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Highlights

Since July 2006, EUROPA NOSTRA has...

Influencing Policy

Participated in the **Public hearing on the Communication about the Role of Culture in Europe** "Culture: A Sound Investment for Europe" (Brussels, Belgium, 4 December 2006)

Presented the results of the Kosovo Forum at the meeting of the **Sub Committee on Cultural Heritage of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe** (Paris, France, 7 December 2006)

Met **French Culture Minister Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres**, to discuss topical European issues including the « *Label du patrimoine européen* » (Paris, France, 15 November 2006)

Participated in the second **Berlin Conference: A Soul for Europe** (Berlin, Germany, 17 - 19 November 2006)

Provided its input for the **Call for ideas on 2008 Year of Intercultural Dialogue**, an initiative of the European Commission

Participated in the first meeting of the **Civil Society Platform for Intercultural Dialogue** (Brussels, Belgium, 24 November 2006)

Participated in the Conference "**Intercultural Dialogue – Best Practices at Community Level**" organised by the European Commission (Brussels, Belgium, 22 - 23 November 2006)

Adopted a **Position Paper on the Encouragement of Cultural Tourism in Europe and the Mitigation of its Effects** at the Autumn Meeting of its Council (Paris, France, 15 November 2006)

Participated in the **3rd Annual Conference of the European Cultural Tourism Network** (Göteborg, Sweden, 22 – 24 November 2006)

Contributed to the **own initiative report on cultural heritage** of MEP Nikolaos Sifunakis, Chairman of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (adopted by the European Parliament on 7 September 2006)

Discussed the **impact of wind and solar power generation on the landscape** (Paris, France, 13 November 2006)

Took note on the **European Commission's study on the economy of culture in Europe**

Welcomed a motion for a recommendation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe for a **European Convention on the Protection of Old and Traditional Crafts** (Belgrade, Serbia / Strasbourg, France October 2006)

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Campaigning for Heritage at Risk

Organised a Forum on the **Cultural Heritage in Kosovo: From Apple of Discord to Ferment of Reconciliation** (Canisy / Paris, France, 11 - 14 November) in conjunction with the Autumn meeting of its Council (Paris, France, 15 November 2006)

Coordinated the drafting jointly with other international heritage organisations of an **appeal for the protection of the endangered cultural heritage in Israel and Lebanon** (the appeal was issued on 10 August 2006)

Participated in the **International Conference "Culture is a Basic Need: Responding to Cultural Emergencies"** organised by "Cultural Emergency Response" (The Hague, The Netherlands, 25 - 26 September 2006)

Participated in the **International Blue Shield Committee Meeting** (The Hague, The Netherlands, 28 September 2006)

Took note of the **European Parliament Resolution on the cultural heritage in Northern Cyprus**

Exchanging Ideas and Experiences

Held the **Annual Meeting of its Scientific Council** (Marksburg / Braubach am Rhein, Germany, 24 – 28 September 2006)

Participated in the **Europa Nostra UK Annual Conference** (Oxford, United Kingdom, 17 – 19 September 2006)

Was informed of the outcome of the **European Heritage Heads Forum** (Leipzig, Germany, 27 October 2006)

Invited **Richard Moe, President of the US National Trust for Historic Preservation** to speak at its Council Meeting (Paris, France, 15 November 2006)

Participated in the **Heritage Link Annual Meeting** (London, United Kingdom, 6 December 2006)

Recognising Outstanding Heritage Achievements

Received **163 dossiers for the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards** (15 September 2006)

Lent its patronage to and participated in the Fifth Edition of "**The Best in Heritage**" (Dubrovnik, Croatia, 22 – 24 September 2006)

Raising Awareness

Co-organised and participated in the Ceremony and Colloquy marking the **15th edition of the European Heritage Days** in its capacity as the new Liaison Office of the EHDs (Saint Petersburg, Russia, 21 – 23 September 2006)

Participated in the **Annual Meeting of the European Heritage Days National Coordinators**, in its capacity as the new Liaison Office of the EHDs (Venice, Italy, 2 December 2006)

Presented its activities with an information stand at the **Salon du Patrimoine Culturel** and organised a round table discussion titled "**Towards a European Agenda on Cultural Heritage**" (Paris, France, 8 – 12 November 2006)

Held a meeting of its **Heritage Tours Committee** (The Hague, The Netherlands, 11 October 2006) and produced the brochure with the **Heritage Tours Programme for 2007**

Funding of Heritage Projects

Announced the most recent **European Commission calls for proposals** relevant for the cultural heritage field

Announced the **call for proposals of the Marc de Montalembert Foundation**

Announced the launch of the online funding database “**Information Centre for the Promotion of Arts & Culture**”

Membership Matters

Welcomed **2 new Member Organisations** and **10 new Associate Organisations**

Thanked retiring **Council Member Anita Pollack** (English Heritage) for her year long, dedicated and invaluable contributions to the work of Europa Nostra

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Influencing Policy

President of the Commission supports a European Agenda for Culture at the Hearing with Civil Society

