



**European Landscape Convention**  
**Landscape Award of the Council of Europe**  
*– 3rd Session – 2012-2013 –*

*At its 1187th Meeting on 12 December 2013, the Committee of Ministers recognised the great value of the project:*

*Furnas Landscape Laboratory (Furnas LandLab)*

*Azores Regional Directorate of the Environment, Portugal*

The Furnas Landscape Laboratory represents an example of good practice which will be useful to other countries. The regaining of water quality, return to a kind of agriculture more respectful of the natural substrate and the eradication of invasive species are the project's strong points. The project, which certainly corresponds to the spirit of the European Landscape Convention, gives off a feeling of high energy. Activities seem to be on a huge scale and will require numerous resources, provided by many volunteers and, to some extent, European Structural Funds.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thorbjørn Jagland".

Strasbourg, 12 May 2014

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General