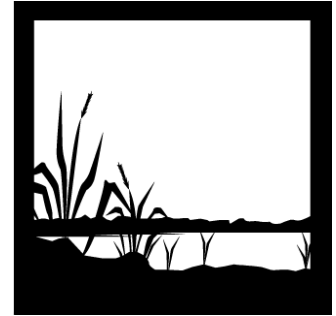


# US-IALE Newsletter

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## U.S. Regional Association of the International Association of Landscape Ecology

Compiled by Janet Ohmann, US-IALE Secretary

### Notes from the Chair

*Eric Gustafson*

In the last Newsletter, I shared my three primary goals for US-IALE: 1) increase the membership of our Society, 2) improve the services provided by the Society to its members, and 3) increase the visibility of US-IALE as a relevant source of scientific expertise for other scientists and the American public. The Executive Committee has been working diligently on these goals. I'd like to give you an update on our progress.

- We updated our membership renewal process to reduce the rate of member attrition. We set a renewal deadline, and we will send out reminders to members who do not renew by mid-January. If you have not received your renewal notice, please let us know!  
([ncastro@al.umces.edu](mailto:ncastro@al.umces.edu))
- Our website has been dramatically improved, and we received the rights to a new domain name. If you have not recently visited the site, I encourage you to do so ([www.usiale.org](http://www.usiale.org)). There is a lot there now! Check out the 'Links' page and the new 'Jobs Listing' page. US-IALE members may post job listings free of charge by sending the

job announcement to our webmaster ([matt.gregory@orst.edu](mailto:matt.gregory@orst.edu)).

- Mary Santelmann and Nita Tallent-Halsell produced a US-IALE promotional poster and a brochure. The poster has been displayed at several scientific meetings already. I encourage you to display the poster and distribute brochures at meetings and gatherings that you attend. Details about how to do this appear later in this Newsletter and on the website.
- We worked hard to get Councilor-at-Large Bruce Jones appointed to the Working Group of the Infrastructure for Biology at Regional to Continental Scales (IBRCS) project of the American Institute of Biological Sciences. The current focus of the IBRCS project is the proposed National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON). See article later in this Newsletter for more information.
- Councilor-at-Large Laura Musacchio is working to attract more Landscape Architects to our Society. Please contact her if you would like to join her efforts ([laura.musacchio@asu.edu](mailto:laura.musacchio@asu.edu)).
- We distributed an electronic member directory to all US-IALE members. If you did not receive one, please contact Nancy Castro ([ncastro@al.umces.edu](mailto:ncastro@al.umces.edu))
- We nominated former US-IALE Chair Louis Iverson for the office of IALE Vice

President, to represent the interests of US-IALE on the Executive Committee of IALE. The election will be held early in 2003. Please be sure to vote!

- We submitted an annual report to IALE that will entitle us to a 10% refund of our dues.

**Other items of interest.** Our Annual Meetings are designed to be financially self-reliant, and usually the Conference organizers donate any proceeds from the meeting to US-IALE. I am pleased to report that we recently received substantial donations from both the 16th Symposium in Tempe, Arizona, and the 17th Symposium in Lincoln, Nebraska. I'd like to again extend my heartfelt thanks to Laura Musacchio and Jingle Wu (Arizona) and Geoff Henebry and Jim Merchant (Nebraska) for their outstanding leadership in organizing these meetings. Not only were the content and logistics well organized, but obviously their management of resources was exceptional!

On a related note, we believe that US-IALE needs a financial strategy to manage the resources of the Society. The Executive Committee has established a Financial Committee (chaired by former Treasurer Phil Townsend) and charged it to develop a strategic financial plan to provide financial stability. Such a plan will allow the Society to budget for strategic initiatives to increase membership, provide better services to our members, and increase the visibility of US-IALE as a relevant source of scientific expertise.

Organization of the 2003 Symposium in the Canadian Rockies is well underway, and organization of the 2004 Symposium in Las Vegas has now begun! Details about both Meetings appear later in this Newsletter.

I welcome nominations for the officers that will be elected at our Annual Symposium in Banff: Chair-Elect, Secretary, Councilor-at-Large, and Student Representative. See details later in this Newsletter. The elections for officers of our Society have been plagued by low participation rates (typically <25%). Our by-laws mandate that elections be held at the Annual Meeting. At our next Symposium we will propose a By-laws change that will allow us to hold elections by mail or by electronic means. If

you would be willing to help draft the amendment, please contact me.

