

Friday, December 3, 2010

Workshop

**Biodiversity conservation –
a challenge for spatial and landscape planning**

13:15 - 15:15

[Parallel Workshop](#) related to Plenary sessions 2

Oral presentation 2:

“Tarzan and Xinyi. Urban Jungle as a biodiversity and design issue”

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"Swinging from swaying limb to swaying limb, he raced through the middle terraces where the trees grew close together. Again he dropped to the ground and sped, silently and light of foot, over the carpet of decaying vegetation, only to leap again into the trees where the tangled undergrowth precluded rapid advance upon the surface" The name of the man, who is swaying through the various layers of primary tropical vegetation in this scene, is Lord Greystoke, better known as *Tarzan*. One man surrounded by the full spectrum of flora and fauna of the tropical clime. But Tarzan soon finds that he has run out of forest to swing from. Without dispute, biodiversity is one of our future life insurances. Its territory starts in the remote nature reserve and ends in the dense city core. If we preach the importance of biodiversity for the future of our planet and the survival of coming generations, we have to leave no stone unturned. Cities are the places where communities concentrate power and culture and cities are the cradle of most new ideas and trends, so why not start in the city to reestablish biodiversity in the literal sense?