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- **Preparations are progressing for the 2009 Europa Nostra Annual Congress from 2-6 June in Taormina, Sicily (IT)** including a European Heritage Awards Ceremony in the dramatic setting of the Teatro Antico of Taormina, a Forum on "Saving Europe's Small Historic Towns and Villages and their Surrounding Landscape", and excursions through the cultural landscape and some historic small towns around Mount Etna; **book now** to ensure your hotel accommodations!... [to read more](#)
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- **Europa Nostra is updating its communications tools and other news from the Secretariat:** the new Membership leaflets are available for you to distribute to friends, family and contacts, the new Website will be on-line in the summer, and the Europa Nostra photo exhibition is available to be lent out for display in a venue near you... [to read more](#)
- **Events, courses and much more...**[to read more](#)

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Cultural heritage in the 2009 European Year for Creativity and Innovation.

Europa Nostra sees many possibilities and synergies for highlighting the tremendously creative and innovative projects, actions, skills and thoughts in and related to the cultural heritage field which help to maintain and improve our living environments - urban, rural and natural - and thus ensure that our unique historic surroundings, so often taken for granted, are still here for us to enjoy in years to come.

We are of course welcoming any related ideas and hope that you will **share your ideas with us** by contacting our Communications Officer, Laurie Neale (ln@europanostra.org or +31 70 302 40 55).

2009 Europa Nostra Annual Congress will be taking place in **Taormina, Sicily (IT) from 2 to 7 June 2009**

Taormina, a well-known scenic town on the east coast of Sicily, Italy, has been chosen as venue for EN's Annual Congress this year. The heritage community in Sicily is looking to Europa Nostra for support in their struggle to safeguard their vulnerable historic towns and cultural landscapes.

In addition to important meetings of our governing bodies, **the Council and the General Assembly**, the main highlights of the Congress will be the **Forum on saving Europe's historic towns and villages and their surrounding landscapes** (4 June), organised in cooperation with [Italia Nostra](#), and the **European Heritage Awards Ceremony** (5 June) to be held in the spectacular setting of the antique theatre of Taormina. Finally, there will be **two fascinating excursion days**, the first one to Siracusa and Ortigia (6 June) and the other one to Mount Etna (7 June).

We are most grateful to our Vice-President, Dr. Federico Guasti, and our Council Member, Arch. Rosanna Bettinelli, Vice-President of Italia Nostra, for their important contributions in creating, together with our International Secretariat, a highly attractive Congress programme. We are equally thankful to our associate organisation, the [Distretto Taormina Etna](#), for its most valuable and enthusiastic support, without which the organisation of this Congress would have been virtually impossible.

More details about the Congress have already been sent to EN members. Since the month of June is high tourist season in Taormina, we wish to draw your particular attention to the fact that **hotel reservations should be made as soon as possible**. We would be grateful if your **Congress Registration Form** would be returned to the Europa Nostra International Secretariat as soon as possible, but in any case **not later than 15 April 2009**. All Congress related documents, including the hotel information and registration forms may also be downloaded from the internet site: www.taorminaetna.it (password: sicily2009)

For more information and any correspondence on the Congress, please contact Mrs Barbara Zander at our Secretariat (bz@europanostra.org or +31 70 302 40 51).

Two 2009 Heritage Tours already fully booked - Still some places on remaining three Tours

The Heritage Tours to **Andalucía** (in March) and **Florence/Siena** (in October) are already fully booked; a waiting list has been opened.

For the tours to Bretagne (10-16 May), Greenland (30 June - 8 July) and the French-speaking tour to Tunisia (12-21 November) there are still some places available. Lest

we have to disappoint you, when also these tours are sold out, we strongly recommend that you make your relevant reservations as soon as possible. Full details of the tours are given on our website, www.europanostra.org, where you can also find the booking forms. For a printed programme you may approach our office in The Hague (Barbara Zander, Heritage Tours Coordinator, bz@europanostra.org).

20- 24 January 2009 was a week full of Europa Nostra meetings and events attended by Europa Nostra's President, HRH The Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón.

