

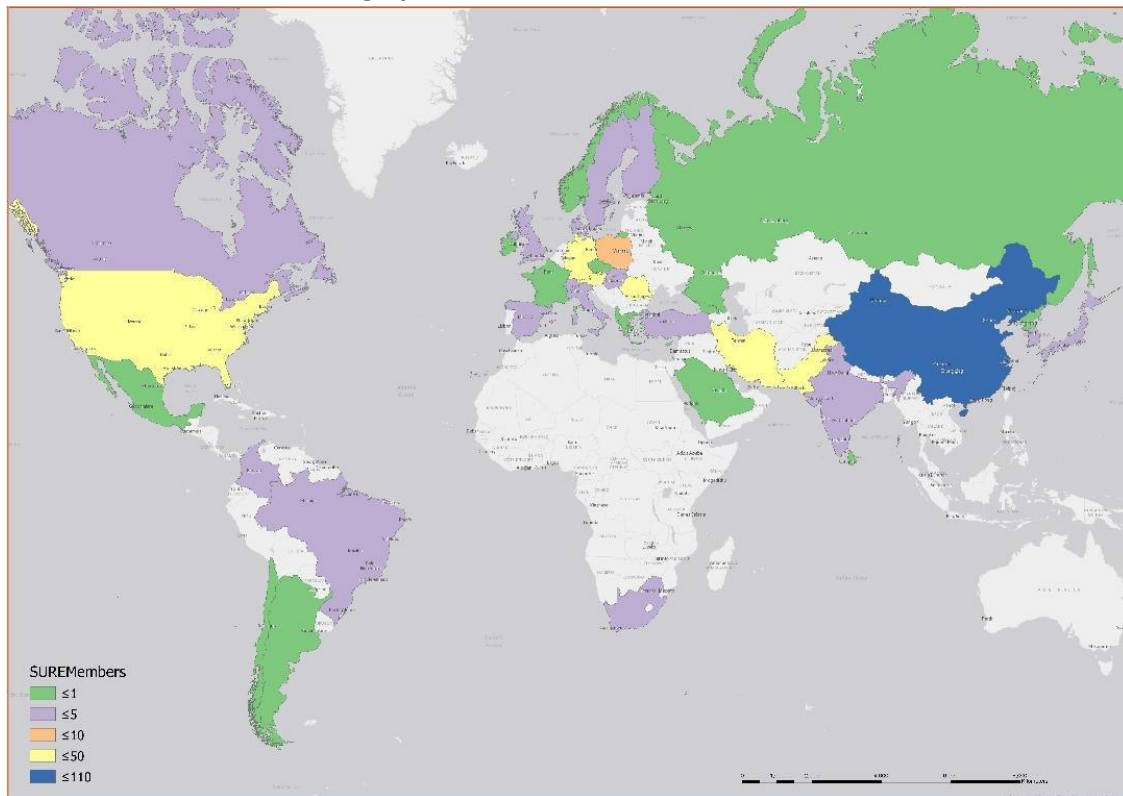


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### SURE 2018 in numbers

Also in 2018 SURE could welcome 82 new members (16 regular members, 62 student members, 1 unemployed). Currently, SURE counts 345 active members (4 honorary members, 119 student members, 217 regular members, 2 unemployed, 3 institutional members). The international representation of urban ecology is reflected by the broad geographical background from the SURE members coming from Asia (209), Europe (98), USA/Canada (27), Latin and South America (8) and Africa (3).

**Geographical distribution of SURE members 2018**





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### SURE chapters and its activities in 2018

Currently, there are five SURE chapters installed: SURE Latin America, SURE China, SURE South-East Europe, SURE South Asia and SURE Central Europe. The SURE chapters organized a range of activities around the globe such workshops on *Green Infrastructure and Urban Ecology* in Rio de Janeiro in August 2017 and March/April 2018 hosted by the Brazil section of the SURE Latin America chapter.

The SURE Chapter South-East Europe organized the Workshop *Nature-Based Solutions for sustainable Romanian cities*, May 25 2018 in Bucharest. The manifestation promoted the nature-based solution concept in Romania and has been represented a platform of debated which will help students of various levels, non-governmental organizations, scientists, public administration, practitioners and other stakeholders exchange experiences in using nature-based solutions as response to various societal challenges. The event has been organized in the framework of the project PN-III-P4-ID-PCE-2016-0635 – Nature-based solutions for increasing cities resilience and sustainability.