Brussels, Belgium, 4 December 2006

On 4 December 2006, DG EAC organised a public hearing on the Communication about the Role of Culture in Europe "Culture: A Sound Investment for Europe". This event followed an on-line public consultation among all stake-holders (in particular organisations and individuals active in the cultural sector) and was intended to hear their views in an open dialogue with high representatives of the European Commission. In his introductory speech, **Jan Figel'** Commissioner for Culture and Education explained that the Communication on culture aims to set a European agenda for culture and to develop new frameworks and methods for dialogue and cooperation. The hearing was chaired by **Odile Quintin**, Director General for Education and Culture. Preliminary results from the online consultation were presented by **Vladimir Sucha**, Director for Culture. In the afternoon session, European Commission President, **Jose Manuel Durão Barroso** underlined his personal commitment to deepen the role of culture in the general EU policy context of the European integration process. Only through culture could the EU instil in its citizens a stronger commitment and sense of belonging to the European project. Therefore what was urgently needed was a European Agenda for Culture leading to a true EU Cultural Policy. He pointed out that the process that should lead to such an Agenda should be enriched by the present hearing and online consultation and would be pursued under the German and Portuguese EU presidencies, with the aim of establishing a kind of a European Culture Agora. In her brief intervention Europa Nostra Secretary General **Sneska Quaedvlieg Mihailovic** highlighted the complementary nature of the cultural heritage and the arts as two pillars of European culture. She also stressed that the European Commission should not forget the extensive acquis of the Council of Europe in the field of culture and heritage and that it should recognise that the European cultural space cannot be reduced to the 27 Member States of the EU. The mutual benefits for both institutions to cooperate had already been demonstrated in joint actions such as the European Heritage Days and the programme for the safeguarding of cultural heritage in South East Europe. The Communication is planned to be adopted by the Commission in spring 2007.

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http://ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/communication/consult_en.html

http://www.europanostra.org/downloads/documents/EN_response_communication_culture.pdf

Europa Nostra reports to the Sub-Committee on Cultural Heritage of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Paris, France, 7 December 2006

On 7 December, Europa Nostra Executive President **Andrea H. Schuler**, Vice President **Denis de Kergorlay** and Secretary General **Sneska Quaedvlieg Mihailovic** participated in the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Cultural Heritage of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, which is presided over by the Lithuanian Member of Parliament **Emmanuelis Zingeris**. Europa Nostra reported on its latest activities and more particularly about the Forum ‘Cultural Heritage in Kosovo: From Apple of Discord to Ferment of Reconciliation’ (Paris, 14 November 2006), and of its latest experience as the liaison office for the European Heritage Days.

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Europa Nostra President meets French Culture Minister Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres

Paris, France, 15 November 2006

On the occasion of Europa Nostra’s presence in Paris for the Autumn Meeting of its Council, Europa Nostra’s President, **HRH The Prince Consort of Denmark** met French Culture Minister **Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres**, who had some days earlier visited Europa Nostra’s information stand at the *Salon du Patrimoine Culturel*. He was accompanied by **Bruno Favel**, Head of International and European Affairs at the Directorate for Architecture and Architectural Heritage of the French Culture Ministry and Denis de Kergorlay, Vice-President of Europa Nostra. The discussions focused on the French initiative to create a “*Label du patrimoine européen*”, a list of European heritage sites. The initiative is currently supported by many EU Member States, as it will contribute to help the European citizens their common European heritage. The proposed list would be different from the UNESCO World Heritage List since it would not primarily consider cultural, artistic, architectural or natural values of universal significance, but instead the relevance of the selected monuments or sites in the context of the history of European integration. Europa Nostra insisted on the pan-European coverage such an initiative should have and was asked to help spread accurate information about the *Label du patrimoine européen*.

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Second Berlin Conference: A Soul for Europe

Berlin, Germany, 17 - 19 November 2006

Europa Nostra's Secretary General, **Sneska Quaedvlieg Mihailovic** attended the second Berlin Conference "A Soul for Europe", which aims at stimulating the use of cultural assets as a strategic factor in Europe's development – at local, regional and national levels as well as at the level of the European Institutions. The conference was well attended by politicians, intellectuals and representatives of creative industries and non governmental organisations. Europa Nostra fully supports this initiative that highlights the need to integrate the cultural dimension in the European debate. Europa Nostra will in particular strive to underline the essential role which cultural heritage plays in the process of European integration and the development of a European citizenship.

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2008 – European Year of Intercultural Dialogue

Europa Nostra contributed to the European Commission's call for ideas

The Committee on Culture and Education will propose to the European Parliament to approve without amendments Erna Hennicot-Schoepges' recommendation for a second reading on the Council's common position. On 28 November, the Committee voted unanimously in favour of the report. The vote in plenary is scheduled for 12 December. With a budget of EURO 10 million, the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue will present a wide variety of enriching concrete projects that will be implemented in the framework of EU programs and other Community actions. The European Year of Intercultural Dialogue is expected to encourage the mobilisation of civil society and actors at the European, national and local levels. Culture, education, youth, sport and citizenship will be the main implementation fields. For 2008, the Commission is planning: (i) information and promotion campaigns to be coordinated at Community level, (ii) a small number of European-scale keynote activities illustrating the various facets of and approaches to intercultural dialogue, and (iii) initiatives at national level proposed by the bodies responsible for coordination in the Member States. In this context, the European Commission launched a "Call for ideas" for promoting intercultural dialogue in Europe, addressed to civil society and all other interested parties, in order to define guidelines for future calls for proposals which will be published in 2007, and to identify complementary ideas for initiatives with a view to establish contacts between promoters of projects. Europa Nostra responded to this Call for Ideas.

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/dialogue/year2008_en.html

http://www.europanostra.org/downloads/documents/EN_response_call_ideas_intercultural_dialogue.pdf

Conference on Intercultural Dialogue – Best Practices at Community Level

Brussels, Belgium, 22 - 23 November 2006

In preparation for the “European Year of Intercultural Dialogue” in 2008, the European Commission (DG EAC) organised a conference and exhibition: “Intercultural Dialogue. Best practices at Community level” on 22 - 23 November 2006 in Brussels. The aims of the conference were to provide a platform for discussion between policy makers, those responsible for education, training and culture, stakeholders and, in particular, young people, on the best ways to integrate intercultural dialogue into actions at the national, regional and European level; as well as to examine ways of ensuring the sustainability of the initiatives from the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue. An exhibition presenting 29 models of best practice supported by the programmes of DG EAC was organised, and participants took part in one of three workshops examining intercultural dialogue at the workplace, in the educational context and in daily life. Europa Nostra was represented by its Vice-President **John Sell**, and by **Eléonore de Merode** from the Europa Nostra International Secretariat. In particular, the conference concluded the need to develop a catalogue of good practices and establish a framework for their dissemination; the fundamental importance of education to cultural diversity; and the need to engage the media in making a positive contribution to intercultural dialogue.

