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The 11th International Landscape Biennial of Barcelona will be held online and will discuss solutions to address climate change mitigation with professionals and activists of landscape and architecture

- . The contest, which will take place from the 27th of September to the 2nd of October, will be held virtually.
- . It will include a symposium, the Rosa Barba International Landscape Award and the International Landscape Schools Award - Banco Sabadell Foundation.
- . The motto of the symposium "Climate change, again: City and Nature", highlights the use of landscape as a tool to face the climate emergency.
- Among the 42 experts who will attend the Biennial are the American landscaper and climate activist Martha Schwartz, the French writer and gardener Gilles Clément, and the architect author of Brooklyn Bridge Park in New York, Michael Van Valkenburgh.

Barcelona, September 1, 2021.- From the 27<sup>th</sup> of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2021 a new edition of the International Biennial of Landscape Architecture of Barcelona will take place, which will host the symposium "Climate change, again: City and Nature" to reflect on the importance of landscape in reducing climate change, as well as the Rosa Barba International Landscape Award and the International Landscape Schools Award - Banco Sabadell Foundation.

The event will, let another year, bring together professionals and experts in landscaping and architecture in a congress that has become a reference on an international scale. The symposium will have 8 renowned guests who will explain tools to face the climate emergency, the authors of the 11 finalist landscape projects of the prestigious Rosa Barba International Landscape Award and, last but not least, representatives of the 8 finalist schools of the Award. Landscape Schools International.

During the Biennial, the Book-catalogue of the 10th International Landscape Biennial held in 2018 will also be presented. The UPC School of Architecture (ETSAB) will host the exhibition of the finalists of both awards.







Given the context of the pandemic caused by Covid19, this edition of the Biennial will be held online, with the exception of the opening and closing ceremony, which will take place at the COAC and the Palau de la Música respectively.

The 11<sup>th</sup> International Biennial of Landscape Architecture of Barcelona is organized by the Association of Architects of Catalonia and the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, and has the institutional support of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area, the Barcelona City Council, the Barcelona Provincial Council, the collaboration of Banco Sabadell Foundation, and the collaboration of the ISUF Congress, the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA), the International Federation of Landscape Architects of Europe (IFLA Europe) and the New European Bauhaus.

## The Symposium: a showcase of the best landscape projects and the presence of experts from the sector

One more year, the Biennial invites us to address a current issue as a contribution to the public debate to solve society's problems from the perspective of the landscape. This year the motto of the Biennial symposium is "Climate change, again: City and Nature". The finalists of the two prizes awarded by the Biennial also participate in the Symposium: Rosa Barba (professionals) and Schools (architecture universities). In total, 43 speakers are expected to participate for 30 hours online. The **8 invited experts** of the Symposium are:

- Martha Schwartz. Landscape architect, urban planner, climate activist and professor at Harvard University Graduate School of Design.
- Colleen Mercer Clarke. Landscape architect and coastal ecologist.
- Karin Helms. Landscape architect, biologist and professor at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design. She incorporates participation to perform in great cultural landscapes.
  - President of IFLA Europe.
- Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons. Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe.
- Li Xiong. Professor and Vice President of Beijing Forestry University and member of the China Expert Committee on Landscape Architecture.
- Gilles Clément. Horticultural engineer, landscape architect, writer, gardener and professor at the National Superior School of the Country of Versailles.

As local institutional representatives, the symposium will feature:

- **Xavier Matilla. Chief Architect of the Barcelona City Council.**
- Ramon Torra. Architect and manager of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona.





## Check here the complete program of the XI International **Biennial of Landscape Architecture of Barcelona**

## Finalist projects of the Rosa Barba International Landscape Award - Banco Sabadell Foundation



**Medellín River Parks** Medellin, COLOMBIA Sebastian Monsalve Gomez + Juandavid Hoyos Taborda



Transformation of Yang Shupu Thermal Power Plant, Shanghái Shanghai, CHINA Original Design Studio/TJAD







**Ribeirinho Oriente Park** Lisbon, Portugal F|C - Arquitectura Paisagista



**Schelde Quays in South Sint-Andries** Antwerp, Belgium PROAP - Estudos e Projectos de Arquitectura Paisagista Lda



**INTERNATIONAL GEODESIGN COLLABORATION** London, United Kingdom Carl Steinitz for IGC core group and the current 140 university teams which are participants







**Brooklyn Bridge Park** Brooklyn, New York (USA) Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc. – Landscape Architect



**Chulalongkorn University Centenary Park** Bangkok, Thailand **LANDPROCESS** 



**Girona's Shores** Girona, Spain EMF- Estudi Martí Franch







La Mexicana Park Mexico City, Mexico Grupo de Diseño Urbano (GDU) + Víctor Márquez (VMA)



**Central Park, Valencia** Valencia, Spain <u>Gustafson Porter + Bowman</u>



The tropics and the built landscape Urban Center of Medellin Colombia Medellin, Colombia AEU





The finalist university schools for the International Award for Landscape Schools - Banco **Sabadell Foundation** are:

- Leibniz University Hannover (Germany).
- University of Technology Sydney (Australia).
- Harvard University Graduate School of Design (USA).
- City College of New York (USA).
- School of Architecture, Politecnico di Milano (Italy).
- Amsterdam Academy of Architecture (the Netherlands).
- TUDelft (the Netherlands).
- Huazhong University Of Science And Technology (China).

The Rosa Barba International Landscape Award and the Landscape Schools International Award have the collaboration of the Banco Sabadell Foundation.