



## ENEWSLETTER June 2010

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### **PLACIDO DOMINGO ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF EUROPA NOSTRA**

World-renowned tenor and conductor Plácido Domingo has become the new President of Europa Nostra, the pan-European federation that brings together Europe's growing cultural heritage movement. He was elected by acclamation by the General Assembly at the Europa Nostra annual congress in Istanbul. "I am very honored that my presidency follows the great work of Her Royal Highness the Infanta Pilar de Borbón. Europa Nostra is the Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe and I am very proud, as their President, to be their voice" Plácido Domingo said in his acceptance message. You can watch the full video message of Plácido Domingo on the homepage of our website. [read more](#)

#### **CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: SIX GRAND PRIX LAUREATES ANNOUNCED**

In the unique setting of the 6th century Byzantine church, Aya Irini (Hagia Eirene) in Istanbul, Turkey, the European Union and Europa Nostra announced the 6 Grand Prix Laureates of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards during the European Heritage Awards Ceremony on 10 June 2010. For more details and a video impression of the ceremony [read more](#)

#### **HERITAGE IN MOTION MAGAZINE LAUNCHED**

During the Congress in Istanbul, the revamped version of the Europa Nostra's European Cultural Heritage Review, called 'Heritage in Motion', was officially launched in the Tophane-i Amire Cultural Centre of the Mimar Sinan University during the welcome reception in the evening of 9 June kindly sponsored by the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce. You are invited to browse through "Heritage in Motion" which is also available online on our website. [read more](#)

#### **2010 ANNUAL CONGRESS IN ISTANBUL: A SUCCESS**

Looking back on the 2010 Europa Nostra Annual Congress in Istanbul, it was a resounding success. It was an important and major gathering of Europe's civil society organisations committed to cultural heritage in this special year when Istanbul is one of the Cultural Capitals of Europe. At a time when the European Commission is gathering input and formulating ideas for the new Cultural Agenda for the coming period 2014-2020, the Congress has been crucial for us making our mark on the map, and effectively articulating the concerns of the European Heritage community about safeguarding our cultural heritage, and about highlighting the multiple benefits it brings to multiple sectors – be they economic, social, planning, or quality of life. High ranking and influential political figures were in our midst, including the European Commissioner responsible for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of its Culture and Education Committee, Mrs Doris Pack and also the Turkish Minister of Culture and Tourism, Mr Ertuğrul Günay. [read more](#)

## **POLICY**

### **EUROPA NOSTRA ENDORSES THE EUROPEAN MANIFESTO ON MULTIPLE CULTURAL AFFILIATION**

As part of its Annual Congress in Istanbul, Europa Nostra organised a Forum on “ Multiple Identities, a Common Heritage”, in cooperation with the Mimar Sinan University in Istanbul and with the kind support of the Istanbul 2010 Agency. The Theme was discussed by a large variety of speakers from all over Europe representing civil society organisations or public authorities. The Forum ended with the endorsement of the “European Manifesto on Multiple Cultural Affiliation”, an expert document drafted under the auspices of the Council of Europe. [read more](#)

### **EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE NETWORKS GET TOGETHER IN BRUSSELS**

On 15 April, in order to mark the opening of its new liaison office in Brussels, Europa Nostra invited all the European/International networks or organisations active in the wider field of cultural heritage to take part in a first liaison meeting in Brussels. The purpose of the meeting was to get to know each other better, to learn about the main agendas and priorities of each of the organisations and to discuss ways in which we can develop synergies and strengthen the Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe. [read more](#)

### **DIRECT TALKS WITH NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER, ANDROULLA VASSILIOU**

Europa Nostra had the opportunity to have a first encounter with Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, the new European Commissioner responsible for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, on 4 May 2010 at the Berlaymont Building in Brussels (see photo). The Europa Nostra's delegation was composed of two Vice-Presidents, Costa Carras (Greece) and Alvaro Santa Cruz (Spain) and the Secretary General, Sneška Quaedvlieg-Mihailović. [read more](#)