#### **Nature-based solution workshop in Bucharest** (picture provided by Cristian Ioja)



The University Hildesheim (Prof. Dr. Martin Sauerwein, Department of Geography) organized together with SURE – Chapter Central Europe (Prof. Dr. Andrzej Mizgajski and Dr. Iwona Zwierzchowska, University Poznan) a SURE Summer School between 13-20 July 2018 in Hildesheim (Germany). The focus of the summer school was on *Urban Ecosystem Services and Management – European Approach*. The overall objectives were to:

- develop an understanding of the city as complex urban ecosystem, ecosystem services the urban landscapes provides, and exchange according to the experiences from European perspective;
- to exchange innovative and integrated approaches for urban ecosystem services and management applicable to practical needs.



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### **SURE Summer School in Hildesheim** (picture provided by Martin Sauerwein)



The SURE-China chapter and ECNU (East China Normal University) hosted the SURE Summer School 2018 which was successfully organized by Prof. Junxiang Li and Maros Finka from Oct. 15-19, 2018 in ECNU, Shanghai. The theme of the summer school is *From smart and eco to smart eco-cities*. More than 60 participants including 10 tutors and 55 students from China, Slovakia and Pakistan have participated at the summer school.

### **SURE Summer School 2018 in Shanghai** (Picture provided by Junxiang Li)





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The SURE South Asia Chapter organized a SURE symposium on *Sustainable cities by biodiversity and ecosystem services*, 13- 16 December 2018 in Kandy, Sri Lanka. The session is part of the 9th International Conference on Sustainable Built Environment 2018 (ICSBE 2018).

### SURE Symposium 2018 in Sri Lanka

The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on

# Sustainable Built Environment

"Transforming Our Built Environment through Innovation and Integration"

December 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | Earl's Regency Hotel, Kandy, Sri Lanka

SPECIAL SESSION ON

## SURE South Asia

### "Sustainable Cities by Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services"

The special session on Sustainable cities by biodiversity and ecosystem services aims to bring together leading academics, scientists, researchers and practicing engineering to share their experience and research outcomes in the area of urban landscape and ecological planning that includes a board of applications to engineering practice. This event will also provide an excellent opportunity for researchers and practicing engineering to discuss new developments and engineering challenges encountered in the planning, construction and life cycle maintenance in urban landscape and ecology.

THEMES	PROGRAMME CHAIRS
Urban Ecosystem Services	Prof. Dr. Jürgen Breuste, Salzburg University
Urban Biodiversity	Dr. Lalitha Dissanayake, University of Peradeniya
Urban Green Spaces	
Urban Ecosystem Management	ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Urban Forestry	Prof. Dr. Jürgen Breuste, Salzburg University, Austria
Ecocities	Prof. Jamil Kazmi, University of Karachi, Pakistan
Sustainable Urban Development	Dr. Taruna Bansal, Jamia Millia Islamia University, India
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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	Important Dates
Prof. Jürgen Breuste, Salzburg University, Austria	July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018 : Abstract Submission
Dr. Lalitha Dissanayake, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka	July 25 <sup>th</sup> 2018 : Abstract Notification
	September 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018 : Manuscript Submission
	September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2018 : Notification of Manuscript
	November 10 <sup>th</sup> 2018 : Submission of Camera Ready Version
	November 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018 : Early Bird Registration

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All activities by all chapters in 2018 can be found in their annual reports published at the SURE webpage:

- SURE chapter Latin America: <http://www.society-urban-ecology.org/chapters/chapter-latinamerica/>

SURE chapter China: <http://www.society-urban-ecology.org/chapters/chapter-china-2/>

SURE chapter South-East Europe: <http://www.society-urban-ecology.org/chapters/chapter-south-east-europe/>

SURE chapter South Asia: <http://www.society-urban-ecology.org/chapters/chapter-south-asia/>

SURE chapter Central Europe: <http://www.society-urban-ecology.org/chapters/chapter-central-europe/>

**SURE INVITES ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN LOCAL CHAPTER FOR PERSONAL AND TEACHING EXCHANGES.**

### New SURE services

#### **Collaboration between MDPI and SURE:**

The MDPI open access journals Sustainability, Environments, and Urban Science are new associated journals of SURE. SURE members benefit from: a 10% discount\* for article processing fees for SURE members to publish in Sustainability; A 15% discount\* for article processing fees for SURE members to publish in Environments. Besides, SURE members are invited to set up special issues related to SURE conferences, and publish selected papers in open access form. Two free papers will be granted if more than 10 papers are published in a single special issue. All benefits can be found here: <https://www.society-urban-ecology.org/publications/journalsarticles/>

#### **Open SURE internships:**

There are currently two open SURE internships: a) University of Salzburg, topics: EU Project Sustainable Natural Resource Use in Arctic and High Mountainous Areas / SUNRAISE; b) Company Turenscape (Landscape Architecture), topics: Ecological design, sponge city, resilient city. More information can be found here: <https://www.society-urban-ecology.org/job-portal/sure-trainees/open-sure-trainee-positions/>

