Water in Historic Gardens (Berlin, 19 Jun 18)

Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jägerstraße 22/23,
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Water in Historic Gardens as an Aesthetic Category and Natural Resource – Spanning a Bridge from West to East

In historic gardens and parks, water is both an essential aesthetic category as well as an indispensable natural resource.

Water appears in a wide range of forms: outstretched lakes, bubbling fountains or gentle ponds. Exploring a garden from its waterways optimally complements a stroll through the grounds – something visitors still love to do up to the present day.

Furthermore, historic gardens, traditionally created as a “Gesamtkunstwerk”, embracing architecture, architectural staffages and monuments within a natural setting, are highly dependent on the supply of water for very different types of vegetation. Hence, the increasing number of drought events in the growing season and extreme summer heat as well as rapidly sinking groundwater tables may seriously affect the vitality of plants and trees. Likewise, raising groundwater can also be a major threat by impeding trees to grow roots into the deeper soil, hence, losing anchorage and thus becoming more susceptible to windthrow during storms.

This international symposium provides an opportunity to discuss such impacts and possible solutions to safeguard our historic parks and gardens with experts from Eastern Europe, with special focus on their relevance and applicability to the region of Berlin-Brandenburg.

Program

2 pm – 2.15 pm
Introduction
Christoph Markschies
Vice-President of the Academy, HU Berlin

2.15 pm – 2.45 pm
The Water System of the 18th century garden in Bogoroditsk (Tula region)
Alexandra Veselova
Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg

2.45 pm – 3.05 pm
Discussion

Chair: Michael Rohde
Stiftung Preußische Schlösser und Gärten Berlin-Brandenburg

3.05 pm – 3.35 pm
Water fantasy in the Neva delta: a variety of water devices in the gardens of St. Petersburg XVII-I-XX centuries
Andrej Reyman
St. Petersburg

3.35 pm – 3.55 pm
Discussion
Chair: Adrian von Buttlar
TU Berlin

3.55 pm – 4.25 pm
Coffee break

4.25 pm – 4.55 pm
On the social aesthetics of water and steam in the landscape gardens of 19th century Berlin
M. Norton Wise
University of California, Los Angeles

4.55 pm – 5.15 pm
Discussion
Chair: Bernd Hillemeier
Member of the Academy, TU Berlin

5.15 pm – 5.45 pm
Hydrosystem of the gardens of the Russian Museum in St. Petersburg, its transformation and impact
Vela Portugalskaya
The State Russian Museum, St. Petersburg

5.45 pm – 6.05 pm
Discussion
Chair: Ulrich Cubasch
FU Berlin

6.05 pm – 6.35 pm
Aesthetics and sustainability in the Russian water parks, from the Baroque to 21st century
Boris Sokolov
Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow

6.35 pm – 6.55 pm
Discussion
Chair: Hans-Georg Frede
Member of the Academy, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

6:55 pm –7.30 pm
Concluding discussion
Chair: Christoph Markschies
Vice-President of the Academy, HU Berlin

Please register until June 13, 2018 via
https://www2.bbaw.de/anmeldung-symposium-wasser

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