On the evening of 20 January, **Europa Nostra held a most successful Fundraising Dinner**, hosted at the historic Spanish Residence, located in the heart of The Hague. The warm and enthusiastic atmosphere of the dinner was ensured through the remarkable and elegant hospitality of H.E. Mr Juan Prat y Coll, the Ambassador of Spain to The Netherlands, and his wife Mrs Léontine Prat y Coll. HRH The Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón presided over this event which brought together 80 Dutch personalities and the highest representatives of Europa Nostra. **The money raised (cc.€60.000) will be used for initiating Europa Nostra's future "Heritage at Risk Scheme"**, to be launched to the public in 2010. The scheme will transform EN's current ad hoc campaigns and actions in response to endangered heritage into a fully fledged programme which will include the publishing of an annual list of Europe's most endangered heritage monuments and sites. This new programme will, beside the existing Awards scheme, become another flagship pillar of our organisation, with a high potential for attracting media attention to the cause of protecting Europe's cultural heritage from the threats it faces.

On the evening of 21 January, Europa Nostra hosted a **Piano Concert by Enrique Pérez de Guzmán**, in the historic **Kloosterkerk** on the Lange Voorhout in The Hague. This beautiful church dates back to 1397 when it was built as part of a Dominican monastery. The well attended concert, preceded and followed by a cocktails reception, also offered a chance for almost 400 of the cultural heritage community in The Hague and The Netherlands, representatives of the diplomatic community, as well as interested public committed to the heritage cause, to network and to meet Europa Nostra's President, HRH The Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón, Executive President, Dr Andrea H. Schuler, and other officials and Council members. Before the concert, Europa Nostra's President gave a short speech in which she urged all present to become the Ambassadors of our mission and to further disseminate our message of the importance of safeguarding Europe's cultural heritage, for present and future generations.

Throughout the week were important Europa Nostra meetings, including that of the Management Committee, the Council, the European Policy and the Landscape Working Groups, and the Heritage Awards Juries for Category 2 and 3. The Council meeting took place in the elegant historic Assembly Room of the Dutch Senate, the *Eerste Kamer*. Guest speakers **Mr Bruno Favel**, Chairman of the CDPATEP, the Steering Committee on Cultural Heritage and Landscapes, Council of Europe, and **Mr Sheamus Cassidy**, Representative of the European Commission, DG EAC, were invited to speak to the Council. Mr Favel presented the [Label du patrimoine européen](#) (European Heritage Label), a French, Spanish and Hungarian initiative which last November was endorsed by the Council of the European Union to be developed on a European scale. The *Label* project aims to strengthen the support of European citizens for a shared European identity and to foster a sense of belonging to a common cultural space by highlighting the shared European history

and culture. Mr Cassidy spoke of the EU's Culture programme (2007-2013) has a budget of € 400 million for projects and initiatives to celebrate Europe's cultural diversity and enhance its shared cultural heritage.

Further, the EN Council made important progress regarding the revision of the EN Statute, due to be voted on in the June General Assembly. It was also agreed to formalise a partnership with the Best of Heritage, a festival of heritage excellence taking place yearly in Dubrovnik (HR) to which EN lent its patronage ever since its launch in 2002. The Council also agreed to set up a structured heritage at risk programme to better meet the challenges faced in protecting Europe's endangered heritage. Communication matters were also discussed.

The EN Council approved and welcomed seven new Member Organisations and Associate Organisations:

- **Arbeitsgemeinschaft Historische Fachwerkstädte e.V.**, Germany (MO)
- **Museum Geelvinck Hinlopen Huis**, The Netherlands (MO)
- **Stichting Horizon**, The Netherlands (MO)
- **Federation of British Historical Vehicle Clubs**, United Kingdom (MO)
- **The Foundation for Information Society (ITA)**, Hungary (AO)
- **The Marco Polo System GEIE**, Italy (AO)
- **The Getty Conservation Institute**, United States (AO)