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**SURE INVITES ALL MEMBERS TO INFORM US ABOUT OPEN SURE INTERNSHIP POSITIONS AND TO USE THE SURE SERVICES.**



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### News from the SURE board

#### The first SURE Springer book

The SURE board is currently working on a SURE book to be published for the Springer Cities and Nature Books series (<http://www.springer.com/series/10068>). The publication will be expected in 2019. The book will reflect the broad research and geographical background of SURE and its members dealing with topics such as urban gardening, urban agriculture, urban forests, urban waters and wetlands, urban protected areas, urban biodiversity, multi-functional urban green spaces and conflicting nature in cities.

#### Cooperation with Tabriz University (Iran) in Urban Ecosystem Management

SURE is supporting research and education in urban ecology and urban ecosystem management and its application in practice together with interested universities and research partners worldwide. To promote this SURE president Prof. Dr. Jürgen Breuste, University Salzburg, Austria, and SURE treasurer Prof. Dr. Cristian Ioja, University Bucharest, Romania, were invited to visit University Tabriz, Iran, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Landscape Architecture. For SURE the idea is supporting Tabriz University, one of the leading universities in Iran, to become the first Iranian university teaching “Urban Ecosystem Management” in special courses. The SURE delegation was especially received by the vice-mayor of Tabriz who expressed to develop the cooperation with SURE by an institutional SURE membership of Tabriz municipality. As first step “Urban Agriculture” was identified as common research subject with Tabriz University. For spring 2019 a common workshop in Tabriz/Resht on Urban Agriculture is foreseen. All SURE members who are interested are invited to join the cooperation. They can contact SURE president Prof. Breuste.

#### Workshop at the City of Tabriz, Green Department (picture provided by Jürgen Breuste)





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### SURE Outlook

2019 is a special year for SURE celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The anniversary will be celebrated in the course of the SUNRAISE – SURE Summer School, 7-14 July 2019 Salzburg, Austria. The topic of the summer school is *URBAN + MOUNTAINS – Sustainable Natural Resource Use in Arctic and High Mountainous Areas* and will be organized by SURE president Univ.-Prof. Dr. Jürgen Breuste, Chair Urban and Landscape Ecology, Dept. Geography and Geology, University Salzburg in cooperation with SURE and the UNESCO Global Geopark Ore of the Alps, Austria, ERASMUS +, University Salzburg and the National Park Berchtesgaden, Germany.

**View from the Gaisberg Mountain in Salzburg**  
(picture by Jürgen Breuste)



To establish the cooperation with Tabriz University (Iran) further, a symposium will be held 29-30 April 2019, Tabriz, University. The symposium *Urban Green and climate change* will focus on the evaluation of urban green infrastructure and green spaces in arid, humid and changing conditions and will take into account in particular metropolitan areas. The symposium will be organized by SURE Iran and include partners from Tabriz University, Tabriz Municipality, Tabriz city council and Eynali Development Organization and Natural Park.

In the course of the 10th anniversary the SURE workshop *The challenging urban nature and nature's role in urban challenges* will take place between 5-8 September 2019 at the University of Bucharest (Romania). The workshop will be supported by the journal Sustainability. Between 6-8 September 2019, an excursion will be organized. On 5 September 2019, the workshop will include six sections:

- Section 1 - A decade of results in Society for Urban Ecology
- Section 2 - Challenges for nature-based solutions application in our cities
- Section 3 - Planning for eco, smart, resilient and sustainable cities
- Section 4 - The great green divide - conflicts involving green and protected areas
- Section 5 - Indicators and techniques for "evaluating nature"
- Section 6 - A special for PhD and master students will be organized.

Besides, the Urban Climate Summer School 2019 (BUCSS 2019) will take place between 2-6 September in Bucharest. BUCSS 2019 aims at providing structured information and skill-building capabilities to an active pool of young scientists that tackle the major urban sustainability challenges facing future generations. The topics to be covered will be announced soon.



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The 3rd SURE World Congress will take place 2020 in Poznan, Poland, organized by SURE Central Europe, Prof. Andrzej Mizgajski (University Poznan, Poland). The congress will be hosted in the newly built complex of Collegium Iuridicum Novum of Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan. The conference building in the heart of the city is an excellent location for big auditoriums and a variety of smaller working group facilities, well equipped with all necessary infrastructure and accommodation localities very near. SURE is happy to get hosted in such a beautiful and attractive environment, supervised for the conference by the experienced team of Prof. Mizgajski.

### **The venue for the 3<sup>rd</sup> SURE World Congress** (picture provided by Jürgen Breuste)

