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.