Europa Nostra urges EU Finance Ministers to agree with the EC proposal introducing the possibility for EU Member States to apply reduced VAT rates

for renovation, repairs and maintenance of places of worship, cultural heritage and historic monuments. Prior to the March meeting of the Economic and Financial Affairs (ECOFIN) Council of the the European Union of 10 March 2009, Europa Nostra's Executive President, Dr Andrea H. Schuler, wrote a letter to the Czech Minister of Finance, Dipl.Ing. Miroslav Kalousek, in his capacity as the current President of ECOFIN, urging the EU Finance Ministers to reach an agreement on the European Commission proposal with regard to reduced VAT rates. Europa Nostra very much supports permanent reduced rates of VAT to labour intensive services, including for services related to renovation, repairs and maintenance of places of worship, cultural heritage and historic monuments. *"We are convinced that the above-mentioned amendment to the Sixth Directive, if approved, could make a significant contribution to the quality of our historic environment for generations to come"*, stressed Dr Schuler. Europa Nostra hopes that by making the opting-in to the reduced VAT measure optional, all 27 Member States will be encouraged to vote in favour of the principle, thus allowing those Member States that wish to do so, to be able to encourage the protection of their cultural heritage by making its maintenance and repair more affordable.

For more information, contact Snenska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic, Secretary General, sqm@europanostra.org .

Europa Nostra is grateful for the support and confidence of its new sponsoring partners: ACLEU and SNS Reaalfonds. This demonstrates the increasing importance society is placing in the protection and enhancement of our rich

and varied cultural heritage - built and natural, urban and rural - and the positive effects it has on our quality of life and the social and economic health of our communities.

[The Association of Charity Lotteries in the EU \(ACLEU\)](#) will support the organisation of the European Heritage Awards Ceremony taking place on 5 June in Taormina. Europa Nostra is hopeful that ACLEU's support will be extended also next year and beyond.

[SNS Reaal Fund](#) (NL) agreed to support Europa Nostra renewed communication efforts during a 3-year period of time (2008, 2009 and 2010).

January and February have seen all 4 Heritage Awards Jury meetings, this year all taking place in The Hague. The Juries have chosen 28 Medal winners from the 138 submitted dossiers, falling into the 4 categories (Category 1 - Conservation; Category 2 - Studies; Category 3 - Dedicated Service; and Category 4 - Education, Training and Awareness-Raising). The names of the laureates, stemming from across Europe, will be announced to the public in April.

The Europa Nostra Bronze Trophies and Bronze Wall Plaques will be presented to representatives of the winning heritage initiatives at the European Heritage Awards Ceremony in Taormina, Sicily (see above) on 5 June. At this celebration, the top Prizes from among the winners will be disclosed to the public and laureates alike!

Heritage at Risk campaigns - a selected update:

- **AUSTRIA: Innsbruck Panorama of the "Battle of Bergisel" (1895)**

Europa Nostra wrote a letter (4 Dec.'08) to the Austrian Minister of Culture, Dr. Claudia Schmied, in support of the decision of the Federal Office for Monument Protection in Vienna, and of the resolution on the Panorama made by the International Panorama Council in Dresden (12-14 Sept.'08), and asking the Minister to do all in her power to ensure that the survival of the Innsbruck Panorama be fully secured.

- **AZERBAIJAN: Baku historic center**

Europa Nostra's Council decided to closely monitor the rapidly deteriorating condition of the historic center of Baku, and to support local heritage groups in their struggle against the willful destruction of an increasing number of heritage buildings and sites. The statement made by Dr. Irena Subotic, President of Europa Nostra Serbia, during the last Conference of Ministers responsible for Culture, entitled "Intercultural Dialogue as a basis for peace and sustainable development in Europe and its neighbouring regions" (Baku, 2-3 Dec.'08), organised by the Council of Europe and the Azerbaijan Ministry of Culture, is available at http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/Topics/dialogue_en.asp

- **BELGIUM: Tournai, [Une tour de trop](#)**

The proposal to build a 49m high hotel tower, 15 meters taller than the twelfth-century Romanesque nave of the WHListed (2000) Cathedral of Tournai, has caused concern and fear among citizens and action groups that the construction could cause structural instability to the fragile cathedral. It is also felt to be visually inappropriate and out of scale beside the Cathedral. [Europa Nostra Belgium](#) submitted a letter in supporting the protests to the City Council (15 Jan.'09) which arose considerable interest in the National

and local press. In the letter, EN Belgium suggested as an alternative to adapt existing surrounding buildings to create a heritage hotel more appropriate for the site.

