

# EUROPA NOSTRA NEWSLETTER spring/summer 2007

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## Influencing policy

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- Adopted a document responding to the **Green Paper on an all-embracing EU Maritime Policy** (Stockholm, 6 June 2007)
- Was informed of the European Commission's **Communication on Culture** (Brussels, Belgium, 10 May 2007)
- Participated in the "**Forum Belgrade - Soul for Europe**", organised by the Cultural Front Belgrade and endorsed by "A Soul for Europe" (Belgrade, Serbia, 30 - 31 March 2007)
- Participated in the 15th edition of the **Entretiens du Patrimoine** (Discussions on Heritage) on 'Europe's Heritage - European Heritage' (Paris, France, 19 - 21 March 2007)
- Welcomed the entry into force of the **UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions** (Paris, France, 18 March 2007)
- Participated in the Conference "**Diversity Makes the Difference – European Foreign Policy and Culture**" organised by the European Cultural Foundation (The Hague, The Netherlands, 9 March 2007)
- Participated in the meetings of the **Civil Society Platform for Intercultural Dialogue** (Brussels, Belgium, 17 January 2007)
- Participated in the **official launch of the Culture Programme 2007-2013** Brussels, Belgium, 3 March 2007
- Welcomed the release of the final **report of the European Commission's Tourism Sustainability Group**
- Was informed of the **German Presidency priorities in the field of culture**: explaining and making use of the contribution of culture to employment and growth

## Campaigning for heritage at risk

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- Sent to the Minister-President of the Free State of Saxony and the Mayor of Dresden letters, urging them to examine all possibilities of a compromise solution for **the preservation of the World Heritage Site, the Elbe Valley** (Germany) (22 May 2007)
- Participated in a **Public Hearing on high rises in Copenhagen**, organised by Europa Nostra Denmark and *Foreningen til Gamle Bygningers Bevaring*
- Participated in a **Public Hearing on the Protection of the Cultural Heritage in Cyprus**, organised by the European Parliament (Brussels, Belgium, 11 April 2007)
- Wrote to the Mayor of Zagreb to express its concerns regarding the **planned construction of a life style centre in the historic city of Zagreb** (4 April 2007)
- Wrote a letter of concern to the Prime Minister of the Provisional Institutions of Self Government of Kosovo following a **mortar attack on the Monastery of Decani** (5 April 2007)
- Sent to the Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan a **joint appeal to stop the flooding of Allianoi** (Turkey) together with the International Council on Monuments and Sites and the European Association of Archaeologists (20 March 2007)

## Raising awareness

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- Prepared an "**Evaluation on the 2006 edition of the EHDs**", an "**Analysis on the visibility of the European dimension in the EHDs in participating countries**" and a "**Communication Strategy on the EHDs, at European and national level**"
- Welcomed **Paul Gardner's 3000 km London to Istanbul walk**, to promote European cultural heritage

- Presented its activities with an information stand at **The European Fine Art Fair (TEFAF)** (Maastricht, The Netherlands, 8 - 18 March 2007)
- Was informed of the **official launch of the Label « patrimoine européen »** (European Heritage List) (Paris, France, 19 March 2007)
- Was informed of the **European Capitals of Culture 2007: Luxembourg** and greater region and **Sibiu/Hermannstadt**
- Published the **Europa Nostra Annual Report 2006**
- Published a special issue **European Cultural Heritage Review** on the **Heritage Awards 2006**
- Published the first 2007 issue of its **European Cultural Heritage Review** with a special dossier on **Saint Petersburg**
- Published the 60th issue of its **Scientific Bulletin on Fortified Churches and Monasteries**
- Held a meeting of its **Heritage Tours Committee** and announced that there are still **places on the tours to SERBIA** (22 - 30 September 2007) and **SYRIA** (2 - 15 November 2007)

### **Recognising outstanding heritage achievements**

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- Announced the **Call for Entries Europa Nostra Awards 2008** in the field of heritage conservation and enhancement in the categories of Conservation, Research, Dedicated Service by Individuals or Organisations and, from this year, Education, Training and Awareness-Raising
- Awarded at the annual **European Heritage Awards Ceremony**, which took place on 8 June 2008 in the Stockholm City Hall in Sweden, 34 outstanding heritage achievements
- Announced, together with the European Commission the **thirty-four outstanding heritage achievements awarded in the framework of the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards**

### **Exchanging ideas and experiences**

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- Held its Annual Congress 2007 from **Tuesday 5 June until Friday 8 June in Stockholm** (Sweden), which was the occasion to pay tribute to retiring **President, HRH the Prince Consort of Denmark**, and to welcome the new President, **HRH the Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón**
- Organised the **Forum "Add Modernism!"** to raise awareness of the contribution of 20th century Modernism to Europe's cultural heritage (Stockholm, Sweden, 7 June 2007)
- Discussed possibilities for a partnership with the **"Inventory of Heritage Organisations in Europe"** project launched by its member organisation VCM Contactforum voor Erfgoedverenigingen)
- Organised a meeting for its **Central and Eastern Europe Working Group** (Krakow, Poland, 26 - 27 April 2007)
- Participated in the 6th **European Maritime Heritage Congress** (Rotterdam, 16 – 18 April 2007)
- Participated in the INHERIT Congress **"Heritage Led Regeneration - Producing Good Practice"** (Verona, 28 February - 2 March 2007)
- Participated in the **Regional heritage NGO Meeting organised by Slovenia Nostra** (Ljubljana, Slovenia, 27 - 28 January 2007)
- Was represented at meetings of the **European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP) Advisory Group for Users and Clients**, which had drafted a guidance note outlining user and client perspectives including cultural heritage concerns.

### **Membership matters**

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- Met a representative of **Europa Nostra's German country representation** (The Hague, The Netherlands, 21 February 2007)
- Welcomed **Europa Nostra Serbia's founding assembly meeting** (Belgrade, Serbia, 8 February 2007)

- Met representatives of **Fedecrail, the European Federation of Museum & Tourist Railways**, (The Hague, The Netherlands, 12 December 2007)
- Approved, at its Council Meeting in Stockholm, the **membership of 13 new Member Organisations, 4 new Associate Organisations and 2 new Corporate Members** (Stockholm, Sweden, 6 June 2007)

### **Europa Nostra upcoming events**

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- Announced the **Europa Nostra UK Meeting and Conference** (Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 15-18 September 2007)
- Announced its **Autumn Conference in conjunction with the European Heritage Days** (Belgrade, Serbia, 19-22 September 2007)
- Announced the **2007 Annual meeting of the Group of EHD Coordinators** (Sibiu, Romania, 25 - 27 October 2007)

### European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008

The Enlargement of the European Union, coupled with increasing mobility linked to the Common market, new and old migratory flows, the new trade ties with the rest of the world, the education, leisure and globalisation in general, have led to increased contacts between cultures, religions, ethnic groups and languages. Against this backdrop and in the context of an increasingly multicultural European Union, the development of intercultural competences and the promotion of intercultural dialogue are fundamental. Intercultural dialogue contributes to a number of strategic priorities of the European Union, such as respecting and promoting cultural diversity; favouring the European Union's commitment to solidarity, social justice and reinforced cohesion; allowing the European Union to make its voice heard and realising new efficient partnership with neighbouring countries. Europa Nostra believes that cultural heritage should play an important role in the many different approaches to the promotion of intercultural dialogue. Indeed monuments, works of art, archaeological sites, landscapes and intangible heritage are exemplary in showing the unity in diversity of Europe. Europa Nostra therefore participated in the different stages of preparation of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue.

In April, the European Commission announced the call for proposals for projects that will contribute to the objectives of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008. Actions are proposed on a European scale and on a national scale. **Deadline for both strands is 31 July 2007.** These include a limited number of emblematic actions on a European scale aimed at promoting intercultural dialogue, involving directly or otherwise reaching as many people as possible and highlighting achievements and experiences on the theme of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008. This grant, which may cover up to 80% of total costs, will be awarded to approximately 8 to 10 projects. Other actions will be on a national scale with a strong European dimension, directly involving or otherwise reaching as many people as possible, with particular attention being given to actions relating to civic education and learning to appreciate other people and their differences. This grant, which may cover up to 50% of total costs, will be awarded to 27 projects (one per Member State). Eligibility for this Call is restricted to the national coordinating bodies responsible for the coordination of the Year 2008 in each Member State.

#### Further information

[ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/dialogue/calls\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/dialogue/calls_en.html)

### Cultural heritage in a future EU Maritime Policy

Consultation by the European Commission on a EU Maritime Policy

At its meeting in Stockholm on 6 June 2007, the Europa Nostra Council adopted a document responding to the consultation by the European Commission on an all-embracing EU Maritime Policy. Europe has a very long coastline which has attracted human activity for centuries, resulting in a very rich and diverse cultural heritage, a determining factor of European culture identity. Nowadays, pressure on the limited coastal space is growing and much of the cultural and natural heritage is severely at risk. Human activity and economic development must therefore be carefully coordinated and planned in order to preserve the coastal heritage while allowing the coastal communities to develop in a sustainable way. Europa Nostra's response draws particular attention to the rapid degradation of coastal natural and cultural heritage in the Mediterranean. In the context of the current growing attention for coastal and maritime heritage, Europa Nostra is pleased to announce the application for membership of European Maritime Heritage ([www.europeanmaritimeheritage.org](http://www.europeanmaritimeheritage.org)), which held its General Assembly in Rotterdam on 16 - 18 April (see below).