I always welcome initiatives from our members. If you have an idea that will help US-IALE reach the goals I outlined above, I'd love to hear from you. You can contact me at [egustafson@fs.fed.us](mailto:egustafson@fs.fed.us). Together, we can make our Society more effective!

## Elections and Awards

### 2003 US-IALE Officer Nominations *Eric Gustafson*

Next April, at our 18th Annual Symposium in Banff, US-IALE will hold elections for four members of the Executive Committee: **Chair-Elect**, **Secretary**, one **Councilor-at-Large**, and one **Student Representative**. Please submit nominations for all offices except Student Representative to Eric Gustafson, 5985 Highway K, Rhinelander, WI 54501. fax: 715-362-1166; e-mail [egustafson@fs.fed.us](mailto:egustafson@fs.fed.us). Submit nominations for Student Representative to Nita Tallent-Halsell ([tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov](mailto:tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov)) or Jennifer Fraterrigo ([jmfrater@iastate.edu](mailto:jmfrater@iastate.edu)) (See 'Student News and Notes.') All suggestions will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee or Student Representatives.

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### 2003 US-IALE Award Nominations *Patrick Zollner*

The US-IALE requests nominations for **Distinguished Landscape Ecologist** and **Distinguished Landscape Ecology Practitioner**. These awards are ordinarily given for distinguished contributions over a period of years. A description of these awards as well as a list of previous winners can be found on the US-IALE website ([www.usiale.org](http://www.usiale.org)). Please forward names and a brief description of the merits of the nominee(s).

Nominations are also requested for the **Best Paper** published in the field of landscape ecology. Nominated papers should represent a significant contribution to the theory and practice of landscape ecology, and must be published between January 2001 and January 2003. Papers need not be published in the journal *Landscape Ecology*. Please include a copy of the paper and a brief statement of its merits. Send nominations by **February 2, 2003** to:

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Please include your name and a means to reach you (telephone or e-mail) in case the Awards Committee needs more information. Thank you for your help in recognizing and rewarding significant contributions to our field.

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## Best Student Presentation Award

*Patrick Zollner*

**Winners of 2002 Best Student Presentation Awards.** Results are in from judging of the 2002 student presentations! The Best Student Presentation Award goes to **Tenley Conway**, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, for her oral presentation, "The impact of future development on the water and terrestrial resources in the Barnegat Bay Watershed NJ" at the 2002 meeting in Lincoln. Tenley will receive a \$500 travel award toward her travel to the 2003 US-IALE Annual Meeting in Banff, Alberta. The Best Student Presentation Honorable Mention goes to **Kenneth Pierce**, Duke University, for his oral presentation, "Detecting scale-specific interactions between seed dispersal and environment."

Dr. Patrick Zollner coordinated the competition at the 2002 meeting in Lincoln, where 41 students participated and 54 people volunteered to serve as judges. Thanks to all.

**Request for judges for 2003 Best Student Presentation Award.** An award for best oral or poster presentation made by a student at the 2003 US-IALE Annual Meeting will be presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting. The award provides travel expenses and waives registration fees for the 2004 meeting. Any person willing to evaluate student presentations at the 2003 Meeting should contact Pat Zollner (see address above). Each judge typically evaluates three presentations. This is an important contribution to the development and encouragement of young scientists and to the Society. Please volunteer today! Note that important changes have been made to the format of the Student Presentation Award, which will apply at the 2003 Meeting in Banff, and a new Student Presentation Feedback Program also is being implemented. See articles in this Newsletter, the US-IALE website ([www.usiale.org](http://www.usiale.org)), and the 2003 meeting website ([www.zoo.utoronto.ca/US-IALE\\_2003](http://www.zoo.utoronto.ca/US-IALE_2003)) for details.

