhawan. On 2nd of September, there was a tour to the world heritage sites of Sanchi and Bhimbetka. Overall, the conference was very well attended and was a huge success.

The 9th Annual conference is proposed to be held in Delhi for the year 2014 in the month of Feb or March.



Chapter Events

Mumbai

Mumbai Chapter hosted an event at IES College of Architecture, Mumbai with Prof. Amita Sinha as the main speaker.

Delhi

Delhi Chapter will have one event on 2nd March 2013 (in collaboration with IUDI).

The Delhi Chapter Election nominations were held in March 2012. The new EC which had taken charge on 01.04.2012, elected its following office bearers.

Mr. Minesh Parikh – Chairman
Ms. Nupur Prothi Khanna – Honorary Secretary
Ms. Neelima Soni – Treasurer

Bangalore

The election process has also been completed by the Bangalore chapter.

The election results are as following :-

Mr. Prasad G. - Chairperson
Ms. Meenakshi Kamat- Secretary
Ms. Priya Prakash- Treasurer
Mr. Bijoy Chako Varghese- Member

Donor listing on the Website

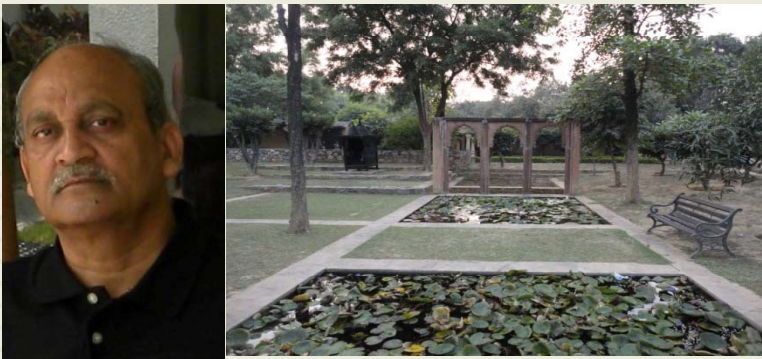
To fund research and other endeavors towards dissemination of knowledge and generate additional income, a donor listing initiative has been launched. Besides the patron donors who support our conferences, any vendor who makes a donation to ISOLA of minimum amount of Rs. 50,000/- or a minimum amount of Rs. 85,000/- will be provided a complimentary listing with his web link on ISOLA website for a period of 6 months and 1 year respectively. The format and the details for the same are already available on the website.



ISOLA Annual Awards

The Second Annual ISOLA awards were given at the 9th Annual ISOLA Conference at Bhopal by Sh. Jayant Mallaiya, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources and Environment, Government of MP.

ISOLA MEDAL, the highest honor this year was bestowed upon **Prof. M. Shaheer**.



The ISOLA LANDMARK AWARD was awarded unanimously to **Sanskriti Kendra**, nominated by the Sanskriti Foundation. This award included felicitations for the design team, architect **Mr Uppal Ghosh** and landscape architect **Prof M. Shaheer**.

Though, no award was given by the jury in the ISOLA general design awards for excellence in landscape design, **three commendations** were given in the category to **Anuradha Rathore for Eco-space Rajarhaat**, Kolkata, **Shilpa Chandavarkar from Mumbai for Sant Gyaneshwar Udhyan** and **Baji Prabhu Udhyan Mumbai** and to **Sujata Hingorani for Bhairon Marg Urban Redevelopment**.



Anuradha Rathore

Sujata Hingorani

Shilpa Chandavarkar

The ISOLA Students award for the **Best Landscape Thesis For 2011** was given to **Harsh Mittal from SPA Delhi** for his project redevelopment of Ram Niwas Bagh Jaipur. The award for the year **2012** was given to **Anupama Bapat from BNCA Pune** for her project redevelopment of Abandoned Quarryscape at Wagholi, Pune.

The jury for the Awards comprised of Prof. Ravindra Bhan, Mr. Rohit Marol, Dr. Priyaleen Singh, Mr. Jayant Dharap and Mr. Nikhil Dhar.



Pune Streets Program

Another notable achievement for ISOLA and Landscape fraternity was the announcement of Pune Streets Program (PSP) for designing of streets of Pune and also preparing a street design manual by Pune Municipal Corporation in June 2012 in which, ISOLA registration was made mandatory for all participating teams/ consortiums. It was also stated that the Team Leader needs to be a Landscape Architect having active registration with ISOLA.

The results of the Program were announced in October 2012 in which Oasis Designs, Delhi (Ms. Sujata Hingorani) and Kumthekar Associates, Pune (Mr Avadhoot Kumthekar and Ms. Anjali Kumthekar) have been the awardees. We congratulate both the awardees.

ISOLA Events

ISOLA also regularly partners with the **Indian Green Building Congress** and has sent its representatives on their core committee. ISOLA Bangalore is collaborating with IGBC on their pilot Green Landscape Plan.

ISOLA also supported the **Garden Expo-2010**, thus reaching out to the landscape industry and is now in the process of supporting the INDIAN NURSERYMAN ASSOCIATION conference in Delhi, in December 2012.

After the successful response to the **NASA ISOLA Landscape Trophy** in 2009 and 2010 edition of the trophy, ISOLA is again conducting the Landscape design competition at NASA convention at Gateway College, Sonapat in 2012 and will have its members on the jury.



New Members

Following is the list of new members of the ISOLA. We welcome them in ISOLA.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER		
Ms. Sonal Tiwari	T-13/A 2012	Bhopal
Ms. Kshitija S. Kolhatkar	K-55/A 2012	Pune
Ms. Uma Sangal	S-60/A 2012	Mumbai
Mr. Sandeep B. Menon	M-50/A 2012	New Delhi
Ms. Ritu Jain	J-17/A 2012	New Delhi
Ms. Varna Shashidhar	S-61/A 2012	Bangalore

GRADUATE MEMBER		
Ms. Manavi Suneja	S-59/G 2012	New Delhi
Ms. Aprana Goyal	G-30/G 2012	Uttar Pradesh
Ms. Anika Gupta	G-31/G 2012	Rajasthan
Mr. Harsh Mittal	M-49/G 2012	Rajasthan
Ms. Sameera C. Rao	R-38/G 2012	Mumbai

STUDENT MEMBER		
Ms. Malvika S. Naik	N-20/S 2012	Mumbai
Mr. Dwaipayan Bhattacharya	B-37/S 2012	Kolkata
Ms. Nikita Paliwal	P-48/S 2012	Meerut(UP)
Ms. Kauseen Motiwala	M-51/S 2012	Vadodara

The *new membership certificates* are ready and were handed over to the members present at the Bhopal conference. The remaining are being sent by courier or speed post to all the members.

ISOLA Central Elections : Election Schedule for Executive Council of ISOLA for 2013 - 2015

1	Notice inviting nominations	17th December 2012, Monday
2	Receipt of completed nominations	16th January 2013, Wednesday by 5.00pm
3	Scrutiny of nominations & dispatch of ballots with all scrutinized eligible nominations to all qualified to vote.	31st January 2013, Thursday
4	Receiving the ballots	09th March 2013, Saturday by 5.00pm
5	Scrutiny and counting of ballots	16th March 2013, Saturday
6	Notification & Declaration of Election Results	16th March 2013, Saturday
7	Meeting of all elected members to decide offices of President, Vice President, Hon'y. Secretary & Treasurer	16th March 2013, Saturday