#### Further information

(on the EU Consultation) [ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy\\_en.html#com](http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy_en.html#com)

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### European Commission launches its Communication on Culture

Brussels, Belgium, 10 May 2007

In a press release, the European Commission announced the publication of its first ever Communication on Culture, which aims at developing strategies for culture to contribute to growth and a better intercultural understanding. The publication of this document, titled "A European Agenda for Culture in a Globalising World" follows months of preparation, including a wide consultation with stakeholders and the organisation of a Public Hearing on the Communication about the Role of Culture in Europe "Culture: A Sound Investment for Europe" which took place in

Brussels on 4 December 2006. The Communication is complemented by an accompanying Staff Working Paper which describes the many ways in which the European Union supports culture. The policy statement presents three major objectives that together form a cultural strategy for the European Institutions, the Member States, and the cultural and creative sector: 1. Promotion of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue; 2. Promotion of culture as a catalyst for creativity in the framework of the Lisbon Strategy; and 3. Promotion of culture as a vital element in the Union's international relations. The Commission has advanced the following lines of action to achieve these three aims: further developing dialogue with all stakeholders in the cultural sector, setting up an open method of coordination among the Member States, supporting policy making based on facts and evidence, and finally mainstreaming culture in all relevant EU policies.

#### **Further information**

[ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/index_en.html)

### **Forum Belgrade - Soul for Europe**

Belgrade, Serbia, 30 - 31 March 2007

Endorsed by the "A Soul for Europe" initiative, the Cultural Front Belgrade, in cooperation with the Amsterdam-based Felix Meritis Foundation, organised **Forum Belgrade** from 30 - 31 March 2007. The aim of the event was to promote the idea of culture as an integral part of the process of building a common future and fostering development in its widest sense. Forum Belgrade gathered politicians, civil society and business representatives from Serbia, from the Balkan region and from all over Europe, as well as representatives of the European Union institutions. They addressed the need to strategically make use of Europe's cultural diversity for the (social, economical, political) development of Europe. Forum Belgrade also focussed on engaging south-east Europe actors from different sectors with these themes and creating a dialogue in the region and with the rest of Europe, to build a healthy and responsible society as an integral part of a stable Europe. The Forum addressed issues such as "Regional cooperation in south-east Europe", "Culture for Structural Development" and "How the south-east Europe region and Europe contribute to each other". Europa Nostra's Secretary General, Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović, participated in the debate and argued that cultural heritage and its diversity are factors to take into account in the wider European cultural debate.

#### **Further information**

[www.forumbelgrade.net](http://www.forumbelgrade.net)

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### **15th Edition of the *Entretiens du Patrimoine***

Paris, France, 19 - 21 March 2007

The 15th edition of the *Entretiens du Patrimoine* (Discussions on Heritage) took place in Paris on 19 - 21 March 2007. This year the conference addressed the two-way topic 'Europe's Heritage - European Heritage'. In the context of globalisation, does heritage remain a landmark for Europe? Over 40 speakers from a wide range of heritage-related professions (historians, architects, journalists, etc.) discussed the topic for three days. Europa Nostra's Secretary General Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović participated in the debate 'The embryo of a European Heritage Community'. In her speech she emphasised the importance of cultural heritage as a building block of European identity and as a contribution to the strengthening of the sense of European citizenship. She also argued for the creation of a heritage organisations network and the role of Europa Nostra to achieve this goal.

#### **Further information**

[www.culture.gouv.fr/edp2007/](http://www.culture.gouv.fr/edp2007/)

### **The European Union ratified the UNESCO Convention on cultural diversity, together with 12 Member States**

Paris, France, 18 March 2007

The Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions entered into force on 18 March, three months after the thirtieth instrument of ratification was deposited. To date, 52 States have ratified the Convention. In an unprecedented event, the European Union adhered to the convention as a regional organisation of economic integration. Adopted on 20 October 2005 by the General Conference of UNESCO, the Convention aims to reinforce the links between culture, sustainable development and dialogue. It reaffirms respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, equal dignity of cultures, equitable access and openness of cultures to the world. It establishes

the sovereign right of States to elaborate cultural policies with a view "to protect and promote the diversity of cultural expressions" and recognises the distinctive nature of cultural goods and services as "vehicles of identity, values and meaning". It thus intends "to create the conditions for cultures to flourish and to freely interact in a mutually beneficial manner".

#### **Further information**

[ec.europa.eu/culture/portal/action/diversity/unesco\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/portal/action/diversity/unesco_en.htm)  
<http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/>

### **Conference "Diversity Makes the Difference - European Foreign Policy and Culture"**

Peace Palace, The Hague, Netherlands, 9 March 2007

Policymakers (national and European), representatives of national cultural institutes and others in the cultural sector met to discuss European foreign policy and culture at the 'Diversity Makes the Difference' Conference in the Peace Palace in The Hague on 9 March 2007. Speakers included Ján Figel' (Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth), Sean Doyle (Strategic Director, DG External Relations), David Green (President of EUNIC and Director General of the British Council), Wolfgang Petritsch (former High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office at Geneva) and Gijs de Vries (EU's anti-terrorism coordinator), who stressed the role of culture as a basis for dialogue and mutual understanding. The conference was concluded with the observation that the future role of Europe in the world will be shaped by the common EU foreign and security policy being developed by the Member States and the European institutions. But the strength of the EU model is that it is a cultural as well as a political one. Foreign policy inevitably has a cultural dimension. There is good reason, therefore, to promote an enhanced and structured cultural component to EU foreign and security policy. This would help the EU to engage sensitively in conflict prevention, invest significantly in post-conflict reconciliation, and strengthen and develop cultural and educational capacities as well as sustainable local structures. Such a policy should obviously respect the *acquis communautaire* and the principle of subsidiarity. Europa Nostra was represented by Eléonore de Merode (Awards Coordinator) and Mark Snethlage (Policy and Campaigns Officer).

#### **Further information**

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### **Participation in the meetings of the *Civil Society Platform for Intercultural Dialogue***

Brussels, Belgium, 17 January 2007 and 5 March 2007

As part of its active involvement in the preparations of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, Europa Nostra attended the consultative meeting of the European Commission with the civil society for the preparation of the *European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008*. The *Civil Society Platform for Intercultural Dialogue*, initiated by the European Forum for the Arts and Heritage (EFAH) and the European Cultural Foundation (ECF), invited over thirty organisations and individuals to exchange ideas on this thematic year. Europa Nostra was represented by Eléonore de Merode and its Vice-President John Sell. On 5 March 2007 Europa Nostra attended the second meeting of the *Civil Society Platform for Intercultural Dialogue* in Brussels. Like in January organisations and individuals from the arts, from education, youth work, anti-discrimination, migration, etc., came together to shape the civil society's response to the *Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008*. Four workshops discussed intercultural competence, intercultural management of NGOs, intercultural dialogue by participatory artistic activity and by consumable cultural products. Europa Nostra was represented by Eléonore de Merode and Mark Snethlage.

#### **Further information**

[www.eurocult.org/we-advocate/advocacy-actions/civil-society-platform/](http://www.eurocult.org/we-advocate/advocacy-actions/civil-society-platform/)  
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### **The European Commission's Culture Programme 2007-2013**

On 3 March 2007, Europa Nostra was invited to attend the launch of the 2007-2013 EU Culture Programme in Brussels. This launch marked the start of a programme worth EUR 400 million, which aims to change the perception of cultural expressions across the European Union - and to make people reconnect with the European Union project. Designed to help cultural operators find new ways to cooperate and to explore opportunities for creative and innovative artistic ventures, the Culture Programme does not only set ambitious political goals for 'Unity in Diversity'

through mobility - 'Crossing Borders - Connecting Cultures' -, it also heralds a new methodology of consultation and partnership, as the Commission will reach out to stakeholders to help shape a successful implementation of the programme. Europa Nostra was represented by Eléonore de Merode. On 4 May 2007, the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency made public the names of the bodies active at European level in the field of culture that will be awarded operational grants for 2007 in the framework of the Culture Programme. Together with 23 other organisations, Europa Nostra has been granted a support in the category European Networks.

