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an online platform on water as a topic & metaphor

Symposium 'Water Issues Relating to Environmental Landscape Sustainability' – 22 March 2012 – International Water Day

Horticulture, Landscape & Environment Research Unit of Higher School of Agronomical Sciences of Chott Meriem, IRESA, Sousse University – Tunisia, in partnership with Waterwheel, are organising, on World Water Day, **an international symposium on major water landscape issues.**

These online meetings want to promote exchange between all those who are, for various reasons, concerned with water issues, land management and hydraulic infrastructure, for a better sharing of knowledge and governance. The meetings will connect live more than 50 scientists, professionals and artists from 5 continents, thanks to Waterwheel, an online platform dedicated to Water <http://water-wheel.net>

This event aims to foster Research, Profession and Arts relationships, an opening up and partnership between University and the Society in the field of water and land management.

'Water and landscape' are hot topics because they are becoming an important preoccupation of territorial policies and undoubtedly an essential element of policies of land management and environmental sustainability. However, beyond this very obvious generality, appear three instrumentalizations of water and its landscape construction:

- Water, spring of life for landscaped societies
- Water, component of sustainable management and living environment
- Water and tomorrow's challenges: how can we ensure transmission of our landscapes to future generations?

Modern societies believed in the benefits of universal values shareable by humanity. Those which are succeeding continue to think that freedom of expression, religion, human dignity, citizenship, brotherhood, equality and access to basic resources are shared values for humanity. In this context, the overall thematic 'Waters and landscaped questions' constitutes a basis for theoretical and operational reflection and a major preoccupation for the conservation of ecosystem resources with different territorial scales.

Riccardo Petrella (Be) and Ulay (Si) will introduce the symposium online.

Professor Jean-Paul Laborie (Fr) and Victoria Vesna (Co-Director of UCLA Nanosystems Centre, USA), will be amongst participants from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, France, India, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman Sultanate, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, United Kingdom and USA. Here is the list:

Aafke de Jong, Alessandro Carboni, Amin Hammami, Daniel Nilsson, Diana Lebensohn, Diane Cheklich, Eklavaya Prasad, Esteban Insinger, Fabian Kesler, Feirouz Meghdich, Gil Kuno, Hedva Eltanani, Hichem Rejeb, Ian Clothier, Jondi Keane, Julie Robson, Karim BelHaj Farhat, Keith Armstrong, Lucas Ihlein, Luís Alberto Bittencourt, Ian Milliss, Maartje Belmer, Mahesh Vinayakram, Malek Lataoui, Maria Chatzichristodoulou aka Maria X, Mary Gardner, Mohamed Moussa, Naoufel Souayah, Nathalie Fougères, Nebiha Bayrem, Nizar Sayari, Pauline O'connell, Peggy Christina Marshall-Amundsen, Radhouan Nciri, Rim Awali, Roger Alsop, Sana Mezoughi, Silvia Rigon, Suzon Fuks, Tom Skipp, Vicki Smith, Walid Lataoui, West Marrin, Yasmin Attia Zahra, and Prof aka Jeff Turpin.

The general organisation of this event crosses several lines of enquiries 'Arts, Science and Technology'. Therefore, the selected works will be presented online on the Waterwheel platform.

ADDRESS OF THE DAY

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To see the detailed program: http://bit.ly/Symposium_Program-22March2012

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