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LAKESIDE GARDENS IN EUROPE

Verbania, 30 September - 8 October 2006

Is the appearance of gardens that overlook a lake typical and recognisable? In Europe, how is this fusion between the garden and the surface of the lake manifested? What differences or similarities are there between those European countries where this original form of landscape composition is found? Moreover, can common guidelines be identified for the protection and enhancement of these fascinating cultural landscapes?

The event "**Lakeside Gardens in Europe**" which takes place in **Verbania from 30 September to 8 October 2006** will try to answer these and other questions. The event is organised by *Regione Piemonte*, the *Province of Verbano Cusio Ossola* and the *Museum of Landscape in Verbania - Villas and Gardens Archive*. The latter institution has worked on historic lakeside gardens (Maggiore and Orta) for a long time, but during the past three years (after signing a special Convention with Regione Piemonte and the Province of Verbano Cusio Ossola) its activity of research, collection and diffusion of data has widened to the whole of Piedmont.

The **International Conference and Exhibition "Lakeside Gardens in Europe"** will coincide with and form part of "**Editoria & Giardini 2006**", organised by the *Municipality of Verbania*, which is also sponsoring the event. Now in its sixth year, the well-known festival for Italian and foreign publishers will focus on the same theme and includes a specialised Bookfestival on gardens and other events.

The Conference, coordinated by a distinguished **Scientific Committee** in collaboration with the Villas and Gardens Archive of the Landscape Museum of Verbania (ref. Renata Lodari), presents four sessions: **Friday 6 October**, *The lake as a mirror. Literary, historical and philosophical aspects* (1<sup>st</sup> Session) and *Lake Garden and garden lake* (2<sup>nd</sup> Session); **Saturday 7 October**, *The lakeside garden and its environment. Proposals for research and interpretation* (3<sup>rd</sup> Session) and *Lake Gardens in Europe: management and revaluation* (4<sup>th</sup> Session).

Other important initiatives will be held to coincide with the Conference, including: the **Exhibition "Lakeside Gardens in Europe - Cultural Landscapes designed by water"** which will remain open to the public at the Museum of Landscape of Verbania throughout October; the presentation of the relative **Catalogue/Atlas**; a **Photography competition on the theme "The Garden and Water: forms, landscapes, visions"** and the relative Exhibition; an illustrative Exhibition at the **CNR Institute for the Study of Ecosystems** in Verbania Pallanza (formerly the Italian Institute of Hydrobiology); support activity for the project "Blue Revolution" run by **AMREF Italia Onlus** committed to building wells in Africa.

The Conference will also host the **Annual meeting of representatives from the International Scientific Committee on Historic Gardens-Cultural Landscapes of ICOMOS-IFLA**, convened for Thursday 5 October 2006 in the conference venue; the "ICOMOS-IFLA document for the inventory and cataloguing of historic gardens" will be read at the end of the Conference.

The patronages of the event include, among others: *Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities*, *TCI - Touring Club Italiano*, *AIAPP - Italian Association for Landscape Architecture*, and it is supported by the activities of many other local organisations and bodies.

Further details and a registration form are available on the website:  
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