

**ELECTIONS UNISCAPE ORGANS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, 10 JULY 2024**

POSITIONS to be elected

- President and 2 vice-presidents
- Executive Board (EB) 8 members
- Director (to be elected by the EB)

CANDIDACY LETTERS received (30.06)

- Sasa Dobričić, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia (President)
- Rita Biasi, Tuscia University, Italy (EB)
- Benedetta Castiglioni, University of Padua, Italy (EB)
- Laura Cirpiani, TU Delft, The Netherlands (EB)
- Tana Lascu, Ion Mincu University, Romania, (EB)
- Ernesto Marcheggiani, Politecnica University of Marche, Italy (EB)
- Iva Mrak, University of Rijeka, Croatia (EB)
- Marialuce Stanganelli, University of Naples Feederico II, Italy (EB)
- Maria Gabriella Trovato, NMBU, Norway (EB)
- Tessa Matteini, University of Florence, Italy (Director)

To the members of the Uniscape network
Uniscape elections 2024
Presidential election / candidacy statement

Nova Gorica, 22 June 2024

Dear members of the Uniscape community,

My candidature for the position of the president of Uniscape, having Margherita Vanore from the University Iuav of Venice and Conor Newman from the University of Galway as vice presidents, represents a significant milestone in our long and active commitment at Uniscape. Having them standing alongside me at this pivotal moment is my profound honor. We have all benefited from their reliable, genuine, and generous commitment to many key Uniscape activities we have been carrying out this last year. Their sharpened intellect, solid personality, and deep vision have, and will, greatly serve the causes of Uniscape.

I do not need to explain in detail why and how demanding the past five years have been for Uniscape. But for the sake of the hard work and determination of many of us, let me remind you how we, members of the Uniscape community, have managed to keep the continuity of different actions and initiatives. Certainly, one of the main efforts was the organization of Uniscape's two main conferences in 2020 and 2021 entitled *Cultivating the Continuity of the European Landscape*, which were successfully concluded with a wide range of diverse and vivid 'in life' landscape ateliers (*Woods go urban; Isolario; Perception conception and visions for terraced landscapes; IUAV landscapes; Reinventing public space, Cultivating energies: in pursuit of a new Ektopy*), four round tables (*Cultivating the landscape; Landscape policy and governance; Landscape design and time; Observing landscape*) and a *Challenges/Living Lab*. Despite the record length of time needed to publish our book *Cultivation Continuity of the European Landscape, new Challenges, innovative Perspectives*, published by Springer, we managed to complete and publish it at the beginning of this year, with the important contribution of the legendary photojournalist Sebastião Salgado. The final effort is this year's conference, *People and Disciplines in the Function of Landscape*.

But many other singular reflections and confrontation moments have nourished the continuity of our initiatives: a fortunate series of online lectures entitled *Landscape, a place where disciplines meet*, the great success of the *international workshop W.A.VE on Islands, Architecture, and Landscapes of Water*. I would like to stress also the effort to initiate the drafting of the second *UNISCAPE manifesto on the Future of the European Landscape* and the formation of *Uniscape's Green strategy*. All these manifests our will to openly discuss, share future challenges, and find common solutions for the future of the European landscape.

Uniscape's first *Open Forum for the Fairer European Landscape* in Brussels and the two-edition presence at Venice Biennale Sessions, entitled *African Landscapes*, and *Marvellous, an exercise of radical imagination* are all clear manifestations of our will to reconnect with the community of Uniscape members, but also to step out of academia and open up to the wider public and jointly discuss also in informal way many different contributions that represent a collective effort to maintain alive landscape education and landscape research according to the principles of ELC.

These distinctly opened, shared, and evolving initiatives, were essentially set up as a vivid public reminder that the European landscape and the European Landscape Convention (as key drivers of democratic principle) can both significantly frame and contribute to a more inclusive, sustainable, and beautiful Europe, as a 'place for everyone'. Hence, let me express my gratitude to Juan Manuel Palerm and Tessa Matteini for their leadership, vision, and hard work. I'd like to thank Tommaso Zanaica and all active executive board members for their great work and generous contributions to our network.

Dear members of the Uniscape network, when evaluating how vivid and healthy is our network, please remember and consider all these efforts and the fact, that all this was done by having just one part-time employee. So, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to these activities, especially all those who have recognized that as valuable as ideas are, they depend upon the assessment of their realization.

Considering the above, it is clear that the main aim of my candidature is to facilitate a meaningful discussion among all Uniscape members and guarantee mutual exchange to design Uniscape's future efforts. We have demonstrated that we are, also in our most fragile and delicate moments, a resilient cross-disciplinary coalition of universities having landscape as a place, as a testing arena, where we meet and reciprocally recognize and understand if and how we function together, 'in life' and within our diversities. Hence, it is time that we target our network's solid repositioning and active membership within the EU educational, research, and institutional landscape. In this perspective, maybe we should consider the establishment of our premises also in Bruxelles.