### **EUROPA NOSTRA AS OBSERVER AT CDPATEP ANNUAL SESSION**

Europa Nostra (Louise van Rijckevorsel, European Affairs) took part, as observer, in the third plenary session of the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP), held on 4-5 May 2010, at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. This annual meeting was attended by the representatives of most of the Member States of the Council of Europe in charge of Cultural Heritage and Landscape. [read more](#)

### **CULTURAL HERITAGE NGO'S IN TURKEY – SOME EXAMPLES**

A regular feature of the Annual Congress, the presentation of local and national Cultural Heritage NGOs took place on Saturday morning 12 June in the Archaeological Museum of Istanbul. [Read more](#)

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

On 27 April 2010, the European Commission, DG Education and Culture, has launched an online public consultation open till 30th July 2010 aimed at gathering views on various issues impacting the cultural and creative industries in Europe, from business environment to the need to open up a common European space for culture, from capacity building to skills development and promotion of European creators on the world stage, and at unlocking the full potential of Europe's cultural and creative industries. [read more](#)

### **BELGIAN EU PRESIDENCY: BRUGES CONFERENCE ON EUROPE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE**

The Immovable Heritage Policy Unit of the Flemish Government organises, within the framework of the Belgian EU Presidency, the Conference: “Europe and Cultural Heritage: a Challenge. Towards a European Cultural Heritage Strategy” on 9 December 2010 in Bruges (Belgium), at Oud Sint-Jan. Europa Nostra is pleased to be associated with the preparation of this Conference and to figure among the speakers. [read more](#)

### **JOINT STATEMENT ON "EUROPE'S LIVING LANDSCAPES: CULTURAL HERITAGE AS A FORCE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Following the Round Table discussion organised by Europa Nostra on 25 March in its Brussels office on the future reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and its effect on Europe's natural and cultural heritage in which 17 experts took part, a joint statement on the CAP entitled “Europe's living landscapes: Cultural heritage as a force for rural development”, was prepared by Stephen Trow (Chair EAA/EAC Joint Working Group on Agriculture and Head of National Rural and Environmental Advice, English Heritage) in cooperation with other participants of this meeting. The document has been endorsed (to date) by Eurogites, Europae Archaeologiae Consilium, Europa Nostra, the European

Association of Archaeologists, the European Council for the Village and Small Town, the European Federation of Farm and Village Tourism and the International Association Rurality-Environment-Development. [read more](#)

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **A NEW PARTNER FOR EUROPA NOSTRA: THE HENOKIENS**

The Board of Les Hénokiens, the international Association of Family and Bicentenary Companies, decided to become a new partner of Europa Nostra by supporting this year's edition of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards. [read more](#)

### **SECOND YEAR OF ACLEU'S SUPPORT**

For the second year, the Association of `charity Loteries in the EU (ACLEU) provided invaluable support, as corporate partner and associate organisation, to Europa Nostra's flagship programme: the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards. Tatiana van Lier and Laura Santacreu of ACLEU attended the European Heritage Awards Ceremony in Istanbul.

### **INTO CHAIRMAN ATTENDS ISTANBUL CONGRESS**

Simon Molesworth, Chariman of the Executive Committee of INTO – the International National Trusts Organisation – travelled from Australia to attend Europa Nostra's Annual Congress in Istanbul. He made an address to the General Assembly on 9 June and was one of the main speakers at the Europa Nostra Forum " Multiple Identities, a Common Heritage" on 11 June. A number of European member organisations of INTO who attended the Istanbul Congress also met on 10 June to exchange ideas and experiences and to discuss the specific activities of INTO in Europe.