#### Further information

[ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/index_en.html)

### **Public Consultation on an Agenda for a Sustainable and Competitive European Tourism**

Brussels, Belgium, February 2007

Following the release by the European Commission's DG 'Enterprise and Industry' of the Final Report of the *Tourism Sustainability Group in February of this year*, a public consultation on an "Agenda for a Sustainable and Competitive European Tourism" was announced in May 2007. Europa Nostra responded to the consultation which ended on 14 June 2007. The *Tourism Sustainability Group* comprises 22 stakeholders in the wider field of tourism across Europe. It studied the necessary measures to reduce the impact of tourism on the environment and society. The conclusions of the Report are in line with those of Europa Nostra's Position Paper 'The Encouragement of Cultural Tourism and the Mitigation of its Effects'. This Position Paper, adopted in Paris in November last year, received a substantial number of encouraging replies including from the European Commission, from the World Tourism Organisation and from various Ministries of Culture. There is wide agreement which underlined the necessity to link tourism and culture through policy and to encourage cultural tourism whilst controlling it and developing sustainable solutions.

#### Further information

[ec.europa.eu/enterprise/services/tourism/tourism\\_sustainability\\_group.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/services/tourism/tourism_sustainability_group.htm)

### **German EU Presidency and Cultural heritage**

In January, the German European Union Presidency announced its priorities in the field of culture, which linked culture with the Lisbon agenda: explaining and making use of the contribution of culture to employment and growth. This follows a study on the "Economy of culture", commissioned by the European Commission and published in late 2006. The German Presidency also co-organised and supported a series of conferences including "**Building Culture for Sustainable Urban Development**" (Hamburg, 26 - 27 April 2007, [www.bmvbs.de/en/-2619/EU-Council-Presidency.htm](http://www.bmvbs.de/en/-2619/EU-Council-Presidency.htm)), "**The future Maritime Policy of the EU: a European vision for Oceans and Seas**" (Bremen, 3 - 4 May 2007, [www.bmvbs.de/en/-2619/EU-Council-Presidency.htm](http://www.bmvbs.de/en/-2619/EU-Council-Presidency.htm)); "**Culture powers Europe**" (Berlin, 7 - 8 June 2007, [www.kultur-macht-europa.eu](http://www.kultur-macht-europa.eu)); and "**UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Europe - A Network for Cultural Dialogue and Cultural Tourism**" (Lübeck, 13 - 14 June 2007, [www.unesco.de](http://www.unesco.de))

#### Further information:

[www.eu2007.de/en/Policy\\_Areas/Education\\_Youth\\_and\\_Culture/Culture\\_and\\_audiovisual\\_media.html](http://www.eu2007.de/en/Policy_Areas/Education_Youth_and_Culture/Culture_and_audiovisual_media.html)

### **Europa Nostra supports the search for a compromise solution for the preservation of the World Heritage Site, the Elbe Valley**

On 22 May 2007, Europa Nostra's Executive President, Dr Andrea H. Schuler sent letters to the Minister-President of the Free State of Saxony and the Mayor of Dresden, urging them to examine all possibilities of a compromise solution for the preservation of the Elbe Valley.

Europa Nostra urged the decision makers to examine all existing alternatives for the building of a bridge across the Elbe. A hurried implementation of the project currently under discussion might have irreversible consequences for the cultural heritage. In the present sensitive situation, one should not just follow formal criteria and insist on an immediate start of the construction works. Before the UNESCO World Heritage Meeting, which is scheduled for mid 2007, a clear signal from the State of Saxony that all technical and formal options are being examined in order to prevent the loss of the World Heritage Status, would remove pressure from the procedure, thus winning valuable time.

According to Dr Schuler, a consensus solution to be reached by participatory workshops including all stakeholders (modelled on the *Perspektivwerkstaette* that were successful in Cologne) is a positive example which should be applied in this case by the city authorities. Internationally well-known architects, who presently work at solutions aiming to harmonise the existing spatial planning procedures with the world heritage status, should be given the time needed to complete their work.

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### **Europa Nostra member organisations organised a public hearing on high rises in Copenhagen**

The city of Copenhagen published a blueprint of their plans for the inner city and the surrounding areas called the "Metropole Zone". These plans include the possible construction of high rise buildings in the inner city. In response to these plans, Europa Nostra Denmark and *Foreningen til Gamle Bygningers Bevaring*, both member organisations of Europa Nostra, organised a public hearing which had been widely announced in the press and attracted about 70 participants. The speakers included the Copenhagen city Mayor for buildings, Mr Klaus Bondam, the city architect of Copenhagen Mr Jens Christiansen, the former head of Aarhus Architectural School, Professor Nils-Ole Lund and Mrs Helle Søholt, a Danish architect. Their interventions were followed by a lively discussion with the audience. The hearing was concluded by a joint statement from Europa Nostra Denmark and *Foreningen til Gamle Bygningers Bevaring* regarding high rises in the inner city of Copenhagen. While not opposing the construction of tall buildings as a matter of principle, the statement warned against their location in the inner city and in the "Metropole zone". The signing organisations therefore recommended several alternative locations outside the inner city and the "Metropole Zone".

#### **Further information**

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### **Public Hearing on the Protection of the Cultural Heritage in Cyprus**

European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium, 11 April 2007

On 11 April, Europa Nostra participated in a Public Hearing on the Protection of the Cultural Heritage in Cyprus, organised by the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education's President, MEP Nikolaos Sifunakis (Greece). This well attended event followed a Resolution on the subject adopted by the European Parliament in July 2006 and a visit to the Republic of Cyprus by MEPs, including Mrs Claire Gibault (France). Europa Nostra's Vice President Denis de Kergorlay spoke on behalf of Europa Nostra. Other speakers included journalist Ms Michael Jansen (USA), historian / editor Dr Klaus Galle (Germany), Rev. Dr Demosthenes Demosthenous, expert in damage and desecration of churches (Cyprus), Mr Vassos Karageorgis, Director of the Leventis Foundation and Mr Edward O'Hara (UK), General Rapporteur for Cultural Heritage of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The speakers in the first panel presented an account of the state of the cultural heritage in Cyprus, whilst the second panel, in which Europa Nostra had been asked to participate, looked towards the future to try and define paths for

possible action to save and restore that which had been lost or damaged in the 32 years since the Turkish occupation. Europa Nostra's intervention had been carefully prepared after due consultation with its Board Members Ambassador Edmee Leventis (Cyprus), Mr Costa Carras (Greece) and Dr Orhan Silier and Prof. Isik Aydemir (Turkey).

Vice-President Denis de Kergorlay, speaking on behalf of Europa Nostra, recalled Europa Nostra's long standing concern for Cyprus' cultural heritage, which started with a Resolution adopted in 1987, successfully calling upon the Council of Europe to investigate the situation of the cultural heritage in Cyprus and proposing measures for its protection. More recently, Europa Nostra had issued more policy statements addressing not only the threats to the built (religious) heritage, but also the threats posed by tourism, especially to the coastal (built and natural) heritage of the island. In the past years, Europa Nostra also awarded exemplary projects involving the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities and local authorities. It was along these same lines that Europa Nostra formulated its main recommendations to the European Parliament and other European institutions: the need to encourage and support grass root initiatives and joint projects involving the different communities on the island. Finding participants to launch such a non-institutional network of heritage professionals would require a visit of a delegation to the island, which Europa Nostra offered to organise in the near future.

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## **Europa Nostra warns for the threats to the historic centre of Zagreb (Croatia)**

4 April 2007

Europa Nostra expressed its support to local protests against the planned construction of a "Life Style Centre" in the historic centre of his town. This exclusive commercial, apartment and business area, including a large public parking is planned to be constructed in the pedestrian zone of downtown Zagreb. In a letter addressed to Mayor Bandic, Europa Nostra shared the concern expressed by a number of Croatian conservation NGOs, including the "Right to the City Initiative" and "Croatia Nostra" and the wider public in Croatia that the project in its present form violates urban planning regulations and will severely damage the integrity of the well-preserved historic centre of Zagreb.

According to the information available, in addition to affecting the cultural heritage of Zagreb, the project will have a direct effect on the environment and quality of life in the city, notably through an increase in air pollution as a result of predicted additional traffic coming to the city. Conservation organisations in Croatia stress that in planning this project insufficient consideration was given to the wider sociological, transportation and environmental impacts. In its letter to Mayor Bandic, Europa Nostra stressed that a large project such as the planned "Life Style Centre" should be implemented in full respect of EU environmental rules, in particular the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive.

Moreover, Europa Nostra underlined that in view of its large impact, decision making regarding such a large project should follow an appropriate public consultation process with the participation of all stakeholders. This is in line with the provisions of the Aarhus Convention (which Croatia has ratified in December 2006) and the EU Directive 2003/35/EC on public participation in environmental decision-making, and should help finding alternative solutions for the sustainable regeneration of this part of the historic centre of Zagreb.

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## **Cultural heritage in Kosovo still under threat of violent attacks**

In the night of 31 March 2007, a mortar was fired at the Monastery of Decani near Peje/Pec in Kosovo. This was the third such an attack on Decani since the United Nations Mission in Kosovo took over the administration. Europa Nostra therefore sent letters to the Prime Minister of the Provisional Institutions of Self Government of Kosovo, Mr Agim Ceku, to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General, Mr Joachim R cker and to the Commander of the Kosovo Force, Luitenant General Roland Kather. In the letters, Europa Nostra deplored this latest attack confirming that the cultural heritage was still very much at risk from inter-communal attacks. Europa Nostra also expressed the hope that adequate measures would now be taken at a political level to put an end to these violent threats. It also recalled the conclusions of the Forum it organised on 14 November 2006 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, which indicated that at the level of the communities and heritage experts, as well as at the political level, there was a genuine will to work together for the protection of the cultural heritage in Kosovo. This indicates that the persisting threats to and attacks on the cultural heritage are the work of few extremist groups.

