



THE SECOND  
**QLF Alumni Congress**

BARCELONA, CATALONIA, SPAIN

SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2016 – WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2016



*At the Congress, QLF Alumni, partner organizations, and practitioners will convene in Barcelona to share knowledge of stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage; catalyze conservation action; and set QLF's agenda for the next decade.*

*The Congress has the potential to make a lasting contribution to a more sustainable global community.*

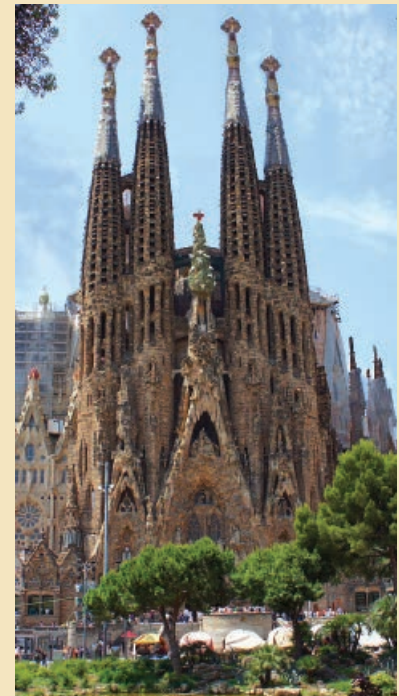


## BARCELONA – LIVING MODERNISM

A relationship with Catalonia has thrived over the latter half of the 55-year history of QLF. When QLF began an exchange program in Eastern Europe shortly before the fall of the Berlin Wall, the German Marshall Fund of the U.S. asked QLF to include Catalonia in our Exchanges. The Fund recognized that the region was still recovering from the Franco regime in much the same way that Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania were emerging from Soviet dominion.

A decade later, QLF's participatory approach to land stewardship found fertile ground in Catalonia, culturally and historically predisposed to a social approach to conservation. One Alumnus teamed with a savings bank to create a network of privately protected areas across the country; another created a Catalan network of local organizations that support individuals to manage private natural areas.

In recent years, QLF advised these Alumni and others in a European Union project to promote land stewardship across the continent, and co-authored a guide on the subject. Today, QLF has friends and Alumni across the country, and at high levels of government and NGO conservation agencies.



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Sagrada Família, Barcelona, Catalonia. The Basílica i Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Família is a large Roman Catholic church, designed by Antoni Gaudí. Its construction started in 1882 and is only now in its final stages. UNESCO World Heritage Site. PHOTOGRAPH BY MARINA99

Las Ramblas, Barcelona. Las Ramblas is the central most boulevard, which cuts through the heart of the city center. Aerial view. PHOTOGRAPH BY PERE SANZ

**Cover photograph:** The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Montjuïc Hill, Barcelona. The Museum is noted for its collection of Romanesque paintings and Catalan art from the 19th and 20th centuries. PHOTOGRAPH BY FESUS

The border graphics of this brochure include a detail of a mosaic at Sant Pau; former hospital; classic of modernist architecture; UNESCO World Heritage Site; and a venue for the Opening Session of the QLF Congress.



## CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS

There is overwhelming consensus that QLF's greatest strength over its history has been its cadre of Volunteers, Interns, International Fellows, and staff who have worked for over five decades in every capacity. QLF's Alumni number more than 5,000 and hail from 75 countries in six regions worldwide. Many command leadership in academia, business, government, law, and medicine. A majority are leaders in community and conservation. All Alumni share the same spirit and feelings about QLF undiminished by time and geography.

In November, QLF will, once again, tap the enormous talent, energy, and wisdom of its Alumni as we focus our vision in the face of a major QLF milestone; that is, the formalization of the Global Leadership Network, QLF's Network of Alumni worldwide. *Congress* participants — representing 50 countries and six regions — will assemble in Barcelona to:

