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**THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (IFLA) ANNOUNCES THE WINNER OF THE
PREMIER WORLD WIDE AWARD IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE :**

THE IFLA - SIR GEOFFREY JELICOE AWARD 2016

The **International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)**, which represents the worldwide profession of Landscape Architecture, proudly announced today at their World Congress in Turin, Italy, that German Landscape Architect **Peter LATZ** has been selected as the winner of the 2016 premier award for Landscape Architecture, the **IFLA - Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award**.

The Award Jury composed of a Landscape Architect from each of the five IFLA regions, and the President of UIA (Union International of Architects) who served as a guest member of the Jury, agreed with the German Federation of Landscape Architects (BDLA), that "***Peter Latz is one of the significant professionals who understood how to react to the increasingly complex challenges in landscape architecture and urban planning in the last few decades***".

Peter Latz graduated from the Technical University of Munich in 1964. After four years of postgraduate research and studio work in urban planning at the RWTH Aachen, he founded his own practice in 1968 as an independent landscape architect and town planner in partnership with Anneliese Latz. In the same year he started his academic career as a lecturer at the Academy for Architecture in Maastricht. From 1973 – 83 he was a professor and chair of landscape architecture at the University Kassel and an active member of the "Research Group of Alternative Technologies" (AFA). In 1983 he became a professor and chair of landscape architecture and planning at the Technical University Munich (TUM). In spring 2009 the president of the TUM honoured his outstanding work as a researcher and teacher by bestowing the title "Emeritus of Excellence" on him, an honour which also means further active engagement in university projects.



Peter Latz has been lecturing and teaching worldwide: at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane (2000), as a visiting professor at the GSD Harvard University (fall term 2001) and from 2001 until 2009 as an adjunct professor at the Graduate School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, as well as other places.

Since the beginning of his career in planning, teaching and research, a major concern for Peter Latz has been ecological urban renewal, which concentrates since the mid-eighties on post-industrial sites. The first project of this nature, which continues to be controversial, the Hafeninsel-Park Saarbrücken, was awarded the BDLA prize 1989.

Peter Latz gained a worldwide reputation with the project “Landscape Park Duisburg Nord”, the metamorphosis of the former Thyssen ironworks into a people’s park and a vivid part of the city, which was awarded, among others, the first European Prize for Landscape Architecture, Rosa Barba and the Grande Médaille d’Urbanisme.

Two current projects in Tel Aviv represent his methodical approach and his ability to develop new expressive forms of contemporary environmental design: The “Ariel Sharon Park”, becoming at the same time a gigantic flood retention basin and a landscape park of nationwide significance, and the award – winning “Hiriya Landfill Rehabilitation”.

Peter Latz received the Green Good Design 2010 People Award for being “a leader, pioneer and innovator in Green Design”. He was awarded the TOPOS 2013 Landscape Award and the Friedrich-Ludwig-von-Sckell Ring of Honour 2014.

The Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award 2016 coincides with the 60th anniversary of the Department of Landscape Architecture at the Technical University Munich; today an internationally well-known school, due in no small part to Peter Latz’s efforts during his teaching at the TUM.

Peter Latz lives and works in Kranzberg near Munich.

Peter Latz was selected unanimously by the Award Jury out of three finalists proposed by the Nomination Committee.



THE AWARD

The **IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award** is the highest honour that the International Federation of Landscape Architects can bestow upon a landscape architect. The Award recognizes a living landscape architect whose lifetime achievements and contributions have had a unique and lasting impact on the welfare of society and the environment and on the promotion of the profession of landscape architecture. The award is bestowed annually on an academic, public or private practitioner whose work and achievements are respected internationally.

The **IFLA Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Award** was launched in 2004 on a quadrennial basis but since 2011 it has been bestowed annually. Its inaugural recipient was Peter Walker (USA) in 2005. Prof. Bernard Lassus (France) was awarded the prize in 2009, Cornelia Hahn Oberlander in 2011, Mihály Mőcsényi in 2012, 2013 Gonçalo Ribeiro Telles, 2014 Sun Xiao Xiang from China and last year Mexican Mario Schjetnan.

Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe (1910 – 1996), IFLA President of Honour, served IFLA as its founding President from 1948 – 1954. He was a trained architect, town planner, landscape architect and garden designer, but his prime interest was in landscape and garden design. Jellicoe was a founding member (1929) and then President of the Institute of Landscape Architects (now the LI) and was knighted for services to landscape architecture in 1979. In 1994, he was given the Royal Horticultural Society's highest award, the Victoria Medal of Honour.

The IFLA President, Kathryn Moore, will make the announcement in the Award Ceremony on **20 April 2016**, during the **2016 IFLA World Congress in Turin, Italy**. The winner will present a lecture as part of the ceremony. **There will be a press conference with the award winner and the IFLA President in Turin on 20 April 2016**. The announcement will be made online at www.ifla.org by the 21 April 2016.

The 2016 SGJA International Jury was chaired by Carey Duncan (Morocco) and comprised: Diana Wiesner (Colombia) Greg Grabasch (Australia), Jacob Kamp (Denmark) and Mohamad Motalebi (Iran). Esa Mohamed, UIA President was a guest member of the Jury.

Appendix: Peter Latz Curriculum Vitae
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