- **GERMANY: Brown Coal strip-mining continues destroying villages and creating moon landscapes.** Europa Nostra's Council encouraged the continued protests lead by [ECOVAST](#) regarding the Brown Coal mining situation in Germany (also a problem in Poland, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria), where for years past and to come, rural villages are razed for the strip mining of lignite, the very polluting brown coal used to power electricity plants. It is time for heritage NGOs to step more into the fray. See a film clip of the destruction at http://nl.youtube.com/watch?v=JYFYgr_qD3E

- **GREECE: The Greek Ministry of the Environment's tourism land use plan**
The Greek Government's tourism land use plan was defeated in a vote (4 Feb.'09) in the advisory "National Council of Land Use Planning", reviving the hope that the plan, which would allow for an unprecedented overdevelopment of Greek islands and coastal lands, will be permanently withdrawn. This marks a considerable success for [Elliniki Etairia's](#) Sustainable Aegean Programme (SAP) and its manager, Kriton Arsenis, who has worked diligently on the problem, including organising a petition which has now 11,000 signatures, since the tourism land use plan was first tabled at the end of May 2007.

- **SPAIN: Numantia**
Two thousand years later, Numantia and the Roman siege of Scipio find themselves besieged by property speculation in the form of industrial estates, cemeteries, glass skyscrapers and thousands of houses. [Hispania Nostra](#), among others, is supporting the long running campaign initiated by Amalio de Marichalar to save the landscape of Numantia, its natural environment and that of the river Duero along its way through the medieval city of Soria. They are demanding from the central Government of Spain and the regional Government of Castile and León, that the history of Spain and this symbol of European and the World History be respected by preserving this important cultural landscape. Amalio de Marichalar will be presenting the case at the next meeting of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament in Brussels on 31 March.

- **TURKEY: Allianoi [LATEST NEWS!](#)**
Campaigners of the [Allianoi Initiative](#) have informed us that the Turkish State Council has annulled the decision made by the High Committee for the Protection of Cultural and Natural Heritage (27 Nov.'06) that allowed the Directorate of State Hydraulic Works to submerge or move historic remains and thus would allowed Allianoi to be covered by silt and inundated. The Association of Archaeologists, The Foundation of Economical and Social History, the Turkish Union of Chambers of Engineers and Architects, Izmir Chamber of Tourist Guides, and the Association of Contemporary Lawyers had launched this court case in order to protect many important archaeological remains in Turkey. According to Article 63 of the Constitution of the Republic of Turkey, the State has the duty to protect historic, cultural and natural heritage. Article 90 of the Constitution renders the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage (Paris '72) and the Council of Europe's Conventions for the Protection of European Architectural Heritage (Granada '85) and for the Protection of Archeological Heritage (Valetta/MT '92) equivalent to domestic law.

The State Council ruling is welcomed by the Allianoi Initiative and other NGOs working to preserve archaeological heritage sites such as Allianoi and Hasankeyf, and they thank all concerned citizens who have campaigned energetically since this important Roman archaeological site came under threat. The Allianoi Initiative now calls for the

establishment of a new Scientific Committee to remove all obstacles for the full excavation of Alliano. The State Council ruling has given hope, though vigilance should continue to ensure that the Turkish Government respects the ruling.

Europa Nostra to set up a structured Heritage at Risk Scheme to better campaign in favour of Europe's endangered heritage, as a complement to the already highly successful Awards Scheme, run in partnership with the European Commission. At its meeting on 22 January 2009, EN's Council endorsed the proposal and plans for a fully fledged Heritage at Risk Scheme which will formalise EN's campaigns which so far have occurred ad hoc in response to requests from its members. The Scheme would require a panel/jury of experts and would have 2 main streams, including a methodology for dealing with requests for assistance and emergency campaigns, plus a proactive arm which would include a yearly theme and the publishing of an annual list of Europe's most endangered heritage monuments and sites. 2009 will be used to develop this plan and to prepare for its launch in 2010.