Despite our fragilities, we should make additional efforts to support our universities, and foster cooperation with our sister organizations, in our common and endless efforts to promote the consideration of landscape as the key educational, research, and life arena for testing distinctly holistic approaches to study, explore and understand our (more or less fortunate) past and future socio-natural practices of living together, a place where the individual and the collective experience merge in the 'art of living' together, also as wider more than human dimension. It should be reminded that Uniscape was openly invited by VulaTsetsi, secretary general of the Greens/EFA in the European Parliament, to 'lobby' for Landscape as the key actor in the global campaign for the constructive and critical fostering of the socially just and inclusive European Green Deal: it appears to be more relevant than ever. Because, as we have stressed in many strategic documents, Landscape is a place where citizens of Europe will first experience 'in life' and through their bodily senses, without any mediation, the quality of their living environments. We should emphasize once more that our founding link with ELC distinguishes us from other landscape-related networks. Landscape 'as perceived by people' positions people, insiders, and outsiders, at the centre, which in practical terms means that our research and educational approach considers Landscape also as something where abstract notions like environment, ecology, heritage, nature, and culture should concretely reconnect to everyday life and 'get the picture'.

Hence, we should thoroughly reconsider, reform, and improve our inner and outer communication, step out, and possibly redesign the modality of communication of our standings to the wider public: sister organizations, institutions, and people. Our valuable debates, our fatigues, our ultimate standings, and our decisive documents are currently in isolation. We should seriously consider how to foster the staff dealing with Uniscape's communication and dissemination activities.

The decisive will be here the inclusion of our students, which are or should be, our ultimate concern. We should include a permanent representation of students on our executive board. The *Uniscape's Forum on Youth Perspectives: getting into conversation with Landscape*, held in Brussels, was a significant and powerful indicator of their willingness to actively contribute to our cause. From concerns about the digital future to the need to create a new convincing landscape narrative, back to nature rights and landscape justice, their voice was a convincing mixture of knowledge and activism. We need their powerful voice more than they need ours; after all, if we expect them to solve the problems we created, their voice should be dominant.

Although representing a network of universities, Uniscape benefits mostly from the individual efforts of each of us, and this should not be taken for granted. We benefit from our academic diversity, cultural specificity, and individual independence; we are a community with diverse, research, educational, and design cultures, but all bound together by the conviction that landscape and the European Landscape Convention still matter. But we should not forget that we can pursue this Landscape belonging not only individually or via the specificity of our most entrusted circle of peers. We should make our struggles bolder by using (and fostering) our institutions, and by putting the face of our university as front-line leaders. And Uniscape can be your great ally in this. Today, when Europe and its key institutions are facing unexpected challenges and one of their most critical moments, universities are still able to keep the integrity of Europe for and within the diversity of its members. So, we still have a voice and we should use it to serve society by creating and adding value. Remember that we are allowed and accredited also to question, contest, and break with a multitude of rooted, commonly and institutionally accepted instruments, devices, and practices that we are currently asked to follow.

Uniscape is nourished by the immense power of your imaginations, ideas, experiences, and efforts, as well as your personal efforts to keep landscape issues at the forefront of university debates. Each of the initiatives we had undertaken was built on critical and often very demanding confrontations that highlighted our diversities and made things often very demanding and complicated. But Uniscape is about people who are dealing with education and research, thus a community that recognizes that complexity is something that we are supposed to deal with, even cultivate, but never ignore. To foster this aspect, we should keep our Executive Board meetings open to all members, including observers. We should form specific task forces of people who share common projects; we should open the possibility of assigning specific roles/delegates to individuals who are not necessarily representative of their institutions but are still active in promoting the Landscape cause.

And finally, we should also embrace the unexpected and unpredictable power of art. We should seriously consider involving art schools and academies, which are equal members of Europe's higher education system, as active partners in our network. It is unnecessary to emphasize the importance of art in many participatory processes, where artistic observation and action enable an understanding of landscape as relationship, and each new relationship is a potential catalyst of change.

I hope that the mixture of our diverse backgrounds, all of which are aligned with the undogmatic, idealistic, and realistic approaches to Landscape that have characterized our way of doing things thus far, will continue in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Candidacy for the Role of Executive Board member UNISCAPE

Prof. Rita Biasi, PhD

Prof. Rita Biasi is an agronomist who graduated in Agricultural Sciences from the Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna (1983), where she also obtained a PhD in Tree Crops. She is Associate professor at the University of Tuscia, Department for Innovation in Biological, Agri-Food, and Forest Systems (DIBAF), a founder member of the UNISCAPE network. She served as President of the joint Bachelor Degree course (University of Tuscia and Sapienza University of Rome) in Planning, Environmental Landscape and Design (2015-2021) and actually is a member of the Teaching Board of the PhD in Landscape and Environment at Sapienza University of Rome. She teaches Tree Systems, Viticulture, and Urban Agriculture in the degree courses in Landscape and Territory Design, Food and Wine Technologies, and in the Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture of Sapienza, Rome. She is a member of the Scientific Council of the Interuniversity Research Center for Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, and Sustainability (CIRBISES), member of the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS), and of the Italian Horticultural Society (SOIHS), where she coordinates the 'Agrosystems and Landscapes' Working Group.

My teaching and research activity focuses on the study of the environment and landscape of agro-systems in rural and urban settings, with particular attention to the productive, environmental, and cultural functions of both traditional agricultural systems and intensive modern ones, with the aims to promote strategies for the conservation of agrobiodiversity, reduce the risk of degradation of the agroforestry landscape, and address and adapt to climate change through the functions of agriculture. I have promoted and drafted the Manifesto of the Italian Agricultural and Forest Landscape (edited by the Italian Association of Scientific Societies of Agricultural Sciences, AISSA, 2019), a programmatic document to guide specific training, research, and policy actions for the agroforestry landscape, extendable to the European context.