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/dialogue/index_en.html

First meeting of the Civil Society Platform for Intercultural Dialogue

Brussels, Belgium, 24 November 2006

The European Cultural Foundation (ECF) and the European Forum for Arts and Heritage (EFAH) have responded to the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008 by jointly initiating a special civil society platform. The platform aims to heighten the impact and effectiveness of the year, to share concepts and practice of intercultural dialogue, to mobilize civil society to have a voice, and to contribute to policy analysis. The Platform will bring cultural organisations from across Europe together with their counterparts from other sectors such as migration, human rights, education and youth. The platform proposes to tackle the issue of cultural diversity and aims to make proposals as to how civil society can harness cultural diversity as an asset and a resource. Regular meetings of the Platform will be held through to 2008. The first meeting of the Platform took place on 24 November in Brussels and gathered the representatives of 27 civil society organisations. It was attended by **Eléonore de Merode**, Europa Nostra’s Heritage Awards Co-ordinator.

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Europa Nostra adopted a position paper on cultural tourism

Paris, France, 15 November 2006

Following the Declaration "Cultural Tourism, its Encouragement and Control" it adopted in at its Annual Congress in Malta in May 2006, Europa Nostra produced a Position Paper to the EU Institutions on the subject, which was adopted at its Council meeting in Paris on 15 November 2006. Europa Nostra sees tourism and culture as two powerful drivers for growth across Europe. They are important as a means of delivering the Lisbon Agenda for economic growth and employment. They also play a vital role in fostering a greater understanding of the rich diversity of regional cultures of Europe and a deeper appreciation of the common European heritage. Cultural tourism thrives on the discovery and enjoyment of historic monuments and sites focusing on the built cultural heritage, including the cultural landscapes. It is a direct adjunct to cultural heritage. But there is an inevitable dichotomy between satisfying the pressure for economic growth through tourism and protecting the cultural heritage sites and monuments that lie at its heart. There is, therefore, a need not only to integrate tourism and culture into networks or geographic groupings, but also to establish quality standards or systems of good practice to increase their effectiveness and efficiency, as well as to safeguard Europe's cultural heritage. The key, as always, lies in finding the right balance between encouraging the expansion of cultural tourism and safeguarding heritage sites and monuments by keeping the volume of tourists to heritage travel destination areas to within optimum sustainable limits. The position paper explores the challenges to strike the right balance between conservation and economic development.

Further information:

http://www.europanostra.org/downloads/documents/EN_position_paper_cultural_tourism.pdf

'The Creative Future Cultural Tourism as a Sustainable and a Growing Sector'

3rd ECTN Annual Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden, 22 – 24 November 2006

The 3rd Annual Conference of the European Cultural Tourism Network assembled professionals in culture and tourism to exchange experience and move the issue of cultural tourism forward on the European agenda. Discussions concentrated on how future development of cultural tourism can be strengthened in Europe. The conference focused on the ways in which cultural tourism can support the sustainable economic development, foster mutual understanding of cultural diversity between nations and cultures of Europe. Delegates prepared issues and challenges for a joint meeting between the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee in 2007. Europa Nostra's Council Member, **Catherine von Arnold**, represented Europa Nostra and presented the Europa Nostra Position Paper on Cultural

Tourism which had just been approved by the Europa Nostra Council at its meeting in Paris on 15 November (see above).

Further information:

www.cultural-tourism.net

European Parliament adopts Resolution on European natural, architectural and cultural heritage in rural and island regions

Brussels, Belgium, 7 September 2007

In spring 2006, Europa Nostra contributed amendments to the own initiative report on cultural heritage by MEP **Nikolaos Sifunakis**, Chairman of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education. This document focused on the need to protect and further enhance the cultural heritage in Europe's rural and island areas. It also called on the Council and the Commission to promote a 'European Cultural Heritage Year' so as to make the European public more aware of the importance of taking the necessary measures to preserve and promote their cultural heritage. On 7 September 2006, the European Parliament adopted a Resolution based on the Sifunakis Report.

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<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-2006-0355+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

Europa Nostra Landscape Working Group discusses impact of wind and solar power generation on the landscape

Paris, France, 13 November 2006

At their last meeting in Paris, the members of Europa Nostra's Landscape Working Group discussed Europa Nostra's response to the EC Maritime Policy Green paper. They also further discussed the threats to Europe's landscapes posed by renewable energy technologies such as wind turbines and solar panels. While acknowledging the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and not being opposed to wind and solar energy by way of principle, Europa Nostra believes that for all visually intrusive activities in Europe's natural and cultural landscapes, clear planning rules taking due account of the landscapes cultural and aesthetic values should be developed and implemented.

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Study on the Economy of Culture in Europe

The study, commissioned in 2005 by the European Commission from a wide consortium composed of the KEA European Affairs, the Media Group (Turku School of Economics) and the MKW Wirtschaftsforschung GmbH, was finalised on 30 October and presented to the Council of Ministers on 13-14 November. It highlights the important contribution of the culture and creative sectors towards achieving the goals of the Lisbon agenda. It is also the first attempt at EU level to measure this contribution and therefore a good starting point for a refreshed discussion. The study is a rich input for the Commission's forthcoming Communication on culture. It also calls for a coherent strategy for the creative sector and includes a set of policy recommendations intended to unleash the "Lisbon potential" of the cultural economy in Europe.

The document highlights the direct and indirect contribution of the cultural and creative sectors towards the Lisbon Agenda in terms of GDP, growth and employment, as well as links between creativity and innovation, links with the ICT sector, regional development and attractiveness. In a nutshell: the cultural and creative sector represents 2.6 % of EU GDP (as against 1.9 % for the food, beverage and tobacco industries, for example) and employs some 5.8 million people (equivalent to 3.1% of the population). The study includes a significant sector profile on cultural heritage, and highlights the role for cultural heritage as an engine for local and regional development. During and after a working session organised by the Commission on 19 July, in which the preliminary results of the study were presented, Europa Nostra - represented by Eléonore de Merode from the Secretariat – had been able to contribute its input to the study.

