

# EN Newsletter

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## LATEST NEWS

**French Minister of Culture visits Europa Nostra at the *Salon international du Patrimoine* in Paris [\(see below\)](#)**

**Europa Nostra and AkzoNobel launch a “GUIDE TO COLOURFUL EUROPE”!**

View on [www.europanostra.org](http://www.europanostra.org) our new [Guide to Colourful Europe](#), launched jointly by Europa Nostra and its corporate supporter [AkzoNobel](#) to draw attention to Europe’s colourful historic buildings, heritage sites and traditions which may be lost due to many threats, including climate change. Included in this first edition of our “Guide to Colourful Europe” are photos and interesting heritage stories from Istanbul to Uthaug in Norway, from Sintra in Portugal to Saint Petersburg. Support our initiative by participating in an interactive forum on [Facebook](#), becoming a “fan” and commenting on the Guide’s buildings and sites. Visit these colourful heritage locations, and [send us](#) your proposals for future Guides!...[read more](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### • NEW LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

• Europa Nostra [ushered in a new era](#) during its [Annual Congress held in Taormina](#), Sicily (IT), on 2-5 June: a new [Europa Nostra Statute and Operating Rules](#) were adopted to increase the effectiveness and efficiency in our actions; [Denis de Kergorlay](#) (France) was elected new Executive President, replacing retiring Dr Andrea H. Schuler (Switzerland) who was appointed a new Honorary President of Europa Nostra, and a new [Board](#) and renewed [Council](#) were put in place. On this occasion, we also bid farewell to our President, HRH the Infanta Doña de Pilar de Borbón, who stepped down because of personal reasons.

The new Board held already two meetings, one in July in The Hague and one in September, in Dubrovnik, in conjunction with the Best in Heritage event (see below). The Board will meet again on 26-27 November in The Hague and on 11-12 February 2010 on the occasion of the next meeting of the Europa Nostra Council to be held also in The Hague.

- **NEW POLICY DOCUMENTS**

- [Europa Nostra's Taormina Forum](#), "Saving Europe's Small Historic Towns and Villages and their Surrounding Landscapes", organized in cooperation with Italia Nostra, addressed local and European concerns for the towns, villages and rural landscapes threatened by depopulation and neglect, ill considered development and damaging excesses of tourism. The Forum ended with the adoption of the Taormina Declaration...[read more](#).

- At its meeting which took place in Taormina on 3 June, the Europa Nostra Council adopted an important Policy Paper "[Why Cultural Heritage Matters for Europe](#)". This document which was prepared by Europa Nostra's [European Policy Working Group](#), urges the European Union to take into full consideration the Cultural Heritage component when implementing the Culture Programme which runs until 2013, and when formulating future policy and funding programmes in the context of various fields of EU action....[read more](#)

- **NEW PARTNERSHIPS**

- Europa Nostra and International National Trusts Organisation (INTO) signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between the two organisations promoting their future cooperation, at the INTO Congress in Dublin on 15 September. At the signing ceremony at Dublin Castle, EN Executive President **Denis de Kergorlay** declared: "This agreement marks a significant step forward in forging a stronger alliance between heritage organisations active in Europe and across the Globe". "There can be no doubt that organisations that share a similar vision for the improved conservation of our heritage can become so much stronger by forming partnerships with like organisations", added **Simon Molesworth**, Chairman of INTO. At the meeting, **Europa Nostra gave its full support to the [Dublin Declaration on Climate Change](#)** adopted by INTO at this Conference, calling for increased attention to the threats facing the world's cultural heritage due to global warming and changing weather patterns. Through the Declaration, the cultural heritage sector encourages political and business leaders to make true progress in protecting our planet and man's rich built and natural heritage....[read more](#)

- This year for the first time, the annual [The Best in Heritage](#) event was organised in partnership with Europa Nostra. "By pooling our forces and resources, The Best in Heritage and Europa Nostra wish to promote more widely and more effectively excellence in heritage conservation and communication", stressed **Denis de Kergorlay**, Executive President of Europa Nostra who spoke at the opening session of the Dubrovnik event. "We also wish to build bridges between the museum world and the wider field of cultural heritage, including monuments, sites and landscapes in order to raise the power of heritage" he added....[read more](#)

The Best in Heritage event 2009 which was held from 24-26 September in Dubrovnik, under the leadership of a new member of the EN Council, **Prof. Tomislav Šola** (Croatia), brought together more than 100 participants from all over Europe. Inspiring presentations were made, including seven presentations made by the recent laureates of the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards. New contacts, new partnerships and new friendships were made.

