

EVENT 1

Permanent PAR¹ and LANDSCAPE Workshop 2018 – La Gomera

Dates: February 5th to 8th, 2018



Introduction

In March 2019, the IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress – “RE-ENCHANTING TERRACES” will be held in La Gomera, the rest of Canary Islands, Madeira, Azores and Cabo Verde. As in the previous Congresses in China (Red River, Yunnan in 2010), Peru (Cusco in 2014) and in Italy (Venice and Padua 2016) the Congress will be an event attended by custodians, activists, researchers, academics and students of the world’s terraces. There will be different spaces to exchange experiences as well as multiple interactive scenarios with the purpose of approaching the rural population that maintains terraces as living landscapes. The emphasis will also be on giving and promoting significant progress in relation to the involvement of local, regional and national governments in the protection and recovery of this type of territory. In 2010, we formed the International Alliance of Terraces Landscapes (ITLA) and approved the "Honghe Declaration" which establishes as a priority the recovery of the world’s terraces. In 2014, we achieved a dialogue of knowledge between community members and community member custodians of the terraces in the Andes with activists and scientists to promote the local organization in charge of peasant rights and their practices. In Italy in 2016, we approved an action plan and a Manifesto to strengthen social movements committed to securing the future of terraced landscapes through different ways of identifying, protecting and recovering them in the different mountainous and coastal areas of the world.

1. PAR: Participatory Action Research

The Organizing Committee of this event, sponsored by ITLA, represented by its president, Professor Timmi Tillmann, and the Island Council of La Gomera coordinated by the Landscape Observatory of the Canary Islands and the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria represented by Professor Juan Manuel Palerm is part of the proposed program for the IV ITLA World Congress to be held in March 2019, whose result and objective is presented as an opportunity to retrieve the memory of the terraces in the Macaronesia islands and achieve the active re-enchantment of the world's terraces. The workshop described below is part of a sequence of preparatory events for the IV ITLA World Congress.

Permanent Workshop Contents

The purpose of the workshop is to retrieve the memory of the terraces in different sites of La Gomera through the application of the PAR methodology (Participative Action Research) and the PLM (Practical Landscape Manual).

Specifically, the participants will listen to and write down the views of the growers and builders of terraces concerning the memories of traditional knowhow and practices that they consider significant to recreate the conditions so that the terraces can be brought back to life in the future and the possibility of inhabiting them, sharing their future and their evolution. The duration of this workshop will be just over one year and we will start to hold several workshops in February 2018, September 2018 and March 2019, the latter coinciding with the Congress. The fieldwork will be conducted between the workshops in areas with dry stone walls such as Vallehermoso, Hermigua, Agulo, etc.

To reinforce the methodological content, the participants will receive a manual of dialogue on traditional knowledge written by Maruja Salas and Timmi Tillmann together with the Bartolomé de las Casas Center in Peru and the Practical Landscape Manual prepared by the Architecture and Landscape Research Group from the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC) under the direction of Juan Manuel Palerm Salazar.

Objectives

The objectives and expected results of the workshop are that local teams:

- Become familiar with the concepts and principles of PAR.
- Become familiar with the concepts and principles of international Landscape conventions
- Learn and practice the methods and techniques of PAR to recover memory from the mouths of growers and builders of terraces in 3 zones (valleys) of La Gomera (still to be decided)
- Learn and practice the methodology foreseen in the Practical Landscape Manual developed for this purpose.
- Adapt the methods and techniques to the personal circumstances of the growers and builders of terraces as well as local situations so that they can generate creative ideas and explain in their own words how they imagine the re-enchantment of life in their landscapes with terraces for that are the thematic focus of the presentations of their experiences during the IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress.

Some of the expected results are:

- The formation of a group of trained facilitators to organize and support the processes of retrieval of memory and the planning of the re-enchantment of the terraces on the islands from the point of view of those involved

- A documented guide of the experiences and the identification of local representatives that are part of the process of dialogue of the IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress
- To have made progress in the process of preparation of the IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress defining the field visits during the Congress and their methodology
- To have adapted the PAR methodology to the social, cultural and natural context of La Gomera and the Macaronesia Islands and to have started the dissemination to the international sections of ITLA and UNISCAPE to activate parallel processes of memory recovery and the vision of different re-enchanting programs of the terraces in other regions in the world.
- As above, the dissemination of the Practical Landscape Manual methodology to the international sections of ITLA and UNISCAPE to meet the same objectives.

Development and Program

Phase I: February 5th to 8th, 2018 “INITIAL METHOD AND THEORY WORKSHOP”

The aims of this first event are to impart a series of contents focused on the concepts and principles of both the Participatory Action Research PAR and the Practical Landscape Manual PLM and its methods and techniques (dynamics).

