

Editorial

This time the Labverde Magazine starts a new phase, giving incentive to the actions of LABVERDE together the society, assuming commitments with research and extension activities. For that purpose, during last November, LABVERDE attended a demand of the Collective Ocupe e Abrace (Occupy and Embrace), by organizing the Workshop Praça das Nascentes (Headwaters Square), held on the 7th instant. The group operates nowadays in the Pompeia District, São Paulo, to promote the revitalization of Homero Silva Square, currently called Praça das Nascentes (Headwaters Square). As a result of this contact, LABVERDE presents the testimony (section 3) of one of its members, the doctoral architect José Otavio Lotufo, and three interviews (section 4) conducted by Mr. Lotufo with the Collectives “Occupy and Embrace” and “Rivers and Streets”, as well as with the city authorities of Lapa District, represented by the current deputy mayor Mr. Ricardo Pradas.

The section 2 of this edition begins with the research works of the post graduation students of the subject UPA - 5879 Sustainable Design this semester, in Articles 1 to 5, with issues related to urban sustainability and resilience, the greater appreciation of the environmental, architectural and landscaping heritages and the development of green infrastructure in urban networks .

Thus, the Article 1 is developed by MIER, brings the discussion about the delicate issue of “light pollution”, using as study area a part of a road between the cities Santana de Parnaíba and Itu, São Paulo State, called Roteiro dos Bandeirantes (Bandeirantes’ Route)¹. In Article 2, SANCHES presents a text focused on socio environmental planning of the cities Salto and Itu, emphasizing the potentialities of biodiversity conservation to increase the regional tourism. BENFICA and SIMÃO, in the Article 3, refer to a research carried out at the city of Salto, focusing the green infrastructure as a determinant factor to appreciate the Roteiro dos Bandeirantes (Bandeirantes’ Route) using as methodology the valuation of the environmental certification Seal LABVERDE² and of the Programa Verde-Azul³ (Green-Blue Program).

¹ “Roteiro dos Bandeirantes”

² Seal LABVERDE-Localization Green Certification under development, created in LABVERDE in 2009.

³ Programa Verde-Azul – program developed by SMA- Environment Secretary of São Paulo State to promote urban sustainability actions.

CANTON presents in Article 4 an architectural and urban proposal with concerns for sustainability and enhancement of the landscape close to the waters, aiming to revitalize the Port of Santos. ALMEIDA, in Article 5, proposes the expansion of green areas in the City of Santos, by the implementations of typologies of green infrastructure to reduce heat islands which, according to the study, has grown enormously in recent years due to the increase of densely built areas at that city.

MINKS, in Article 6, describes his experiences of “green design” developed at Humboldt University in Berlin and applied to urban situations in the city of São Paulo. In Article 7, SILVA and HORA describe the research in urban drainage developed for the revision of Master Plans of the cities Belo Horizonte, Porto Alegre and Goiânia, aiming to reduce the occurrence of floodings.

In Article 8, CALDERARI, OLIVEIRA, BRANDÃO JR. and HAYASHIDA present the experience in the preparation of urban design for the Campus Gloria of the Uberlândia Federal University, located in Uberlândia–MG, with the purpose to discuss proposals and actions developed by various universities focused on environmental sustainability.

The Article 9, presented by BONZI, supports the hypothesis that the redevelopment of derelict areas may result social, economic and environmental benefits to cities, emphasizing the idea that the abandoned structures can be changed into important and unexpected dimension to the landscape design.

Enjoy the reading!

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