**Changes to the Best Student Presentation Award.** The Best Student Presentation Award is given for the best oral or poster presentation given by a student at the Annual Meeting. However, the number of students applying to participate in this contest has grown to a number that makes it logistically very difficult to attract a suitable number of volunteer judges to provide a fair assessment of all of participants. Furthermore, despite numerous calls for only students presenting their highest quality research to join in the contest, we continue to have numerous students entering the contest who are presenting results of partially completed studies and other work that is not competitive for the award. We recognize that these students are receiving a valuable service in terms of feedback on their presentations, but they are detracting from our ability to completely assess the relative merit of the students who are presenting competitive presentations.

In order to address this problem, the US-IALE Executive Committee decided that **from this point forward each student will be eligible to participate in the best student presentation award only once per degree while still enrolled in that degree program.** This should

lead to students carefully contemplating which talk or poster represents the best work they will produce during the course of their degree, so that only competitive presentations are submitted.

This will reduce the contest to a more manageable size. Specifically, a student that earns separate M.S. and Ph.D. degrees would be eligible to participate in the contest twice during their graduate school years. To further clarify, presentations will only be eligible if they are presented while the student is currently enrolled in the given degree program. Thus, a student who has received their degree and is presenting material from it after degree receipt would no longer be eligible. This rule will help keep the playing field level at the work of active students who are presenting their best research.

**Additionally, all student participants in this program are required to be members of US-IALE.** The changes to the student awards program will start with the 2003 Annual Meeting.

In order to continue to provide objective feedback to students on their presentations from scientists who are not members of their academic committees or home institutions, Student Representative Jennifer Fraterrigo is developing and implementing the following new program at the 2003 Meeting.

**New Student Presentation Feedback Program.** This new program is for students who want formal feedback on their presentations but are not entering the student competition. The program is not associated with the Student Presentation Award, but rather is aimed at providing an opportunity for students to solicit more comments on the work they are presenting. Scientists attending the presentations of students enrolled in this program will be encouraged to evaluate the presentations and submit their comments anonymously. You can specify your interest in participating in this program on your abstract submission form for the 2003 Meeting. Students or scientists interested in the design and implementation of this feedback program should contact Jennifer ([jmfrater@iastate.edu](mailto:jmfrater@iastate.edu)).

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## **2003 NASA-MSU Professional Enhancement Awards: Call for Applications**

*Jianguo (Jack) Liu*

The NASA-MSU Professional Enhancement Awards continue to be available to students who are going to give oral or poster presentations at the 2003 Annual Symposium of US-IALE. These special awards are made possible by the support from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Michigan State University (MSU). The selected students will have opportunities to meet with leading landscape ecologists at a special dinner gathering, learn the latest developments in landscape ecology at the Symposium, and build professional networks with other Symposium attendees.

Approximately 20 awards (up to \$700 each) will be given to defray expenses associated with attending the Symposium. Applications will be judged based on the merits of the applicants' abstracts, financial needs, and professional backgrounds and goals. Former award recipients are not eligible to apply. All applications must be **RECEIVED** by **January 31, 2003**. Selections will be made by March 1, 2003.

Interested students should submit **FOUR** hardcopies (including one original) of: (1) cover letter (interest in the award and statement of professional goals); (2) completed application form (available from [www.zoo.utoronto.ca/US-IALE\\_2003](http://www.zoo.utoronto.ca/US-IALE_2003)); (3) resume; and (4) abstract for the 2003 Meeting (due on December 6, 2002). Mail all application materials to:

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## Meetings

### 2003 US-IALE Meeting

**Bruce Milne and Marie-Josée Fortin**

“Beyond Borders – Linking Landscapes.”  
The US-IALE is hosting its 18th Annual Symposium on April 2-6, 2003 in Banff, Alberta, Canada. Symposium registration forms, a tentative schedule, and much more are available on the Symposium website, [www.zoo.utoronto.ca/US-IALE\\_2003](http://www.zoo.utoronto.ca/US-IALE_2003).

### 2003 IALE World Congress

The IALE World Congress, which convenes every four years, will occur 13-17 July 2003 in Darwin, Australia. See the Congress website for more information: [www.iale.ntu.edu.au](http://www.iale.ntu.edu.au).