On this occasion, our Executive President, Denis de Kergorlay, met with the Mayor of World Heritage City of Dubrovnik, **Dr Andro Vlahušić**, and spoke about prospects for future cooperation. As a first concrete step, the **City of Dubrovnik** decided to join Europa Nostra as an associate organisation ([see below](#)).

- Europa Nostra Executive Vice-President **John Sell** attended The Churches Conservation Trust 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in London on 17 September 2009. On this occasion, **Europa Nostra agreed to work with [The Churches Conservation Trust](#)** (UK) on the “**Historic Places of Worship at Risk**” project. To contribute to the project, Europa Nostra will open its network of members and contacts, as well as flag particular cases of threatened religious cult buildings, and help bring an understanding of the differing attitudes and policies about this issue across Europe. This especially rich and diverse category of heritage buildings is increasingly at risk due to diminishing congregations and demographic changes, and other risks. The loss of churches and other places of worship robs communities of important social gathering points, and removes architectural focal landmarks from the urban and rural landscapes.

- **Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency decided to support Europa Nostra’s 2010 Annual Congress.** In 2010, Istanbul will be a European Capital of Culture (ECoC), and from 9-13 June, Europa Nostra will hold its Annual Congress in the city. On 27 October 2009 in Istanbul, a protocol of support for the project “**Europa Nostra - Istanbul 2010**” was signed by the Istanbul 2010 ECoC Agency Secretary General **Mr.Yilmaz Kurt**, EN Board Member and Coordinator for the preparation of our Istanbul Annual Congress **Orhan Silier**, and EN Secretary General **Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic**....[read more](#)

- **NEW WEBSITE**

If you haven’t done so already, we invite you to explore our new [website](#)! Launched in June at the Annual Congress in Taormina Italy, our website is gradually becoming a prime information resource for Europe’s heritage movement.

The website acts as a source of information about Europa Nostra [news](#) and [activities](#), our Awards scheme - the [European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards](#), our developing [Heritage at Risk Programme](#), our [Heritage Tours](#), our [Membership base](#) and [links](#) to useful contacts.

The new website has been designed to be interactive. We therefore encourage you to [send us YOUR own heritage related news, activities, notice of events, stories and photos](#), and [share them](#) with the heritage players from across Europe!

Please send us your comments and suggestions to help us be even more effective as the Voice of cultural heritage in Europe. **It is your website too!**

To take advantage of the new wave of Internet social networks, Europa Nostra also now has a **You Tube channel** ([www.youtube.com/EuropaNostraChannel](http://www.youtube.com/EuropaNostraChannel)), a **Facebook page** ([www.facebook.com/pages/Guide-to-Colourful-Europe-Europa-Nostra/158782719201](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Guide-to-Colourful-Europe-Europa-Nostra/158782719201)), and a **Twitter account** (<http://twitter.com/europanostra>). We also have a **Google account** to post markers of our Award winners and our Heritage at Risk campaigns on the maps embedded in our webpages on the subjects.