Europa Nostra creates an Industrial Heritage Taskforce (IEHTF) to contribute to the better coordination of the many efforts undertaken at international and national level to do with the safeguard of Europa's industrial and engineering heritage. The Taskforce's Chairman Pierre Laconte (BE) and Secretary Rienko Wilton (NL) are in the process of approaching potential members. The first meeting of the IEHTF is scheduled for March 2009 and the resulting first progress report on activities is expected to be presented at Europa Nostra's Annual Congress in Taormina, in June 2009.

Europa Nostra and cultural heritage are well represented at European level policy meetings in an increasing range of sectors

- Europa Nostra was present at the [Salon International du Patrimoine](#) (6-9 Nov.'08) with our usual information stand and through organising a Round Table discussion on support of cultural heritage through European Heritage Lotteries. The themes of this year's Salon du Patrimoine were Heritage & Sponsorship and Heritage & Cultural Tourism, both to timely topics.

Speakers at the **Round Table discussion "Heritage & Lotteries"** were Europa Nostra Secretary General, Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovc, and Communications Advisor Wolter Braamhorst, as well as Jeroen Branderhorst from the Dutch *BankGiro Loterij*, a member of Europa Nostra's new sponsor, [ACLEU](#), the European Association of Charity Lotteries. Mr. Branderhorst gave examples of charity lotteries' support of cultural heritage projects. It was noted similar support in Italy, though the concept appears unknown in France - reason for the keen interest shown by the audience to find out more.

- Laurie Neale, Communications Officer, represented EN at the first Steering Committee meeting (7-8 Nov.'08) for the project [Past, the Future of Europe, Windows to European history and heritage](#), being jointly organised by [EUROCLIO](#) (the European Association of History Educators) and [Erfgoed Nederland](#). The project is to develop an online, interactive

multimedia tool that will provide a framework for common historical knowledge about Europe's history and heritage through multiple perspectives and information sources. The phase of the project is now at searching for funding, among others from the European Commission.

- Europa Nostra was present at [Denkmal Leipzig](#) (20-22 Nov.'08) thanks to the kind offer by Council member Angus Fowler to share a stand with [ECOVAST](#). The Denkmal, an important bi-annual international heritage fair, tackles current aspects of European heritage conservation and restoration, and in 2008 highlighted fin-de-siècle architecture. The fair was well visited by Europa Nostra Council members, and Executive President Andrea Schuler was present to promote EN and to liaise with Member Organisations present at the fair. **Such cooperation with Member Organisations will allow Europa Nostra to be present at more heritage fairs all across Europe. We urge you to consider such cooperation with Europa Nostra for a joint presence during heritage fairs in your own countries** to increase visibility of our crucial mission to protect and enhance our built and natural heritage.

- Laurie Neale, Communications Officer, represented EN at the [Annual Congress of EUROCITIES](#) (27-28 Nov.'08), a gathering of Mayors and municipal officials from the more than 135 European member cities of over ¼ million population. The congress underlined that the ground work of the building of Europe as a dynamic and social environment with a high quality of life, largely takes place bottom-up in the cities and regions and not top-down from Brussels. Laurie Neale emphasised that this was also the case with the safeguarding and enhancing of the cultural heritage within the cities, and that it is exactly this heritage which gives them their unique character and many economic and social benefits. She urged the city officials to do more to actively protect their valuable monuments and sites, and to promote harmonious building developments within the historic hearts of Europe's cities.

- Europa Nostra's President, HRH The Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón, gave a [speech](#) to the [Standing Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe \(PACE\)](#), when it met at the Spanish Senate in Madrid (28 Nov.'08). The President recounted past and future cooperation between the Council of Europe and Europa Nostra, and stressed the importance of a continued support for Europe's increasingly threatened cultural heritage by the Council of Europe and other international bodies.

- Prof. Gianni Perbellini, Chairman of the EN Scientific Council, represented Europa Nostra at the [International Study Conference on Piero Gazzola \(1908-1979\), A strategy for architectural heritage in the second half of the 20thc.: Knowledge, protection and appreciation in the Italian and international context in the centenary of his birth](#), in Verona (28-29 Nov.'08). Twenty research papers from Italian universities were presented, along with a historic film dossier on the reconstruction of *Ponte Pietra* in Verona and some testimonies from Gazzola's associates. Piero Gazzola, a grand figure in the international cultural heritage world, was a correspondent for *Europa Nostra* and for the World Monuments Fund (New York), as well as being one of the founders of ICOMOS, UNESCO's restoration operations agency, and its first Chairman from 1965 to 1975.

