

**Annual Report 2005 – 2006**

PETRARCA is the only international NGO specifically engaged in the study and management of the European cultural landscape. Central aim of PETRARCA is to favour sustainable development of European landscapes, including their characteristics of natural, cultural and spiritual importance. To fulfil this aim an enhanced self-conscious personal relationship of citizens with their landscapes is necessary, alongside the acceptance by the individuals involved, of a fair and feasible responsibility for the development of the landscape. Only in this way may landscapes overcome the current loss of identity and integrity and continue to be living landscapes reflecting the specific conditions of the sites, as well as demonstrating the continued cultural development of local communities. In 2005 and 2006 PETRARCA has steadily developed further its capability to participate in concrete landscape development initiatives, with a special emphasis on the internal exchange of experiences and visions, as well as the individual participation in practical landscape studies.



In 2005 the tradition, now over 20 years old, of organising an international landscape study week was again taken up after an intermezzo of one year. It was successfully organised this time at Gut Hohenberg, Pfälzerwald (D), 28 August – 3 September, in cooperation with the *Stiftung Ökologie und Landbau* ([www.gut-hohenberg.de](http://www.gut-hohenberg.de)). The week was a joyful learning experience on this farm where school classes regularly spend a week taking part in farm life. Participants from Germany, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands and even Canada and Japan have engaged in on-farm research, to support the farm's landscape management. The way the qualities and character of landscape affect spiritual and soul development of children at different ages formed a main topic of exchange. As a consequence of the study week, further cooperation now continues at Gut Hohenberg to accomplish landscape development processes started there and implement them to practical results.

In 2006, a successful landscape week was hosted by Bleijendijk Estate in Vught, The Netherlands, 28 August – 2 September (see our website for a beautiful booklet with impressions).

In **2005**, other fruitful PETRARCA activities were:

- Continuing landscape seminars on farms in Germany Adolphshof and at the Bioland Ranch Zempow (23 – 25 May 2005 metamorphosis of trees and shrubs and landscape mood)
- Workshop "experience of landscape as inner and outer perception" at the Bioland Ranch Zempow as a contribution to training weeks (7 – 21 March 2005) for landscape guides in Eastern Germany
- PETRARCA-Workshop at the Agricultural Conference in Dornach (Holger Coers & Thomas van Elsen), February 2005.
- Workshop at the Agricultural Conference in Dornach, February 2005: medical plants in the agriculture and their meaning within landscape as an organism (Jochen Bockemühl).
- Seminar for Farmers (10.-27. January in Dornach): medical plants in the agriculture and their meaning within landscape as an organism (Jochen Bockemühl).
- Seminar for Students in medicine of the University of Herdecke in Dornach: medical plants in the landscape including Excursions in the surroundings of Basel and to the "Lauterbrunnental" (Jochen Bockemühl).
- Several seminars for Doctors in September and October 2005: medical plants and landscape (Jochen Bockemühl).
- Landscape-workshop at Gut Hohenberg (28.-29 June 2005) (Jochen Bockemühl).
- Landscape-workshop at the Waldorf school in Wiesbaden (8.-10. September, Jochen Bockemühl).
- Diploma-thesis written by Katrin Köppl (2005, supervisors: Thomas van Elsen & Jean-Michel Florin) about the landscape work of the two farms that had been the place of the landscape week 2002 in Alsace.
- As part of the EC-program Leonardo da Vinci "education and culture" two experience exchange meetings in organic farming took place at Zempow in April and September 2005 in cooperation with the College for Environmental Protection in Bydgoszcz/Poland. PETRARCA contributed to field excursions and perceiving observations as further education in landscape management and ecological agriculture. ([www.wsos.edu.pl/leonardo](http://www.wsos.edu.pl/leonardo))
- As from 1 March 2004, the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe has come into force for the states that had ratified. PETRARCA has



- congratulated the Secretariat with this milestone, and participated actively in several meetings around the European Landscape Convention. Also, Bas Pedrolí was invited to present a paper "*New challenges of the European Landscape Convention.*" at the Information Seminar on Sustainable Spatial Development and the European Landscape Convention at Tulcea, România, 6 – 7 May 2004.
- PETRARCA co-organised a successful 2nd international conference on "Farming for health", 16–19 March 2005 in Wageningen (NL), addressing the issue of care for landscape on therapeutic farms, resulting in a comprehensive overview of care farm initiatives in Europe (Hassink & Van Dijk (eds. 2006): *Farming for Health Proceedings of the Frontis Workshop on Farming for Health Wageningen, The Netherlands, 16-19 March 2005.* Frontis Series Vol. 13. Springer, Dordrecht. (also available on internet: [www.wageningen-ur.nl/frontis/](http://www.wageningen-ur.nl/frontis/))
  - The consulting process that started in 2004 with a therapeutic farm in Mecklenburg/Eastern Germany has been followed up with emphasis on connecting daily work to the appearance of the site's identity
  - In August 2005, a workshop "Listening to the Land" was held for all stakeholders in the newly acquired Dunelands at Findhorn to introduce them to a methodology of perceiving beyond the physical and attempt to come to a consensus for the future of a very beautiful piece of unique landscape - soft grey green lichen beds with heather and gorse on a raised beach.
  - Several other contributions to conferences and seminars were made
  - The PETRARCA website was renewed.
  - PETRARCA'S Board gathered three times (March in Dornach, CH; July and October at Gut Hohenberg, D) to work on basic themes of the relationship man – landscape and on the structure of the Academy.



