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An illustration of a tropical scene. In the foreground, a person is riding a bicycle on the left, and another person is walking on the right carrying a surfboard. The background features a large tree, a palm tree, and a beach. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

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**MALAYSIA URBAN GREEN SPACE AND IFPRA ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE 2014:
PARKS AS MELTING POTS AND VENUES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING**

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BAYVIEW HOTEL, BATU FERINGGHI BEACH, PENANG, MALAYSIA

INTRODUCTION

Urbanization will continue to proceed at a rapid pace in Asia-Pacific region. It is forecasted that 17 out of 27 worlds largest mega-cities will be in Asia by 2015. Not only affecting population within cities of a country, migration to other countries is also common that most Asia Pacific cities are becoming melting pots of various cultures. Parks and other types of green space help balance a hectic lifestyle acting as venues for recreation and other healthy lifestyle pursuits.

Urban green space also serves as an excellent place for conservation of biodiversity resources, accessible enough for the public to appreciate and learn from. Thus, needs of a multi-cultural population and measures to ensure that natural resources will be conserved should be well balanced in park management. Recreational programmes with educational purposes need to be designed to benefit all users and encourage environment friendly practices.

Learning from each others experience and benchmarking on excellent practices will encourage sustainable management of urban green space. This conference will lead to interactions towards good management practice of urban parks that not only benefit human but to aid biodiversity conservation. Balancing development and preserving the environment is crucial for sustainable development especially in urban areas where land is scarce and population is dense. This conference aims to address the challenges in balancing a healthy development for human needs and conservation of natural resources for sustainability.

OBJECTIVES

1. To share the best ways in communicating sustainability messages through urban green space.
2. To review the progress and status of urban park development.
3. To exchange information, ideas and to learn about sustainable urban green space management.
4. To establish networking among participants from different countries for possible collaboration.

THEMES

- Theme 1: Parks for Multi-cultural Societies
- Theme 2: Conservation of Natural Resources in Urban Green Space
- Theme 3: Recreation Programming for Environmental Sustainability
- Theme 4: Best Practices and Benchmarking

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

23 JUNE 2014 (IFPRA)

- 09.00 am : Pre-Congress Technical Visit to Penang Hill
- 01.45 pm : IFPRA workshops
- 03.15 pm : Ifpra Asia Pacific Region, General Assembly & Commission Meeting
- 04.10 pm : Ifpra World Executive meeting
- 08.00 pm : *Dinner*

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- 08.00 am : Registration of Participants
- 08.30 am : Arrival of Invited Guests
- 08.40 am : Arrival of Y. Bhg. Dato' Patahiyah Ismail, President, Municipal Council of Penang Island
- 09.00 am : Speech by Dr. Ismail Harun, Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)
- 09.00 am : Speech by Emanuel Trueb, International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration (IFPRA)
- 09.00 am : Opening Speech and Launching Ceremony by Y. Bhg. Dato' Patahiyah Ismail
- 10.00 am : *Refreshments*

Session 1 : Parks for Multi-cultural Societies: Trend and Challenges

- 10.30 am : Conference Keynote Paper: Global Happenings – Towards Healthy Associations, Parks and People by John Senior, Chair of IFPRA Task Force/ IUCN Project Manager
- 11.30 am : Addressing Park Users of Various Ethnic Groups in Penang by Haji Mohamed Akbar Mustapha, Municipal Council of Penang Island
- 11.50 am : Recreation Programming for Environmental Sustainability: Examples from Basel, Switzerland by Emanuel Trueb, President of IFPRA
- 12.10 pm : Conservation of Natural Resources in Urban Green Space: An Overview of Contemporary Practice and Trends by Digby Whyte, CEO of IFPRA
- 12.30 pm : Ameliorating Climate Change by Conserving Urban Plant Diversity by Elizabeth Philip, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- 12.50 pm : Question & Answer Session
- 01.10 pm : *Lunch*

