"The only real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.

Marcel Proust (1871 - 1922)



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European Garden Award 2012

Dear Mrs Porcinai

I am very pleased to inform you that the international jury for the European Garden Award has agreed on the Porcinai Association and Archives as one of the three finalists for the "Special Award of Schloss Dyck Foundation" The other finalists are Mrs Gilly Drummond from the United Kingdom and Horst Forytta (Park Marihn) from Germany.

Within the category "Restoration, Enhancement or Development of a Historic Park or Garden" Egeskov Park and Gardens (Denmark), Les Jardins de la Château de la Chatonnière (France) and Museum Garden Gaasbeek in Belgium have qualified as finalists. In the category "Innovative Contemporary Concept or Design of a Park or Garden" the finalists are Madrid Rio (Spain), the park Berges du Rhône in France and Ostpark am Gleisdreieck in Germany.

It is the aim of the European Garden Heritage Network EGHN to support the preservation, enhancement and creation of high quality parks and gardens in Europe, their wider use and sustainable valorisation in the context of policies to foster urban, regional, cultural and landscape development.

The increase of public awareness for the cultural, economic, environmental and social values and resources of parks and gardens is also a key objective of the European Garden Award. We hope that the award combined with a further gain of publicity and image will support the finalists and winners in the future development of their concepts.

As an international network of local, regional and national organisations and single, private or public, historic and contemporary parks and gardens, EGHN will use its resources for a broad and positive media coverage and international professional interest. However, for the time being, the budget of the network does not allow prize money or to refund travel costs.







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On the evening of the 31st August 2012, the finalists within each category will be honoured and the winner will be announced during an event at Schloss Dyck (Germany). A joint visit to the Illumina, to be opened on the same day, in the park of Schloss Dyck will complete this evening.

I would be very pleased, if you would not only accept the selection as a finalist, but also be able to join us during that event and – if Porcinai Association and Archives should be the winner – to receive the European Garden Award.

A swift reply is very much appreciated, allowing a good organisation and promotion of the event. If there are any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards

Jens Spanjer

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