In **2006**, the following PETRARCA activities can be mentioned apart from the Bleijendijk Landscape Study week:

- In May 2006 a further Workshop at Dunelands was undertaken by the Life Science Trust and Camphill Architects as first phase of the Planning Application for the development of 15 acres of Dunelands next to Findhorn Foundation in Scotland.
- On two French biodynamic farms landscape seminars were given (with Rémi Picot in Pfaffenhoffen F)
- Introductory supervisions were given on sensitive landscape observation (modules on trees and landscape, landscape elements, etc. in St Laurent- F- Cluny) within the framework of a 3 year training (3 modules of 2 days per year + one week in summer) for nature educator, using Goethe's sensitive approach (about 20 participants)
- Pishwanton Community Wood, a Project of the Life Science Trust in S.E. Scotland is developing steadily as a demonstration project in the study and cocreation of landscape with regular courses and workshops in Goethean methodology applied to landscape throughout the year. See website [www.Pishwanton.com](http://www.Pishwanton.com) (or apply to The Life Science Trust, Pedlar's way, Gifford, E.Loithian, EH41 4JD for further information on courses)



- In August 2006 Sonja Schürger, Stefanie Bracher and Margaret Colquhoun began research work on the relationship between landscape study, appraisal and consensus design and practise in landscape management on Pishwanton (in the framework of a EU Leader+ grant). This work will continue in 2007, and its results will be written up for publication.
- Workshop on social farming at the Agricultural Conference in Dornach (Feb. 2006), Thomas van Elsen together with Hannelore Speelman.
- Workshop and Seminar at the Agricultural Conference in Dornach to the subject of the nature of live processes in connection with landscape and plants together with Jochen Bockemühl and Kari Järvinen.
- Like in 2005, Jochen Bockemühl continued the research and study work on medical plants and landscape with workshops, seminars and monthly meetings - mostly held at Dornach.
- Several other contributions to conferences and seminars were made.
- PETRARCA's Board gathered four times (January, April and August in Vught, NL; and December in Dornach, CH).

In **2007**, the following PETRARCA activities are envisaged:

- To intensify the cooperation with active members of the Academy and as a result of the Landscape week held at Gut Hohenberg in 2005, a workshop took already place in January to continue the development of the small watercourse on the farm (Sonja Schürger, Laurens Bockemühl, Holger coers).
- Together with Alain Findeli from the university of Quebec/Canada, PETRARCA is organising "academy talks", research seminars on basic questions referring to perception and management of urban landscapes, including even motorways. Main issues will be: Can we observe the urban landscape with the same organs as we use to observe the rural or more natural ones ? How can we perceive human intentionality, even if the persons responsible for the project are not available ? The first seminar is an invitational mini-conference 21 - 22 April 2007 in Avignon.
- Encouraged by participants of the conference additional experience exchange meetings will start on actual landscape management projects, e.g the influence of wind energy to landscape, and river restoration. One focus will be how to integrate ecological and aesthetic aspects, which means to integrate the observer's point of view and to reveal the intentional concept behind the favoured measures.
- In November, 2006, Britain ratified the European landscape convention. In line with this the Life Science Trust is offering in 2007 a series of courses PETRARCA style for people interested to learn how to look at landscape and work responsibly with it.
- Further, the editing work on a handbook for landscape observation and management (working title: *What is inside, is outside*. First edition in German) has continued, provisionally resulting in publication in 2007.

More information on these activities you can always find on our web-site [www.petrarca.info](http://www.petrarca.info).



### **Initiative Board of PETRARCA**

The following persons currently form the Initiative Board of PETRARCA:

Bas Pedroli (chair)	Margaret Colqhoun
Thomas van Elsen (vice-chair)	Jean-Michel Florin
Laurens Bockemühl (secretary/treasurer)	Sonja Schürger
Jochen Bockemühl	Hermann Seiberth
Holger Coers	

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