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Background and objectives

Since 2008, the aim of the IAPS Restorative Environments Network has been to connect restoration researchers across countries and disciplines. This symposium continues this aim through presentations of interest to both restorative environment network members and the broader IAPS community. Six presentations explore the restorative potential of varied natural and built environments and through different research methodologies. Presentations focus on the impact of culture and religious identities on environmental appraisals (A. Bornioli, A. Biremboim, & P. Ben-Nun Bloom) and how experiences in youth shapes person-place relationships and environmental commitment using life-history interviews (V. Chiozza & M. Bonaiuto). Others investigated the psychological and physiological responses to urban 'in-between' spaces via mixture of questionnaire, interview and biosensor measures (F. Russo) and the inter/intra-environment variation in psychological restoration between heterogeneous urban coastal settings (A. Hooyberg). The symposium culminates with two future-focused presentations. The first is a discussion of the lessons learned across studies linking urban greenery and mental health using meta-analytic techniques (M. Herchet). The final presentation of the symposium will be a research synthesis building on earlier published comprehensive reviews to introduce strategies to progress the continued empirical investigation of restorative environments (E. Jazi).

Significance for the advancement of People-Environment relations

The topics will be of interest to restoration researchers, as well as IAPS attendees across the three conference themes. The symposium involves both early-career and established network members. This 'cross-generational' approach supports discussion through the varied lens and experiences of researchers; this will facilitate reflection on our current understanding of restorative environments and discussion of future directions for the field.

Palavras-chave : Restoration, Person-place relationships, health, wellbeing