



**International Green Roof Congress**  
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## **Press Release**

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### **“Bringing Nature Back to Town”**

From 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009, Stuttgart / Nuertingen (Germany) will become the platform for the world of green roofs. The event, which is under the patronage of the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs, is being organized by the International Green Roof Association (IGRA) and the German Roof Gardener Association (DDV). The congress programme will have a distinctively interactive style with practical workshops and green roof excursions. The congress languages are English/German (simultaneous translation). More information and online registration is available at [www.greenroofworld.com](http://www.greenroofworld.com).

### **30 Lectures – 3 Excursions – 2 Workshops – 1 Vision**

No other element in sustainable architecture has seen technical innovations develop so fast, as in the field of green roofs. The lectures will address fascinating projects designed by renowned architecture firms, as well as the application of green roofs in respect of balancing building energy, rainwater management, environment and climate protection, and green building concepts. Along with the Landscape Research, Development & Construction Society (FLL), the network of cooperation partners for the congress comprises further important German stakeholder organizations in the field of green roofs (gardeners, roofers, landscape architects, architects and municipal delegates) as well as the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA), the European Landscape Contractors Association (ELCA) and the International Federation of the Roofing Trade (IFD). The congress is kindly supported by ZinCo GmbH (Title Sponsor) and DOW Hyperlast (Premium Sponsor).



*Fukuoka Prefectural International Hall (Fukuoka) - Masterpiece of green roof design  
Photo Courtesy Hiromi Watanabe*

### **Lectures and Projects**

The impressive list of speakers includes Emilio Ambasz (US Architect and Green Building Pioneer), Prof. Gilbert Lösken (Head of the FLL Green Roof Workgroup, Germany), Roland Appl (Green Roof Engineer, IGRA President), Paul Kephart (US Horticulture Expert for Ecological Design), Rolf Disch (Office for Solar Architecture, Germany) as well as international architecture firms, such as BIG Bjarke Ingels Group (Denmark), SOM Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (United Kingdom), Mecanoo (Netherlands) and many more.

### **The Workshops: practice-oriented and tailor made**

The workshop "Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Green Roofs" will offer participants practical expertise on how to successfully plan and create a green roof – from a simple garage landscaping to a 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> landscaped park. Political incentives in Germany and on an international level are in the focus of the second workshop "An International Comparison of Funding and Support Programmes for Green Roofs". The main findings of the workshop will be included in a "Best Mode of Practices-Guideline for Local Authorities".



*Pavillones de las Naciones (Zaragoza) – A landscape park on the rooftop of the EXPO exhibition hall  
Photo Courtesy IGRA*

## **An Eye on the Green Roof**

Excursions in and around Stuttgart, to the German solar capital, Freiburg, and to Friedrichshafen, Lake Constance, will show the various ways in which green roofs can be applied, using both individual case studies and within the context of modern town planning. The International Green Roof Congress 2009 has a vision – to bring nature back into modern city architecture. Nature + Architecture = Beauty, it's as simple as this.

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