- Louise van Rijckevorsel, Policy and Heritage at Risk Officer, represented EN at the Founding Conference of the **Association of National Committees of the Blue Shield (ANCBS)** www.ancbs.org , held in The Hague (7-8-9 Dec.'08). The Blue Shield seems to be the cultural equivalent of the Red Cross. The **International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS)** was set up in 1996 to work to protect the world's cultural heritage threatened by wars and natural disasters and to promote the protection of cultural heritage, as defined in the Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954. The ICBS symbol is the Blue Shield (a small plaque with diagonally crossed sections coloured white and blue) used to mark buildings to give them protection from attack in the event of armed conflict.

- Denis de Kergorlay, Vice-President, and Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic, Secretary General, represented Europa Nostra at the meeting of the **Sub-Committee on Cultural Heritage of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)** at the *Assemblée Nationale* in Paris (8 Dec.'08) and at a **Conference on Rescue Archaeology - The study and preservation of significant elements of archaeological heritage under threat from development work**. At the conference, archaeologists, developers, public authority managers, NGOs and representatives of European and international institutions debated the topic, and concrete examples were considered in the form of case studies. In particular, the conference helped to identify the roles of the different interested parties as well as principles of good practice. At the conference, Europa Nostra's representatives stressed, among others, the importance of proper public consultations. For more information: http://assembly.coe.int/Main.asp?link=/Conferences/conferences_e.htm , http://assembly.coe.int/Mainf.asp?link=/Conferences/conferences_f.htm .

- Louise van Rijckevorsel, Policy and Heritage at Risk Officer, and Elena Bianchi, Heritage Awards Coordinator, represented Europa Nostra at the **EU Culture Programme conference - Culture in Motion**, in Brussels (12 Dec.'08), where past and on-going project results from the funding programmes Culture 2000 and Culture, were presented. The aim of the event was to enable an exchange of experience and good practice between cultural operators. It helped show the synergies between the Culture Programme and the European Agenda for Culture adopted by the Commission and the Member States in 2007.

The event was opened by Mrs Odile Quintin, Director General DG Education and Culture. 35 projects were showcased, and 10 selected projects were presented in 5 themes. As an example for the "Access to Cultural Heritage" theme, "**The International Built Heritage Conservation Training Centre**" (RO)(winner of the 2008 EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / EN Awards top Prize for Category 4) , presented its project. The other 4 themes were: Mobility of artists/Circulation of works; Access to Culture/Culture and Education; Intercultural Dialogue (theme of European Year 2008); and, Creativity and Innovation (theme of European Year 2009).

- Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic, Secretary General, and Laurie Neale, Communications Officer, presented Europa Nostra, its mission and activities to members and organisations of the Dutch heritage community at events organised by **Erfgoed Nederland** (How NL and EU heritage lobbying works, in The Hague on 25 Nov.'08) and **SICA** (CCP NL)(Europe Day, in Amsterdam on 16 Dec.'08). Europa Nostra is working to increase its visibility and influence in its host city of The Hague, and within The Netherlands, in the build-up to our Annual Congress 2011 which will take place in Amsterdam.

Heritage Events coming up:

