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The Landscape Laboratory Concept in Scandinavia - Beyond the mainstream in landscape planning and design (Plenary session I)

Brief CV:

Educated as a landscape architect he has in his research and teaching aimed to widen landscape architecture and the design tradition, focusing a future multi-functional landscape, cherished by many and with new perspectives of who belong to the management process. In the 1980ies he was involved in leading new town projects in England bridging in between design and ecology, parallel leading a research program about naturalistic planting in cities, and, later, with 12 PhD-students about the pastoral landscape. During more than twenty years he has been the key person as responsible for the first three landscape laboratories in Scandinavia. More recently he has been in the core group starting the master program in Urban Forestry and Greening, been involved in European networking such as "landscape ambassador" courses, and chairing a LeNotre-group formulating new educational programs for landscape management as part of East European landscape architecture training. In his writings the book "The New Landscape" (1994) about the construction of different types of biotopes should be mentioned as well as the chapter about Design for dynamics and complexity in the book Dynamic Landscapes by Dunnett and Hitchmough (eds.) from 2004.