

## ***LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum: Cyprus 2016***

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITION**

#### **The Akamas Landscape Between Science and Myth**

Meet the challenge – take part in the International Student Competition of the LE:NOTRE Institute Landscape Forum!

Hosted by the Neapolis University in Paphos, Cyprus from 16th - 20th of March 2016 the forum will focus on the north-western region of Cyprus including the peri-urban landscape of Paphos and the natural areas of the Akamas peninsula. The competition area is located in the most eastern part of Cyprus. The objective is to conceive a landscape narrative from the sea to the rural hinterland. The proposed transect starts at the coastline following the Avakas Gorge to the Pano and Kato Arodes Villages, situated at 500 m above sea level. A concept should be developed around the overall themes of sustainable tourism and cultural heritage. The detailing task is to design a park for amateur astronomy and star-watching.

The competition aims to support integrated and holistic approaches to the Akamas landscape through multidisciplinary student teams elaborating planning and design proposals at various scales and around the following aspects:

- Sustainable visions balancing the interplay of landscape scenery, habitat management, visitor flow and settlement development
- Enhancing, interpreting and integrating heritage elements and historical layers
- Concepts for nature-oriented tourism and environmental education focussing on the exploration of natural phenomena (i.e. geology, ecosystems, astronomy) and their translation into the landscape
- Sustainable traffic concepts, connectivity, enhancing modal shift and increased landscape experience by alternative means of transport
- Enhancement of ecological functions and ecosystem services of both the protected areas and the surrounding agricultural land
- Introduction of green infrastructure elements based on a conceptual framework
- Exploring any possible landscape-based assets creating possibilities for small enterprises in order to foster the landscape's socio-economic foundation

Participants are asked to submit three posters, one a landscape concept at 1:10,000 and a spatial concept for the villages at scale 1: 5,000 and a detailed concept for an Astro Park.

**For more details on submission requirements, timeline and other information please follow the link below.**  
<http://bit.ly/1jsKTgo>

**For more information on the landscape forum:** <http://www.landscape-forum.org>