- III ICOMOS Scientific Committee will hold a Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration Conference: ***THE IMAGE OF HERITAGE - Changing Perception-Permanent Responsibilities***, Florence (IT), 7-8 March 2009. www.fondazione-delbianco.org
- The 10th Annual Meeting of the ***Europae Archaeologiae Consilium (EAC)*** will be held in Strasbourg (FR) on 11-13 March 2009 at the Council of Europe, including a Heritage Management Symposium entitled ***Who Steals our Past? Europe's Archaeological Heritage under Threat***, on 11-12 March.
- On 23-24 March, **HERITAGE CARE THROUGH ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP - European Conference on Civil Society Organisations active in the Field of Heritage** will take place in Mechelen (BE). This conference is organised by three Belgian heritage NGOs (Heemkunde Vlaanderen vzw, VCM-Contactforum voor Erfgoedverenigingen vzw and FARO, Vlaams steunpunt voor cultureel erfgoed vzw) in partnership with a number of international/European organisations, including Europa Nostra. The conference will bring a total of 135 European participants and 45 local participants representing the diversity of European civil society for heritage at local, regional, national and European levels, that are active in the broad field of heritage (both tangible and intangible) to exchange best practices of heritage care through active citizenship, and to demonstrate the important role played by heritage NGOs in building a “Europe for Citizens”. Europa Nostra will be represented at this conference by a number of Council members (Piet Jaspaert, Simon Murray, John Sell, Rupert Graf Strachwitz) and by its Secretary General, Snenska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic. For more information see www.heritageorganisations.eu .
- On 24-25 March 2009, the Catholic University of Louvain la Neuve (BE) will inaugurate, as part of its **Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation (RLICC)**, a **UNESCO Chair for Preventive Surveillance, Maintenance and Management of Monuments and Sites**. Dedicated to supporting research in the above areas, this chair will function in collaboration with Monumentenwacht Vlaanderen (MWVl) and the University of Cuenca in Ecuador. UNESCO chairs are set up to encourage international cooperation in higher education through collaborative training opportunities and research and to promote solidarity among universities in the development fields. For information, see http://sprecomah.eu/rlicc//index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=90&Itemid=1
- 18 April is the **ICOMOS International Day for Monuments and Sites**, a UNESCO endorsed initiative since 1983. This special day offers an opportunity to raise public awareness concerning the diversity of the world's heritage and the efforts that are required to protect and conserve it, as well as to draw attention to its vulnerability. This year's theme is **Architecture and Science**. There are two major streams to the theme: one being the role that science (and the scientific process) has played in the creation of heritage, and the other being the contribution that science (and technology) offers to the study of heritage, such as the treatment of surfaces; non-destructive methods of exploration and examination; chemicals and compounds for treating artefacts and structures; the use of information systems to store and analyse data; structural analysis

and finite element modelling as a means of planning repair works; and even the use of communication technology for the dissemination of research and developments. For further information - consult <http://www.international.icomos.org/18thapril/index.html> .

- Coinciding with the 800th anniversary of the founding of the University of Cambridge, the 10th **Cambridge Heritage Seminar - *The Future of Historic Cities: Challenges, Contradictions and Continuities*** will focus on cultural heritage, architecture, and the built environment in the context of a rapidly globalising and modernising world. Taking historic cities as its departure point, the seminar asks how urban cultural landscapes can be preserved and sustained. The Seminar will take place on 18-19 April 2009. Registration closes on 13 March 2009. For information contact Shadia Taha: st446 [a] cam.ac.uk <http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/heritage-seminar/chs09/>

- The **ECOVAST Austrian Section**, will be holding the 4th **International Symposium on Small Towns** entitled “**Relations between Small Towns and their Hinterland**”, in Grieskirchen (AT) on 22-24 April 2009. The symposium is being organised with the grateful support of the government of Upper Austria and the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna. For more information, contact: 2009kleinstadtsymposion@gmx.at .

- Europa Nostra UK, together with Queen’s University Belfast, is organising a conference ***The Cultural Landscape and Cultural Identity: Vernacular Buildings and Traditional Skills in Context*** in Belfast, 5-8 September 2009. For information contact Lester Borley: lesterborley@waitrose.com

- The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (IIC) has announced a Call for papers for the **2010 Istanbul IIC Congress: Conservation and the Eastern Mediterranean**. The Congress will focus on the conservation of moveable and immovable heritage in or from the lands and the islands of the Balkans through Turkey and the Levant to Egypt. The Congress will take place on 20-24 September 2010, with the deadline for receipt of abstracts: 30 April 2009. www.iiconservation.org/conferences/istanbul2010/send_abstract.php

- The 45th **EUROPA NOSTRA SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL CONFERENCE** will be taking place in the fortified medieval city of Rhodes (GR) from 9-14 October 2009. The theme of the conference will be **Management of the Monumental Environment and its Landmarks**. For additional information contact the Chairman of the EN Scientific Council, Arch. Gianni Perbellini (Perbellini2@virgilio.it) or the Vice-Chair, Arch. Ioanna Steriotou (isteriot@vivodinet.gr).

