

PUBLIC PARKS AND GARDENS

– PLAN FOR CHILDREN'S PARKS AND GARDENS EXPERIENCES

Conference i Malmö, Sweden, 15 April 2015

For the eighth year in a row the popular international conference is arranged – with inspirational lectures and exchanges of experiences. This year's host is the City of Malmö and the venue is in the beautiful 19th century surroundings of Katrinetorp. The conference has developed to be one of the most important meeting places of the year for private or public sector employees working with public 'green' facilities. This year's conference focus on the rising generation, the theme will be *Plan for children's parks and gardens experiences*. The lecturers are from USA, The Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Germany and Sweden.

New this year is that the participants during one part of the day will have the possibility to meet in two parallel sessions. In one session theme playgrounds are discussed, based on projects in Malmö and Uppsala. In the other session we temporarily leave the children's theme and instead we discuss planning for development of historic city parks, based on the 100th anniversary of Pildammsparken in Malmö and an ongoing restoration of Boulognerskogen in Skövde.

Welcome to an exciting day in Malmö in beautiful spring time!



Photo: Johan Bäckman

The conference is a joint arrangement between Movium at SLU, Swedish Society of Public Parks and Gardens, the City of Helsingborgs, the City of Malmö, in cooperation with EGHN – European Garden Heritage Network.

Program *(All lectures are in English)*

- 08.30 Buses depart from Malmö C (Carlskagan 10C) to Katrinetorp
- 09.00 **Welcome!**
Kent Andersson, City Council President in Malmö, *Annelie Johansson*, Project Manager, SSPPG & *Göran Nilsson*, State Extension Specialist, Movium
- 09.20 **News from EGHN – European Garden Heritage Network**
Christian Grüssen, Project Manager, EGHN
- 09.35 **Introduction: Why is it important to attract children to our public outdoor environments?**
Ola Melin, City Head Gardener, City of Malmö
- 09.45 Coffee
- 10.15 **Children's Garden Programming at Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Design Installations for Children and Youth**
Melanie Sifton, Vice President, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, NY
- Play Cultivate Grow!**
A cultivation project for preschoolers and educators
Annelie Johansson, Project Manager, Rosendal's Garden Foundation, Stockholm
- Playground Speeldernis**
A habitat for children and nature in central Rotterdam
Sigrun Lobst, Landscape Architect, AARDRIJK
- 12.15 Lunch
- 13.15 Two parallel sessions with discussions:

Session 1: Plan for Development of Historic City Parks

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Pildammsparken in Malmö

Caroline Larsson, Landscape Architect, City of Malmö

Boulognerskogen in Skövde in New Shape

Marie Larsson, City Head Gardener, City of Skövde

Session 2: Theme Playgrounds

Program with Theme Playgrounds in Malmö

Sara Fridh, Landscape Architect, City of Malmö

Pelle Svanslös World – a place for all generations

Joanna Silfvermark Junemar & Lotta Wikegård, Project Managers, City of Uppsala

14.15 Coffee

14.40 **The Gardens at Astrid Lindgrens Näs**

Winner of Stora Turispriset 2014

Karin Eliasson, Gardener/Artistic Director, Näs

Planning for and with Children in the Outdoor Environments in Basel

Brigitte Löwenthal, Landscape Architect, City of Basel

Planning the Frame of the Attractions at Disneyland

Luc Béhar-Bannelier, Director, Disneyland, Paris

Comments and Summing-up

Ola Melin

16.30 Completion of the Conference

Buses depart from Katrinetorp to Malmö C, train to Stockholm depart at 17.14, 19.14.

Facts about the conference

Fee: 3 200 SEK exkl. VAT.

Location: Katrinetorp Manor House and Gardens, Katrinetorps Allé 1.

Notificaton: at the latest 20 March via www.movium.slu.se. The notification is binding. At unregistration at the latest 7 days before the conference half the fee is charged, then the full fee.