## EUROPA NOSTRA CONTRIBUTION TO VARIOUS MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Europa Nostra, together with its German Member Organisations and its partner, **The Best in Heritage**, was present with a stand at the bi-annual heritage fair, [EXPONATEC Cologne](#), from 17-20 November. [Europa Nostra Deutschland](#) also organised on 19 November the Colloquium “The German Heritage Lobby - How Many Cooks Does it Take to Spoil the Broth?” for which more than 150 representatives of heritage organisations registered to participate.
- The “**Niederrhein Charta**”, a sort of regional version of the European Landscape Convention (ELC) for the Niederrhein area (the German lowlands on either side of the river Rhine between Cologne and the Dutch border) was presented in Xanten (DE) on 11 November 2009. It was prepared as the final declaration of a 3-day conference on “**Der Niederrhein, Natur- und Kulturerbe**” (The Lower Rhine Region, Natural and Cultural Heritage), organised by our member organisation [Rheinischer Verein für Denkmalschutz und Landschaftspflege](#). The declaration was presented to **Minister Lienenkaemper** of the government of Northrhine-Westphalia, to **Mr. Cornielje**, Commissioner of the Gelderland Province, and to **Alexander Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn**, President of Europa Nostra Deutschland and Vice-President of Europa Nostra. ...[read more](#)
- The **Ljubljana (Slovenia) conference of the Ministers of Culture from South-East Europe** took place on 6-7 November 2009. There were calls for cooperation and an increased involvement with civil society in the heritage sector, and ended with the Ljubljana Declaration. There was strong support and appreciation voiced for the work Europa Nostra is carrying out in the region. Board members **John Sell** and **Irina Subotic** together with **Csilla Hegedus**, director of the Transylvania Trust were observers at the meeting, and John Sell called for civil society to be considered as equal partners in heritage matters and decisions. He continued, that to achieve public support for the protection of the area’s rich cultural heritage, it is necessary to have i) a wider definition of heritage, ii) a deeper understanding of heritage and its social and economic role; and iii) genuine public engagement in heritage protection and heritage policy. ...[read more](#)
- Europa Nostra was present at the [Salon International du Patrimoine culturel 2009](#) from 4-8 November in Paris with a stand strategically placed among its members, the leading French heritage organisations, near the entrance of the Salon. The French Minister of Culture, **Frédéric Mitterrand**, and State Secretary **Hervé Novelli**, visited our stand during the *Vernissage*, stopping to appreciate the important work being done in support of Europe’s cultural heritage by Europa Nostra and its members.  
Europa Nostra contributed 3 heritage experts to the panel discussion on Religious Heritage organised by the French Association of Heritage Journalists (AJPat): **Rossana Bettinelli** (Italia Nostra), **Caroline d’Assay** (Pro Patrimonio France), and **Crispin Truman** (The Churches Conservation Trust, UK), who also gave short presentations at the EN stand about the religious heritage of Italy, Romania and the UK respectively. Further, Europa Nostra organised a well attended discussion, moderated by Executive President **Denis de Kergorlay**, on the controversial plan for **placing a wind farm within view of the World Heritage Site of Mont Saint Michel**. On this occasion, Europa Nostra recalled its position, set out in its 2008 “Declaration on the Impact of Wind Power on the Countryside”, urging respect for the visual sanctity of architectural monuments and cultural landscapes when making decisions on the siting of wind farms. ...[read more](#)

- Europa Nostra was invited to take part in the first meeting of the **Strategy Working Group on Cultural Heritage & History** organised by the DG Enlargement of the European Commission on Wednesday 21 October 2009 in Brussels. This Working Group is part of the “Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) Multi-beneficiary Programming 2011-2013”, whose purpose is to give assistance to EU candidate countries, mostly in South-East Europe. Speaking on behalf of its extensive network of members in the countries concerned by the enlargement process, Europa Nostra’s Secretary General **Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic**, gave a presentation on the Cultural Heritage NGO perspective and insisted on the importance of capacity building of civil society organisations actively involved in safeguarding heritage. She also stressed that cultural heritage can and should become a powerful tool for reconciliation and bridge building in the entire region. ...[read more](#)

- The **45<sup>th</sup> Europa Nostra Scientific Council Annual Conference** took place in the fortified medieval city of Rhodes (GR) from 9-14 October 2009. The theme of the conference was **Management of the Monumental Environment and its Landmarks**. EN Executive President, **Denis de Kergorlay**, attended and took this opportunity to discuss with members of the Scientific Council Europa Nostra’s future action for safeguarding the heritage of Europe’s historic military architecture and engineering. They also discussed best ways in making better use of the expertise of the Scientific Council in the implementation of various EN activities.....[read more](#)

- EN Executive President **Denis de Kergorlay** visited Athens on 7-8 October, and opened the [travelling exhibition of Greek laureates of Europa Nostra Awards](#) from the scheme’s initiation in 1978, until this year. **Denis de Kergorlay** and Vice-President **Costa Carras** spoke to many Europa Nostra and [Elliniki Etairia](#) members who attended the opening of this impressive exhibition. His visit to Greece was covered in the Greek press. A reception was also held at the French Embassy in honour of **Denis de Kergorlay**, while **Dr Fani Mallouchou-Tufano**, member of Heritage Awards Jury Category 1, organised a special visit for him, **Costa Carras** and the President of Elliniki Etairia, **Iannis Michail**, around the conservation works on the Parthenon at the Athens Acropolis.