Heritage Courses:

- A different view on Heritage Education with Youngsters, an in-service training course in France from 6-12 April 2009. Organised by *GO! Onderwijs van de Vlaams*

Gemeenschap (BE) and funded by the European Comenius 2.1 project Hereduc, it is aimed at both teachers in secondary education and educational guides or officers who want to start with heritage education or who already have experience and want to stretch their thinking. The course aims to engage its participants actively to experience heritage by means of art based methodologies. Contact: veerle.de.troyer@g-o.be

Other International Awards:

- The European Cultural Foundation (ECF) has issued an invitation to nominate candidates for the **2009 Routes Princess Margriet Award for Cultural Diversity**. This award of €50.000, introduced in 2008 to commend and draw attention to artists and thinkers whose work explores - in a challenging way - the experiences of cultural diversity. The distinctive feature of the Routes Award is that it shows how art plays a critical role in opening up the imagination to what cultural diversity is and what it could mean for Europe today. The due date for nominations is **15 March 2009**. www.eurocult.org
 - The **2010 European Museum of the Year Award** is organised by the European Museum Forum. It will be a particularly relevant occasion to promote new museums as we will celebrate the EMYA 33rd Anniversary!! The closing date for applications of prospective museum candidates for the award is **15 March 2009**. www.europeanmuseumforum.eu
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News from the Europa Nostra International Secretariat:

Europa Nostra renews its Communications tools:

Europa Nostra's **Membership leaflet** is now translated from English into 4 additional languages (French, German, Dutch and Spanish). [Europa Nostra Deutschland](#) has even printed a German version of the Membership leaflet - something we would like to see happen for other language versions.

Please help by translating the text of the leaflet into your language and/or by finding funding for a reprint in your language - we can arrange for the layout and printing! **We urge members to help Europa Nostra by distributing our Membership leaflets to your friends, acquaintances and fellow heritage organisations!** Please contact Laurie Neale, Communications Officer at the Secretariat.

Europa Nostra's new Website will be launched at the Annual Congress in June '09. Please excuse any lapses in the up-dating of our present website as we concentrate on creating a dynamic and interactive website to meet the challenges of safeguarding our heritage in this new age.

Europa Nostra's photo exhibition *The Building of Europe - A Vision on Heritage*, produced in close collaboration with [Europa Nostra Belgium](#) and first displayed in Brussels during *Europalia* 07/08, will be exhibited in **The Hague's City Hall Atrium** (27

Aug.-17 Sept.'09), coinciding with this year's European Heritage Days events. Please contact Laurie Neale at the Secretariat for inquiries regarding displaying this photo exhibition in a venue near you.

Europa Nostra's Scientific Bulletin #62 entitled "The bastioned fortress in the age of Vauban" (*Les fortresses bastionnées a l'âge du Vauban*) has been printed and will soon be distributed from Italy where it is printed. Because of financial necessity, this year for the first time Europa Nostra is asking the recipients to contribute €21 to the Bulletin's costs, and in future we will require a subscription from interested libraries and persons for them to continue receiving the Bulletin. We sincerely hope that the Bulletin's regular readers translate their appreciation of the great quality and relevance of EN's Scientific Council's work and reports into regular subscriptions. New subscribers are of course welcome - please contact Laurie Neale at the Secretariat for information (ln@europanostra.org).

Europa Nostra has 2 openings for new Staff positions within the small dynamic international team at its International Secretariat in The Hague. We are looking for:

- A Chef de Bureau
- a Communications Assistant (including Website maintenance)

Please refer to job descriptions posted on our website, or contact Arienne de Bruijn at the Secretariat for information (adb@europanostra.org or +31 70 302 40 57).

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Europa Nostra, the pan-European Federation for Cultural Heritage, is an umbrella network of heritage organisations and is considered today the voice of Europe's organised civil society committed to cultural heritage. The network comprises 230 member organisations, 160 associate members and 1400 individual members from 53 countries, of which 45 in Europe. The power of the network comes from a shared passion for cultural heritage, and the readiness of its members to invest their time, expertise, connections and often money for the pursuit of our goals.

Support us in taking care of our shared history and the unity in diversity of our common culture!

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