In their replies, Mr Ceku, Mr Rücker and Mr Kather assured their commitment to bring the perpetrators to justice and to increase the level of protection of the cultural and religious sites. They confirmed that the protection, enhancement and education of the cultural heritage are an essential part of Kosovo's future.

The Proceedings of the Europa Nostra Forum "Cultural Heritage in Kosovo: From Apple of Discord to Ferment of Reconciliation" are available on Europa Nostra's website.

[www.europanostra.org/downloads/documents/EN\\_Kosovo\\_2006\\_proceedings.pdf](http://www.europanostra.org/downloads/documents/EN_Kosovo_2006_proceedings.pdf)

**Further information**

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**Joint appeal to stop the flooding of Allianoi (Turkey)**

20 March 2007

Europa Nostra, together with the European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) and the International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), expressed its deep concern at the alarming and imminent threat to Allianoi, an outstanding Roman bath complex situated near Bergama in Turkey, in an international appeal to the Turkish Government. The appeal supports the widespread opposition - already expressed by many Turkish experts and citizens' associations and also by high representatives of the EU Institutions - to the announced flooding of Allianoi. The appeal was signed by Europa Nostra's Executive President, Dr Andrea H. Schuler, together with the Secretary General of EAA and the President of ICOMOS and asked the Turkish Government:

- To postpone the flooding of Allianoi, pending the completion of the excavation, data-collection and documentation of the site;
- To commission an in-depth study of the social, cultural and economic benefits which could be generated for the wider region by a possible development of Allianoi into a cultural and health tourism centre; and
- To explore the possibility of obtaining European or international support for the financing of such a feasibility study.

In May, Europa Nostra received a copy of the answer from the Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan to the letter of Hans Gert Pöttering President of the European Parliament. In his reply, the Prime Minister said that Turkey does not plan to flood the area until the necessary conservation measures are in place and that the aim is to prevent any water damage to the site. Together with its Turkish partners, Europa Nostra is trying to find out further details about the Turkish Government's outlook on the future of Allianoi.

**Further information**

[www.europanostra.org/save\\_allianoi.html](http://www.europanostra.org/save_allianoi.html)

### European Heritage Days

In its capacity as Liaison Office for the coordination of the European Heritage Days (EHDs), a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Commission, Europa Nostra prepared an "Evaluation on the 2006 edition of the EHDs", an "Analysis on the visibility of the European dimension in the EHDs in participating countries" and a "Communication Strategy on the EHDs, at European and national level". All three reports were sent to the national coordinators of the EHDs and were discussed at the CDPAT (Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage) meeting in Strasbourg on 14 - 15 May 2007.

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### 3000 km by foot to raise awareness about and funds for European Cultural Heritage

On 6 May, Paul Gardner, a young graduate from Oxford University with a Doctor of Philosophy in Archaeology, started out from Trafalgar Square, London, on his epic 3,000 km walk across the continent of Europe. He plans to arrive around 130 days later in Sultanahmet Square, Istanbul. This is not only a journey of discovery and an extraordinary personal adventure - taking him through ten countries, across the Bavarian and Austrian Alps and to some of the remotest corners of the Balkans - it is also a chance to share his passion for cultural heritage and historic monuments. You can follow his adventure, track his progress and share in his discoveries by visiting his weblog (see below) that records his journey. The walk is also a chance to promote European cultural heritage and to raise money to protect, conserve and present it to the widest possible audiences for present and future generations. Donating through the "justgiving" site (see below) is simple, fast and totally secure. It is also the most efficient way to sponsor his initiative: Europa Nostra will receive the donations faster and, for UK taxpayers, an extra 28% in tax will be added to each gift.

#### Further information

Weblog [london2istanbul.blogspot.com](http://london2istanbul.blogspot.com)

Donating [www.justgiving.com/london2istanbul](http://www.justgiving.com/london2istanbul)

### Europa Nostra at TEFAF

On 8 - 18 March 2007, Europa Nostra was present at The European Fine Art Fair (TEFAF) with a stand to inform the visitors of TEFAF about Europa Nostra's mission and activities for the benefit of Europe's Cultural Heritage. Europa Nostra's presence at TEFAF reflected the shared commitment of the two organisations towards Europe's Culture and Cultural Heritage. On the Private View on 8 March, Europa Nostra's stand was visited by Willem Baron van Dedem, President of the TEFAF Board of Trustees, Mr Paul Hustinx, General Manager of The European Fine Art Foundation, and Mr Otto von der Gablentz, member of the TEFAF Board of Trustees and Honorary President of Europa Nostra. On this occasion, Willem Baron van Dedem handed over to Mr Otto von der Gablentz a kind donation of 50,000 Euros towards Europa Nostra's future activities.

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### Label patrimoine européen (European Heritage List)

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres, the French Minister for Culture, launched a new initiative to identify and highlight the European significance of buildings and sites and to communicate them to the wider public. In France, the first selected sites are: the abbey of Cluny, the first site to receive the "Label", the house of Robert Schuman in Scy-Chazelles and the Court of Honour of the Pope's Palace in Avignon. A few days after the launch, the Greek Minister of Culture, Mr Georgios A. Voulgarakis, affixed a plaque on the Acropolis in Athens and the Italian Minister of Culture, Mr Francesco Rutelli, did the same at the site of the Capitoline Hill in Rome.

#### Further information

[www.culture.gouv.fr/culture/actualites/dossiers-presse/label-europeen/intro.html](http://www.culture.gouv.fr/culture/actualites/dossiers-presse/label-europeen/intro.html)

## **Luxembourg and greater region and Sibiu/Hermannstadt, European Capitals of Culture 2007**

Sibiu/Hermannstadt (Romania) and Luxembourg are the European Capitals of Culture in 2007. 2007.

Sibiu/Hermannstadt has chosen the theme: *City of Culture - City of Cultures* and Luxembourg: *Europe of the Future and Discovering Yourself - Discovering Others*. It is the first time that a European region is being considered as a European Capital of Culture. This allows the cooperation between four European countries, Luxembourg, Germany, France and Belgium, and reinforces the cultural links that are already established. The celebrations include many heritage events, exhibitions and monuments opened to the public. In its capacity as Liaison Office for the European Heritage Days (EHDs), Europa Nostra will participate in the launch of the EHDs in Sibiu, in September 2007.

On Tuesday, 24 April 2007 the first *Cultural Heritage Info Center* opened in Sibiu as part of the project "Cultural Heritage - A Bridge Towards a Shared Future" (an international initiative coordinated by UNESCO, aimed at strengthening regional cooperation for the protection and promotion of South-East European cultural heritage) and financed by the Italian Government. During the opening ceremony, a new website with information about the villages and their fortified churches in the Sibiu - Sighisoara - Medias - Brasov area ([www.fortified-churches.com](http://www.fortified-churches.com)) was presented to the public.

### **Further information**

[www.luxembourg2007.org/GB/index.html](http://www.luxembourg2007.org/GB/index.html)

[www.sibiu2007.ro/en3/about.htm](http://www.sibiu2007.ro/en3/about.htm)

## **Europa Nostra's recent publications**

The **Europa Nostra Annual Report 2006** was approved at the General Assembly on 6 June in Stockholm, Sweden. It contains an overview of Europa Nostra's activities during 2006. Also included are the lists of its statutory bodies and members, and the financial statements for 2006.

### **European Cultural Heritage Review - Special Issue on the Heritage Awards**

For the occasion of the presentation of the European Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards, 2006 edition, at the City Hall of Stockholm on 8 June 2007, Europa Nostra produced the special issue of its European Cultural Heritage Review, listing, describing and illustrating all the winning projects of the 2006 round of the Awards.

The **Annual Report** and the **European Cultural Heritage Review - Special Issue on the Heritage Awards** will be mailed to all members shortly.

### **European Cultural Heritage Review**

Europa Nostra published the first 2007 issue of its European Cultural Heritage Review. This special focus of this Review is the city of Saint Petersburg featured in the dossier "The Saint Petersburg Phenomenon". Several articles address the architectural past and future of the city and present Saint Petersburg as a "Window Open to Europe". As an example of an issue facing most heritage cities across Europe, the threat facing St. Petersburg from plans to build a 400m tall tower by Gazprom on the edge of the city's historic core, is one of a number of articles concerned with tall buildings in historic cities. Also in this issue are a wide range of articles including the celebration of the tercentenary of Vauban's death, the activities of the USA National Trust for Historic Preservation and the European Heritage Days. The Review opens with an interview with Europa Nostra's outgoing President, HRH the Prince Consort of Denmark.

