

2017 National Judge



Alain Cappelle

Landscape Architect

Nieuwpoort, Belgium

Born in Nieuwpoort, Belgium, Alain Cappelle graduated in 1988 as a professional bachelor of Landscape and Garden Architecture (University College Gent), thanks to his passion for flora, planning and design.

In 1989, he founded his very own Landscape Planning Office where he happened to run a team of six gardeners. So, he has been creating numerous gardens, public areas and even temporary installations for art festivals. Alain Cappelle also reached the final of the national competition "Best Garden Contractor of 1998".

In 1999, he started working for the City Council of Oostend as a green city planner. His tasks included urban forestry, tree planting programs, GIS inventory and floral displays. Four years later, the City Council of Nieuwpoort asked Alain Cappelle to take on the lead as a technical officer on sustainable environment, urban planning and landscape management. By doing this, he lifted the green policy of the City Council to a higher level with the development and creation of parks, playgrounds, unique floral displays and even a city-rose: the Rosa "Nieuwpoort".

He participated on several international competitions regarding the management of local environment, such as Communities in Bloom, Liveable Communities and Entente Florale Europe. Alain's work has been featured prominently in the media including Flemish Society of Public Green (V.V.O.G), IFPRA World and other trade journals. Nowadays, he has over more than 25 years of experience as a Landscape Architect - Urban Planner, winning several international awards. His expertise covers all aspects of Landscape Architecture from parks and recreation grounds, city planning and urban design, to pesticide friendly concepts and harmonious park and green management.

As an international Communities in Bloom judge, Alain has evaluated since 2012 communities throughout Canada, U.K., Ireland, South Korea, Turkey, Czech Republic and Italy.