At the same time, the aim is to promote a series of synergies and methodological reflections that may have an influence on the final outcome of the event's objectives, such as lectures, videos, coexistences and exchange of methodological experiences.

Date	Content
1 Mon5	16:30 Reception and accreditation of the participants
	17:00-17:30 Welcome – Inauguration and presentation of the event. Cabildo de La Gomera and ITLA Team
	17:30-18:30 ITLA presentation and the 2010, 2014, 2016 International Congresses. ITLA context. Timmi Tillmann and Maruja Salas
	18:30-20:00 Presentation IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress. ITLA MAC. Juan Manuel Palerm Salazar. Presentation Event 1. Ruth Acosta.
2 Tue6	Theory Workshop: The theory of the Participatory Action Research (PAR) and of the Practical Landscape Manual (PLM)
	9:30-11:30 Fundamental concept of PAR. Timmi Tillmann and Maruja Salas
	COFFEE BREAK
	12:00-13:00 Conference. Lidia Romero
	13:00-14:00 Conference. Angela Ruis
	LUNCH
	15:30-17:30 Fundamentak concept of PLM. Juan Manuel Palerm
	COFFEE BREAK
17:50-18:30 Conference. Ruth Acosta	

Date	Content
3 Wen7	Practical Workshop of the Participatory Action Research (PAR) and of the Practical Landscape Manual (PLM)
	9:30-11:30 Methods and techniques of PAR. Timmi Tillman and Maruja Salas
	COFFEE BREAK
	12:00-14:00 Methods and techniques of PLA. Juan Manuel Palerm
	LUNCH
	15:30-17:30 Exchanges of methodological experiences. Participation. Presentations of people and experiences..
4 Thu8	COFFEE BREAK
	17:30-18:30 Conferencia a cargo de D. Juan Manuel Palerm
	9:30-11:30 Elaboration of PAR and PLM work plans for the fieldwork. Wisdom and memory. Timmi Tillman, Maruja Salas and Ruth Acosta
	COFFEE BREAK
	11:50-13:30 Continuation of Elaboration of PAR and PLM work plans for the fieldwork. Wisdom and memory.
	LUNCH

Starting in January, the different local teams from La Gomera and possibly other interested islands will perform a Permanent Field Work in three different places in La Gomera that will be decided by the work team for the data collection: Field work on Space, Time and Wisdom (data collection and proposals).

Phase II: September-October 2018 “INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOP ON THE ELABORATION OF PRELIMINARY RESULTS”

A second phase of the Workshop, whose exact date will be decided on by the working group, will have the following objectives:

- elaboration and exchange of the results of the field work on the memories of the walls,
- interpretation and revision of the PAR and PLM methodology covered in the first phase, and enriching their content with the members’ contributions and work done so far.
- presentation of the visions of re-enchanting the landscape in the areas under study.

The second phase of the Permanent Workshop will concentrate on identifying the protagonists and interlocutors of the field work and the Final Congress to be held in La Gomera.

Phase III: March 2019 IV ITLA World Congress “Re-enchanting Terraces”

The proposals for action and initiatives, graphics and testimonies from local actors will be presented in March 2019 during the IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress.

Places

The event will take place in the *Casa de la Juventud* at San Sebastián de La Gomera, an appropriate place to organize the workshop - a training center, a rural retreat or a community room with nearby accommodation. Several terraced zones will be selected in different locations on La Gomera where it is feasible to carry out field work and where the teams of around 7-10 people each can be housed.

The results will be presented in a community room where other actors from the Island Council, from civic society and residents can learn about the memory of the terraces and participate in a process of dialogue about traditional knowledge for the active re-enchantment of terraced landscapes

Location proposal: *Casa del Voluntariado del Centro Juego de Bolas*.

Participants

This workshop is aimed at the members of the preparation teams of the IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress, mainly from La Gomera, but also from the other islands hosting the fieldwork research during the IV Congress in 2019.

The maximum number of participants will be 24 (minimum 12, optimum 15 to 18) and made up of as many women as men, if possible.

Participants should be willing to assume a facilitating role for local processes in the next 12 months and during the IV ITLA Terraced Landscapes World Congress.

Registration and contact

The people who wish to contact the organization should do so through the webpage www.terracedlandscapes2019.es, where they will find a specific section on the activities to be held in La Gomera. For any questions, doubts or clarification you can also contact the organizers via email at info@terracedlandscapes2019.es.

Actors

The following profiles are proposed as participating members in the work group to be developed in La Gomera,: University and postgraduate students, Cabildo and Town Hall technicians, Local Development Agents (LDA), Environment agents, Biosphere Reserve technicians, Education, mature students, UNED (Distance learning) groups, organic farmers, Garajonay National Park guides, sustainable tourism technicians, collectives.

Teaching team and work group

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