



2012 BCSLA Annual Conference, Showcase and AGM April 13th and 14th 2012

Diversity

A call for abstracts, papers, presentations, or designs:

The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) is pleased to request a call for papers for the 2012 Annual Conference, Showcase and Annual General Meeting “*DIVERSITY*”, to be held April 13th and 14th at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier (138 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver, BC).

Call for Papers

The field of Landscape Architecture is coming into its own in the 21st Century. We are faced with the challenges of integrating urban landscapes seamlessly with the engineered infrastructure of urban life to create landscapes for peoples of many diverse cultures. We have long since moved well beyond the pure aesthetic values of the picturesque landscape into a living landscape of technological wonder. We are challenged daily to create biological and mechanical infrastructure which provides healthy environments for humans, flora, and fauna alike and to do so in such a way that pleases both the programmatic and aesthetic aspects of the urban environment. The resulting landscapes celebrate both the people that experience them and the sustainable practices of the future. The *DIVERSITY* of the urban landscape incorporates the strata of infrastructure, biology, and culture which need to interact in a symbiotic manner.

The BCSLA Annual Conference is an opportunity for design professionals, practitioners, and key stakeholders, from the public and private sector, academia, and the community to come together to share ideas and projects. The goal of this year's conference is to illustrate the diversity that we find in the urban landscape so that we further develop the techniques and tools of our profession.

We invite all BCSLA Members, allied professionals, and interested practitioners to submit abstracts for papers, presentations, panels, and/or designs for the Conference taking place April 13th and 14th. Priority will be given to those proposals that address the Conference. Please refer to the Submission Schedule on page 2 for key dates.

Abstract Submittal

Abstracts for all papers are due no later than 12:00 Noon PST, Friday, February 3rd, 2012. Abstracts must be limited to 400 words or one page. All abstracts must be submitted electronically. Participants may submit an unlimited number of abstracts if they wish. Send abstracts as an attachment to: office@bcsla.org (attn.: Jessica Tan, Administrative Assistant)

Abstract Submittal

Please include the following:

1. A title page with abstract title, author's name, institution/firm (if applicable), phone number and e-mail address.
2. A 50-75 word biography.
3. On the title page, please indicate if you would be willing to act as a moderator.
4. On a separate page, include the body of the abstract with the paper title.
5. Below the body of the abstract, please indicate your preference for your presentation format

Panels and Presentations:

Please submit a topic of discussion and the names of at least two panelists that have agreed to sit on the panel. A one-page rationale for the panel discussion and a brief description of the background of each of the panelists is to be submitted. Panel discussions must be related to the Conference themes. A presentation of a paper prepared for the panel discussion is also possible provided the paper addresses the Conference theme and discussion can be stimulated by the paper content. Each panel will consist of a 50-70 minute panel discussion followed by a 12-20 minute discussion with the audience. We ask that a moderator be identified for each panel discussion.

Design Submissions:

The 2012 BCSLA Conference will provide an opportunity for academicians and professionals to submit design propositions pertaining to the Conference theme. The intention is to invite illustrations of innovative design that showcases the complexity of today's urban systems and synergies. In addition to the above, each abstract should include no more than four drawings, images, etc. that begin to define their design proposition.

Submission Schedule:

January 13th, 2012	Call for abstracts, papers, presentations, or designs and biographies
February 3rd, 2012	Final date for the submissions of abstracts
February 10th, 2012	Notification of paper/proposal review results
February 22nd 2012	Bibliography, photo, imagery, and electronic equipment requirements deadline
April 13th-14th, 2012	Conference presentations

Should you have further questions about the submittal process or on the conference and participation from the landscape architecture community, please do not hesitate to contact Tara Culham, Executive Director by email at admin@bcsla.org or Jessica Tan, Administrative Assistant at office@bcsla.org or by phone at (604) 682-5610 or toll free (US and Canada) at (855) 682-5610.