

Call For Papers

The Life in the Urban Landscape conference will provide a stimulating arena for debate and joint learning. Presentations of the highest quality will alternate with discussions, debates and workshops. Scientists, representatives of business enterprise, policy-makers and urban professionals are invited to share their experience, give their views on urban development and formulate future challenges to urban research. Colleagues from any professional or educational background; engineers, biologists, geographers, architects, sociologists, political scientists, historians etc are all invited and we welcome a variety of contributions. It can be results from a research project or experience from an urban development project, but it might as well be views from early phases in urban regeneration or efforts to foster cross-disciplinary urban knowledge. You may also propose a theme for debate or a specific urban development situation for direct feedback in the workshop format.

Taking everyday urban life and real examples from the experience of the participants as our starting point, we hope to bring some of the critical issues regarding the new urban landscapes and processes one step further. The conference will have four overlapping strands:

- Actors: Who are the key actors in urban development, what roles do they play, what are their working methods?
- Arenas: What are the characteristics of supporting frameworks and platforms? How can you create and maintain democratic arenas for urban development processes?
- Rules of the game: How can clear and transparent common rules of the game be developed and agreed in a multi-partner, multi-level network process?
- Instruments: From experience, which are the most effective, communicative and user-friendly tools and methods?

Abstracts

Potential participants are invited to submit abstracts of 500 words maximum. The deadline for submission is 15 October 2004. All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by a Scientific Committee, which has representatives from all continents, many disciplines and various parts of society. Notice of acceptance of papers will be given by 15 January 2005.

Abstracts may be sent as electronic files via e-mail to urbanlife2005@formas.se.

The following format should be used:

1. Title of paper
2. Author(s)
3. Institutional affiliation(s)
4. Abstract (maximum 500 words)
5. Contact person (if more than one author)
6. Telephone (including country code and area code)
7. Fax
8. Email