### **Scientific Bulletin 60**

Europa Nostra's Scientific Council has published the 60th issue of its Scientific Bulletin. The bulletin focuses on Fortified Churches and Monasteries and includes articles with examples from all over Europe, but with a special focus on Transylvania, where the 2005 meeting was held (Sibiu).

These recent publications, as well as some of the back issues, can be ordered from the Europa Nostra Secretariat, using the [Order Form for Publications](#).

**Further information Europa Nostra's publications**

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**Europa Nostra Heritage Tours**

The Europa Nostra Heritage Tours to ITALY - 'Villas of the Veneto' (8 - 14 May 2007) and MALLORCA - 'An Island's Unknown Historical Splendour' (16 - 21 October 2007) are fully booked. Places are still available for the tours to SERBIA - 'At the crossroads: East-West, North-South' (22 - 30 September 2007) and SYRIA - 'The golden temples of the sunset' (2 - 15 November 2007).

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### Call for Entries Europa Nostra Awards 2008

Europa Nostra announced the Europa Nostra Awards 2008 and issued a Call for outstanding achievements in the field of heritage conservation and enhancement. Projects will be awarded in the categories of Conservation, Research, Dedicated Service by Individuals or Organisations and, from this year, Education, Training and Awareness-Raising. Over the past 5 years, Europa Nostra has been running the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage in the context of the European Commission's Culture 2000 programme. On 7 November 2006 the European Commission published a Call for Proposals for organising the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage in the framework of its new Culture programme. Europa Nostra therefore responded to this Call by proposing the "EU Prize Scheme for Cultural Heritage - Europa Nostra Awards" and hopes to continue its cooperation with the European Commission between 2007 and 2013. The Commission's decision is expected by the end of June 2007.

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### European Heritage Awards Ceremony

The European Heritage Awards Ceremony for the annual **EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards** was part of the programme of the Europa Nostra Annual Congress 2007. This year's European Heritage Awards Ceremony was attended by Their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden and HRH Princess Madeleine, Patron of Europa Nostra Sweden, and took place in the magnificent Blue Hall of the Stockholm City Hall on **Friday 8 June 2007**.

#### Further information

[www.europanostra.org/stockholmcongress/awards.html](http://www.europanostra.org/stockholmcongress/awards.html)

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### Thirty-Four Outstanding Heritage Achievements Awarded EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards

The European Commission and Europa Nostra announced the laureates of the annual European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards. The Awards were presented to the representatives of the awarded achievements at the annual **European Heritage Awards Ceremony**, which took place **on 8 June 2007** in the **Stockholm City Hall** in **Sweden**. HRH the Prince Consort of Denmark, President of Europa Nostra, Ján Figel', Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, HRH Princess Madeleine, Patron of Europa Nostra Sweden and Mrs Lena Adelsohn-Liljeroth, Swedish Minister of Culture, participated in this major event. The ceremony was honoured by the presence of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden.

A total of 158 excellent applications and nominations from 32 countries were received in various categories and assessed *in situ* by independent experts. The most outstanding of these were selected by the Heritage Awards Jury in a series of meetings which took place over recent months. The range of exemplary initiatives submitted illustrated the many facets of Europe's rich cultural heritage, ranging from the restoration of buildings and sites, their adaptation to new uses, new buildings in conservation areas, urban and rural landscape rehabilitation, to archaeological sites, care for collections, research and dedicated service to heritage conservation by individuals or organisations.

The five top Prizes, which each include a monetary award of €10,000, will be presented in the following categories:

Conservation of Architectural Heritage:

to the **Sarica Church** in Cappadocia (Turkey)

Having suffered from severe surface erosion due to rainwater infiltration, cracks and flaking, this remarkable example of a rock-carved Byzantine church was rescued, restored and made accessible to visitors. The project principally involved the restoration of the wall paintings, the construction of a new drainage system and the replacement of the eroded rock of the facade with a covering of harder local tuff of similar colour.

Conservation of Cultural Landscapes:

to **Santo Stefano di Sessanio** in l'Aquila (Italy)

The visionary action of a private investor has permitted the dramatic rescue of a medieval fortified village in the Abruzzi highlands, which had been completely abandoned under the effects of devastating poverty and rural exodus. Through its rehabilitation as an extended hotel, this important rural architectural heritage was thoroughly restored and the local crafts and traditions were revived. The social and economic benefits of the revitalisation of the project have radiated throughout the region.

Conservation of Works of Art:

to the **Farbdiaarchiv zur Wand- und Deckenmalerei** (Germany)

An ambitious project was successfully undertaken by the *Zentral Institut für Kunstgeschichte München* and the *Bildarchiv Foto Marburg* to develop a digital database to preserve the Colour Slide Archive of a large photo campaign that took place in 1943-1945 to document valuable paintings and interior decoration in buildings endangered by Allied air raids. The Archive features circa 40,000 images from approximately 480 buildings in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Russia, many of which were damaged or destroyed during the last three years of the war. Now accessible over the internet, free of charge, to scholars and to the general public alike, it also serves as an indispensable research tool upon which the restoration of damaged buildings can be founded.

Outstanding Studies:

to the **Politecnico di Milano, l'Ecole d'Architecture de Versailles**, and the **Raymond Lemaire Centre for Conservation Leuven** (Italy / France / Belgium)

One of the last major defence lines of the 20th century, the Atlantic Wall was built by the German occupying forces in the period 1941-1944, along the coastline of France, the Channel Islands, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark and Norway. A joint project involving cooperation with numerous partner institutions was launched by the Politecnico di Milano (Italy), the Raymond Lemaire Centre for Conservation in Leuven (Belgium), and the Ecole d'Architecture de Versailles (France), to research and raise public awareness on this valuable transnational heritage. It has successfully contributed to the preservation of our collective memory and shared European history through the publication of a catalogue and atlas, a photo campaign, the organisation of a conference and a travelling exhibition, and the creation of a website.

Dedicated Service:

to **The Mihai Eminescu Trust** (Romania / United Kingdom)

By rescuing and repairing more than 300 historic buildings and training more than 100 local craftsmen in traditional skills, this non-governmental, non-profit organisation has invested huge efforts and achieved impressive long-lasting results in the preservation of the Saxon heritage of Transylvania, a treasure of unique European value. Since 1989, the Trust has been working to revitalise the social and economic life of the region, by supporting the restoration of architectural heritage and developing income-generating activities such as ecological and cultural tourism, organic agriculture and traditional crafts.

In addition to the five top Prizes, 16 Medals and 13 Diplomas will be awarded in the following categories:

Conservation of Architectural Heritage:

**Austria** - Stift Klosterneuburg (Diploma);

**Denmark** - Pardehuset, Gissfeldt Kloster (Diploma); Texaco Service Station 1938, Skovshoved Harbour (Diploma);

**Finland** - Porthania Building, University of Helsinki (Medal);

**Georgia** - The Church of the Virgin, Timotesubani (Medal);

**Germany** - The Belvedere on Pfingstberg Hill, Potsdam (Diploma);

**Hungary** - Terminal I, Ferihegy Airport, Budapest (Medal); New York Palace & Café, Budapest (Medal);

**Norway** - Domus Academica, University of Oslo (Diploma);

**Slovenia** - Pocarjeva Domacija, Mojstrana (Diploma);

**Spain** - Pont Trencat, Sant Celoni and Santa Maria de Palautordera (Medal); San Juan de los Reyes, Granada (Diploma);

**Sweden** - Eslöv Civic Hall (Diploma);

**United Kingdom** - The Roundhouse, London (Medal); St Paul's Church, Bristol (Diploma); Brunel's ss Great Britain, Bristol (Diploma).

Conservation of Cultural Landscapes:

**United Kingdom** - The Reed & Sedge Cutters, The Broads (Medal); Mourne Homesteads, County Down, Northern Ireland (Diploma).

Conservation of Works of Art:

**Croatia** - The Croatian Apoxyomenos at the Zadar Archaeological Museum in Zagreb (Medal);

**Germany** - Wall-Paintings of the Ottonian Crypt, Saint Andrew's Church, Fulda (Medal).

Conservation of Archaeological Sites:

**Poland** - Archaeological Open-Air Museum, Biskupin (Medal).

Studies:

**Denmark** - The Site of Illerup Ådal and the European society around 200 AD, by Mr Jan Skamby Madsen, Moesgård Museum (Medal);

**Sweden** - New Foundations and Changes of Plan, Swedish Town Planning 1521-1721, by Nils Ahlberg, University of Uppsala (Diploma);

**Turkey** - Silk Factories in Bursa and the Conservation of Industrial Heritage related to Sericulture, by Dr Elif Özlem Oral, Gebze University (Diploma);

**United Kingdom** - The Palace of Westminster Conservation Plan, by Donald Insall Associates (Medal).

Dedicated Service:

**Germany** - Professor Dr. Dr. Ing. E.H. Gottfried Kiesow (Medal);

**Italy** - The Association of Significant Cemeteries in Europe (A.S.C.E.) (Medal);

**Spain** - Fundación Caja Madrid - Programme for the Conservation of Spain's Historical Heritage (Medal);

**Cyprus / Greece / Liechtenstein / Switzerland / United Kingdom** - The A.G. Leventis Foundation (Medal).

To encourage initiatives considered by the Juries to be of a very high standard, but that did not gain an award, this year for the first time a total of 55 entries were commended. The applicants received a Special Mention certificate, signed by the Presidents of the Juries.

