



Only three weeks until the 4th International Green Roof Congress in Istanbul Turkey!

Time is running out to register for the 4th International Green Roof Congress 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey (20-21 April). Join this outstanding opportunity to “Explore the Nature on Rooftops” with Green Roof and Green Wall experts from 25 countries. The congress presentations will provide an inspiring mixture of progressive thinkers, new technical developments and innovative Green Roof applications in architecture, landscape architecture and climate protection. In the following, a selection of specific features is described that sets the IGRC 2015 apart from other conferences.

Congress Theme on Green Roofs in Dry and Mediterranean Climates: There is a swiftly pronounced trend of Green Roof development in these types of climatic zones, with new and unique projects emerging in Italy, Greece, Lebanon, Armenia and especially in Turkey, among others.



The UWC college in Dilijan – Armenia has it all: Green Roofs, Green Walls and Environmental Education; Copyright: Danil Kolodin

Municipal Green Roof and Green Wall Strategies: In Hamburg and Paris ambitious Green Roof and Green Wall agendas are being implemented. Hamburg has started a 3 million Euro funding programme for Green Roofs. Paris wants to reach 1 million m² of Green Roofs and Green Walls in 2020. Both cities will present the motivation for their comprehensive approach to increase the green urban infrastructure.

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Remote Sensing – Green Roof Inventory and Potential Analysis: Germany is one of the home countries of Green Roofs with a tradition that dates back to the 1970ties. How many Green Roofs have been constructed in the last four decades? For the first time the German Aerospace Center (DLR) will present the results of a Green Roof inventory with aerial pictures.



Remote sensing technology can identify Green Roofs from a Bird's eye view; Copyright: City of Karlsruhe / DLR

Workshop Planning, Installation, Maintenance of Green Roofs: The workshops at IGRC 2015 offer a complete training, seeking to provide participants with a practice-oriented and chronologically organized address of Green Roofs. An overview of the physical and technical aspects will be followed by the address of specific Green Roof topics such as irrigation, plant selection and others.

The Keynote speakers: An East meets West experience of a special kind - The list of keynote speakers include for example Dr. Ken Yeang, Principal of T.R.Hamzah & Yeang Sdn.Bhd(Malaysia); Emre Arolat, Founder of Emre Arolat Architects (Turkey); Prof. Herbert Dreiseitl, Director of Ramboll Liveable Cities Lab (Germany/Denmark), Laura Gatti, Founder of Studio Laura Gatti (Italy); Roland Appl, President of IGRA (Germany) and Jaron Lubin, Principal of Safdie Architects (USA).

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Congress Venue Zorlu Center: The Zorlu Center, a dynamic and impressive gateway, redefines the experience of contemporary life in the urban core. The Green Roofs of the project are particularly interesting. 60,000 m² of green space including some firm ground were designed as Roof Gardens. Part of the mix used project is the Raffles' hotel with its generous events and convention area and modern multimedia technology - optimal conditions for a successful congress.

Evening Reception – Bosphorus Cruise Boat Trip: The networking dinner at the Bosphorus boat trip is a wonderful opportunity for the participants to meet and talk informally with each other and the congress speakers. It's sure to be a night you'll remember for a lifetime.



One of the must do's in Istanbul - a boat trip on the Bosphorus

Join your Green Roof colleagues in Istanbul and learn how to turn the city rooftops into useable spaces. Explore the agenda at www.greenroofworld.com.

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