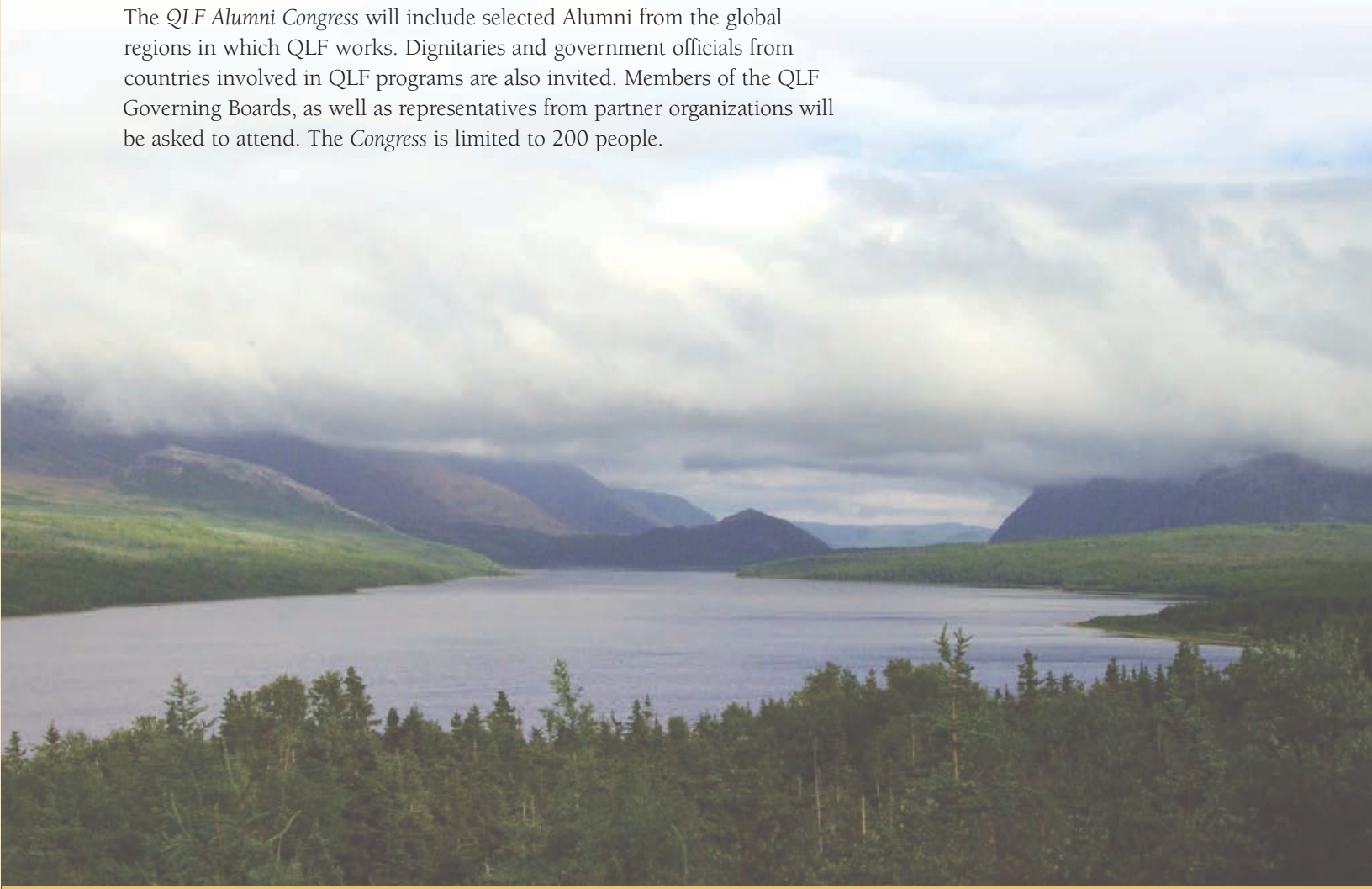
- ◆ Convene & Network
- ◆ Present & Report on Accomplishments
- ◆ Forge alliances and working partnerships to address global concerns in ways that governments cannot.

The *QLF Alumni Congress* will include selected Alumni from the global regions in which QLF works. Dignitaries and government officials from countries involved in QLF programs are also invited. Members of the QLF Governing Boards, as well as representatives from partner organizations will be asked to attend. The *Congress* is limited to 200 people.



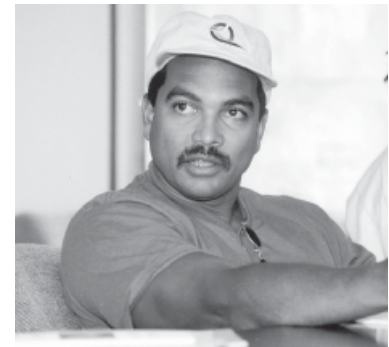
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Alumni Mojmir Vlasin (Czech Republic) with Norma Ferriz (Mexico), Stewardship Workshop, QLF Congress, Bükk National Forest, Hungary, 2006 -  
PHOTOGRAPH BY GREIG CRANNA

Gros Morne National Park, Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. Gros Morne has served as a classroom and research site for many QLF programs.  
PHOTOGRAPH BY NICHOLAS GATES



## OBJECTIVES

- Provide an opportunity for Alumni to Convene and Network. There will be time for informal conversations during meals, between Workshop Streams, and field trips.
- Participate in a two-day Stewardship Workshop managed by Brent Mitchell, Senior Vice President. The Workshop includes presentations by Alumni, Partner Organizations, and Members of the Governing Boards.
- Share knowledge and expertise among a multi-disciplinary, global network of conservation leaders and practitioners who continue to influence public policy at a regional and global level.
- Launch new programs, partnerships, and consulting teams under the banner of the Global Leadership Network.
- Present a Vision for QLF in its next decade as Larry Morris transitions to President *emeritus* and Beth Alling becomes QLF's third President in 55 years.