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### Europa Nostra Annual Congress 2007

The Europa Nostra Annual Congress 2007 took place from **Tuesday 5 June until Friday 8 June in Stockholm, Sweden**. The Annual Congress was closed by a festive dinner, which was the occasion to pay tribute and thank most sincerely our retiring President, **HRH the Prince Consort of Denmark**, for his 17 years of dedicated commitment to Europa Nostra and its action for the protection and enhancement of heritage throughout Europe. It was also the opportunity to most warmly welcome **HRH The Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón**, who was elected by the Europa Nostra General Assembly as the new President of the federation.

The festive dinner was also the occasion to celebrate the laureates of the 2006 edition of the annual European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards. The Awards were presented to the representatives of the awarded achievements at the annual **European Heritage Awards Ceremony**, which took place **on 8 June 2007** in the **Stockholm City Hall** in **Sweden**. HRH the Prince Consort of Denmark, President of Europa Nostra, Ján Figel', Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, HRH Princess Madeleine, Patron of Europa Nostra Sweden and Mrs Lena Adelsohn-Liljeroth, Swedish Minister of Culture, participated in this major event. The ceremony was honoured by the presence of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden.

### Europa Nostra Forum "Add Modernism!"

As part of this year's Annual Congress, on **Thursday 7 June 2007**, Europa Nostra, in cooperation with the Swedish Association of Architects and DOCOMOMO International, organised the Forum "Add Modernism!". The aim of the Forum was to raise awareness among the general public, but also among decision-makers, of the contribution of 20th century modernism to Europe's cultural heritage. The Forum was therefore primarily **policy and action orientated** and presented to the participants the fundamental arguments for considering modernism as an **integral part of Europe's cultural heritage**. The arguments focused on the cultural "raison d'être" of modernism and its contributions to the European culture, and on more technical and functional aspects of the conservation of modernist buildings and sites. At the end of the Forum, Europa Nostra presented a declaration on the importance of adding the modernist cultural heritage to the "conservation agenda" at local, national and European level.

The Forum "Add Modernism!" was preceded by a **Panel Discussion on Swedish Heritage**, with representatives of main Swedish Heritage NGOs. The Panel Discussion was honoured by the presence of Their Majesties the **King and the Queen of Sweden**, and of **HRH Princess Madeleine**, Patron of Europa Nostra Sweden. The Panel Discussion and the Forum took place in the Auditorium of the **Moderna Museet**, located on **Skeppsholmen**.

#### Further information

[www.europanostra.org/stockholmcongress/forum.html](http://www.europanostra.org/stockholmcongress/forum.html)

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### Inventory of Heritage Organisations in Europe website online

On 11 May 2007, Europa Nostra Secretary General Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović met Council Member Piet Jaspert (President of *VCM Contactforum voor Erfgoedverenigingen*) and Natan Bruneel (Project manager) to discuss Europa Nostra's possible participation in the Inventory of Heritage Organisations in Europe (IHOE), an initiative developed by three leading Flemish heritage umbrella organisations with the financial support of the Flanders Government. The aim of the project is to offer an online searchable database of all heritage NGOs across Europe active in the wider field of heritage (built and natural, movable and immovable, tangible and intangible). This instrument, open for consultation to the public should help heritage NGOs across Europe finding partners and exchanging ideas and experiences in the field of heritage management and enhancement. Europa Nostra has been asked to participate in the Steering Committee that shall define the project's future activities, more specifically the organisation of a European Conference on the role of civil society organisations in the field of cultural heritage, to be organised in Belgium in late 2008, early 2009. Europa Nostra welcomes this initiative and encourages its member organisations and other heritage NGOs to register, and thus help create a comprehensive overview of the civil society organisations active in the field of cultural heritage in Europe.

#### Further information

[www.heritage-organisations.eu](http://www.heritage-organisations.eu)

## **Central and Eastern Europe Working Group meeting**

Kraków, Poland, 26 - 27 April 2007

Europa Nostra's Central and Eastern Europe Working Group met from 26-27 April at the International Cultural Centre in Kraków (Poland). Amongst the main issues addressed were: the future priorities of the Working Group in the context of Europa Nostra's Activity Plan 2008-2010; the situation of cultural heritage in South-East Europe including a presentation by Mr Velimir Matanovic (Kosovska Mitrovica); the conflicts between heritage preservation and development in the historic cities of Central and Eastern Europe; as well as the specificity of intercultural dialogue in the region in the context of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008. The afternoon of the 27 April was devoted to an exchange of views with over 40 representatives of heritage NGOs in Poland.

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## **European Maritime Heritage Congress**

Rotterdam, 16 - 18 April 2007

European Maritime Heritage's 6<sup>th</sup> Congress took place in the port city of Rotterdam, a dynamic environment where old meets new. Europa Nostra's participation in this event followed two prior meetings with Board Members of this European heritage network whose main aim is to preserve the floating heritage (historic ships) by keeping them in operation. European Maritime Heritage recently applied for Europa Nostra membership. Mr Roelf Rogaar, who was elected Europa Nostra's new Treasurer in Stockholm on 6 June 2007, addressed the participants, together representing a wide range of stakeholders in the wider field of maritime and coastal heritage preservation. Most speakers took advantage of the presence of John Richardson, Chairman of the EC Maritime Policy Task Force, to deliver some recommendations and requests in view of the European Commission's work on a future EU Maritime Policy.

### **Further information**

[www.european-maritime-heritage.org](http://www.european-maritime-heritage.org)

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## **Heritage Led Regeneration - Producing Good Practice**

Verona, Italy, 28 February - 2 March 2007

Delegates at the 2007 Verona Congress learnt about the implementation of heritage led regeneration projects from all of the 6 city INHERIT partners (Verona (Italy), Newcastle (UK), Ubeda (Spain), Belfast (Northern Ireland), Göteborg (Sweden) and Gdansk (Poland)). The Symposium was structured around the following themes: strategic approaches, public domain, community involvement, cultural approaches and new uses for heritage buildings. The INHERIT project aims to increase the capability of towns and cities to regenerate physically, economically and socially by investing in their physical heritage. In the Verona Declaration, delegates reaffirmed the importance of heritage as a central feature of regeneration in relation to these themes. These conclusions will be taken forward to the INHERIT good practice guide. Europa Nostra was represented by its Council Member architect Rossana Bettinelli of Italia Nostra.

### **Further information**

[www.inheritproject.net](http://www.inheritproject.net)

## **Regional heritage NGO Meeting organised by Slovenia Nostra**

Ljubljana, Slovenia, 27 - 28 January 2007

On 27 and 28 January 2007, Slovenia Nostra, Europa Nostra's country representation in Slovenia, organised a meeting with representatives of heritage NGOs from neighbouring countries. The aim was to exchange ideas and best practices and to explore ways of possible future cooperation. The meeting was organised in the context of the General Assembly of Slovenia Nostra and attracted about 50 participants representing local heritage NGOs (including "The Paths of Cultural Heritage Foundation", a member organisation of Europa Nostra), expert organisations (ICOM, ICOMOS) and government institutions from across Slovenia. During the General Assembly Mr Slavko Mezek was elected Slovenia Nostra's new President, to take over from Mrs Maružjka Hafner.

The invited organisations from neighbouring countries were represented by Dr Irina Subotic (Europa Nostra in Serbia), Dr Wiltraud Resch (Europa Nostra in Austria), Prof Gabor Winkler (Hungaria Nostra Federation), Arch

Rossana Bettinelli (Italia Nostra), each of whom gave a presentation about their organisation's aims and activities. Mark Snethlage, Policy and Campaigns Officer, made a presentation about Europa Nostra's most recent activities and achievements. The main topics discussed in the open debate included 'heritage and cultural tourism', 'cultural heritage and intercultural dialogue' and the role of voluntary organisations in heritage conservation (including funding). The organisations agreed to study the possibility to submit a proposal for a cross-border project on intercultural dialogue to coincide with Slovenia's Presidency of the European Union in the first semester of 2008.