- Europa Nostra Board member and EN Serbia President, **Irina Subotić**, attended the International Conference entitled “[The Social Role of Museums](#)”, in Tbilisi, Georgia from 30 September - 4 October 2009. Organised by the Georgian Ministry of Culture, Monuments Protection and Sport, the ICOM National Committee of Georgia, the Georgian National Museum and the Fund of Caucasus, and attended by representatives from 13 countries, the conference offered a chance to get acquainted with Georgia and the whole Caucasus region and their important heritage. Europa Nostra will look into how best to offer support to this region’s cultural heritage NGOs in safeguarding their important built and natural beauty.

- The European Commission organised in Brussels from 28-30 September, the [European Culture Forum](#), including the **Culture in Motion Conference** on the first day, and 2 days of workshops and discussions. EN Secretary General **Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic** moderated the Cultural Heritage Workshop on the first day, showcasing a number of heritage projects which benefited from EC funding through its Culture Programme and thus stressing the important contribution cultural heritage makes for the implementation of **Europe’s Agenda for Culture**. The event was the final one for European Commissioner **Ján Figel**’ responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, who after 5 years of service in the EC has returned to national politics in his native Slovakia. Also participating were European Commission President **José**

**Manuel Barroso**, the Swedish Minister of Culture **Lena Adelsohn Liljeroth**, the Chairwoman of the European Parliament Committee on Culture and Education **Doris Pack**, and the renowned musician, conductor and professor **Jordi Savall**. The event was a highlight of the **2009 EU Year of Creativity and Innovation**, and included the Award Ceremony for the newly launched **EU Prize for Literature** where winning authors from 12 countries were celebrated. In the coming 2 years, the competition will be selecting literary works from the remaining 22 countries.

- During the **Best in Heritage** event in Dubrovnik on 24-26 September, Executive Vice-President **John Sell** and Board member **Irina Subotić** met with representatives of the network of heritage organisations from South East Europe, [SEE Heritage](#). It was agreed to prepare the Europa Nostra's presentation on the needs, in terms of capacity, policy and resources, of cultural heritage in the region in time for the meeting of the Ministers of Culture from South-East Europe to be held in Ljubljana on 6-7 November 2009. Europa Nostra will also set forth an outline programme of activities for the next 3 to 5 years with expected outcomes and will explore the possibility of SEE Heritage becoming a regional representative of Europa Nostra.

- Board member **Piet Jaspaert** represented Europa Nostra at the [European Heritage Forum](#), organised by the Council of Europe and the European Commission within the framework of the **European Heritage Days**, in Ljubljana (SL) on 22-23 September. The Forum gave EHD National Coordinators and other heritage players an opportunity to brainstorm about increasing the success - in particular through better communication tools - of this yearly event, one of the most important occasions to raise awareness among the wider public about the richness and beauty but also about the vulnerability of Europe's cultural heritage treasures. The Forum was followed by the [Annual meeting of the European Heritage Days \(EHD\) National Coordinators](#) that took place on 24 September 2009 in the Castle of Jable (SL). **Natasa Gorenc**, coordinator of the EHDs in Slovenia, offered her European colleagues an intensive day offering an important opportunity for reflection on the future of the EHDs, and in the afternoon, for visits to an exquisite selection of Slovenian heritage.

- The EN [Industrial and Engineering Heritage Taskforce \(IEHTF\)](#) met in Freiberg, Saxony (DE), 31 August - 1 September 2009, concurrent with a meeting of The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage ([TICCIH](#)). The IEHTF discussed its objectives and limitations, coming events and field visits, and how the Taskforce can increase the number of related projects submitted to the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards Scheme as a way of **highlighting awareness of the perils facing aging industrial heritage structures and how, when renovated and given new uses, these can so well contribute to the character of their surroundings.**

- EN Secretary General, **Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic**, visited Switzerland, on the occasion of this year's General Assembly of [Patrimoine Suisse/Schweitzer Heitmatschutz](#), the leading Swiss heritage NGO in Yvedons-les-Bains on 27 June 2009. She made a presentation on Europa Nostra's mission and activities to around 100 heritage activists from all over Switzerland, and discussed ways in which Swiss heritage organisations can become more actively involved in the wider European heritage movement. EN Council member and Patrimoine Suisse's President **Philippe Biéler**, is an active ambassador of Europa Nostra in Switzerland....[read more](#)