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/sources_info/studies/economy_en.html

Motion for a Recommendation for a European Convention on the protection of old and traditional crafts

Belgrade (Serbia) / Strasbourg France), October 2006

A motion for a recommendation on a European Convention on the Protection of Old and Traditional Crafts was signed by a number of members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and presented to the PACE at its plenary session on 9 October 2006. The motion has not yet been discussed in the Assembly. The signatories recommend that the Committee of Ministers adopt the draft Convention elaborated by students of the Law School of the University of Belgrade. The current draft provides for an institutional structure (a European Committee and national committees), a Fund and special mechanisms for the protection of old and traditional crafts, namely the development of inventories, strategies and annual programmes at the national and European levels. It also includes

provisions for labeling and certifying products issued from old and traditional crafts, as well as a European Capital and a European Day of Old and Traditional Crafts. Such an initiative is to be welcomed as filling a considerable void, for no such instrument yet exists for laying the foundations for international / European cooperation on this specific issue.

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Campaigning for Heritage at Risk

Cultural Heritage in Kosovo: From Apple of Discord to Ferment of Reconciliation

Canisy / Paris, France, 11 - 14 November

On the occasion of its Council Meeting held in Paris, France, on 15 November 2006, Europa Nostra organised a Forum bringing together various stakeholders in the field of cultural heritage conservation from Kosovo and the wider region in order to identify the current threats and opportunities in heritage conservation. The Forum took place on 14 November at the UNESCO Headquarters. It brought together 100 participants from local, regional and international organisations (both governmental and non governmental) active in the field of heritage protection in Kosovo. After the introductory speech by Europa Nostra Executive President **Andrea H. Schuler, Françoise Bujon Barré**, Deputy Director for Political Affairs expressed the support of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to this initiative.

The discussions during the Forum benefited from the atmosphere of openness and mutual respect that had been created during a series of preparatory meetings which took place at the Château de Canisy (Normandy) by invitation of **Denis de Kergorlay**, Europa Nostra Vice-President, who also heads the Europa Nostra Kosovo Task Force. These encounters enabled 38 professionals from Kosovo/UNMIK, Serbia and neighbouring countries to meet for the first time in an informal setting and discuss issues of common concern.

All participants recognised the important achievements realised by international organisations such as the Council of Europe, the European Commission, UNESCO and UNMIK, to help build bridges between the local stakeholders. Europa Nostra's present initiative was seen as a valuable civil society contribution to all these efforts. "The meetings in Canisy and in Paris have clearly demonstrated that promoting inter-cultural dialogue in South-East Europe constitutes an immediate challenge for Europe, both for its Institutions and for its civil society. Collectively, we indeed have an important task: to continue to help the local communities to overcome the "logic of confrontation" and to embark upon a "positive spiral" of mutual understanding and confidence building, for the benefit of the safeguard of the cultural heritage and more generally for the benefit of the lasting stability and future prosperity of the entire region", stressed Denis de Kergorlay, Europa Nostra's Vice-President, in his concluding remarks at the Forum.

The issues discussed and the main conclusions and recommendations were summarised in a preliminary report available on Europa Nostra's website or from the International Secretariat in The Hague.

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Appeal for the protection of the endangered cultural heritage in Israel and Lebanon

10 August 2006

During the latest armed conflict involving Israel and Lebanon in July and August 2006, Europa Nostra, fully aware of and deploring the scale of the human tragedy that was unfolding, decided to launch an appeal to all parties directly and indirectly concerned by the conflict drawing their attention to the rich cultural heritage that was at risk. It sought and obtained the support of five other international heritage organisations: the International Council on Archives (ICA), the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), the International Council on Museums (ICOM) and the Organisation of World Heritage Cities (OWHC). A joint statement referred to the 1954 "Convention of The Hague on the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict", and asked that experts should be granted access as soon as possible to the sites in the conflict area to assess the possible damage and propose restoration measures. Soon after the end of the conflict on 11 August 2006, a UNESCO expert team, led by **Mounir Bouchenaki**, Director of ICCROM, visited Lebanon and reported that the direct damage to cultural property had been moderate, but that ancient structures seemed to have suffered from vibrations caused by the shells. The experts also reported that the oil spill that affected Byblos presented a real threat to the population, the environment and the archaeological remains and needed urgent cleaning.

Further information:

Read the appeal http://www.europanostra.org/middle_east_appeal.pdf
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/283>

"Culture is a Basic Need: Responding to Cultural Emergencies"

The Hague, The Netherlands, 25 and 26 September 2006

On 25 and 26 September 2006 the Prince Claus Fund organised an international conference, "Culture is a Basic Need: Responding to Cultural Emergencies" in The Hague. This conference was held as a part of the Fund's Cultural Emergency Response (CER) program. CER aims to provide global "first aid" for cultural heritage that is threatened by man-made or natural disasters. The conference brought together experts from various fields: humanitarian aid workers, artists, curators, restorers and academics. On 25 September **Jan Pronk**, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Sudan, and **Margareta Wahlström**, the UN Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator spoke about the importance of culture and its protection in humanitarian emergency situations. Jan Pronk's lecture, titled "Wisdom, Devotion and Modesty" is available from PCFs website. The opening session was followed by a meeting for

international experts in the fields of humanitarian emergency relief, cultural heritage, politics, cultural law, and conflict and climate studies. This expert meeting consisted of various workshops where the practical reality of cultural emergency relief was examined against a background of disasters caused by armed conflict, natural catastrophes and/or climate change. **Eléonore de Merode, Mark Snethlage** and **Sander van der Ven**, members of Europa Nostra's International Secretariat took part in the Conference on behalf of Europa Nostra.

