The Lebanese Landscape Association had the honor of hosting Lorenzo Brusci for a lecture on “Soundscapes”. Brusci has a doctor in Philosophy of Music and is currently the co-founder and art director of MUSST, a practice that aims at “creating interactive and experience-centered solutions for architecture, installations, live events and communications strategies while working with adaptive music and soundscape generation, physical and symbolic interfaces, hardware design, sensing technology and human-space experience design”. Soundscape for Brusci is an active human action, a clear definition of how one should be intentionally aware when it comes to sound and any kind of space present in nature. His studio specializes in designing several types of sound systems, extremely sensitive to the context, in order to enhance and emphasize sound experiences.

The Lebanese Landscape Association had the honor of hosting Artur Tondera and Lukasz Puchalski for a lecture on “Applications in Sustainable Mobility”. Mr Tondera is the Head of the Sustainable Mobility Department in Warsaw Municipal Roads Authority and Mr Puchalski is the Director of Warsaw Municipal Roads Authority. The Public Roads Authority (ZDM) is an organizational structure of the Capital City of Warsaw whose main task is the management of district, voivodship and national roads (except for expressways) within the city borders. The ZDM is working on improving the transportation system while limiting its detrimental impact on the natural environment and living conditions promoting sustainable mobility and research based design of public spaces. To achieve its aim the Public Roads Authority is actively concerned with actions focused on increasing the prestige and on improving the image of the city while enhancing the quality of the overall landscape and specifically of the urban spaces.
IFLA Beirut 2016 Conference:
Unfolding Mediterranean Landscapes | changing forms, evolving tools, transforming meanings

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To announce its establishment, LELA organized an international conference "Unfolding Middle Eastern Landscapes – changing forms, evolving tools, transforming meanings". The conference was held under the patronage of IFLA and the Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, May 31-June 2, 2016, in cooperation with the American University of Beirut, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Department of Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management and the Lebanese University, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Veterinary Medicine, Department of Landscape and Territory Planning.

The conference was attended by 146 participants from 21 different countries. Speakers included Maguelonne Dejeant-Pons, Anna Grichting Solder, Mohammad Motalebi, Gloria Pungetti, Salma Talhouk, Andreja Tutundzic, Burcu Yigit Turan, Rami Zurayk and others from various backgrounds. The conference was an opportunity to showcase the potential of landscape practice and theory taking into account the environmental and cultural specificities in Lebanon and the region in six overlapping areas: landscape history and landscape heritage | landscape and the agrarian challenge | greening the urban landscape | landscape, ecology and environment | landscape, networks and infrastructure | landscape, displacement and human rights.

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