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- 02.20 pm : Biocultural Diversity Assessment and Governance of Urban Green Space - The GREEN SURGE Approach by Maja Steen Moller, University of Copenhagen
- 02.40 pm : Criteria to Evaluate Quality Aspects of Neighbourhood Parks in Malaysia by Nurhayati Abdul Malek, International Islamic University Malaysia
- 03.00 pm : Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Environment Through Citizen Participation Programme at Natural Ecology Zone in Sanuki Mannou Park by Mayumi Fujita, Parks & Recreation Foundation
- 03.20 pm : Park Use for Diverse Communities – A Case Study of Bintulu, Sarawak by Nor Akmar Abd Aziz, Universiti Putra Malaysia Bintulu Campus
- 03.20 pm : Question & Answer Session
- 04.00 pm : Technical Visit (Penang Municipal Park/Penang Botanical Gardens)
- 07.00 pm : End of Conference for Day 1
- 08.00 pm : *Conference Gala Dinner at Bayview Beach Hotel*

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Session 2 : Conservation of Natural Resources in Urban Green Space: Current Practices

- 08.00 am : Sharing Green Spaces between People, Animals, Plants and Habitats to Ensure Conservation of Natural Resources in Urban Green Space by Johann Dreyer, University of South Africa
- 08.20 am : Perdana Botanical Garden Kuala Lumpur by Puteri Khairul Fathiah Fahimudin, Kuala Lumpur City Hall
- 08.40 am : Conservation by Default by Stewart Henchie, Penang Botanic Garden
- 09.00 am : Current Situation of Biodiversity and Landscape in Tokyo Metropolis by Yukiko Katagiri, Tokyo Metropolitan University
- 09.20 am : Question & Answer Session
- 09.40 am : *Tea Break*



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**Session 3:
Recreation Programming for Environmental Sustainability**

- 10.00 am : Enhancing Facilitators Capacity to Appreciate Natural Resources in Urban Parks by Nik Azyyati Abd. Kadir, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- 10.20 am : Development of Recreation Programme related to Alien Aquatic Plants Control Method in Ezuko Park by Ryuichi Shibata, Parks and Recreation Foundation, Japan
- 10.40 am : Malaysian Public Park Users: Socio-demography and Needs by Huda Farhana, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- 11.00 am : Littering Attitude: Harmful and Lowgrading Our Greenspace - A Case Study in Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia by Nor Akmar Abd Aziz, UPM Bintulu
- 11.20 am : Attractions from Biodiversity Resources in FRIM: Addressing Needs for Less Able Users by Sharmillah Saleh, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- 11.40 am : Question & Answer Session

12.10 pm : Networking/Posters/ Displays

12.30 pm : *Lunch at Bayview Beach Hotel*

02.00 pm : *Technical visit to Penang Tropical Spice Gardens/Butterfly Farm/Tropical Fruit Farm*

06.30 pm : *Arrive at Bayview Beach Hotel*

07.30 pm : *Depart for dinner hosted by Municipal Council of Penang Island (MPPP) at Feringghi Garden*

**Session 4:
Conservation of Natural Resources in Urban Green Space: Innovative Practices**

- Working with Policy and Developers to Protect Significant Trees in an Urban Growth Area: A Case Study of the City of Whittlesea River Red Gums by Kristen Jackson, City of Whittlesea, Australia
- Trend and Challenges to Address Conservation of Resources and Users Need for Urban Parks in Malaysia by Noor Azlin Yahya, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- A Review on Rooftop Garden as an Alternative Approach towards Achieving Sustainability by Nur Nafisah Muslal, International Islamic University Malaysia
- Inducing Flowers to Attract Urban Park Users by Ahmad Nazarudin Mohd Roseli, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- Bird Diversity in Urban Green Space Areas of Peninsular Malaysia by Nor Azlin Mohd Fauzi, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- Question & Answer Session

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**Session 5:
Challenges, Best Practice and Benchmarking**