### **EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON CIVIL SOCIETY AND HERITAGE (Mechelen, 5-6 July 2010)**

Following the successful conference "Heritage Care through Active Citizenship" which took place on 22-23 March 2009 in Mechelen, a new European Conference on Civil Society and Heritage will be organized in Mechelen on 6-7 July 2010, during the Belgian Presidency of the European Union. As last year, Europa Nostra is happy to be one of the partners for the organisation of this Conference. [read more](#)

### **THE BEST IN HERITAGE 2010 (Dubrovnik, 23-25 September 2010)**

This year again, Europa Nostra will support, as the main partner, The Best in Heritage 2010 event taking place on 23-25 September 2010 in Dubrovnik. The programme of this enriching event organised every year in the enchanting city of Dubrovnik can be found on [www.thebestinheritage.com](http://www.thebestinheritage.com) On the occasion of this event, Europa Nostra will seek to bring together representatives of heritage organisations from the entire region of South-East Europe to discuss further ways of increasing their cooperation and strengthening their Voice. [read more](#)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **MEMBER ORGANISATIONS DIRECTORY 2010 AVAILABLE NOW**

The Europa Nostra Member Organisations Directory 2010 is now available on the members only pages of our website. The directory has been arranged according to country and contains contact as well as basic information about the Member Organisation. It is possible to download the full PDF document or to download only the member organisations of a specific country. [read more](#)

### **NEW MEMBER ORGANISATIONS**

Europa Nostra is particularly happy to welcome the **European Cultural Foundation** based in Amsterdam as our new member organisation. We look forward to developing a mutually beneficial cooperation among others with the aim of connecting heritage and young people.

[www.eurocult.org](http://www.eurocult.org)

At its Board meeting on 8 June 2010 in Istanbul, Europa Nostra also welcomed the following new members:

**Stichting Limburgse Kastelen/ Foundation of Castles in Limburg, The Netherlands**

information and raising awareness.

Main Activities: Publications, support of Castle owners in cooperation with Monumentenwacht Limburg, excursions.

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

**Ataköy**, Turkey

Mission: The protection of Ataköy's shore as cultural heritage.

Main Activities: Preservation of Ataköy shore and protection against new building and housing projects, Conservation and rehabilitation of Historical Buildings, Preservation of Ruins.

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

**KOREFD – Conservation and Restoration Firms Association**, Turkey

Mission: KOREFD is a non-governmental organisation. Its members are architects and civil engineers with long experience in public buildings' restoration and training of staff. The main aim of KOREFD is to present the cultural assets to future generations.

Main Activities: Qualified Implementation Staff Training Programme for the Process of Conservation of Cultural Heritage consisting of theoretical education, practical training, technical trips and training days.

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

## **NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

Since March 2010, we have also welcome 43 new individual members from the following European countries: Turkey (36), Germany (1), France (1), Latvia (1), Belgium (1), Greece (1), Switzerland (1) and Australia (1).

## **NEW ASSOCIATE ORGANISATION**

**Cultuurraad Braschaat/Cultural Council of Braschaat**, Belgium

Mission: Promotion of cultural life of the village of Brasschaat. Networking between the district council and surrounding municipalities.

Main Activities: Establishing a cultural programme in cooperation with other cultural services, the Mayor and Aldermen.

## **GERMAN HERITAGE NGO'S CLIMATE APPEAL**

The association of architectural and heritage protection NGOs (see below for the full list) with a total of over one million members is calling for the German federal government to adjust the CO2 Building Rehabilitation Programme to the special requirements of historical buildings and sites. [read more](#)

## **EUROPA NOSTRA SWEDEN SEMINAR ON STOCKHOLM'S IDENTITY**

Europa Nostra Sweden organised a seminar on the aesthetic qualities of the city of Stockholm in an international perspective. The programme states: Stockholm is growing faster than we sometimes care to think. Heavy resources are being invested in its development. The skyline, public places and views are appreciated by residents and casual visitors, imparting an identity and aesthetic qualities which can be made the starting point of a long-term, sustainable development. [read more](#)

## **HERITAGE IN PERIL**

### **WATCH VIDEOS OF HERITAGE IN PERIL SITES**

A new section on the website dedicated to Europe's Heritage in Peril has been launched. The current focus is on three important campaigns: the ancient Roman spa in [Allianoi](#), Turkey; [L'Aquila](#) and the Abruzzo region which have been heavily damaged by the 2009 earthquake and the gold-mining project in [Rosia Montana](#), Romania. You can read the latest news, documents and letters written by Europa Nostra, read articles published in the media and also check out external links. A picture is worth a thousand words and a video can be even more effective in understanding the level of risk of these heritage sites. Please watch them and share them [read more](#)