### 2004 US-IALE Meeting

**K. Bruce Jones and Nita Tallent-Halsell**

The 2004 US-IALE meeting will be held in April 2004 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The theme is “**Transdisciplinary challenges in Landscape Ecology.**”

From its onset, landscape ecology has been defined by a wide range of scientific disciplines, including those in the general categories of the physical sciences, the ecological sciences, and more recently, the social sciences. In addition to providing a venue for a diverse set of scientific disciplines, landscape ecology has emphasized the importance of spatial pattern and scale. Solving current and future environmental issues requires transdisciplinary approaches that integrate the physical, ecological, and social sciences in space and time. The theme of this meeting was selected to provide a forum to consider the challenges and potential of applying transdisciplinary approaches to solve current and future environmental issues. Activities for this meeting were selected to demonstrate and

highlight research, methods, and tools that integrate multiple scientific disciplines needed to address today’s environmental problems.

Tentative activities include a landscape modeling and software swap meet; remote sensing applications workshop and training; spatial and multivariate statistics training; guided excursions and field trips to Red Rock Canyon, Death Valley, Grand Canyon, Colorado River, and the Nevada Test Site. Proposals for session topics and training workshops are welcome. For additional information contact:

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## Student News and Notes

**Nita Tallent-Halsell and Jennifer Fraterrigo**

**2003 Annual Meeting.** Planning for the 2003 Annual Meeting is well underway. It will provide an excellent opportunity for you to present your research and learn more about your fellow members and colleagues. The student activities at this year's meeting promise to inform, connect, and entertain attendees more than ever. In addition to the Mentor-Student Lunch and the Student Social, a couple of new events are being prepared. For the presenters is the Student Feedback Program, which will give students the option of receiving formal evaluations of their presentations from members of the audience. Students who would like feedback should have checked the box marked ‘Student Feedback Program’ on the abstract submission form. Further questions about this program should be

directed to Jennifer Fraterrigo ([jmfrater@iastate.edu](mailto:jmfrater@iastate.edu)).

On Thursday, April 3, 2003, 10:30-12:30 there will be a forum on Careers in Landscape Ecology. This activity will assist students in acquiring information on professional opportunities from landscape ecologists employed as academicians, landscape architects, and environmental consultants. If you are interested in participating as a student or panelist, or have other suggestions for forum topics, please contact Jennifer ([jmfrater@iastate.edu](mailto:jmfrater@iastate.edu)) or Nita ([tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov](mailto:tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov)) by February 1, 2003.

A buffet will be the setting for the Mentor-Student Lunch, also on Thursday, April 3 (immediately following the Careers Forum). In this free, catered event, small groups of students will be matched with accomplished landscape ecologists to discuss a variety of topics including research interests and career goals. If you are a student and interested in attending the Mentor-Student Lunch, please (1) register for the meeting, (2) become a US-IALE member if you aren't already, and (3) e-mail the following information by March 3, 2003 to Nita ([tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov](mailto:tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov)): your name, e-mail address, university, 4-6 keywords describing your interests, and 2-3 mentors with whom you would especially like to dine. (Sorry, we can't guarantee a match but will do our best to accommodate requests). Landscape ecologists who are interested in becoming mentors can help by signing up with Nita ([tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov](mailto:tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov)) before she comes asking!

The Student Social is a most popular event to have a bit of fun at the Annual Meeting. This year it is scheduled for the evening of Friday, April 4, 2003 at a local brew pub. What a perfect way to spend a Friday night in Banff! Plan to meet other students or renew friendships made during past US-IALE meetings. We are considering inviting advisors and mentors to this year's Student Social. Help us to decide: please send your thoughts on inviting your advisor or mentor to the Student Social to Jennifer ([jmfrater@iastate.edu](mailto:jmfrater@iastate.edu)) by January 31, 2003. After a couple of days presenting and absorbing, would you like to relax with fellow students, advisors and mentors? Or would you rather just

hang with the students? We will share further details as we have them!

Students who are interested in offsetting the cost of the 2003 meeting registration by volunteering to provide audio/visual or registration support for the meeting should contact Becky Sager-Torretti ([sagerbecky@hotmail.com](mailto:sagerbecky@hotmail.com)) by January 31, 2003. Only students who are members of US-IALE and able to work at least eight hours during the meeting are eligible. Volunteers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with approximately 15 persons needed.

