

Editorial

The 2nd International Landscape Archaeology Conference (LAC) took place in Berlin in early June 2012. It was a great pleasure for us to welcome the around 200 participants, and we wish to express our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of the meeting. There were compelling talks, interesting poster presentations and inspiring discussions. Many new research-related contacts were made.

Several institutions and organisations, and more than a few individuals contributed to this event. Special thanks go to all members of the organising committee, who supported the preparation and organisation of the LAC 2012. The conference was funded by generous contributions from the German Research Foundation (DFG), the European Geosciences Union (EGU), the Excellence Cluster Topoi and the Freie Universität Berlin.

This special issue of *eTopoi* features extended abstracts of the oral presentations given at the conference. It was a major challenge for the scientific committee to select a limited number from the more than 200 short abstracts submitted by members of the international community, whose contributions clearly demonstrated their sincere interest in the field of landscape archaeology.

We would like to thank all the people who worked hard to edit this special issue for their truly exemplary support, especially those colleagues who volunteered to take part in the peer review process, through which all extended abstracts passed.

We are also grateful to the publishers of *eTopoi* for inviting us to present the conference proceedings in the electronic journal of the Excellence Cluster Topoi in Berlin, which will enable the topics discussed during the conference to be widely distributed. This special issue is a free download available to anyone interested in landscape archaeology. The extended abstracts are printed in the order they were presented at the conference.

On behalf of the scientific and organisation committee, we wish everybody a pleasant reading.

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