Indeed, the productive landscape occupies a central position in Europe, being the most represented land use on average in European territory, economically as the basis of agri-food productions of local identity and excellence, and politically because it is at the center of European strategies for sustainable development, agroecological transition and transformation of food systems toward sustainability. In many parts of Europe, multiple and interconnected factors make the agricultural landscape fragile in its balance, vulnerable, and in a state of criticality. It is often impoverished in diversity and artificially maintained with significant depletion of resources in its structure, losing its original conformation. Urban growth, the abandonment of rural areas, excess infrastructure and urbanization, and climate change are among the main factors of change. Overcoming abandonment, degradation, and the disappearance of some traditional agricultural landscapes, as well as redesigning agricultural space according to principles of sustainable intensification, are increasingly required by national and international policies, such as the European Green Deal, Biodiversity 2030, and Farm to Fork strategies, EU Climate Pact. These aim to restore agricultural systems as suppliers of ecosystem services, considering not only productive but also ecological-environmental, social, and cultural functions as fundamental, in alignment with the One Health principles and, more recently, also with the New European Bauhaus strategy. Pursuing this multifunctionality requires interdisciplinary knowledge and a systemic scientific approach, which must be incorporated into university Education and Research projects.

My academic and professional experience in the field of agricultural landscape is at the service of UNISCAPE to strengthen constructive dialogue among partners within the network. This aims to increase knowledge and awareness of the role of the productive landscape in ensuring a quality landscape through education and research, encouraging the aggregation of researchers and operators from different and interconnected fields. This reflects the systemic and trans-scalar nature of the landscape, facing the new challenges for the resilience of the European biocultural landscapes and their ecosystem functions, through an integrated landscape management approach.

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Answer to the call for candidates for members of the UNISCAPE Executive Board

I am a human geographer, professor at the University of Padua (Italy).

Landscape is the main subject of my research since more than 25 years, with special attention to the various articulations of the relationship between people and landscape: landscape social perceptions and value attributions, landscape sensitisation and education, participation, landscape observatories, landscape and immigrants, landscape democracy, landscape as heritage, tourism and landscape are the main topics I have addressed in my research and publications.

I have followed the scientific debate regarding the Council of Europe Landscape Convention and its implementation from its first steps at the beginning on the 2000s, participating at many Workshops and Conferences around Europe, contributing with papers and further publications.

I am participating at Uniscape since its very beginning (Careggi, 2008), and my university is one of the founding members. As representative, in these years I have been actively working to build a network among the colleagues who are dealing with landscape issues, in different disciplines. I organised seminars for presenting this different research and I am actively cooperating with colleagues of other departments and subjects. I think that this is a way for concretely implementing the interdisciplinary approach asked by Uniscape. Thanks to this network, in 2020, I coordinated the activation of the new master's degree in "[Scienze per il paesaggio](#)" (*Landscape studies*) at the University of Padova, that now I chair.

I am a member of the scientific committee of the Veneto region Landscape Observatory, and I am actively cooperating for the implementation of a system of local landscape observatories. I contributed to the discussion on these issues in the Uniscape workshops in 2013 and 2014.

In 2006 I organised in Padua the Conference "Il paesaggio vicino a noi: educazione, consapevolezza, responsabilità" (*The landscape close to us: education, awareness, responsibility*), one of the first occasions for debating these issues in Italy. In 2009, I was asked by the Council of Europe to prepare the report "*Education on landscape for children*". I am engaged in several projects for implementing basic landscape education in schools at local, regional, and national level. I think that the implementation of landscape education at all levels and teachers' training are part of the commitments of the Universities and of Uniscape.

I have cooperated with the Italian Ministry of Culture for the Italian selection of the Council of Europe Landscape Award, being part of the jury in 2018-19 and coordinating the technical secretariat in 2022-23.

I propose myself as a member of the Executive Board, wishing to make my skills and my enthusiasm towards landscape research and education available to the whole Uniscape network.


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Dear President, Vice-president, Director, and Representatives,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in joining the executive board of UNISCAPE as a dedicated advocate for landscape research and teaching following the principles of the European Landscape Convention (ECL). With a deep-seated passion for landscape design and an extensive background in research and education, I am eager to contribute to the mission and goals of your esteemed association.

My professional journey has centered on landscape design at multiple scales. I hold a bachelor's and master's degree in architecture from Venice Iuav, a second master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Design, where I specialized in landscape architecture, and a PhD in landscape urbanism from Venice Iuav. Over the past twenty years, I have worked with various organizations and academic institutions, leading numerous projects to promote landscape practices and educate the public about the importance of landscape as enshrined in the European Landscape Convention.

In my current role as Assistant Professor in Landscape Architecture at TU Delft, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, I have successfully spearheaded initiatives that align closely with the objectives of the European Landscape Convention. These include research on landscape school programs worldwide, which have advanced the understanding of landscape issues, detecting over 800 programs, fostering community engagement and interdisciplinary collaboration among 10 main leading universities, and participation in many initiatives related to education at the European scale ('EU InnoLAND' project, "Common Training Framework" for Landscape Architecture), and recently, last year the prestigious Comenius award I received from the Dutch government to develop pedagogical innovation.