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'Towards a Solid Organization: Infrastructure and Awareness'

Blue Shield Conference, The Hague, 27- 28 September 2006

On 28 September, representatives of national Blue Shield committees and other interested parties gathered in The Hague to discuss ways for a more efficient and result driven cooperation in the field of cultural emergency relief in disaster or war situations. It was agreed that the creation of an Association of National Blue Shield Committees (ANBSC) would improve efficiency in sharing experiences and coordinating emergency response as a Red Cross for culture. The current International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS) in Paris will still exist, being an international board approving national committees. To organise this, a clear structure is needed. The ANSBC will be a structure for exchanging information, a communication centre, an archive. The Hague municipality offered to find an office and some funds needed to launch the project. Europa Nostra was represented at this meeting by **Sander van der Ven**.

Further information:

<http://www.blueshield.nl/conference-2006/>

European Parliament adopted a Declaration on the protection and preservation of the religious heritage in the northern part of Cyprus

Brussels, Belgium, 30 August 2006

Since 1974, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus has been unable to exercise control over the northern part of Cyprus. According to the EP, more than 133 churches, chapels and monasteries that are located in the northern part of Cyprus controlled by the Turkish army since 1974 have been desecrated, 78 churches have been converted into mosques, 28 are used as military depots and hospitals and 13 are used as stockyards, and their

ecclesiastical items, including more than 15,000 icons, have been illegally removed and their location remains unknown.

Therefore, MEPs have adopted a written declaration condemning the pillage of Greek Orthodox churches and monasteries and the removal of their ecclesiastical items. MEPs call on the Commission and the Council to take the necessary actions to ensure respect for the Treaty and the protection and restoration of the affected churches to their original Greek Orthodox status. So far, 403 MEPs have signed the written declaration. The written declaration also calls on the Commission and the Council to examine this matter under the relevant chapters of the negotiations with Turkey.

A written declaration is a text of a maximum of 200 words on a matter falling within the European Union's sphere of activities. A group of up to five MEPs can submit a written declaration by presenting a text to be signed by their colleagues. If the declaration is signed by a more than half of all 732 MEPs it is forwarded to the President, who announces adopted in plenary.

Further information:

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/registre/seance_pleniere/textes_adoptes/definitif/2006/09-05/0335/P6_TA\(2006\)0335_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/registre/seance_pleniere/textes_adoptes/definitif/2006/09-05/0335/P6_TA(2006)0335_EN.pdf)

Exchanging Ideas and Experiences

Annual Meeting of the Europa Nostra Scientific Council

Marksburg / Braubach am Rhein, Germany, 24 – 28 September 2006

Reconstruction or New Construction of Medieval Castles in the 19th Century

This year's Meeting of the Europa Nostra Scientific Council took place in Marksburg and Braubach am Rhein (Germany) from 24 to 28 September 2006 and dealt with the "Reconstruction or new Construction of Medieval Castles in the 19th Century". It was organised by **Joachim Zeune**, Head of the Scientific Council of *Deutsche Burgenvereinigung* and **Elise Peller** of the *Europäische Burgeninstitut* at Philippsburg and hosted by the *Deutsche Burgenvereinigung* and *Europäisches Burgeninstitut*.

Eight Members of the Scientific Council, also acting as Europa Nostra Jury Members, met on 23 September to review this year's entries in Category 2 of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards, and chose the winning projects. On the first day of Scientific Council Meeting proper, Europa Nostra Vice President **Alexander Fürst zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn** (also President of the German Castles Association) welcomed the participants and introduced the aims and activities of the *Deutsche Burgenvereinigung* and the *Europäische Burgeninstitut*. **Joachim Hofmann- Göttig** (State Secretary for Culture of Rheinland Pfalz) spoke about culture and tourism. **Andrea Schuler**, Executive President of Europa Nostra praised the work of the members of the Scientific Council and their contributions to furthering the objectives of Europa Nostra. In the following days, all members made their presentations which shall be published in the next Bulletin of the Scientific Council. Study visits to castles along the Mosel and Rhine Rivers were included in the programme on 27 and 28 September.

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European Heritage Heads Forum (EHHF)

Leipzig, Germany, 27 October 2006

The EHHF grouping the Heads of Heritage Agencies of EU Member States met for the second time in Leipzig (Germany) on 27 October, on the occasion of the *Denkmal Messe* (Heritage Fair). The meeting followed the first European Heritage Summit hosted in London by English Heritage upon initiative of its Chief Executive **Simon Thurley** on 26 to 28 April 2006. The EHHF will continue to meet to exchange experience, ideas and best practice, to strengthen and support existing networks dealing with heritage and tourism. It will also develop common statistical information on European heritage by strengthening its members'

commitment to HEREIN and using other available tools. The new European Heritage Heads Forum will also serve to exchange information and to share best practice on all aspects of the management of the historic environment and its sustainable use. It will also produce an analysis of the economic and social benefits of investment in the historic environment, including sustainable cultural tourism.

Further information:

www.english-heritage.org.uk

President of the US National Trust for Historic Preservation makes presentation to the Europa Nostra Council

Paris, France, 15 November 2006

On the occasion of Europa Nostra's Council Meeting, **Richard Moe**, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (USA) made a presentation on the main activities of his organisation and discussed with Europa Nostra Council Members possible forms of future cooperation between his leading conservation organisation and Europa Nostra. Richard Moe stressed that both organisations have much to learn from each other and underlined the importance of establishing an appropriate link between Europa Nostra and the International Network of National Trusts (INTO) which was set up on the occasion of the 11th National Trust Conference in October 2005 in Washington DC.

