

IALE 2025 European Landscape Ecology Congress Landscape Perspectives in a Rapidly Changing World

2–5 of September 2025, Bratislava, Slovakia

On behalf of the participants from the Dept. of Nature Conservation and Landscape Management, Institute for Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation of the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, we wish to give a short summary of the congress. 428 researchers and PhD students from 36 countries met to discuss recent issues in landscape ecology. As announced on the web page of the congress: “The **IALE 2025 European Landscape Ecology Congress** aims to address landscape perspectives in today’s rapidly changing world. It will focus on the role of landscape ecology in reflecting these changes, studying them, and predicting their impacts on both landscapes and society. It will delve into their implications for future landscape development and sustainability. Therefore, we invite researchers and experts from all disciplines related to landscape, students, decision-makers, practitioners and other stakeholders interested from Europe and beyond to explore and discuss these issues together.”

The first day started with keynote speakers (Figure 1).

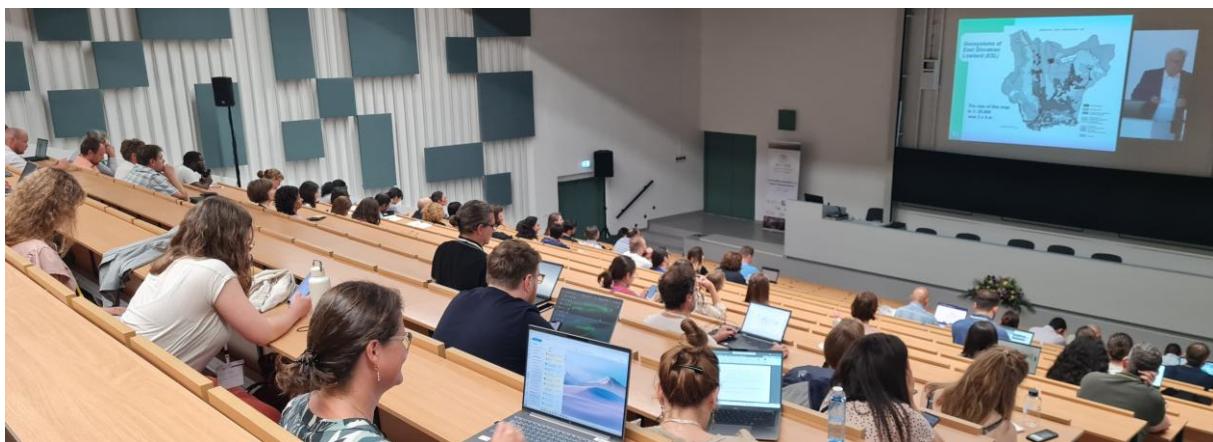


Figure 1. Keynote presentation of Prof. László Miklós (Photo: Centeri Cs., 2nd of Sept., 2025)

Themes of the Congress:

Theme 1: Understanding ongoing and emergent drivers and pressures of landscape change

Theme 2: Monitoring the landscape conditions and impact of landscape change

Theme 3: Responding to changing landscapes

Theme 4: Advancing with new data, tools and methods in landscape ecology

Further breakdown of the themes can be found on the conference web page with the names of the keynote speakers: <https://iale2025.sav.sk/programme/sessions/> Our department participated in the work of the scientific committee with Csaba Centeri: <https://iale2025.sav.sk/about/comitees/>

Csaba Centeri from our department also participated in proposing “Session 1B – Trees in Agricultural landscapes – A focus on traditional orchards and coppiced woodlands” as a Symposium with Debbie Bartlett (University of Greenwich, Faculty of Engineering and Sciences, United Kingdom) and Alexandra Kruse (Insitu World Heritage Consulting, France) as convenors and also as members of the EUCLAND (European Culture expressed in Agricultural Landscapes) network (<https://www.eucaland.net/>) (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Participants of “Session 1B – Trees in Agricultural landscapes – A focus on traditional orchards and coppiced woodlands” in the afternoon session with Ákos Malatinszky in the second row
(Photo: Centeri Cs., 2nd of Sept., 2025)

We also participated in this or other sessions:

1. Igor Dukay in with an oral presentation with the title of “Integrating of the Downtown section of Bükkös stream (Szentendre) in the Blue and Green Infrastructure Network” in „Session 3M – River Restauration Strengthening Green Infrastructure”;
2. Ákos Malatinszky and Arnold Erdélyi with an oral presentation with the title of “Changes in the Hungarian meadow orchards” in Session 1B – Trees in Agricultural landscapes – A focus on traditional orchards and coppiced woodlands”;
3. Csaba Centeri with a poster presentation of “Some ethical issues of European agricultural landscapes - the EUCLAND approach” in “Session 3A – Integrating Local Knowledge into Landscape Research: Toward more Ethical Transdisciplinary Approaches”.

The abstract book is available here: <https://www.uke.sav.sk/doi/iale2025.pdf>

On the 3rd of September there were 10 excursions organized. One was at the Great Lel Inner Island of the River Danube (Figure 3.).



Figure 3. A part of the rehabilitation project of an old river branch of the Danube River at the Slovakian-Hungarian border was visited during Excursion No. 1. of IALE 2025
(Photo: Centeri Cs., 3rd of Sept., 2025)

We are thankful for the organizers for the wonderful conference and looking forward to meeting at the 12th IALE World Congress in Chile, 8–12. of November, 2027 in Valparaíso & Viña del Mar, Chile.

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