Accomodation: to be arranged by the participants themselves. A number of rooms have been pre-booked at two hotels in Malmö the night between 14 and 15 April:

- Comfort Hotel, Carlsgatan 10 C (about 150 meters NE of Malmö C), single room 995 SEK, double room 1 195 SEK, co.malmo@choice.se, + 46 40 33 04 40, specify reservation code 200835.

- Scandic Kramer, Stortorget 7 (about 500 meter south of Malmö C), single room 1 037 SEK, double room 1 337 SEK, kramer@scandichotels.com, + 46 40 693 54 00, specify reservation code SLU130415.

Room reservations must be made at the latest 13 March.

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Katrinetorp. Photo: City of Malmö, Torbjörn Carlsson.

Presentations of lecturers

Luc Béhar-Bannelier is Director of Nature & Environment at Disneyland in Paris. He is responsible for planning the imaginative outdoor environments the eleven million annual visitors meet at the facility.

Karin Eliasson is gardener and Artistic Director of the gardens at the cultural center Astrid Lindgrens Näs in Vimmerby. The facility was awarded Stora Turispriset (The Big Tourism Award) 2014 by a foundation with Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth as a principal. Karin Eliasson is also a writer and columnist.

Sara Fridh is Landscape Architect at The Streets and Park Department, City of Malmö. Her duties include development of the playgrounds in the city and she has been involved in two of the recently established theme playgrounds. In Malmö there are more than 20 playgrounds with unique purpose-built attractions following a certain theme.

Christian Grüssen is an urban planner. After working as a researcher at Dortmund University, he set up his own consultancy in 2000. He is specializing in the management of (European funded) regional development projects, such as the European Garden Heritage Network and Hybrid Parks.

Annelie Johansson is Project Manager at Rosendal's Garden Foundation in Stockholm. She manages Play Cultivate Grow!, an outdoor education project where learning builds on experiences and play. The project is financed by Swedish Inheritance Fund, results will be published in two books during spring 2015.

Caroline Larsson is Landscape Architect at The Streets and Park Department, City of Malmö. She is a project manager for the development plan for Pildammsparken which underwent an extensive restoration and got new attractions in conjunction with the parks 100th anniversary 2014. Pildammsparken is one of up to now three Swedish parks which have received Nordic Green Space Award.

Marie Larsson is a landscape engineer and City Head Gardener in the City of Skövde. She manages investment projects in parks and at playgrounds and has e.g. been responsible for planning the restoration of Boulognerskogen – a classical city park from the 19th century. After many years of dormancy the park now provides a swimming lake in the middle of the city.

Sigrun Lobst is a German landscape architect working in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, with her own office AARDRIJK. She creates and develops close-to-nature playscapes on different scales. The nature and adventure playground Speeldernis was one of her first projects, which she worked on for more than ten years.

Brigitte Löwenthal is Landscape Architect and Project Manager at the administration Stadtgärtnerei in the canton Basel-Stadt in Switzerland. Basel has an intensive work in progress modernizing and developing playgrounds in parks and close to schools. The children get the possibility to engage in the planning process, e.g. through workshops.

Melanie Sifton is a horticulturist, native of Canada. She is Vice President of Horticulture & Facilities at Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York. She has a passionate interest about building strategies to increase human-plant interactions.

Joanna Silwemark-Junemar and *Lotta Wikegård* are Project Managers at the Urban Planning Committee in the City of Uppsala. They have been responsible for the establishment of the theme playground Pelle Svanslös World in Engelska Parken, inaugurated in June 2014.

Moderator

Ola Melin is landscape architect, working as City Head Gardener and Director of the Planning Unit at The Streets and Park Department, City of Malmö. He is one of the responsible for theme and content of the conference.



Speeldernis in Rotterdam. Photo: Sigrun Lobst.



Emma Karp Lundström's Rye-Cat at Näs. Photo: Sabina Sakari.



The children's garden, Pildammsparken, Malmö. Photo: Peter Kroon.