Further information:

www.nationaltrust.org

Europa Nostra UK Annual Conference and Forum

Oxford, United Kingdom, 17 – 19 September 2006

The Annual General Meeting and conference held in Oxford University on September 17-19 was very successful. **Jelka Pirkovic** (Member of Europa Nostra's Management Committee) gave the Annual Duncan Sandys Lecture and set the international scene for the conference in her paper on the challenges of restoring Baroque gardens in her country, illustrated with a series of fascinating case studies. The conference on the theme of "**Designed Gardens and Landscapes in Britain**" also attended by Europa Nostra's Executive President **Andrea Schuler**, Executive President of Europa Nostra followed on the second day with seven excellent contributions from European experts in Garden History. **Anthea Case**, Chairman of Heritage Link, presented the Heritage Lottery Fund's role in historic parks. **Georgio Galletti**, Professor of Garden Restoration at Florence University, spoke of the influence of the Italian Renaissance on British garden design. **Jan Woudstra** from Sheffield University continued the theme in his paper on 'William and Mary and the spread of the

new Dutch style'. **Marc Schoellen's** paper asked the question "How natural was the French garden in the 18th century?" **David Jacques** discussed the impact of English 18th century taste on European gardens. **Brent Elliott** from the Royal Horticultural Society presented the evolving ideas of gardening throughout the 19th century as expressions of art not nature. **John Watkins** Head of Gardens with English Heritage, continued the international theme, but brought the debate up-to-date in a discussion about the process of re-engagement with gardens by every generation. First-class honours go to **Lester Borley**, **Peter Collins** and **Michael Balston**, members of the Europa Nostra Council for the flawless organisation of this 3-day event.

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Heritage Link Annual Meeting

Union Chapel, Islington, London, United Kingdom, 6 December 2006

This year's Heritage Link AGM was followed by a networking lunch and a Conference on Communities Planning and Heritage. After an introduction by **Anthea Case**, Chairperson of Heritage Link, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State **Baroness Andrews** spoke on Communities, Planning and Heritage. Europa Nostra Vice President **John Sell** participated in the Heritage Day which brought together members of the heritage network "Heritage Link", a very successful initiative celebrating its 4th anniversary this year. Heritage Link is a network of heritage NGOs and public bodies working in the field of heritage conservation in England. Its electronic newsletter is a valuable source of information on all facets of heritage conservation for England but also in other European countries.

Further information:

www.heritagelink.org.uk

Recognising Outstanding Heritage Achievements

163 applications to the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards 2006

A total of 163 valid entries from 30 countries were received by the 15 September deadline this year, including 117 entries in Category 1 “Conservation”, 30 entries in Category 2 “Studies” and 16 entries in Category 3 “Dedicated Service by Individuals and Organisations”. All entries are currently in the process of being assessed by independent experts. In a series of Jury meetings to be held by February 2007, approximately 30 laureates will be selected from the pool of applications. The European Heritage Awards Ceremony will be held at the City Hall in Stockholm (Sweden) on 8 June 2007.

Local Ceremonies: European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards 2006

Since the European Heritage Awards Ceremony, held in Madrid on 27 June 2007, the following ceremonies have so far been held to celebrate and promote at national and local level the awarded heritage conservation achievements:

- 18 May: **Valletta Waterfront (Malta)**. The award was presented by HRH the Prince Consort of Denmark, President of Europa Nostra, in the context of the Annual Europa Nostra Congress held this year in Malta.
- 6 July: The ceremony in honour of the **Heather and Hillforts Partnership Scheme (United Kingdom)** took place in Denbighshire (North Wales) in the context of the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. The award was presented to Denbighshire County Council by John Sell, Vice-President of Europa Nostra.
- 7 July: **Kastner-Oehler Warenhaus, Graz (Austria)**. Europa Nostra was represented by Hasso Hohmann, Member of the Heritage Awards Jury.
- 12 July: **Château des Aix, Meillard (France)**. Europa Nostra was represented by the Marquis de Léotoing d’Anjony, Council Member and President of Europa Nostra France.
- 15 July: The **Hernergut Bathing Pavillion in Horgen (Switzerland)**. Europa Nostra was represented by its Executive President, Andrea H. Schuler, and by Eszter Gyarmathy, Jury Member.
- 2 August: The ceremony for the village of **Paanajärvi in Karelia (Russian Federation)** was organised by the Juminkeko Foundation from Finland with the participation of Vladimir Lavrentyev, head of the State Committee of Republic

Karelia on Affairs of National Policy, Galina Toivovna Berun, Minister of Culture, and Professor Vyacheslav Orfinsky, Petrozavodsk University, specialist in wooden architecture. Europa Nostra was represented by its Council Members, Thomas Willoch (Norway) and Markus Bernoulli (Finland), as well as by Tapani Mustonen (Finland), Member of the Heritage Awards Jury. The event was enriched by a performance from the Paanajärvi Childrens folklore group and a performance of runic song, boat-racing on the river and folk-dancing. The Ceremony was followed by the Traditional Ilya Day Village Festival, attended by over 200 people, with boating on the river and traditional music, song and dance performances.

26 August: **Grange de l'ancienne Abbaye de Ter Doest, Lissewege (Belgium)**. The award was presented by Jozef Van Waeyenberge, Council Member and President of Europa Nostra Belgium, and the ceremony was followed by a reception offered by the Province of West-Flanders.

9 September The ceremony for the **Cathedral for the Virgin Mary on the island of Rab (Croatia)** was organised by the City of Rab and the Diocese of Krk. The commemorative plaque was unveiled by the State Secretary Jadran Antolović and Conte Maurizio Sammartini, Council Member of Europa Nostra. The project leader Mr Miljenko Domijan, the General Vicar Msgr. Ivan Kordić, the Mayor of Rab Željku Barčiču, the Director of the Croatian Conservation Institute Prof. Ferdinand Meder and Nada Duić-Kowalsky, representing Croatia Nostra, also attended the event. The ceremony was followed with a performance by the Rab Memorable Crossbow Squad, a concert of philharmonics from Rijeka's National Theater and soloists from Rab Summer Academy.