## EU PRIZE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE / EUROPA NOSTRA AWARDS

### EUROPEAN HERITAGE AWARDS CEREMONY 2009

This year's [European Heritage Awards Ceremony](#) took place on 5 June in the breathtaking setting of Taormina's *Teatro Antico*, where the winning [Laureates](#) were celebrated and presented with their prizes by our departing President, HRH the Infanta Doña de Pilar de Borbón, and Dr Bernd Biervert, Member of the Cabinet of Mr Ján Figel', Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, and the relevant Heritage Awards Jury Chairman. Excitement was palpable as the top 7 Grand Prize winners were disclosed to the audience. European Commissioner Ján Figel', who regretted not to be able to attend in person the ceremony in Taormina, stressed in his [video message](#) the importance of conserving and revitalising Europe's cultural heritage assets, as part of the main objectives of the European Union.

### LOCAL AWARD CEREMONIES FOR THE 2009 LAUREATES

[Local Award Ceremonies](#), organised by the laureates to celebrate with their local community and with all the many actors which made their project possible, have been taking place since June. [Local ceremonies have taken place](#) for laureates in the following cities:

- Edinburgh on 17 June for the 4 Scottish Laureates: Stanley Mills, the Logie Schoolhouse, the Pier Arts Centre, and Professor David Walker, OBE,
- Dublin on 25 September for the "National Inventory of Architectural Heritage",
- Brescia on 16 October for Chiesa dei Santi Faustino e Giovita,
- Bouvignes on 24 for Maison du patrimoine médiéval mosan
- Istanbul on 25 October for Culture Ants,
- Rome on 5 November for MACRO Future and Alternative Economy City,
- Rome on 6 November for The Noah's Ark Project, and
- Nicosia on 9 November for Bedestan.

### 2010 COMPETITION

The deadline, 1 October 2009, has passed for submitting applications to the 2010 edition of this [Awards Scheme](#), and over 125 entry dossiers have arrived at the International Secretariat. Receipt acknowledgements are being sent and preparations are underway for the assessment of each entry and the 4 Jury meetings which will take place in early 2010.

## CAMPAIGNING FOR ENDANGERED HERITAGE

### EXTENSION TO STOCKHOLM'S CITY LIBRARY STOPPED

EN Executive President, Denis de Kergorlay, wrote to Stockholm's Mayor Sten Nordin urging the City of Stockholm to halt the current plan for extending Stockholm's City Library - an iconic masterpiece by architect Gunnar Asplund. The letter was distributed to relevant and interested parties, politicians and press. The impending threat to this unique monument was brought to our attention by a group of Europa Nostra's Swedish Member Organisations and concerned Individual Members led by [Europa Nostra Sweden](#) and its President, Catherine von Arnold. Europa Nostra has decided to endorse at a European level the campaign to help safeguard this important

European architectural monument. The City of Stockholm has since decided to pursue alternate solutions for expanding their library.

### **BLANKA TUNNEL UNDER CITY WALLS AROUND HISTORIC PRAGUE**

Europa Nostra helped local activists make sure that their concerns about work underway to construct the Blanka Tunnel complex, a ring-road highway under the historic walls of Prague, were put on the agenda of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) meeting in Seville at the end of June 2009. The WHC agreed to monitor this project, including the quality of the tunnel access and exit points around the historic city, to ensure that the finely tuned urban fabric is not damaged by the extra traffic which will be generated. This extra scrutiny helped uncover and stop plans to illegally tear down one of the Baroque fortification bastions, and to replace it with a replica after the tunnel work was completed.

## **HERITAGE TOURS**

- **PROGRAMME 2010 -JUST PUBLISHED**

- The 2010 [Heritage Tours brochure](#) will have reached our members by now. This brochure can also be downloaded and/or consulted via our website. For 2010, a fascinating variety of tours - exclusively designed for Europa Nostra's individual members has been scheduled, offering tours to Emilia Romagna (Italy) in early May, English Gardens in late June, the Austrian and Italian part of Tyrol in September, Old Castile (Central Spain) in October and a French-speaking tour to Jordan in November. For the first time, a short pre-Christmas city-tour will be organised in early December to Copenhagen.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- **NEW MEMBER AND ASSOCIATE ORGANISATIONS**

Europa Nostra welcomed at the Council meeting in Taormina, June 2009:

- The National Carlo Collodi Foundation (IT) as Member Organisation  
[www.pinocchio.it/eng/fondazionecollodi](http://www.pinocchio.it/eng/fondazionecollodi)
- The Norrviken Gardens Society (SE) as Member Organisation
- Chamber of Architects of Turkey (TR) as Member Organisation  
<http://www.mo.org.tr>
- Fondation Culturelle de la Banque du Pirée (GR) as Associate Organisation  
[www.piop.gr](http://www.piop.gr)
- Caravan Cultura Art Agency (NL) as Associate Organisation  
[www.caravancultura.org](http://www.caravancultura.org)

Europa Nostra welcomed at the Board meeting in Dubrovnik, September 2009:

- NIKE - Centre national d'information pour la conservation des biens culturels (CH) as Member Organisation  
[www.nike-kultur.ch](http://www.nike-kultur.ch)
- The SanWag Ethno Eco Centre (RS) as Member Organisation  
[www.sanwag.com](http://www.sanwag.com)

- Shetland Amenity Trust (UK) [www.shetland-heritage.co.uk/amenitytrust](http://www.shetland-heritage.co.uk/amenitytrust) as Member Organisation
- Cultural Awareness Foundation (TR) <http://kulturbilinci.org/eng> as Member Organisation
- City of Dubrovnik (HR) [www.dubrovnik.hr](http://www.dubrovnik.hr) as Associate Organisation
- TUV Rheinland, LGA Bautechnik (Technical Inspections Organisation - Section: Construction Technology) (DE) [www.tuv.com](http://www.tuv.com) as Associate Organisation
- Association of Alternative Balkan Tourism (MK) [www.balkania-association.org](http://www.balkania-association.org) as Associate Organisation
- The Arkitekturmuseet (SE) [www.arkitekturmuseet.se](http://www.arkitekturmuseet.se) as Associate Organisation

In addition, two important international networks, [the Association of Charity Lotteries in the European Union \(ACLEU\)](#) and the [International National Trusts Organisation \(INTO\)](#) (see [above](#)) have decided to become Associate Organisations of Europa Nostra and Europa Nostra decided to become an Associate Organisation of those two networks. Europa Nostra is grateful for the continued support in the form of Awards Scheme funding, it receives from its partner **ACLEU**, and looks forward to developing a mutually beneficial cooperation both with ACLEU and INTO.

- **NEW LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF THE MEMBERSHIP LEAFLET**

- **Europa Nostra's Membership leaflet** is now printed in German, French and Italian language versions. A Turkish language version is planned in time for the upcoming Annual Congress. **We urge members to help Europa Nostra by distributing our Membership leaflets to fellow heritage organisations and other potentially interested contacts and friends to their friends!** We also urge you to help us by translating the text of the leaflet into your language and/or by finding funding for the printing of the leaflet in your own language. The International Secretariat will be more than happy to arrange for the layout and printing. Please contact Laurie Neale, Communications Officer at the Secretariat for further information and to have copies of our membership leaflets (and other publications) sent to you.

- **NEWS FROM EUROPA NOSTRA'S COUNTRY REPRESENTATIONS**

- [Europa Nostra Deutschland](#) has held its General Assembly during the EXPONATEC Cologne heritage fair, on 19 November 2009. Alongside this meeting will be their **Colloquium on "The German Heritage Lobby - How Many Cooks Does it Take to Spoil the Broth?"** For information contact Holger Rescher: [holger.rescher@denkmalschutz.de](mailto:holger.rescher@denkmalschutz.de)

- **Europa Nostra UK**, together with Queen's University Belfast, organised a conference **"The Cultural Landscape and Cultural Identity: Vernacular Buildings and Traditional Skills in Context"** in Belfast, from 5-8 September 2009. For information contact Lester Borley: [lesterborley@waitrose.com](mailto:lesterborley@waitrose.com)

- The **International Secretariat** has been active in **The Netherlands**, raising awareness and networking in The Hague, networking during *Prinsjesdag* (15 September) and the [International](#)

[Day of Peace](#) (20 September) events, and consulting with its member organisations, [Bond Heemschut](#) and [Erfgoed Nederland](#) in setting up a Dutch federation of heritage NGOs, as well as beginning preparations for the **2011 EN Annual Congress** which will be taking place in Amsterdam. For the second year, EN Secretary General **Sneska Quaedvlieg-Mihailovic** gave a presentation on heritage lobbying at European institutions to the representatives of the Dutch heritage community at an event organised by *Erfgoed Nederland*.