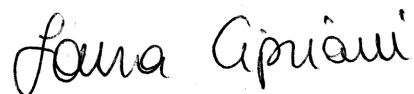
My work has always been guided by the principles of the European Landscape Convention, emphasizing the need for comprehensive landscape credos that integrate cultural, environmental, design, and socio-economic values. Furthermore, these experiences can promote new collaborations with educational institutions that can implement UNISCAPE and the ELC.

I am particularly drawn to the opportunity to serve on the executive board of UNISCAPE because of your commitment to advancing the European Landscape Convention through rigorous research, innovative teaching methodologies, and impactful public outreach. I am confident that my landscape research expertise and experience in developing educational and research programs will allow me to make meaningful contributions to your ongoing efforts.

As a board member, I am keen to bring fresh perspectives on enhancing the visibility and implementation of the European Landscape Convention and landscape values. I envision initiating new research collaborations, developing educational materials tailored to diverse audiences, and organizing interdisciplinary seminars that bridge the gap between academic research and practical landscape management. I aim to work collaboratively with fellow board members to strengthen the association's impact and ensure our landscapes are cherished and protected for future generations. The full support of my section at TU Delft will help open the doors to future collaborations, particularly with the PhD Community symposium activities I am currently coordinating and implementing.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to discussing how my background, skills, and vision align with UNISCAPE's goals. I am eager to contribute to your association's continued success and growth as a member of the executive board.

Yours sincerely,



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To: Prof. Juan Manuel Palerm Salazar, President of UNISCAPE
Prof. Tessa Matteini, Director of UNISCAPE
Dott. Tommaso Zanaica – UNISCAPE Office Manager

Bucharest, 27th of June 2024

Dear President, Dear Director, Dear Office Manager,

I am writing to express my intention to apply for the position of member of the UNISCAPE Executive Board, for the next three years term (2024-2027), as representative of "Ion Mincu" University of Architecture and Urban Planning from Bucharest, Romania.

Over time my professional profile has developed as an expression of my deep and constant concern for issues related to the interrelations between heritage, architecture and landscape. Graduated as Architect and Urban Planner at "Ion Mincu" University of Architecture and Urban Planning, and having a postgraduate specialization in restoration, I have been involved in several restoration projects in Romania, France, and Italy, thereafter developing more than 100 projects during the 7-year activity at Cornelis de Jong Architectenburo bna, Middenbeemster, Noord-Holland, the most significant in Beemster, Urk, De Rijk, and Marken, elaborating the project for the listing of Beemster polder on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

In my teaching and research activity which I have been developing within the Basics of Architectural Design Department, Faculty of Architecture, UAUIM, since 2007, I have focused on finding an answer to the issues of inter- and cross-disciplinary research, and a connection between the pure problems of architecture and the landscape aspects, imposing the study on different landscape categories embedded at different levels and time-scales, considering the key-role which the landscape approach from the historical processuality perspective plays in the project strategy.

The initial involvement with UNISCAPE dates back in 2010, while participating in the 10th Anniversary of the ELC, the *Living Landscape* conference in Florence. Following my university's affiliation to UNISCAPE in 2012, I became actively engaged as UAUIM representative, during these 12 years being constantly concerned, participating in the General Assemblies and sharing my research results in various UNISCAPE conferences such as *Landscape and Imagination - ENSAPLV*, Paris (2013), *Resilient Landscapes for Cities of the Future*, University of Camerino, Ascoli Piceno (2015), *Landscape Values: Place and Praxis*, Centre for Landscape Studies, NUI – Galway (2016), as jury member for the International Photo competition *People's Landscapes* (2013, 2014), *Cultivating Continuity of the European Landscape, New Challenges, Innovative Perspectives* - event for the 20th Anniversary of the ELC, Florence (2020), as member in the scientific committee for *Landscapes at Risk* International Seminar at University Federico II, Naples (2021), as organizer and member in the scientific committee of two *En route* International Seminars in Romania: *Reconnections in Landscape*, Bucharest and Campulung Muscel (2016) and *Bridging the Limits. BorderScapes as Continuities and Contexts*, Bucharest and Drobeta-Turnu Severin (2024), as promoter of the workshop *The Never Never Island*, led by Analogique at W.A.Ve 2021 Ateliers concerning "Islands. Architecture and Landscapes of Water", coordinated by Professor Margherita Vanore at Università di Architettura Iuav in Venice, within UNISCAPE's partnership, and as curator of the exhibition *Ada Kaleh – a Future for a Submerged Landscape* at the Romanian Institute for Culture and Humanistic Research in Venice (2021).

My expertise has been embodied in publications such as *Architecture Inspired by Nature: Experimenting Bionics*, as contributor and co-editor, Springer Nature (2023), *Landscape - Concept and Process within the Integrated Sustainability* as author and *Ada Kaleh – The Never Never Island*, as co-editor, Ion Mincu Publisher (2021), *Organizing the Built Environment*, MEN Publisher (2008), as visiting Professor at the University of Liège (2014), and the University of Alcalá de Henares within Giner de los Rios program (2021), as well as in the three research grants and more than 30 international curated exhibitions, seminars and workshops.