11 September: A ceremony organised by the National Trust in honour of the **Edward Chambré Hardman Photographic Collection (United Kingdom)** took place in the Western Rooms at Liverpool Cathedral. Europa Nostra was represented by its Honorary President, Sir Christopher Audland, as well as by Michael Thomas, Member of the Heritage Awards Jury.

15 September: The ceremony for **Tallinn Town Hall (Estonia)** was hosted by the Mayor of Tallinn, Jüri Ratas. Mr Thomas Willoch, Council Member and President of Europa Nostra in Norway, and Karin Hallas-Murula, Council Member, represented Europa Nostra. The European Commission was represented by Siim Kallas, Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Administration, Audit and Anti-fraud.

16 September: **Urania National Film Theatre, Budapest (Hungary)**. Europa Nostra was represented by Gabor Winkler, Council Member.

25 September: The ceremony for the **Collection of Medieval Wood-Panel Paintings by Master Theodoric in the Chapel of the Holy Rood at Karlstejn Castle (Czech Republic)** was organised by the National Institute for the Protection of Monuments – Central Bohemia Section. The event was enriched by a musical performance by the pupils of Karlstejn Primary School, a visit of the castle interiors

and a buffet. Europa Nostra was represented by Hasso Hohmann, Member of the Heritage Awards Jury.

26 September: **Maison Autrique, Brussels (Belgium)**. Europa Nostra was represented by Mr Marcel van Jole, Honorary Life Member of Europa Nostra, and Jozef Van Waeyenberge, Council Member and President of Europa Nostra Belgium.

18 October: A reception hosted by the Irish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Irish Georgian Society, was organised in honour of the **Honourable Desmond Guinness (Ireland)**. An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern participated in the event, and Europa Nostra was represented by Philip Geoghegan, Vice-Chairman of the Heritage Awards Jury, and Consuelo O'Connor, Council Member.

9 November: The ceremony for the **Maisons Paysannes de France (MPF)** was held in Paris in the context of the Salon du Patrimoine. The award was presented to Michel Fontaine, President of the MPF, by Andrea H. Schuler, Executive President of Europa Nostra. All French members of the Europa Nostra Council – Christine Adrien, Paule Albrecht, Isabelle de Broglie, Denis de Kergorlay, Robert de Léotoing d'Anjony - also attended the events.

20 November: The presentation ceremony for the **Omeriye Ottoman Baths in Nicosia (Cyprus)** took place in the presence of Michael Zampelas, Mayor of Nicosia, with the participation of Agni Petridou (Head of the Nicosia Master Plan Project Team), Tiziana Zennaro (Programme Manager UNDP/UNOPS-PFF), Pierre Harzé (Deputy Director of the UNDP Office in Brussels) and Andrew Rasbash (Head of Unit, DG Enlargement, European Commission). Europa Nostra was represented by Costa Carras, its Vice-President, and Edmée Leventis, Ambassador of Cyprus to UNESCO and Europa Nostra Council Member. The event was followed by a reception hosted by the Municipality of Nicosia.

23 November: **Birmingham Back-to-Backs (United Kingdom)**. Europa Nostra was represented by its Honorary President, Sir Christopher Audland KCMG, as well as by Mr Michael Thomas, Member of the Heritage Awards Jury.

The Best in Heritage

Dubrovnik, Croatia, 22 – 24 September 2006

Europa Nostra lent its patronage to “The Best in Heritage” since it was first launched in 2002. As in previous years, several winners of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards were selected by “The Best in Heritage” to present their innovative ways of restoration and presentation of cultural heritage, together with the laureates of other European (museum) award schemes. The objective of this annual event is to learn by example and direct personal contact. Also this year, Europa Nostra was represented by one of its Vice Presidents, John Sell. The Best in Heritage will also be

present with an “Excellence Club” at the annual Exponatec Fair in Cologne in November 2007.

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Raising Awareness

15th edition of the European Heritage Days

Saint Petersburg, 21 – 23 September 2006

Successful events taking place during the Russian Federation's Presidency of the Ministers of the Council of Europe, marked the 15th edition of the European Heritage Days in the stunning setting of the World Heritage City of St Petersburg. An opening Ceremony was held in the Theatre of the Hermitage Museum on 21 September and a Colloquy on "The Values of Europe's Cultural Heritage" was held in the Catherine Palace "Tsarskoye Selo" on 22 September. The first European Heritage Days to take place in the Russian Federation were launched by a prestigious Ceremony in the Theatre of the Hermitage Museum on Thursday evening, 21 September.

The aims of the colloquy were to explore the values of Europe's cultural heritage for its citizens, its countries, its cities and villages, as well as for Europe's future in the modern world. It was also to illustrate the importance of Russian cultural heritage as an integral part of Europe's cultural heritage. The need for ever closer European cooperation between public authorities and civil society were demonstrated and the "Declaration of Tsarskoye Selo" was produced and approved, stating the importance of Europe's Cultural Heritage and calling for stronger and more intense activities to promote it.

http://www.europanostra.org/ehd_jep/0520_news_ehd_st_petersburg.htm

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Annual Meeting of the European Heritage Days National Coordinators

Venice, Italy, 2 December 2006

Europa Nostra, in its capacity as the Liaison Office for the European Heritage Days, a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Union, participated in the annual meeting of the European Heritage Days National Coordinators, which was held in Venice, Italy, the 2nd December. The National EHD Coordinators exchanged views and experiences with the representatives of the Secretariat of the Council of Europe and of Europa Nostra. They presented and evaluated the activities of this year's edition of the EHD and looked forward to the future improvement and widening of the event. Europa Nostra strongly advocated that the European dimension of this event should be further highlighted at the national level. In his introduction, Europa Nostra Vice President Denis de Kergorlay looked towards the

future of the European Heritage Days and made a strong plea towards the future strengthening of the European dimension of the European Heritage Days, not only in terms of its geographic spread, but also in terms of its content. Next year, the European event marking the European Heritage Days will take place in Belgrade, Serbia, in September 2007, during Serbia's presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The next annual meeting of the national coordinators will be held in Sibiu, Romania in November 2007.