- 08.30 am : Another way? The Park Trust Model in the UK by James McCulloch, CEO Nene Park Trust
- 08.50 am : Neighborhood Open Space in Malaysia Low-Income Housing by Nurazlina Abu Bakar, International Islamic University Malaysia
- 09.10 am : Socio-Economic Issue in Park Management by Municipal Councils in Peninsular Malaysia: Some Survey Findings by Lim Hin Fui, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- 09.30 am : Making Cities Better: Challenges in Establishing Federal Parks by Hj Rotina Daik, National Landscape Department Malaysia
- 09.50 am : Question & Answer Session
- 10.10 am : *Tea Break*
- 10.40 am : Addressing Safety Issues in Malaysian Playgrounds by Park Safety Association by Datuk Hj Shahoran Johar Ariffin, Park Safety Association Malaysia
- 11.00 am : The Negative Impacts of Development Activities toward Sustainability of Air Hitam Forest Reserve by Ummu Hani Husna, Universiti Putra Malaysia
- 11.20 am : Collaborations for Professionalism in Park Management: The Malaysian Way Forward by Noor Azlin Yahya, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- 11.40 pm : Creating Parks for New Townships towards Wellness and Sustainability by Fairouz Che Ani, Mentari Design, Malaysia
- 12.00 pm : Question & Answer Session

**Session 6:
Biodiversity Conservation in Urban Green Areas**

- Ex-situ Conservation: A South African Case Study by Callie Loubser, University of South Africa
- Study on the Evidence for Value Improvement of Urban Parks by Teruaki Irie, Tokyo University of Agriculture
- Management and Conservation of Veteran and Heritage Tree in Malaysia by Ahmad Azarudin Mohd Noor, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- The Botanic Gardens of Johor by Tuan Haji Abu Bakar Salleh, Johor Landscape Department
- Question & Answer Session
- Tea Break*
- Establishing National Botanic Gardens for Different Regions in Malaysia by Tuan Haji Mohd Taib Haji Zin, National Landscape Department Malaysia
- True Colours of Kuala Lumpur's Urban Green Space by Mohd Johari Mohd Yusof, Universiti Putra Malaysia
- Challenges in Green Space Management and Conservation for New Townships: A Case Study of Putrajaya by Noriah Mat, Putrajaya Corporation
- DNA Barcoding for the Nation's Native Flowering Plants at Kepong Botanic Garden by Norsham Suhaina Yaakob, Forest Research Institute Malaysia
- Question & Answer Session

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12.20 pm : Networking/Posters/Displays

12.40 pm : *Lunch at Bayview Beach Hotel*

Workshop Session

02.00 pm :

Workshop (A)

1. How do you know you are doing a good job? The IFPRA Solution by Chris Rutherford
2. Malaysian Direction towards Benchmarking by Noor Azlin Yahya

Workshop (B)

A Symbiotic Approach to Conservation
by John Senior

Workshop (C)

Environmental Education
Activities in Urban Parks by
Johann Dreyer/Callie Loubser

04.00 pm : Resolution and closing

05.00 pm : *End of conference and refreshments*

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27 JUNE 2014 (POST-CONFERENCE TOUR)

Time	Heritage Tour (Group 1 : Trishaw ride)
08.00 am :	Depart from Bayview Beach Resort
09.00 am :	Assemble at Town Hall
09.30 am :	Fort Cornwallis Queen Victorial Memorial Clock Tower Penang Peranakan mansion Little India Sri Mahariamman Temple Han Jiang Ancestral Temple Masjid Kapitan Keling Khoo Kongsi Masjid melayu Lebuah Aceh Rumah Besar Syed Al Atas Sun Yet Sun Muzium Yap Kongsu Temple
10.45 am :	End of trishaw ride
11.45 am :	<i>Lunch at Town hall</i>
01.30 pm :	<i>Friday prayers & free and easy</i>
03.15 pm :	Group 1: Bus tour Group 2: Trishaw ride
07.30 pm :	Depart to hotel