**US IALE Student Membership.** We strongly encourage you to renew your membership with US-IALE, or join if you haven't already. Your \$20/year will support the awards and events specifically designed to promote student talent, research, attendance, and interaction. Without student members, the many student perks provided by the organization are likely to vanish. So please, join or renew today! (See the membership section of this Newsletter or the US-IALE website.) Thank you!

**Nominations for 2003-2005 Student Representative.** We are now soliciting nominations for a new Student Representative to be elected at the 2003 US-IALE Annual Meeting, when Nita Tallent-Halsell will conclude her tenure. Each Student Representative serves a two-year term that is offset by a year from the other Student Representative to allow for continuity. Serving as a Student Representative provides excellent opportunities to interact with senior members of the US-IALE Executive Committee, meet students (future colleagues), and influence the direction and priorities of US-IALE. It also looks great on your resume!

Send nominations to Nita ([tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov](mailto:tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov)) or Jennifer ([jmfrater@iastate.edu](mailto:jmfrater@iastate.edu)). If you're interested in becoming a Student Representative yourself, contact Nita or Jennifer for more information. We'd be happy to answer questions and share our experiences as Representatives. It is a great experience that we recommend highly.

### **Your US-IALE Student Representatives.**

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. Nita Tallent-Halsell (Student Representative 2001-2003) is a Ph.D. candidate at University of Nevada Las Vegas working with Dr. Lars Walker on Riparian Ecology. Nita is also a Research Scientist with the US EPA, Landscape Ecology Branch, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Her dissertation research focuses on the influence of riparian patch characteristics on landbird use in the southwestern United States. Jennifer Fraterrigo (Student Representative 2002-2004) is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She works with Drs. Monica Turner and Scott Pearson on the influence of land-use and climate change on forest soils and understory herbs in the Southern Appalachian Highlands. Nita and Jennifer welcome input from students and professionals on how US-IALE might better serve graduate student members.

## **Communications and Scientific Exchanges**

### **US-IALE Representation on IBRCS Working Group**

***K. Bruce Jones***

Bruce Jones (US-IALE Councilor-at-Large) has been appointed to the Working Group of the Infrastructure for Biology at Regional to Continental Scales (IBRCS) project of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS). This project will engage the scientific community in exploring the infrastructure needed to make advances in ecological and other biological disciplines that span regional and continental scales. The current focus of the IBRCS project is the proposed National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON), which is a major National Science Foundation initiative that would establish a national platform for integrated studies and monitoring of natural processes at all spatial scales, time scales, and

levels of biological organization. Bruce began his service on the Working Group in November.

The IBRCS Working Group will be issuing an initial report on NEON in March 2003. In preparation for this release, AIBS is convening a series of town meetings to hear from the scientific community about NEON. Statements made at the town meetings will allow interested individuals and organizations to go on public record with their views of NEON. In addition, the IBRCS Working Group will use the statements to inform their report on NEON. Three town meeting are planned: one in Arlington, Virginia (December 13), one in Los Angeles, California (January 17), and one in Denver, Colorado (February 14). To learn more about this initiative and to attend a workshop or provide comments, please visit [ibr.cs.aibs.org/neon/index.asp](http://ibr.cs.aibs.org/neon/index.asp).

### **US-IALE Website**

***Rebecca Kennedy, Website Coordinator***

The US-IALE website continues to expand and improve. Here's a rundown of some of the new features:

- A new page with information about US-IALE awards, including procedures for applying and nominating, and information about past award winners.
- A new job/research opportunities announcement posting page. Any current US-IALE member is eligible to post a job announcement. This is a feature we are providing in addition to the US-IALE listserver method of announcing these opportunities.
- The Executive Committee handbook. Ever wonder how this organization works? Here's some of the nitty gritty, including responsibilities of officers, US-IALE Bylaws, a history of the organization, committee information, and more.
- Links to upcoming and past US-IALE meeting websites, and the IALE World Congress coming up in Darwin, Australia.
- A comprehensive list of links to landscape ecology-related software, research programs,

newsgroups, listservers, presentations, and more.

- A downloadable version of a current US-IALE promotional poster, available for you to take to meetings. A brochure is in the works and should be available soon.

We are looking into making US-IALE membership renewals possible online via the website. This would happen sometime after the current renewal cycle.