I would like to thank you for bringing my candidacy to the attention of UNISCAPE members, hoping for their precious support and trust and assuring you of my full commitment to work together for the next years to consolidate the high position and results UNISCAPE has already achieved.

Yours faithfully,

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I am a tenured landscape planning and geomatics Professor at D3A Polytechnic University of Marche- Univpm in Italy. I have been a visiting professor at the Forest Nature and Landscape - University of Leuven KU Leuven from 2009 to 2023, contributing to developing the new-rurality concept in Prof. Hubert Gulinck's unit.

I have a thorough knowledge of the EU research policy and agendas focusing on the patterns of change in Europe's agriculture and landscape and the impacts on the functional insights of resilience and ecosystem services provision. Working at the cutting edge of landscape and agriculture sciences urged me to bring value to all the activities related to the European institutions where research and innovation have to meet all relevant actors, strengthening and anticipating fast-track regulation and standards. That is why I am engaging with the EU institutions in Brussels, lobbying and partnering with the most relevant stakeholders in the sectors of interest. Given the specificity of my scientific interest, I have in-depth knowledge of the participatory approach, the novel territorial and development European frames (Integrated Territorial Investment, Community Led Local Development, LAG and FLAG, etc.), and knowledge and innovation transfer.

My personal research gravitates towards analysing natural and cultural landscape values in rural and periurban settings, applying technologies (such as proximal and remote sensing, GIS and cartography to spatial planning and landscape (land use change and landscape ecology). I'm engaged in international, national and local projects and have authored numerous scientific papers.

Senior scientist with strong expertise in designing, managing and implementing research agendas, analysing data and reporting key findings. As the principal investigator and key scientific partner. Partner in several European Union and national projects. The most relevant projects in the last five years are as follows:

- EU Cost Action Cyberparks (TU 1306) - Fostering knowledge about the relationship between Information and Communication Technologies and Public Spaces supported by strategies to

improve their use and attractiveness

<https://www.cost.eu/actions/TU1306/#tabs|Name:overview>

- Italian National Interest Project PRIN - Eye-Land A crowd-sensing geospatial database for the monitoring of rural areas, funded by the Italian Ministry of higher education and research MIUR
- EU Underground for Value (CA 18110) - Underground Built Heritage as catalyser for Community Valorisation <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18110/#tabs|Name:overview>
- Scientific coordinator of a project involving the Italian national institute of urban planning INU and other relevant stakeholders, to put forward and propose policy solutions for the future of accessible and sustainable cities in Europe.
- Scientific advisor with thorough experience in designing, managing and implementing projects based on the creation of large territorial agreements involving public and private bodies and SMEs.
- Scientific coordinator of the territorial partnership between the LAG Flaminia-Cesano S.r.l., cities and SMEs to set up a strategic work plan for the development of the local tourist network, financed by Leader funds in the Marche region in central Italy
- Scientific coordinator for the implementation of a large area agreement for Accessible and Sustainable Tourism in the Marche region coordinated by DIESMN (Distretto Integrato di Economia Sociale - area Marche Nord), the regional Council of Marche region, the four local Unions, the inner areas (Area interna pilota Appennino Basso Pesarese e Anconetano), the LAGs and FLAGs;
- Project manager and scientific coordinator of the project TOOK MC – Transfer Of Organised Knowledge Marche – Cilento. The strategy aimed at reorganising the territorial policies and the use of territorial resources to foster the local development related to sustainable tourism in a transect of six municipalities in the Campania region. The project, financed by the Italian Ministry of Economic Development (PON) coordination implied the transfer of best practices from virtuous administrations in Italy;

A whole publications list can be found at:

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- https://irisws.univpm.it/iris-pub.php?facolta=AGRARIA&doc_id=P004228&docente=ERNESTO%20MARCHEGGIANI

I have been a Landscape Research Center (CIRP) member since its foundation in 2010, along with colleagues from various academic disciplines in the Univpm. This interdisciplinary centre is dedicated to researching and educating on all matters landscape-related. We have experts from agriculture, urban planning, history, and social sciences collaborating under one roof. A core mission is fostering and disseminating UNISCAPE's objectives and promoting initiatives.

Since my colleague Prof. Andrea Galli retired last year, I have proudly represented the Univpm at the UNISCAPE network. Andrea spearheaded our university's accession to the network, and I am committed to continuing his legacy. The landscape, especially our rural landscapes, is a powerful catalyst for promoting culture and driving scientific research forward.

In particular, on the occasion of the European Landscape Convention's twentieth anniversary, in collaboration with the Uniscapes board and Director and colleagues Prof. Rita Occhiuto, Prof. Antonello Alici, Prof. Bas Pedrolì, Prof. Saša Dobričić and Prof. Andrea Galli, we created a team under the Green Paper Group (GPG) name standing for the UNISCAPE association general interest, facilitating and maintaining contacts with the EU institutions.

Considering my expertise, I am presenting myself as a candidate for the Executive Board member position. I am confident that I can make valuable contributions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. Occhiuto', written in a cursive style.

