

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



The Essence of Time:
A Speculative Reflection on Landscape Architecture



June 18 - 20, 2020, Calgary, Alberta

Deadline: Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 at 4 pm EDT

The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) together with the Alberta Association of Landscape Architects (AALA) invite qualified experts to submit abstracts for oral presentations (concurrent sessions, 30 minutes in length) to be made at the upcoming 2020 CSLA-AALA Congress scheduled to be held in Calgary, Alberta, June 18-20, 2020. Presentations are scheduled on June 19th and 20th and we expect 300 to 400 delegates to be present.

congress theme

The theme of the 2020 Congress is ***The Essence of Time: A Speculative Reflection on Landscape Architecture.***

Landscape architecture has been forged by the challenges and opportunities presented by changing cultural and ecological needs of our world. Our choices and decisions are impacted by shifts in politics, climates, economies, social norms, styles, trends, and technology. Shifts occur in standards and best practices, materials and resources, people and technology. Our understanding of time, space, and nature are continually evolving as scientific discoveries stretch our imagination and speculate on an uncertain future. The way we respond to these changes and the choices we make is what our legacy becomes and what charts our future. Some are big decisions, and some are small. Some will impact millions over generations, and some will impact only a few.



The 2020 CSLA-AALA Congress gives us the opportunity to reflect on our past, consider our present, and anticipate our future. Let us examine the opportunities and challenges that have shaped our current reality, both locally and globally. Let us speculate on those challenges and opportunities we will face in the future. Let's talk about fashion, trends, technology, and theories. Let's talk about infrastructure, industrialization, post-modernism, and immigration. Let's talk about bees and climate change, driverless cars and life on mars.

Through a diverse program of presentations, walking tours, and other amazing activities, we will contemplate the full breadth and depth of our profession. We have organized the conference in three broad subthemes; The Past, The Present, and The Future. Throughout the weekend you will be able to tailor your congress to examine one or multiple streams. We welcome you to Calgary, a city whose lineage can be traced back 13,000 years and look forward to a thoughtful and exciting weekend of discovery.

The Past

What are the circumstances and decisions that led our cities, our landscapes, and our profession, to where we are today? What stands out? What doesn't? What should? Do we have any regrets? Should we?

The Present

Let's pause and mindfully consider our profession today. What are the drivers of change? Where are we leading, and where are we falling behind? What are the motivations that will define our present legacy?

The Future

Where are we headed? What choices and actions will our profession be required to make in 2120, and beyond? Climate change is certain. Driverless cars are probable. What current basic assumptions will change to forge new directions for landscape architects? In what new territories, fields, or planets will we find our profession?

Presentations which are audience interactive, include partnerships with other professions, and/or demonstrate innovation and creativity are encouraged.

submission process

Please review the following information before submitting a proposal. Complete the following form, attaching any requested additional information, and email it to executive-director@csla-aapc.ca.

The organizing committee will respond to selected proposals within eight weeks of the submission deadline.

Presenters shall prepare to have sufficient copies of any handout(s) to meet the numbers expected at the presentation, at his/her own cost.

All presenters at Congress will be required to register for the Congress in the same manner as all Congress delegates, and to pay applicable registration fees, prior to publication of the Program. Cut off dates for presenter registration will be provided upon notification of acceptance. Failure to register by these dates will result in the presenter being removed from the program and replaced with another speaker.

audio-visual information

Note that laptop, projector and screens will be available during each session. Presenters must bring their presentations, in power point or .pdf format, on a memory stick to be loaded on the local computer before the presentation. Other visual presentation aids will be the responsibility of the presenter at his or her own cost.

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submission form

Name(s) of presenter(s): _____

Professional Designation(s): _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Tel. No.: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Presentation Title: _____

Has this presentation been made recently?

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YES

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NO

If so, please note the date and event: _____

Additional Documents (must be submitted electronically, in PDF format)

- Presentation abstract, which includes the title, authors and a summary of the presentation. (maximum 200 words)
- Relevance to the Congress theme and the key messages (maximum 200 words)
- Concise biography of the primary author / presenter to include background, qualifications and experience (maximum 200 words)

Signature: _____

Presenter: _____

Date: _____

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