

# 2018- 2019 SLU Landscape PROGRESS REPORT

## SLU LANDSCAPE Activities

(prepared September 2019 by Andrea Kahn, SLU Landscape facilitator)

Between August 2018 and August 2019, the SLU Landscape Steering group (previously the “SLU Working group”, see item 5 below) held four regular working meetings with representatives from the newly established SLU Working group (November, February, June, August); convened one ½ day workshop to work on long-term visioning (November); and 2 strategic meetings connected to the October 2018 and April 2019 SLU Landscape days.

During this annual working period, SLU Landscape:

- **Expanded its national Swedish visibility**, by being invited to join the Arkitekturakademi/ Boverket/Riksarkitekt planning team for a fall 2020 workshop/event
- **Expanded its European visibility to Landscape researchers and educators**, offering a PhDs Forum initiative workshop at ECLAS 2019, and providing “SLU Landscape” book bags to highlight large number of SLU Landscape staff participating at the ECLAS conference, overall.
- **Expanded its SLU visibility with a presentation to SLU’s Faculty board**, by Lars Johansson, chair of SLU Landscape steering group, on what SLU Landscape is, what it does, and where it is aiming.
- **Issued its first “joint voice” SLU L Remiss** to the University in response to the Alnarp Campus planning process.
- **Published its first article in RESURS** explaining what SLU Landscape is, describing its activities, and giving a place for its staff members to speak about their work in the SLU context.
- **Expanded its communications**, adding new “Research” and “About Us” sections to its webpage; making its working documents available online, and revising the SLU Landscape “landing page” to highlight news and calendar events.
- **Instituted and formalized inclusion of ‘outside’ keynotes at SLU Landscape Days, enhancing SLU Landscape international visibility, and expanding offerings for SLU L staff:** October 2018; Glenn Albrecht from Sydney University spoke on *The Psychoterratic, Solastalgia and Wild Fire: The Emotions of Fire and Smoke*, and Monica von Schmalensee, Chair of Council on Sustainable Cities, lectured on *Desirable, democratic architecture that empowers people*. April 2019; Tim Waterman, from Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London, delivered a keynote entitled *Introducing Hope: Utopianism as a Design Tool in Landscape Architecture*.
- **Organized 2 internal communication workshops** with the SLU L Steering Group and recently formed SLU L Working Group, facilitated by Catherine Kihlström, to develop a SLU L Communication plan and communication procedures
- **Agreed to foster long term value from its CFI seed program**, with a new SLU L annual budget line recognizing and enrooting strategic “sticky” CFI projects as formal, long-term SLU Landscape initiatives.
- **Established SLU L Working group roles and working process for duration of service:** Maria Wisselgren (CFI coordination/Teachers Forum), Gunilla Lindholm (Liaison to Steering group/Communication), Andrew Butler (PhDs Forum Ultuna /CFI), Lisa Norfall (Teachers Forum/WG Coordinator 2019-20), Petra Thorpert (PhDs Forum Alnarp/Communication).
- **Evolved the CFI initiative with the first ‘Themed’ Call for Ideas**, on the recommendation of the SLU Landscape working group, focused on Landscape Fieldwork/Field Studies, the first year of continued support of prior CFI calls with an offer of second-round of seed-funding.