Time	Heritage Tour (Group 2 : Bus tour)
08.00 am :	Depart from Bayview Beach Resort
09.00 am :	Assemble at Town Hall
09.15 am :	Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion Protestant Cemetery Penang Peranakan Mansion
10.45 am :	End of bus tour
11.45 am :	Assemble at Kuang Im Temple, Jalan Masjid Kapitan keling
11.45 am :	<i>Lunch at Town hall</i>
01.30 pm :	<i>Friday prayers</i>
03.15 pm :	Group 1: Bus tour Group 2: Trishaw ride

28 JUNE 2014 (POST-CONFERENCE TOUR)

Time	Heritage Tour
08.00 am :	Depart from Bayview Beach Resort
08.30 am :	Arrive at Penang National Park
10.30 am :	Boat cruise to Pantai Kerachut (Turtle Sanctuary)
12.30 pm :	<i>Lunch</i>
01.30 pm :	Depart to Teluk Bahang Forest Recreational Park & Penang Forestry Museum
04.30 pm :	Depart to hotel (end of Post – Congress Tour)

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CONFERENCE KEYNOTE PAPER ABSTRACT

“GLOBAL HAPPENINGS – TOWARDS HEALTHY ASSOCIATIONS, PARKS AND PEOPLE “

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At the IFPRA World Congress in Canada in 2013, a Review Report was presented on the potential to reposition IFPRA to a strengthened global network, to champion urban parks and associated recreation, amenity and conservation activities. The formation of a Task Force (with representatives of IFPRA and other partnering organisations) was approved to develop the 'New IFPRA'. The 'New IFPRA' represents an overdue initiative to establish a contemporary and unique global body to advocate for, and enhance the perception of urban parks and green space, and to unite all the many individuals and organisations involved. The Malaysia Urban Green Space & IFPRA Asia Pacific Conference is a timely forum at which to provide to regional professionals an insight into what is envisaged and an update on progress. Another contemporary initiative, but at the operational level, is the decision by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), to produce Guidelines in its Best Practice Series on the “Healthy Parks Healthy People” approach. The presenter is currently managing this project as part of an international Task Force of park, social science and health professionals.

The Healthy Parks Healthy People approach is based on an initial literature review on the “Health Benefits of Contact with Nature” 2002, commissioned by Parks Victoria (in Australia) which subsequently progressively incorporated the concept into its management practices. Preparation of the Guidelines is underway with the eventual publication expected to be available by mid-2015. It will be promoted across the relevant global community to provide advice, example and encouragement. Although IUCN’s normal remit relates only to protected areas (national parks), it has been agreed that this publication should be generically applicable to the whole continuum of parks and green spaces. This presentation will outline the “Healthy Parks Healthy People” concept, illustrate its application and discuss the composition of the Guidelines. This leading document will encourage and assist park and other relevant organisations to implement a Healthy Parks Healthy People approach. It will be disseminated globally among international, national, regional and local park agencies and made available online.

ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Until his semi-retirement in mid-2012, John had been the Manager of Parks Sector Partnerships at Parks Victoria for over ten years, a role mainly directed to managing alliances with other park authorities nationally and internationally, with Universities and other major organisations. Among his key initiatives was the commissioning of Deakin University's research on the health benefits of contact with nature. John was the organiser of the highly acclaimed inaugural International Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress 2010 held in Melbourne. John was a National Director of Parks & Leisure Australia (PLA) from 2000 to 2005 and was its Deputy President in 2003, having previously received its highest accolade, the Frank Stewart Award, in 1999. He continues to contribute to the organisation of PLA's annual national conference. John is a Member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) World Commission on Protected Areas, a member of both its 'Healthy Parks Healthy People' Task Force and Cities & Protected Areas Specialist Group. He has contributed to several international publications and journals. On behalf of IUCN John is currently project managing the preparation of International Best Practice Guidelines for the Healthy Parks Healthy People approach. John is the Chair of IFPRA Task Force established to undertake the transformation to a "New IFPRA".

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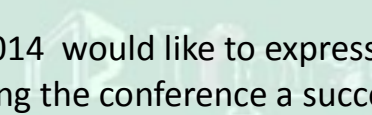
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