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### **Guidance note from Users and Clients Advisory Group for the European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP)**

Throughout 2006 and 2007, Europa Nostra was represented by Laurie Neale at meetings of the **European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP)** Advisory Group for Users and Clients, where a guidance note outlining user and client perspectives - including cultural heritage concerns - was drafted so that User and Client needs and concerns be incorporated in the formulation and assessment of proposals to be submitted for European Community FP7 (Seventh Framework Programme) funding in the fields of technological development and demonstration activities. The FP7 will run from 2007 to 2013. At the beginning of April 2007, the ECTP User and Client Advisory Group guidance note was sent to ECTP Focus Area Leaders to be included in their recommendations for the drafting of FP7 Calls for Funding Submissions / Research Proposals. The European Commission recommended the creation of the ECTP Advisory Group for Users and Clients (as well as one for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises) so that the interests of Users and Clients (and SME) not be overlooked by big business / big construction companies when these join forces to set up 'consortia' to propose Research projects through which to apply for the EU FP7 research money when it comes available. The idea is that Users and Clients needs be voiced at various stages of the research process and that the consideration of User and Client needs be a basic requirement for the research projects being accepted and of how they will be evaluated.

In 2006, Europa Nostra followed and participated in the preparation of the European Community FP7, contributing to the public hearing "Sustainable Development, Natural and Cultural Heritage Research" organised by MEP Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines (EPP), where ways of promoting research in those fields and the need to increase the presence of cultural heritage within the different themes of EU research programmes were discussed.

#### **Further information**

[ECTP Position Note](#)

[ECTP Guidance Note](#)

[ECTP Guidance Note - Suggested contents for a user/client work package in FP7 bids](#)

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### **Europa Nostra Germany coordinator visits Europa Nostra headquarters**

The Hague, Netherlands, 21 February 2007

Dr Holger Rescher, representative of Europa Nostra's German country representation, visited the Europa Nostra Secretariat in The Hague on 21 February 2007, to discuss the cooperation between the international and the German organisation. An important part of this cooperation is the translation of Europa Nostra documents into German, to reach the large German speaking part of Europe. Dr Rescher showed the work done to improve the visibility of the country representation by means of brochures and the launch of a new website. Recently, Europa Nostra Germany has been a key partner in the coordination of Europa Nostra's intervention for the safeguarding of the Elbe Valley near Dresden, a World Heritage Site (See Heritage at Risk).

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### **New country representation - Europa Nostra Serbia**

Belgrade, Serbia, 8 February 2007

Europa Nostra Serbia's founding assembly meeting was held in the National Museum in Belgrade on 8 February 2007. Many scholars and researchers, journalists and NGO representatives took part in the event, as this was an opportunity to hear more on Europa Nostra, and also about the aims and planned activities of Europa Nostra Serbia. Presentations were followed by exchange and discussion on current concerns regarding cultural heritage, policy directions and awareness raising activities. Europa Nostra in Serbia is currently fully involved in the preparations of Europa Nostra's Scientific Council Colloquy, Council Meeting and participation in the events marking the European Heritage Days in Belgrade, to take place in Belgrade from 14 to 23 September 2007 (see below). Europa Nostra in Serbia's President Prof. Irina Subotic and her team have also prepared a proposal for a programme of activities for the benefit of the cultural heritage in Kosovo.

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### **Fedecrail seeks closer cooperation with Europa Nostra**

The Hague, Netherlands, 12 December 2006

Representatives of the Council of one of Europa Nostra's Member Organisations Fedecrail, the European Federation of Museum & Tourist Railways, visited the Europa Nostra Secretariat to explain the federation's objectives and activities and to learn about Europa Nostra. Both European umbrella organisations, Fedecrail and Europa Nostra share ideas about cultural heritage and its role in all parts of society, in particular on the issue of Cultural Tourism and its effects. Europa Nostra's Vice President Catharine Collet spoke at Fedecrail's 2007 Conference in Odense (Denmark, 27 April - 2 May 2007), and Ambassador Rienko Wilton, an individual member from the Netherlands, presented Europa Nostra at an event organised by Fedecrail at the European Parliament on 9 May in Brussels.

#### **Further information**

[www.fedecrail.org/en/index\\_en.html](http://www.fedecrail.org/en/index_en.html)

### **New members**

Europa Nostra's Council, at its last meeting in Stockholm on 6 June approved the membership of 15 new heritage NGO's. Europa Nostra welcomes these new members and is confident that their membership will result in many years of mutual beneficial cooperation for the benefit of the protection and enhancement of Europe's common cultural heritage.

## NEW MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

### **Association A.V.E.C. (Alliance des Villes Européennes de Culture) - European Network based in France**

Over the past 10 years A.V.E.C. (Alliance des Villes Européennes de Culture, *Alliance of European Cities of Culture*) has regrouped European cities and regions sharing one common objective: optimising their policies and administration in order to achieve a high level of quality and professionalism in the field of sustainable management of historic cities and regions and their heritage. The association organises meetings and exchanges between its members, puts together interregional commissions and sets up projects at European level.

[www.avecnet.eu](http://www.avecnet.eu)

### **Union REMPART - France**

Union Rempart was established in 1966. Today it brings together 170 local conservation organisations throughout France. Most of these voluntary member organisations operate at a local level for the conservation and enhancement of the cultural heritage (most often one particular site). New functions are found for each site, thus contributing to the development of the local communities. The associations organise restoration camps for volunteers, technical trainings, education and cultural activities. Rempart is a publicly recognised association in France and maintains good relations with the French Ministries of Culture, of Youth, of Foreign Affairs, of Social Affairs but also with local authorities.

[www.rempart.com](http://www.rempart.com)

### **Irish Heritage Trust - Ireland**

The mission of the Irish Heritage Trust is to acquire properties of significant heritage value where there is a risk to such value, so as to provide for their proper conservation, maintenance and presentation; their public enjoyment and appreciation; and public access to them in perpetuity. The Trust was formally launched on 3 July 2006 and is a fully constituted, limited company with charitable status and an independent board.

[www.irishheritagetrust.ie](http://www.irishheritagetrust.ie)

### **National Fund for the Rebirth of the Russian Country Estate - Russia**

The National Fund for the Rebirth of the Russian Estate was established for the implementation of social, charitable, cultural and educational activities. The National Fund's activities are guided by priorities of universal ethics and values. The NF PRCE popularises an idea of "resurrection" of monuments of the country estate (18th - early 20th century). Most of them are deserted today. The mission of the NF PRCE is to develop consistent policy on the "rebirth" of immovable heritage of Russia in the current social and economic conditions. Restored Russian country estates must become new centres for social and economic growth of rural deserted areas as a factor for reinforcing Russian identity. The NF PRCE has been researching and popularising foreign experience, also looking for innovative ways of partnerships between the state, civil society and business. The National Fund created networks between different professional, territorial and business communities and has searched for resources for the implementation of projects and programmes related to the integration of historical buildings into sustainable social and cultural development.

[www.fondus.ru](http://www.fondus.ru)

### **European Maritime Heritage - European Network based in The Netherlands**

The European Maritime Heritage (EMH) is a non-governmental organisation for private owners of traditional ships, as well as for maritime museums and other interested bodies. The objectives of the EMH exclude any pursuit of profit, and include the encouragement of mutual cooperation between the extensive community of organisations in Europe, including museums, involved in keeping maritime heritage alive; the facilitation of the flow of advice and assistance between such organisations; the contribution to the mutual understanding of different maritime cultures and increase public awareness of those cultures, by organising a triennial congress; the identification and promotion of historic water-borne links between European regions, publicising the role waterways as a cultural bridge between the nations; the study and solution of common problems identified in the course of preserving and operating traditional craft in Europe; and the liaison with official organisations of the European Union with a representative and consultative service on all aspects of preserving and operation historic boats and vessels.

[www.european-maritime-heritage.org](http://www.european-maritime-heritage.org)

### **Bulgarian National Heritage "Ferdinandeum" Association - Bulgaria**

The Bulgarian National Heritage 'Ferdinandeum' Association (BNHF) is dedicated to preserving and promoting the Bulgarian cultural heritage and aims at raising public awareness of national architectural monuments, collections, and sites of cultural and historic importance. It concentrates on 'Neo-Byzantine' aesthetics, i.e. the official artistic style of the Third Bulgarian Kingdom (1878-1944). 'Ferdinandeum' recalls the founder of the last Bulgarian Dynasty, H. M. Tsar Ferdinand Leopold Maria Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, connoisseur and patron of the national fine arts and architecture. The Association turns its attention only to those current artefacts and cultural practices that are capable to display a convincing continuation of the genuine national tradition, and to perform an active part in consolidation of national identity. In parallel, the Association seeks to extend its professional contacts with experienced EU cultural institutions

and non-governmental organisations with the aim to introduce in Bulgaria the most advanced and efficient practices in the sphere of preservation, promotion and management of cultural heritage.

#### **The Center for Sustainable Values “Lychnidos” - Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

The Center for Sustainable Values (CSV) “Lychnidos” is non governmental, not profit organisation devoted to built, cultural and natural Heritage protection, sustainable urban planning and development and rural regeneration in the Ohrid Region, FYR of Macedonia. The old city of Ohrid, rich in valuable cultural-historic monuments and Lake Ohrid with its picturesque surroundings are listed as a mixed World Heritage Site. One of our main objectives is to promote and achieve balance between heritage protection and the rapid economic development in the period of transition, in order to save the cultural and natural heritage and to maintain the identity of this outstanding place, as a part of our common European heritage. With this aim the CSV “Lychnidos” is actively contributing to the dissemination, adoption and implementation of EU policy and standards.

