



PROVINCIA DEL VERBANO CUSIO OSSOLA
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Conference and Exhibition
"Lakeside Gardens in Europe"
Verbania, 30 September - 8 October

The Province, in collaboration with Regione Piemonte and the Landscape Museum of Verbania, promotes the International Conference and Exhibition "**Lakeside Gardens In Europe**", to be held from 30 September to 8 October 2006 in the occasion of the Bookfestival "**Editoria & Giardini**" organised by the Municipality of Verbania.

The Province provides part of the financial backing for this event, particularly for the related illustrative Exhibition which received particularly generous funding. "We are fully behind this initiative," said the Councillor for Parks **Paolo Caruso**, "because the parks and botanic gardens of Verbano-Cusio-Ossola represent a major asset to be exploited in terms of tourism and promotion."

This initiative implements a regional law (no. 22 of 17.11.1983, "Interventions for the protection and development of areas of special botanical interest") whose goals include spreading knowledge about the botanical heritage in Piedmont's historic gardens. This important symposium will coincide with and form part of "**Editoria & Giardini 2006**", a Bookfestival focused on Italian and foreign publications on gardens, organised by the Municipality of Verbania and now in its sixth year.

The Conference will also host the annual meeting of international delegates from the **ICOMOS-IFLA** International Scientific Committee on Historic Gardens-Cultural Landscapes.

Other initiatives have been planned during the Conference, including an Exhibition of illustrative panels accompanied by the publication of a catalogue/atlas (to be presented on the occasion) and a Photography Competition on the theme of "The Garden and Water".

To mark the occasion of "**Lakeside Gardens in Europe**" delegates will also have the opportunity to contribute to the "**Blue Revolution**" Project run by the Italian Onlus **AMREF**. Anyone attending the Conference (which, we remind you, is free of charge) is invited to contribute towards the construction of a well in East Africa, an area recently struck by a severe famine caused by the lack of rainfall. "With just 2,500 euros it is possible to build a well and train the local technical staff to run the water source," reminds Councillor **Caruso**.

For further information, visit the dedicated website at www.museodelpaesaggio.it/giardinidilago2006

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