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Salon du Patrimoine Culturel 2007: Europe et patrimoine

Carrousel du Louvre, Paris (France) 8 – 12 November

As in previous years, Europa Nostra presented its activities with an information stand at the *Salon du Patrimoine Culturel*. On the opening evening the stand was visited by the Presidents of the major French heritage organisations and also by French Culture Minister Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres. On the occasion of the Salon, Europa Nostra had organised, together with the French Ministry of Culture and with Relais Culture Europe a round table discussion titled "Towards a European Agenda on Cultural Heritage" on 9 November 2006. Speakers representing national and international governmental and non governmental organisations dealing with cultural heritage discussed the difficulties and possibilities of setting a European agenda for cultural heritage. The *Salon du Patrimoine Culturel* was also seized as the occasion to hand over the prize to the French heritage association *Maisons paysannes de France*.

Further information:

www.patrimoineculturel.com; www.maisons-paysannes.org;

Heritage Tours Brochure 2007

In October, the Europa Nostra Secretariat produced the Heritage Tours Brochure 2007. Within a few weeks some of the tours (to Lyon and to the Veneto) were fully booked. Some places are still available on the tours to Mallorca, Serbia and Syria.

The Heritage Tours Committee chaired by Tom Henkemans met in The Hague (The Netherlands) on 11 October 2006 to discuss the Heritage Tours programme for 2008.

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Heritage Funding

European Commission: 2007 Calls for Proposals

As part of the **Culture Programme 2007**, which has still to pass the final legislative hurdles, the Commission has recently published conditional calls for proposals for 2007: "Support for cultural actions" (Strand 1.1 Multi-annual Co-operation Projects; Strand 1.2.1 Co-operation Measures; Strand 1.2.2 Literary Translation). The deadline for applications is the **28 February 2007**.

Read the full text of the call:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/culture/call092006/index.htm>

The Commission also published a call for proposals: '**Support for bodies active at European level in the field of culture**'. The deadline for submissions is **22 December 2006**.

Read the full text of the call:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/culture/call062006/index.htm>

Within the programme "**Europe for citizens**" 2007-2013, the Commission published a call for proposals: "Structural support for European public policy research organisations and for civil society organisations at European level". The deadline for submission is the **22 December 2006** and the envisaged budget for 2007 is 1.9 million Euro.

Read the full text of the call:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/citizenship/call1206/index.htm>

The conditionality of the abovementioned calls is subject to the final approval of the Commission's budget and the respective programmes.

New online resource for heritage project sponsoring: "Information Centre for the Promotion of Arts & Culture"

Heritage organisations looking for funding opportunities can now benefit from a new free online information resource. The Information Centre comprises an Internet database linking sponsors and grant seekers by providing up-to-date, well-structured information about

sponsor institutions and organisations in the sphere of arts and culture. The Internet database has a German and English user interface to provide structured information about patrons, foundations, sponsors, i.e. persons, institutions, and companies from both Germany and eventually other European countries, engaging in the sponsoring of arts and culture. Besides the contact data, the database also contains information about fields of sponsoring, projects and application modalities. The *Deutsches InformationsZentrum Kulturförderung* (DIZK) is a joint project of leading German institutions and representatives involved in private and public cultural sponsoring. The project is establishing a central contact point for providing information about sponsoring in the field of arts and culture in Europe. All these contributors were invited to the project with the intention of benefiting of their specific potential of information and experience.

Further information:

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2007 Marc de Montalembert grant for a Cultural Project in the Mediterranean

Deadline for submission: Sunday, **December 31, 2006**

Every year the Marc de Montalembert Foundation offers a grant of 7,000 Euros to enable the implementation of projects furthering the knowledge and understanding of Mediterranean cultures. To apply for the 2007 Marc de Montalembert grant candidates should send a project outline along with a request for an application form before **31 December 2006**

Further information:

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Membership

Welcome to New Members

At its latest Council meeting, Europa Nostra approved the membership of 2 new Member Organisations and 10 new Associate Organisations.

Member organisations:

Denmark: **Foreningen Straatag** (The Thatched Roof Association)

www.foreningen-straatag.dk

United Kingdom: **The Robert Stephenson Trust**

www.robertstephensontrust.co.uk

Associate organisations:

Cyprus: **Nicosia Turkish Municipality**

www.lefkosabeledeiyesi.org

Denmark: **Moesgaard Museum**

www.moesgaard.hum.au.dk

Belgium: **Fonds Aantrekkelijk Turnhout** (Fund for the attractiveness of Turnhout)

Germany: **UNESCO Chair in Heritage Studies,
Brandenburg University**

www.tu-cottbus.de/whs

Malta: **Simonds Farsons Cisk plc**

www.farsons.com

De La Rue Currency and Security Print Ltd.

www.delarue.com

Malta Tourism Authority

www.mta.com.mt

Fundazzjoni Patrimonju Malti

www.patrimonju.org.mt

APS Bank Ltd.

www.apsbank.com.mt

AX Holdings Ltd.

www.axholdings.com

Norway: **Statsbygg** (The Norwegian Directorate of Public Construction and Property)

www.statsbygg.no

Sweden: **The House of Nobility**

www.riddarhuset.se

Tribute to Anita Pollack, retiring Council Member

Anita Pollack representing English Heritage as a co-opted member of the Council since 2000, attended the Council meeting for the last time. The Executive President thanked her for her year long, dedicated and invaluable contributions to the work of Europa Nostra. Anita Pollack, a former Member of the European Parliament, had been particularly valuable in signalling heritage related policy developments at EU level, and to suggest lobby and campaign strategies for Europa Nostra. Her proactive approach to European Affairs, and her deep knowledge of the dossiers shall be truly missed. Her role as a representative of English Heritage in Europa Nostra's Council has been taken over by **Alexandra Coxen**, Senior Policy Advisor at English Heritage.