At the last Executive Committee meeting there was some discussion of putting together a map on the website with downloadable images of landscapes placed by geographic locale. We are interested in pursuing this but we need images. We're looking especially for current and historical photos, identified by attribute and location, that would be suitable for inclusion in a PowerPoint presentation or the like. If you have photos or would like to be of assistance in this project, please let me know ([rebecca.kennedy@orst.edu](mailto:rebecca.kennedy@orst.edu)).

Also, if you have any information you would like to have added to the US-IALE website, including additional links or other features you'd like to see, please contact me. We welcome any comments or suggestions about the site. It's your site, so let's make it work for you!

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## **US-IALE Marketing Materials** **Nita Tallent-Halsell and Mary Santelmann**

In order to stay strong and active, our organization needs to both maintain its membership and attract new members. Toward this goal, we have displayed an informational poster and distributed pamphlets at professional meetings of organizations whose members may also be interested in becoming US-IALE members, such as the Ecological Society of America, the Association of American Geographers, and the American Society of Landscape Architects. These materials have been extremely well received at meetings and conferences, and we are grateful to their originators. However, we want to keep them attractive and current in both design and content.

Both the US-IALE promotional poster and informational pamphlet have recently been revised. The poster is now available on the US-IALE website ([www.usiale.org](http://www.usiale.org)) for review, and the pamphlet will soon be posted. If you'd like to help with the make-over or share your ideas, contact Nita Tallent-Halsell ([tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov](mailto:tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov)).

**Would you like to help inform others about US-IALE?** Although it's impossible for US-IALE to be officially present at as many professional meetings, universities, and offices as we would like, with your help our poster and pamphlets can attend! Please consider the meetings you'll be attending during the upcoming year to determine whether you would be interested in taking US-IALE promotional materials for display. Also, might you want to share information about the Society with your students and colleagues through a poster at your facility? All that would be asked of you is to let Nita know of your willingness to post a disposable poster and leave pamphlets at a pre-determined location at the onset of the meeting or in your building. The new poster and pamphlets will soon be available for download from the US-IALE website, or you may ask to have copies provided. Nita will coordinate all details with you and the meeting planners. If you'd like to spread the word about US-IALE, contact Nita Tallent-Halsell ([tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov](mailto:tallent-halsell.nita@epa.gov)).

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## Subscribing to *Landscape Ecology*

**Regular members** must deal directly with Kluwer Academic Publishing to subscribe to *Landscape Ecology*. Directions are found on the *Landscape Ecology* website ([www.wkap.nl/journalhome.htm/0921-2973](http://www.wkap.nl/journalhome.htm/0921-2973)). To receive the IALE member discount, you must first renew your membership with US-IALE. Your receipt from US-IALE will include your US-IALE member number. **Provide your member number to Kluwer when you subscribe to the journal.** US-IALE will transmit the names and member numbers of active members to Kluwer so that they can finalize your subscription. The current subscription price for *Landscape Ecology* is \$80.00.

**Student members** who subscribe to *Landscape Ecology* should send their subscription fees to US-IALE at the time of membership renewal. This saves US-IALE and Kluwer from having to coordinate student identification and allows Kluwer to offer the journal to students at a reduced rate (\$60.00). Although this process places a greater bookkeeping burden on US-IALE, the Executive Committee feels the price break for students is worth the effort.

## Membership

### Joining or Renewing Membership in US-IALE

Anyone with interests in any facet of landscape ecology is welcome to join US-IALE. **Benefits of membership** include: membership in our umbrella international organization, the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE); discounts to our journal *Landscape Ecology*; Annual Meeting with discounted registration fee; subscriptions to the US-IALE Newsletter and IALE Bulletin; copy of the membership directory; and the US-IALE website.

You can renew or initiate membership in US-IALE using the form at the end of this Newsletter, from the US-IALE website ([www.usiale.org](http://www.usiale.org)), or from Nancy Castro, US-IALE Membership Secretary, Appalachian Laboratory, 301 Braddock Rd., Frostburg MD 21532; phone 301-689-7152; e-mail [ncastro@al.umces.edu](mailto:ncastro@al.umces.edu). In addition, renewal forms are sent to US-IALE members each year by e-mail. Please watch for these important mailings and reply as soon as possible. Also, if you know that your e-mail address has changed since your last renewal, please send an update to the Membership Secretary.

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