20.06.2024

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29 June 2024

Members of UNISCAPE

Esteemed UNISCAPE members,

I would like to offer my candidacy for position of **membership of the Executive Board of UNISCAPE**. I am an associated professor at the Faculty of civil engineering in Rijeka, and a Head of the sub-section for Architecture and Urban Planning.

The Faculty of civil engineering in Rijeka is a very active faculty with many different disciplines (spatial planning, conservation, geotechnology, hydro technology, structures, infrastructures...). My studies in **spatial planning**, doctorate in an interdisciplinary topic of **spatial management** with the **evaluation of spatial heritage**, working on topics of **inclusion** and **circular economy** for spatial planning and heritage, as well as working in a multidisciplinary environment helps me to understand the **complexity** of topics related to landscape, but also of organisation of activities of different disciplines, interests, and institutional organisation.

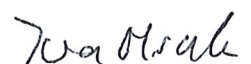
Besides on teaching and research activity, I had worked or am currently working on different activities such as: UNIRI The Impact of Land Use and Urban Morphology in the Resilience of Settlements in Adaptation to Climate Change, Interreg Cresco - Climate RESiliEnt COastal planning in Adriatic, online international course *Universal and inclusive design for better human environment* (2020-2021), project *Inclusive Campus* (2019-2020).

My main motivation for candidacy is to **help the UNISCAPE network** in the organisation of its activities in a way to open the opportunity for all interested parties members of UNISCAPE to actively collaborate on definition and realisation, from the beginning to end making the potential benefits of a network membership as real, tangible and effective as possible.

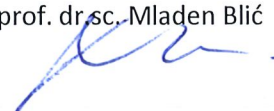
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Sincerely

Iva Mrak



With the approval of the dean of Faculty of civil engineering, Assoc.prof. dr.sc. Mladen Blić



Candidature letter as Member of the Executive Board of UNISCAPE -

Dear Members of UNISCAPE,

The University of Naples Federico II has been one of the founding members of UNISCAPE, and from the very first moment I supported the first legal representative of the Federico II University, prof. Elvira Petroncelli, in managing and carrying UNISCAPE activity on. I strictly cooperated with prof. Petroncelli to create and broaden and interdisciplinary network of scholars within the Federico II University engaged in landscape issues and to develop many international and local activities to promote ELC knowledge and studies. The Neapolitan presidium has always been very active both as a research center on landscape issues and as a education hub focused on ELC principles dissemination. After prof. Petroncelli retirement, in 2020 I began the new Representative of Federico II University for UNISCAPE and from then onward I committed myself to create new opportunities to share and reflect on landscape issues.

Since the very beginning, I've always been engaged in UNISCAPE activities, I attended with communications several UNISCAPE conferences (listed in note¹), and I was in the organizing committee of several activities organized by Federico II University and patronized by UNISCAPE, such as :

- *4th Uniscape en-route seminar* "Recovering River Landscape" Naples, Federico II University, 27-30 September 2015.
- *Pilot Project "Landscape for all, All for Landscape"*, project for the widespread of the ECL issues within schoolchildren ranging from primary to high schools

From 2020, as Representative of the Rector of Federico II University, I promoted the following events:

- *11th Uniscape en-route seminar* "**Landscape at Risk**" 7-9 June 2021, Pozzuoli, Naples.
- *International UNISCAPE Workshop for PhD students* **Water & Cities – ecological transition trough water saving and management**, Pozzuoli, September 2022 sponsored by

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- *Living Landscape. The European Convention in research perspective*, Florence, April **2010**; paper "A Methodological Proposal for Landscape Identification and Typology Evaluation";
- *Landscape and Imagination* Conference, Paris 2-5 May **2013**; paper "Time and Urban Landscape Structure";
- *Injured landscapes: reuse and recycle* 2 nd Uniscape en-route seminar Liege, Belgium, 5-7 october **2014**; paper "NO MAN'S LANDS: futures of land with neglected past";
- *Landscape Values and Praxis*, Galway, June 2015; paper "Place values and Change";
- *Healthy Landscapes: Green, Regeneration, Safety*, 6-8 giugno 2018, Bologna "Urban Regeneration for Safer Cities: Eco-Cultural Strategies to Enhance Urban Resilience to Risk";
- *Cultivating Continuity of the European Landscape*, Florence 22 - 24 October 2021

UNISCAPE. For this workshop and the previous En-route Seminar, no contribute was asked to the association, but a contribution was given to UNISCAPE for its cooperation in managing membership fees.

- Climbing for Climate (CFC4) for Federico II University joined activity with the Sustainable University Network, a walk in mountain landscape to show the effects of Climate Change (all the University community was involved).

All these activities resulted in numerous publications (a list is in note²).

I'm also active in the International Associations on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) where I'm part of two Scientific International Committee: on Historic Cities, Towns and Villages (CIVVIH) and on Water.

My candidature as a member of **Executive Board** comes from the in-depth knowledge of the association and its members and the desire to make available the skills I gained in my research activity as well as my network of European contacts to support UNISCAPE activities. I would like to reinforce UNISCAPE network and to connect it to other NGOs active at international level on complementary themes in order to create new synergies that could reinforce our Association. I believe I demonstrated to be pro-active in taking and promoting new initiatives, and to be able to take responsibility and develop in an inclusive way one or more lines of work as defined in the action plan of the association.

