

## **Life at the school**

### **The entrance examination**

Only the candidates who pass the national examination are admitted to attend to the landscape graduate school program (dplg) common to the three schools of Versailles (Versailles National School of Landscape Architecture) Bordeaux and Lille (Schools of Architecture and of Landscape Architecture)

The inscription for the examination is accessible to all students holding a diploma at the high school level + 2 years. It takes place from January until March. This examination takes place in 2 segments, eligibility and then admission. Of the 400 candidates who present themselves to the examination board each year, 45 are admitted to the school at Versailles and 30 at Bordeaux and 25 at Lille.

### **Two steps from the capital**

Situated approximately 20 kilometers from Paris, Versailles offers great means of access (3 train stations, transportation by bus as well as car, two highways...). The students also profit from the advantages of the city of Versailles (the château, of course, and above all its park, the numerous museums, a theater, cinemas...) and the surrounding communities, but also the cultural life of the capital. The school does not board its students.

### **The king's garden**

The school is situated on the historical site of the royal gardens, of which it is in charge of. This 17<sup>th</sup> century garden is a veritable lesson in observation that its creator, Jean-Baptiste de La Quintinie, transformed from the 9 hectares of marshland that Louis XIV gave to him into a splendid vegetable and fruit garden. The precision and the quality of the work has permitted it to transcend the decades, without ever ceasing to produce fruits and vegetables.

### **The documentation center**

The Versailles School of Landscape Architecture is equipped with a computerized document database, which includes: books, periodicals, video cassettes, video cassettes, slides, student's final works, the management of territory, the environment, the arts, architecture, ecology...

### **The studios and the computer room**

Each class level has at its disposal a studio, place of work and of exchange necessary to the landscape apprenticeship project. Studio and computer room are very widely accessible.

### **“Le cercle des élèves” The circle of students**

The circle of students organizes themed parties, actively participates in events connected with the garden, and the circle also manages the cafeteria. It is in this group that those willing can meet on the issues of each event. The circle proposes sports and cultural activities and organizes an annual meeting with professionals at the park Balbi in Versailles.

### **The Alumni**

The association for alumni edits an annual directory, organizes professional contacts (seminars, conferences) and diffuses employment opportunities that are transmitted by employers looking for competent landscape architects.

### **Tuition and Scholarships**

Tuition has been raised to **1000 euros** for 2006-2007. Scholarships are allocated to students with justifiable cause. The amount varies according to each case (attaining in **2004 a maximum of 3501 euros per year**).