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GaLaBau 2022 back in Nuremberg – no alternative format in 2020

- Landscape Gardener Cup, BGL Congress, BGL Examination and GALK Ordinary General Meeting will happen in Nuremberg as scheduled
- World Urban Parks Conference to take place in parallel in digital form
- Preparations for GaLaBau 2022 in progress

In close consultation with the Federal Association of Horticulture, Landscaping and Sports Facilities (Bundesverband Garten-, Landschafts- und Sportplatzbau, BGL), NürnbergMesse has decided not to hold GaLaBau in an alternative format in 2020. In their survey responses, a majority of exhibitors and visitors had already opposed holding an event of the usual scale in view of the current safety and hygiene regulations. The uncertain situation regarding the coronavirus pandemic meant they had too many reservations. Even so, many companies initially expressed an interest in an alternative arrangement with elements of the programme held on-site. “Our plans were well received in the subsequent discussions with key accounts and partners,” comments Petra Wolf, Member of the Management Board of NürnbergMesse. “But at the same time, the ongoing difficult overall situation meant any willingness to participate was offset by too many concerns. Although we are sad we cannot enjoy our international green meeting place for the industry in Nuremberg this year, we are looking to the future and are on course for a successful GaLaBau in 2022!”

A small part of the GaLaBau community will still meet in Nuremberg in the autumn: As planned, the popular **Landscape Gardener Cup** will take place in the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg on 17-18 September, but with no public access. The **BGL Congress**, the **BGL Examination** and the **Ordinary General Meeting of the Garden Directors' Conference (GALK)** will be held at the same time. A part of the planned programme will be covered in digital form by the **World Urban Parks Conference**.

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“Without the active support of the industry, we cannot carry out our offer to hold a range of efficient, compact, outdoor and indoor programme points with exhibitor participation, such as the trade forums and product presentations,” emphasizes Stefan Dittrich, Director GaLaBau at NürnbergMesse. “The volatile nature of the current situation requires us all to be extremely flexible. In addition to safety and the need to protect our exhibitors and visitors, we believe it important to hold an event only in accordance with the wishes of the sector – and that also applies to any alternative format.”

BGL President Lutze von Wurmb adds: “It goes without saying that it is regrettable that, this year, GaLaBau will not be the platform for experiences and business that we are used to. For the up-and-coming landscape gardeners, however, we are pleased that their professional competition can go ahead. We will also be able to welcome our members to the BGL Congress and the BGL Examination at the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg under the current safety and hygiene regulations, even if it unfortunately has to be without the vibrant setting of the trade fair itself!”

Wolf comments: “We give express thanks to BGL as our honorary sponsor, to our exhibitors and to the Exhibition Advisory Board for being prepared to discuss alternative options with us. This candid and constructive exchange emphasizes the fact that the GaLaBau sector can still pull together in times of crisis. As an experience fair, GaLaBau draws its vitality from live demonstrations, competitions and the opportunity to touch and try out machines, devices and materials. We therefore firmly believe that nothing can take the place of personal contact, and that when the crisis is over, GaLaBau will retain its position as the leading international trade fair for the planning, construction and maintenance of urban green and open spaces, sports fields, golf courses and playground design. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone here in Nuremberg again in 2022.”

Save the Date – Focus on GaLaBau 2022

GaLaBau will resume its normal sequence at the Exhibition Centre Nuremberg on 14-17 September 2022. The preparations are already in progress, and exhibitors will be able to register from the beginning of 2021.

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