As a member of Executive Board of UNISCAPE, I would work for promoting interdisciplinary and inclusive activities, increasing funding opportunities, organizing a dense network of interconnected events at all scales, from local to international one, little and majors, actively involving all members.

Much was done so far, but there still is a long way to go and much can be done to

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Rector's Representative for UNISCAPE Association.*

increasingly promote the Convention, its cultural meaning and its operational scope (especially in relation to the previous valence of landscape which, unfortunately, often remains entrenched), to disseminate and promote a correct and evolved concept of landscape that is still today disruptive in its scope but not always used and promoted properly. I firmly believe that Universities can give new life into landscape tasks today due to the broad range of activities they are involved in, related not only to research and education but also to an active engagement to support an equal and sustainable development of the surrounding territories.

That's why I submit to you my candidature as a member of the executive board of UNISCAPE.

Napoli, 24th June, 2024

Marialuce Stanganelli


Maria Gabriella Trovato

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Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Oslo, June 24, 2024

Selection Committee

UNISCAPE

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the Executive Board Member position at UNISCAPE. I am eager to contribute to the organisation's mission of promoting the principles and objectives of the European Landscape Convention and supporting and enhancing the cooperation among European Universities on topics related to the landscape dimension.

Currently, I'm the representative of UNISCAPE at the School of Landscape Architecture at my University in Norway, NMBU.

My academic and professional interests focus on the relationship between humans and the environment, and it centres on Landscape and social/ environmental justice and Landscape in Emergency and new challenges (climate change, depletion of natural resources, the conflict between globalization and local development, and re-localization of war refugees).

I am particularly drawn to UNISCAPE's dedication to the European Landscape Convention. However, I believe we live in a period of global challenges that require a revision of the aims and objectives of the organisation. It appears necessary to better identify the role and responsibility UNISCAPE wants to take to respond to the pressing contemporary issue. Moreover, it would be beneficial to rethink the identity of UNISCAPE in relation to other International and European organisations focused on landscape education and research. My international experience, including my active role inside IFLA, has forged my perspective on the agency of landscape in a contested world characterised by the larger context of emergency and disaster management, especially as it pertains to the most at-risk populations.

As an Executive Board Member, I would strive to delve into the interrelation between design culture, socio-environmental equity, and ecological performance to respond to the pressing challenges of our time. I am committed to working with my fellow board members and the broader UNISCAPE community to advance a revamped vision of landscape roles for the benefit of European territories.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to UNISCAPE's important work and am available at your convenience for further discussion.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Gabriella Trovato

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Gabriella Trovato". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.



Florence, 30th June 2024

Dear President, dear Vice-Presidents, dear members of the new Executive Board, with this letter I wish to present my candidacy for the position of UNISCAPE Director for 2024-2027.

It has been an honour for me to represent UNISCAPE during these last seven years, which have been undoubtedly particularly challenging, but also quite significative for our landscape-oriented University network. As Director, I have carried out many different tasks in synergy with Juan Manuel Palerm, our President, now leaving this role after having served in UNISCAPE for ten years.

I wish to thank him here for his strategic vision, his generosity and his braveness in guiding our network, also in tough pandemic times and creating a unique scientific and cultural *place* (a sort of ideal *locus amoenus*) where is possible to exchange ideas and proposals beyond national and disciplinary borders, but also combining “reflection and imagination”.

And I am sure that the new President and vice-Presidents will bring us fresh energies and innovative visions, but also a consolidated and deepened knowledge of the UNISCAPE framework and processes, in order to rise the challenges we have to face in the future.

In this sense, I wish to especially thank Saša Dobričić, Conor Newman and Margherita Vanore for their (past and future) commitment and for their continuous support, as well as all the other members of the Executive Board group.

Last but not least, a special thanks to Tommaso Zanaica, our Office manager, with whom we’ve worked in many challenging situations to manage the UNISCAPE issues.

Under the guide of Juan Manuel Palerm, our working group has reached important results, as the *Las Palmas Declaration of the Rectors*, presented in Canary Islands in November 2018 and implemented in June 2019 in La Coruña General Assembly, in order to promote Academic transdisciplinary coordination in the field of Landscape Research and Higher Education.

Many significant events (workshop, seminars, forum, exhibitions) have been organised by UNISCAPE in order to build multi-inter-trans-disciplinary visions in research and teaching and disseminate awareness on landscape-oriented issues.

I report here just a short list of the latest initiatives:

Wa.Ve. the International workshop and Exhibition, dedicated to *Island. Architecture and Landscapes of Water* and organized in 2021 in Venice, in synergy with IUAV University (28.06-18.07 2021); the sequential seminars of UNISCAPE’s *Forum for the Fairer European Landscape*, June, 9-10th, in Brussels, official side event of the NEB (New European Bauhaus) Festival; the 2023 event promoted by the University of Nova Gorica as Venice Biennale Session, where UNISCAPE’s *Forum met African Landscapes* (June, 16-18th

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2023); and two valuable thematic workshops, respectively coordinated by the University of Liège (*Borderscapes. Workshop and Study Session*, June 2023) and by the University of Bucharest, Ion Mincu (*Bridging the limits. Borderscapes as continuities and contexts, En Route Seminar*, Bucharest and Drobeta Turnu Severin, May 2024).