#### **Erfgoed Nederland - The Netherlands**

The mission of Erfgoed Nederland is to strengthen the position, the interest and significance of cultural heritage in our society. Main activities are promotion, education, serving as a forum for heritage institutions, management development, intercultural projects and organisation of congresses. Erfgoed Nederland has been created in 2007 following the merger of *Stichting NCM* (until then a member organisations of Europa Nostra) with DIVA (archives), SNA (archaeology) and *Erfgoed Actueel* (education).

[www.erfgoednederland.nl](http://www.erfgoednederland.nl)

#### **PERSPECTIV - Association of Historic Theatres in Europe - European Network based in Germany**

The mission of PERSPECTIV is to encourage and support the conservation and restoration of historic theatres, secure the continuous exchange between these theatres and everybody interested in them, initiate and support research and introduce the public to this extraordinary European cultural heritage.

[www.perspectiv.eu](http://www.perspectiv.eu)

#### **ARVHA - Association pour la recherche sur la ville et l’habitat - France**

ARVHA’s trains architects in restoration skills with a particular emphasis on women participation in architecture and building activities. It promotes exchanges between trainers and professionals in the field of architecture, sustainable development and renewable energies, heritage protection and enhancement and raising public awareness about architecture in the widest sense. ARVHA also fights against the discrimination of the handicapped in the architecture profession and public space design.

[www.arvha.asso.fr](http://www.arvha.asso.fr)

#### **St James’s Conservation Trust - United Kingdom**

The object’s of the St. James’s Conservation Trust Ltd. Include the promotion of high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit; the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit; and the education of the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit.

#### **Stichting tot Beheer van Huis Doorn (Foundation for the Management of Huis Doorn) - The Netherlands**

The mission of the Foundation is to run the museum *Huis Doorn* and act as manager and private organisation on behalf of the Dutch State, the actual owner of the property. The foundation manages and conserves the unique collection of the German ex-Emperor Wilhelm II, who lived here in exile from 1920 until his death in 1941.

[www.huisdoorn.nl](http://www.huisdoorn.nl)

#### **Europäisches Burgeninstitut, Einrichtung der Deutschen Burgenvereinigung e.V. - European Network based in Germany**

The European Castles Institute’s mission is to promote scientific research on historic castles and manor houses. The Institute has a specialist library on castle research (30.000 books) and a collection of plans, maps, pictures, photographs and documents related to European castles.

[www.deutsche-burgen.org](http://www.deutsche-burgen.org)

### **NEW ASSOCIATE ORGANISATIONS**

#### **Municipality of Gentofte - Denmark**

Main activities of the Municipality of Gentofte are functions of local authorities in Denmark such as social health care, environment, leisure and culture, primary education, physical planning, elder service etc.

[www.gentofte.dk](http://www.gentofte.dk)

### **Distretto Culturale Taormina Etna - Italy**

Taormina Etna Cultural District is a recognised organisation that works in the field of management and enhancement of tourism, agrifood, natural and regional production resources. It primarily works in the field of spatial planning, cooperation between the various stakeholders (public and private) and sustainable development of local resources. Taormina Etna Cultural District encourages the rediscovery and knowledge of local history, culture and religion, and raises awareness of the local cultural heritage among the population.

[www.comune.bronte.ct.it](http://www.comune.bronte.ct.it)

### **Stockholm City Museum - Sweden**

The mission of the Stockholm City Museum is to preserve the city's cultural heritage, bring it to life and convey it to Stockholm residents, visitors and future generations. The City Museum supports research on Stockholm and publishes literature on the subject.

[www.stadsmuseum.stockholm.se](http://www.stadsmuseum.stockholm.se)

### **AIX Arkitektkontor AB - Sweden**

AIX Arkitektkontor AB is one of the ten largest architect offices in Sweden. The office has 16 partners and 60 staff, mainly architects but also interior designers, engineers, urban planners, building conservators and administrative staff. The commissions have a very wide range: housing, offices, schools, hospitals, theatres, cinemas, museums, palaces, castles and churches. About 35% of the projects deal with already existing buildings and many of them are listed buildings.

[www.aix.se](http://www.aix.se)

## **NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS**

### **MIDI plc - Malta**

MIDI plc's field of business activity is real estate development including restoration and conservation of heritage sites within developments. Main activities: development of two prime locations in Malta - Tigné Point and Manoel Island. Both sites include heritage sites of substantial historical significance including Fort Manoel and the Lazaretto at Manoel Island and Tigné Point amongst others. An important part of MIDI's activities includes restoring these national monuments to their former splendour and conserving them thereafter for the enjoyment of the public in general.

[www.midimalta.com](http://www.midimalta.com), [www.tignepoint.com](http://www.tignepoint.com)

### **Oskar Jensen A/S - Property Developer - Denmark**

The Oskar Jensen A/S Property Developer's main activity is the development of outstanding building projects within the residential/office and retail sectors. The strength lies in business oriented projects and city development based on innovating existing properties, but it also includes new building construction.

[www.oskarjensen.dk](http://www.oskarjensen.dk)

## **Membership Update**

With the membership of these latest organisations that officially joined in Stockholm, Europa Nostra's Membership now comprises:

Member Organisations - **239 member organisations** from 39 countries;

Associate Organisations - **216 associate organisations** from 29 countries (4 from 3 countries outside Europe);

Corporate Members - **16 corporate members** from 9 countries;

Individual Members - **1435 individual members** from 47 countries (23 from 9 countries outside Europe).

For more information on Membership of Europa Nostra and to JOIN Europa Nostra

[www.europanostra.org/membership.html](http://www.europanostra.org/membership.html)

### **Europa Nostra UK Meeting and Conference**

Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 15 - 18 September 2007

Europa Nostra UK will be organising its Annual Meeting in Edinburgh in association with The Royal Society of Edinburgh and with the support of Historic Scotland and the National Trust for Scotland. A varied programme of visits, lectures and debates will centre on the theme "The Grand Tour and its influence on architecture, artistic taste & patronage". After the Annual Meeting that will take place on Sunday 16 September, Sir Timothy Clifford FRSE, formerly Director General of the National Galleries of Scotland will deliver the 4th Annual Duncan-Sandys Lecture on "The Italian Grand Tour and its influence on art collecting in Britain". This will be followed on Monday 17 September by a full day Conference held in association with The Royal Society of Edinburgh on "The Grand Tour and its influence on architecture, artistic taste & patronage". Speakers will include Lord Cameron of Lochbroom FRSE (Chairman of the Conference), The Earl of Dalkeith KBE DL FRSE (President of the National Trust for Scotland), Nicola Kalinsky (Chief Curator, Scottish National Portrait Gallery), Dr Iain Gordon Brown FRSE (Principal Curator of Manuscripts, NLS), Professor Alistair Rowan FRSE (University College, Dublin), Dr John Stubbs (Columbia University & World Monuments Fund, New York), Professor Dr Wolfgang Broenner (*Landesamt für Denkmalpflege*, Mainz, Germany), Dr Margaret Richardson (formerly Curator of the Sir John Soane Museum). The Conference will be concluded on Tuesday 18, with an escorted motor coach tour reflecting the conference themes to Newhailes, Penicuik House and Hopetoun House, with Professor David Walker, Dr Iain Gordon Brown and Dr Patricia Andrew. Europa Nostra UK and other Europa Nostra members interested to attend should contact the organiser of the event, Dr Lester Borley CBE.

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### **Europa Nostra Autumn Conference in conjunction with the European Heritage Days**

Belgrade, Serbia, 19 - 22 September 2007

This year, Europa Nostra's Autumn Conference in Belgrade is set to coincide with Europa Nostra's Scientific Council Meeting and the European ceremony marking the 2007 edition of the EHDs. The week of meetings and events will start on 14 September with the XLIII Meeting of the Europa Nostra Scientific Council. Council members of Europa Nostra will be encouraged to participate in the meetings and excursions of the Scientific Council. On the 19th the meeting of the Management Committee will be followed by a meeting with Serbian heritage NGOs and a welcoming dinner. The Council meeting will take place on 20 September, while a programme of cultural visits will be organised for the accompanying persons. On 21 September, there will be a Colloquy on the achievements of the Regional Programme for cultural and natural heritage in South-East Europe organised in the context of the European Heritage Days), followed in the evening by the Open-air European ceremony marking the 2007 edition of the EHDs in the Belgrade Fortress. The meetings and ceremonies will be followed by a weekend of cultural excursions.

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### **European Heritage Days (EHDs) - 2007 Annual meeting of the Group of Coordinators**

The annual meeting of the Group of Coordinators of the European Heritage Days will take place in Sibiu, Romania, on 25 - 27 October 2007 in the framework of Sibiu - European Capital of Culture. This meeting is organised on the occasion of a workshop on "Communicating Cultural Heritage" which will be open to European specialists on Cultural Heritage.

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For more cultural heritage related events, please consult our [Calendar of Heritage Events](#).