Public Parks and Gardens 2017:  
WE LOVE PLANTS!  
Conference i Malmö, Sweden, 30 March 2017

The popular conference Public Parks and Gardens celebrates its 10th anniversary! The conference has developed to be an important meeting place for private or public sector employees working with public parks and gardens. It offers inspiring lectures, exchanges of experiences and nice mingling, this time with the City of Malmö as the host.

This year’s conference has the theme *We love plants!* We want to manifest the significance of what many see as one of the most important aspects the urban environment should offer to the citizens (back to basics...): floral splendor, aesthetics and beauty. We have invited some of the world’s leading experts within the subject of plants for public spaces and plant design. The lecturers come from USA, England, Ireland, Germany, France and Sweden.

There will be glimpses of modern trends in plant usage from landscape architects, plant designers, botanists, researcher at university and planners/managers of public parks.

Welcome to an exciting day in Malmö in beauteous spring time!
Program (All lectures are in English)

08.30 Arrival, refreshments
09.00 **Welcome!**
   City Official, City of Malmö
09.10 **Introduction to today's conference and the theme**
   Ola Melin, City Head Gardener, City of Malmö
09.20 **Slottsträdgården -- plant paradise in Malmö**
   John Taylor, Gardener, City of Malmö
09.50 Coffee
10.20 **Plants first!**
   Sarah Price, Garden Designer, England
11.05 **Plant collections in UK parks and gardens -- bringing another dimension to the landscape**
   Sophie Leguil, Botanist & Horticulturist, France/England
11.50 Lunch
12.00 **Introduction and prize award ceremony -- Scholarship to the memory of Ulla Molin**
   Lena Vikström, Managing Director, Gunnebo House and Gardens & Ulf Nordjell, Landscape Architect, representing Swedish Society of Public Parks and Gardens
13.05 **The battle for plants**
   Ingrid Swan, Landscape & Garden Designer, Ireland
13.50 **Lurie Garden in the Millennium Park in Chicago -- inspirations from nature**
   Scott Stewart, Director, Lurie Garden & Executive Director, Millennium Park Foundation, USA
14.35 Coffee
15.00 **New perspectives in design and maintenance of habitat-based perennial plantings**
   Cassian Schmidt, Director of Hermannshof Display and Trials Garden & Professor at Geisenheim University, Germany (the lecture is introduced by Jens Spanjer, Managing Director, European Garden Heritage Network)
15.50 **Designing with plants -- the Great Dixter way of combining plants using colour, shape, texture, repetition and balance**
   Fergus Garrett, Head Gardener, Great Dixter, England
16.30 Comments and summing-up
   Ola Melin
16.35 Completion of the conference

Facts about the conference

**Fee:** 3 200 SEK exkl. VAT.

**Venue:** High Court, Malmöhusvägen 1, Malmö.

**Registration:** at the latest 1 March via [www.movium.slu.se](http://www.movium.slu.se). The registration is binding. At unregistration at the latest 7 days before the conference half the fee is charged, then the full fee. Max. 150 participants.

**Accommodation:** to be arranged by the participants themselves. A number of rooms have been pre-ordered the night between 29 and 30 March at Comfort Hotel, Carlsgatan 10 C in Malmö. The cost incl. VAT: single room 780 SEK, double room 1078 SEK.

**Note! Room reservations by 13 February!**

Reservations via group.malmo@choice.se, specify reservation code 2029GR006439. The hotel needs name, phone number, e-mail address, and also for a guarantee of the reservation, credit card number & exp. date, or invoice address and corporate identity (billing fee 65 SEK).

**More information:** Parvin Mazandarani/Göran Nilsson, Movium, 040-41 50 00, parvin.mazandarani@slu.se
### Presentation of Lecturers

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Position/Role</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Fergus Garrett</strong></td>
<td>Fergus Garrett is Head Gardener at Great Dixter in England. Great Dixter was the family home of gardener and gardening writer Christopher Lloyd. Now under the stewardship of Fergus Garrett and a Charitable Trust, Great Dixter is an historic house, a garden, a centre of education, and a place of pilgrimage for horticulturists from across the world.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sophie Leguil</strong></td>
<td>Sophie Leguil is a French botanist and horticulturist working as Plant Conservation Officer for UK-based charity Plant Heritage. She manages a network of 640 National Plant Collections® held in botanic institutions, public parks and private gardens. She has also been involved in the Threatened Plant Project, an initiative to identify, find and rescue rare plants held in British gardens.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sarah Price</strong></td>
<td>Sarah Price is a British garden designer and award winning writer with a background in Fine Art. She has established herself as one of the most prominent planting designers in Britain, winning acclaim for the 2012 gardens at London’s Olympic Park. Price’s designs have collected numerous awards, most notably at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2012, where her Daily Telegraph Garden received a Gold Medal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cassian Schmidt</strong></td>
<td>Cassian Schmidt is the Director of Hermannshof Display and Trials Garden (winner of the European Garden Award 2015) and Professor for planting design and use of perennials, Department of Landscape Architecture at Giessen University. His varied research includes studying natural plant communities as aesthetic and ecological models for low maintenance plant communities and the use of North American prairie plants in planting designs for urban green spaces and gardens in Europe.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Scott Stewart</strong></td>
<td>Scott Stewart is Director of Lurie Garden and the Executive Director of the Millennium Park Foundation in Chicago’s Millennium Park. In these roles, he is responsible for maintaining the artistic, architectural, and cultural integrity of Lurie Garden and Millennium Park, respectively. His goal is to bring plants, people, and places together in public spaces of sharing, learning, and culture. He holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Horticulture from the University of Florida.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Ingrid Swan</strong></td>
<td>When choosing a career, Ingrid Swan was torn between art and horticulture. She decided to combine both her passions and study garden design and graduated from Writtle College in the UK with a Degree in Landscape and Garden Design. Since 2014 she has her own landscape and garden design business, based in Cork and Carlow, Ireland. The same year she won a Gold Medal for her Conceptual Sculpture Garden at Bloom in the park, Ireland’s premier garden festival.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>John Taylor</strong></td>
<td>John Taylor is Gardener for the City of Malmö at Slottsträdgården in central Malmö. The garden consists of themed gardens, school gardens, demonstration vegetable gardens and a plant nursery, as well as 60 small mini-allotments for members of the Garden Friends Association. Slottsträdgården is also the home of Malmö Garden Show in early summer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Moderator: Ola Melin</strong></td>
<td>Ola Melin is landscape architect, working as City Head Gardener and Director of the Planning Unit at The Streets and Park Department, City of Malmö. He is one of the responsible for theme and content of the conference.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>