- **OBITUARIES**

- Europa Nostra sadly announces the death of **Mrs Marie-Rose Schuler**, the wife of our former Executive President and current Honorary President, Dr. Andrea H. Schuler. Amrose was a constant support for her husband and was present at his side at Europa Nostra congresses and events during his many years and various duties serving in our organisation. She was also a very active member of the Heritage Tours Committee and kindly organised herself several most successful Heritage Tours in Switzerland.

- We have received the sad news from [Europa Nostra Austria](#) that Professor Norbert Burda passed away in September. Professor Norbert Burda was Life-Member of Europa Nostra and Senior Vice-President of Europa Nostra Austria. He was a very active member of the Europa Nostra Council and most efficient in the organisation of our 1995 annual congress in Vienna. He was also a most helpful member of the Board of the ISG (Internationales Stadteforum in Graz) and stayed involved in their activities up until summer 2009. He has also been closely following Europa Nostra's activities even if he was not able to travel to attend our various Congresses. With Prof. Norbert Burda's death, Austria and Europe have lost a true champion of the preservation of our shared cultural heritage and an extremely dedicated colleague and friend!

- Europa Nostra is also saddened to announce the death at the end of September of **Wessel, Baron von Landsberg-Velen** from Germany who was President of the International Castles Institute (IBI) during the period preceding its merger with Europa Nostra in 1991, and was subsequently appointed Honorary Life Member of the merged organisation. With his farsighted vision, he encouraged the merger of both organisations, and together with Sir Christopher Audland and the late Hans de Koster, laid the basis for the success of the combined and strong organisation for European Heritage, Europa Nostra has become today. Vice-President **Alexander Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn** and IBI and EN former Staff member **Els Quarles van Ufford** represented Europa Nostra at the funeral.

## NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

- **STAFF MATTERS**

In June, Europa Nostra welcomed four new and highly qualified staff members:

- Ernst Jaap Rozenboom, Chef de Bureau ([ejr@europanostra.org](mailto:ejr@europanostra.org))
- Bruno Deslandes, Heritage at Risk Officer ([bd@europanostra.org](mailto:bd@europanostra.org))
- Giuseppe Simone, Webmaster ([gs@europanostra.org](mailto:gs@europanostra.org))
- Evelien v/d Hulst- de Vreugd, Bookkeeper ([ehv@europanostra.org](mailto:ehv@europanostra.org))

The Secretariat is also being assisted by:

- Inge Driebeek, as volunteer ([id@europanostra.org](mailto:id@europanostra.org))
- Athena Mitropoulos, as intern ([am@europanostra.org](mailto:am@europanostra.org))

Ariëne de Bruijn, Personal Assistant to the SG, has decided to return to university studies and will be leaving us at the end of November. We wish her every success in her further career.

[Click here](#) to see the full list of all Staff members of the Europa Nostra International Secretariat, their email addresses and other contact details.

This reinforcing the ranks at the Secretariat is most welcome and will help Europa Nostra realise its ambitious mission and programme for the coming years.

- **VACANCIES : Executive Secretary (per 1 January 2010)**

Europa Nostra has one new opening for a Staff position within our small dynamic international team at its International Secretariat in The Hague. We are looking, as per 1 January 2010, for an [Executive Secretary](#). For interested persons, please refer to the job description posted on our website, or contact Ernst Jaap Rozenboom at the Secretariat for information ([ejr@europanostra.org](mailto:ejr@europanostra.org) or +31 70 302 40 51).

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**Europa Nostra** represents some 250 non-governmental organisations, 150 associate organisations and 1500 individual members from more than 50 countries who are fully committed to safeguarding Europe's cultural heritage and landscapes. Together, we provide a powerful network for dialogue and debate, we celebrate the best heritage achievements; we campaign against threats to vulnerable heritage buildings, sites and landscapes, and we lobby for sustainable policies and high quality standards with regard to heritage.

We are the Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe.

### [Join Europa Nostra!](#)

We invite all committed to cultural heritage to join: heritage professionals and volunteers; associations, networks and federations; foundations; public authorities and agencies; museums, schools and universities; corporations and businesses. Share your knowledge, experience and enthusiasm!

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