I would like to quote also the series of UNISCAPE online lectures *Where Disciplines Meet*, proposed by Conor Newman (coordinator) and carried out over the last three year. It has been an interesting opportunity to activate synergy, exchange and debate within our network, aiming at crossing consolidated disciplinary borders.

As UNISCAPE Director, I have been particularly proud of our shared efforts in organising the International Conference hosted in Florence in 2020 (with the support of Tuscany Region and the Municipality of Florence) for the celebration of the XXth anniversary of the European Landscape Convention, despite the pandemic issue: *Cultivating Continuity of the European Landscape*, (Palazzo Vecchio, October 16-17th). This event has offered us a great opportunity to integrate many different voices and rich variety of visions coexisting within our network, aiming to explore the *landscape dimension* proposed by the ELC in a distinctly transdisciplinary way.

With the aim to continue with the 'cultivation of our garden of ideas', but also to mark the end of the pandemic season in 2021, we decided to organise two days of shared interdisciplinary work in presence, in Florence, *Cultivating Continuity of the European Landscape. One year after* (Bardini Garden and Villa, October 22-24th). The conference included: the presentation of two UNISCAPE documents to be shared with the wider Landscape communities (*Green Strategy; Landscape Manifesto*); the exhibition of the outcomes of another important 2021 UNISCAPE initiative, WA.Ve workshops, carried out thanks to the agreement with the IUAV University of Venice; the launch of the translation into Italian of the ELC Guidelines (2008) provided by IASLA (Italian Academic Society of Landscape Architecture); five thematic *working tables* and six *landscape ateliers* exploring the various dimension of landscape planning and project/management/protection issues.

Another crucial milestone for UNISCAPE has been, in 2024, the publication of the Springer volume *Cultivating continuity of the European Landscape. New challenges, innovative perspectives*, containing the proceedings of the two Florence Conferences, edited with Saša Dobričić, Mauro Agnoletti and Juan Manuel Palerm.

For this excellent result (and for their patience), I would like to thank all the Authors and the Editors, but in particular Saša Dobričić for her inexhaustible energy and competence in supporting and flanking us during a quite complicated process; but also, for the precious images by Sebastiao Salgado, enriching the value of the volume.

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For the next three years in synergy with the new President and vice-Presidents, you can certainly count on my full commitment to reinforce and consolidate these results, but also to face new challenges for the future of UNISCAPE, with the fresh contribution of the renovated Executive Board, and giving voice also to other colleagues, members of the UNISCAPE community and beyond.

In this view I consider as crucial step the further strengthening and widening of our network, by integrating new disciplinary and geographically various realities, in order to foster cultural and scientific diversity of our network, which is essential to face the complexity of landscape dimension.

My best regards to all of you with sincere thanks for trust and support.

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Please find enclosed a short profile:

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Architect and landscape architect with a postgraduate three-year specialization in *Garden Architecture and Landscape Project* (2001) and Ph. D. in Landscape Architecture (2007), she is currently associate professor of Landscape Architecture at the Department of Architecture.

Since 2017 director of UNISCAPE, the European network of universities for the application of the European Landscape Convention. Since 2018 member of the Academic Board of the PhD in *Sustainability and Innovation for the project of the built environment and the product system*.

Since 2019 Coordinator of the two-year postgraduate Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture at the University of Florence and since 2021 expert member of ISCCL (*International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes*) ICOMOS IFLA.

From 2006-2007 she taught continuously in the disciplinary field of Landscape Architecture, in three-year, specialist, five-year degree courses and Summer Schools activated at various universities (Perugia 2007-2009; IUAV University of Venice, 2014-2018; Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna (2014-2018).

Currently, as professor at the University of Florence, she teaches *Active conservation of historic gardens and parks* at the two-year Master's Degree Course in Landscape Architecture; *Analysis of recovery and valorisation of the Historic Garden*, at the Three-year CDL in *Nursery Sciences, Environment and Green Management* (DAGRI, University of Florence). *Urban Landscape Design*, at the two-year Master's Degree Course in Architecture. Since 2007/2008 she has taught at the II level post-graduate Master's in Landscape Design at the University of Florence. Since 2018 coordinated the interdisciplinary laboratory on *historic gardens and heritage places* within which she holds the course on *design and active conservation of historic open spaces*.

As a registered member of AIAPP/IFLA (Italian Association of Landscape Architect) from 1997 to 2017 she has been working in the landscape architecture field as a professional for public bodies and private clients.

She has been developing a specific research path in the field of landscape architecture, focused on planning/design/management of heritage landscapes (especially archaeological parks/sites and historic gardens). As part of the research activity, it is important to highlight the scientific committee memberships for several national and international conferences, as much as the scientific dissemination activities with contributions, thematic seminars and lectures.

Wrote more than 130 contributions (books, essays and articles) focusing on various landscape topics, especially planning, management and active conservation of historic gardens and archaeological sites. Among them, the recent *"Il bisbiglio dei ricordi indefiniti". Progetto paesaggistico e conservazione attiva dei luoghi archeologici* (Padua 2024) with Andrea Ugolini. With Juan Manuel Palerm, Saša Dobričić and Mauro Agnoletti, edited for UNISCAPE *Cultivating continuity of the European Landscapes. New Challenges, Innovative Perspectives* (Springer, 2024).

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