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QLF Alumna Blažena Hušková representing the Czech Republic's Association for the Jizerské hory Mountains Region was a recipient of the International Stewardship Award, Awards Ceremony, QLF Congress, Bükk National Forest, Hungary, 2006 - PHOTOGRAPH BY GREIG CRANNA

QLF Alumnus, Wil Maheia, Founder of the Toledo Institute for Development and Environment, Belize. Empowered, in part, through programs like QLF Exchanges, Alumni are leaders in conservation in their community, country, and region. PHOTOGRAPH BY GREIG CRANNA

QLF Alumni Magda Nassef (Egypt) on left with Heather Walter (Canada), Awards Ceremony, QLF Congress, 2006 - PHOTOGRAPH BY GREIG CRANNA

Members of the Congress Environment and Landscape Stewardship Study Tour complete a tree planting ceremony, Kiskunság National Park, Hungary, 2006 - PHOTOGRAPH BY GREIG CRANNA

Philip Nadeau, Chairman, Board of Directors, Quebec-Labrador Foundation – Canada, Welcoming Reception, QLF Congress, Budapest, Hungary, 2006.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ANITA SZEICZ



## CONGRESS SCHEDULE

### I. CATALAN STEWARDSHIP: A PRE-CONGRESS STUDY TOUR

**THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER –  
SATURDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2016**

*\*Catalan Stewardship: A Pre-Congress Study Tour is not included in the Congress Registration Fee.*

A select group of QLF Alumni from other regions will join with Catalan counterparts and policymakers to explore the current practice and future potential for nature stewardship and privately protected areas in the country. Tour includes field site visits and meetings with Alumni in Catalonia. Directed by QLF's Brent Mitchell with QLF Alumnus and Senior Consultant to the Congress, Jordi Pietx ~

### DINNER FOR STUDY TOUR PARTICIPANTS AND EARLY CONGRESS ARRIVALS

**SATURDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2016 ~ BARCELONA**

*\*This dinner is for early Congress arrivals. The dinner is optional.*

Dinner at The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Monjuïc Hill, Barcelona ~

Lodging in Barcelona ~

### II. THE CONGRESS

**DAY ONE: 13 NOVEMBER 2016 ~ BARCELONA**

Registration for Congress Participants & Architectural Tour of Barcelona led by Alumni ~

Welcoming Reception & Banquet at La Pedrera, UNESCO World Heritage Site, the modernist building designed by Antoni Gaudi, Barcelona ~

Remarks by Members of the Governing Boards with QLF Alumnus Miquel Rafa, Director de Territori, Fundació Catalunya ~

Lodging in Barcelona ~

**DAY TWO: 14 NOVEMBER 2016 ~  
BARCELONA, MONTSERRAT, MON SANT BENET**

Opening Session with Keynote Address, San Pao, Barcelona's former Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau ~

Working Groups Present on Goals for Stewardship Workshop Streams, Sant Pau ~

Cultural Site Visit, Benedictine Monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat ~

Dinner & Evening Case Study Presentations by Alumni, Món Sant Benet ~

Lodging at Món Sant Benet Hotel & Conference Centre ~

*Located in the region of El Bages one hour outside of Barcelona is the cultural heritage centre Món Sant Benet with the refurbished medieval monastery of Sant Benet del Bages, the former summer residence of Catalan painter Ramón Casas, the Alicia Foundation, conference center and hotel.*

**DAY THREE: 15 NOVEMBER 2016 ~ MON SANT BENET**

Remarks by QLF President Larry Morris

Morning & Afternoon – Stewardship Workshop Streams:

*New Directions in Protected Areas: Protected Landscapes and Partnership Parks*

*Individual Responsibility: Private Land Stewardship*

*Local Stewardship: Community-based Natural Resource Management*

*Large Landscape Scale Conservation and Stewardship*

*The Nature in Us: Cultural Heritage and Communities*

*Our Living Planet: Biodiversity and Nature Conservation*

*Environmental Education: Engaging the Next Generation Leaders*

*Consensus Building and Collaborative Conservation*

*Adaptation to Climate Change*

*Conservation Networks and the Global Leadership Network*

Final presentation by workshop leaders ~

Tribute to QLF Founder, Robert A. Bryan and President, Larry Morris ~

**DAY FOUR: 16 NOVEMBER 2016 ~  
MON SANT BENET & BARCELONA**

Funders Panel with Representatives of foundations and public agencies to address funding priorities in international conservation, heritage, and stewardship ~

Final Session: The Global Leadership Network

Remarks by Beth Alling on the Global Leadership Network and QLF's Next Decade ~

Closing Remarks by Larry Morris ~

Afternoon Travel to Barcelona for Closing Reception & Dinner ~

Departing Flights: 16 & 17 November. Lodging in Barcelona for those departing on the 17th ~

### III. ANDALUSIA: A POST-CONGRESS TOUR

**THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2016 –  
SEVILLE & CÓRDOBA**

*\*The Post-Congress Cultural Tour is not included in the Congress Registration Fee.*

Andalusia: A Post-Congress Cultural Tour will bring Alumni and constituents to Andalusia, southwest Spain. Noted for its UNESCO sites, protected areas, historic trade, and crossroads of the world's great religions.

**THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2016 &  
FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2016**

Departure for Seville from Barcelona & Site Visits in Seville ~

**SATURDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2016**

Site Visits in Córdoba ~

**SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2016**

Departure for Madrid or Barcelona for return flight ~

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

CATALAN STEWARDSHIP: A PRE-CONGRESS STUDY TOUR

A select group of QLF Alumni from other regions will join with Catalan counterparts and policymakers to explore the current practice and future potential for nature stewardship and privately protected areas in the country.

This two-day event will explore local issues in detail and help inform discussions with the larger group during the main Congress program.



Photographs –clockwise from upper right Miquel Rafa i Fornieles was among the first QLF Fellows from the European continent in 1990. He now oversees the 24 nature reserves of the Catalunya-La Pedrera Foundation. PHOTOGRAPH BY LARRY MORRIS

Jordi Pietx, QLF Alumnus and Catalan conservation leader serves as the Senior Advisor to The Second QLF Congress.

View of El Priorat (The Priory) region of Catalonia. In the distance lies the Nature Park named Montsant (Holy Mountains) where hermits lived in medieval times. The cliffs in the center secured Siurana, the last enclave of the Moors to fall in the reconquest of Catalonia, in 1153. The cliffs now protect nests of Red-rumped Swallows and other birds, and are popular with climbers. PHOTOGRAPH BY BRENT MITCHELL

QLF Senior Vice President Brent Mitchell introduces the Stewardship Workshop, QLF Congress, Bükk National Forest, Hungary, 2006. PHOTOGRAPH BY GREIG CRANNA



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**POST-CONGRESS TOUR**

A post-Congress tour to Seville and Córdoba will bring Alumni and other QLF constituents to Andalusia. Andalusia is one of Spain's seventeen autonomous communities and lies in southwest Spain bordering both the Atlantic and Mediterranean oceans. Over its long history, the region has seen a succession of cultures and religions including long periods of Roman and Islamic rule. Today, architecture and traditions in Andalusia reflect a blend of cultures. Andalusia importantly represents UNESCO sites, protected areas, important historic cross-border trade, and coexistence of the world's great religions. The area echoes QLF's focus in community, culture and conservation, and the organization's work across cultural, religious and geographic borders.



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Calleja de las Flores, Córdoba. Known for its charm, this street is frequented by visitors - PHOTOGRAPH BY ALINA PAVLOVA  
La Mezquita, the Roman Bridge over the Guadalquivir River, Córdoba, Spain - PHOTOGRAPH BY SEAN PAVONE  
The Cathedral of Saint Mary, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, Seville, Spain - PHOTOGRAPH BY IEVGENII FESENKO





## CONGRESS SPONSORS

The *Congress* is supported by corporations, individuals, foundations, and government agencies. QLF is seeking program sponsors at levels of \$2,500; \$5,000; \$10,000 and above.

## TRAVEL TO THE CONGRESS

QLF is working with airlines to secure discounted fares to and from Barcelona.

## CONGRESS REGISTRATION FEE

There will be a Registration Fee for each participant, which covers field trips and site visits; food and lodging; in-region travel; venues for meetings, Plenary Session, the Stewardship Workshop; and all other *Congress* expenses.

For additional information, email *Congress* Staff: [QLF2016Congress@QLF.org](mailto:QLF2016Congress@QLF.org)

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