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New international project judges join LivCom 2011 finals panel

Three new international judges have been appointed to judge the project section at this year's International Awards for Liveable Communities (LivCom) finals in Songpa, South Korea (27 - 31 October 2011). The trio, Dirk Schnurr (Germany), Milan Svoboda (Czech Republic) and Sam McNully (Australia) together bring a half century of experience in local government planning and infrastructure development to the LivCom judging team.

Dirk Schnurr (44) is a chartered engineer for energy and heating systems. Since 1997 he has worked for the Schwalm-Eder-District (Germany) as Energy Commissioner.

Based on his professional experiences the focus of his expertise is energy and climate protection. Dirk has initiated many local projects to help protect our environment. These projects have previously been successful at the LivCom Awards.

The basis of Dirk's daily work is the slogan from the Agenda 21 : "think globally – act locally".

Milan Svoboda, (49) is based near Pilsen, West Bohemia. He graduated in ecology and environmental protection and has years of practical experience with landscape architecture, urban planning and sustainable development. He worked for the city of Pilsen as a City planner for 15 years where he created several land use plans, landscape designs, strategic plans and Sustainability Impact Assessment.

Sam McCully was born in Hay, New South Wales, Australia and studied at Ryde Horticultural College completing a 4 year Certificate In Landscaping and 1 year Associate Diploma of Landscape .

He was then employed with a landscape group, gaining administrative and practical experience over five years. Projects included Sydney Football Stadium , News Corp Ltd , State Wide Roads , M5 Motorway , Sydney Olympics.

He later studied abroad and has worked internationally with businesses including ; 'Lens Roses' Brugge , 'Knighshayes Court '(National Trust) U.K, 'Notcutts Nurseries' Suffolk Uk , 'Hemelrjk '& 'Kalmtout' Arboretums Belgium , 'Vasterival' Normandy France , 'Kerdalo' Bretagne France and 'La Petite Rochelle' Normandy France and has been commissioned to design and manage both Commercial and Domestic Landscapes throughout Europe as well as abroad (South America, Russia, Australia).

Alan Smith, chief executive and founder of the LivCom Awards said: “We are delighted that three further judges have joined our highly experienced project judging panel. Their role at the finals is all-important – they have to really get under the skin of a project proposal and understand its true benefit and legacy to the community.”

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