### **HERITAGE AT RISK IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE (Pécs, Hungary 27 June – 1 July 2010)**

The international conference on Heritage at Risk in South-East Europe is the final event of the Heritage without Borders: Redefining Cultural Values through the Built Heritage of SE Europe project, financed by the European Union, through the [Culture Programme](#). This project is based on an international co-operation, being led by the [Transylvania Trust](#), and co-organised by National Office of Cultural Heritage (Hungary), Cultural Heritage without Borders (Sweden, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania, Kosovo-UNMIK), the Butrint Foundation (UK, Albania), and the Dubrovnik Preservation Foundation (Croatia).

The purpose of this Conference, organised in partnership with Europa Nostra, in the framework of Pecs-European Cultural Capital 2010 is to familiarize the participants with the issues related to the built cultural heritage of South-East Europe and to try and find ways of addressing the various threats to this heritage. [read more](#)

For more information on Heritage in Peril: Laurie Neale, Communications +31 70 302 4055 or [ln\[at\]europanostra\[dot\]org](mailto:ln[at]europanostra[dot]org)

## **RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

### **SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM**

Europa Nostra's 2010 Annual Congress opened with the 46th Annual Colloquium of the Scientific Council on 8-9 June. The theme of the Colloquium was "The reuse of ancient fortified settlements from middle ages to modern times". The focus of the meeting, however, was the 22km long ancient City Walls of Istanbul. Since 2003, Europa Nostra has been calling for a comprehensive assessment of the physical condition of the walls and surroundings, and for a Master Plan for their conservation. Later in the Congress, Europa Nostra's Council agreed to appeal to the Istanbul and Turkish authorities to make haste with completing the conservation plan for the City Walls, as many sections are badly deteriorating and surrounding areas continue to be destroyed through unchecked development emboldened by lack of legal protection. [Read more](#)

## **EU PRIZE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE / EUROPA NOSTRA AWARDS**

### **COMPETITION 2011 – DEADLINE: 1 OCTOBER 2010**

The deadline for next year's Awards is 1 October 2010; winners of the 2011 competition will be celebrated in Amsterdam in June 2011. Do enter your heritage project, study, awareness-raising project, or nomination of a dedicated individual or group, to compete in the 2011 edition of the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards!

The entry forms are now available on the website [click here](#)

### **CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: SIX GRAND PRIX LAUREATES ANNOUNCED – SEE ABOVE**

### **PUBLICATION ON THE 2010 LAUREATES PUBLISHED**

The publication on the 2010 Laureates of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards has been printed and posted. It is also available on our website. You can easily consult and view it by clicking on the following link [www.europanostra.org/awards-publication](http://www.europanostra.org/awards-publication)

### **ALL VIDEOS OF THE LAUREATES AVAILABLE ONLINE**

You can watch all videos that were presented during the Awards Ceremony at Aya Irini in Istanbul on 10 June 2010. These clips introduce each laureate awarded and explain the significance of the 29 laureates that were awarded with the 2010 EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards.

[watch videos](#)

### **THE POWER OF EXAMPLE EXHIBITION - SEE BELOW**

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## **HERITAGE TOURS 2010**

There are still places available on the [2010 Heritage Tours](#) which are prepared exclusively for our Individual Members: to **Tyrol** (AT and IT), **Old Castile** (ES), **Jordan** and **Copenhagen** (DK). Net income derived from these tours benefits the Hans de Koster Fund which enables members and partners from Central and Eastern Europe to take part in EN activities such as our recent Annual Congress in Istanbul as well as Europa Nostra's Heritage in Peril campaigns. Members' participation in our Tours is therefore greatly welcomed.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

### THE POWER OF EXAMPLE EXHIBITION

A month long photo exhibition entitled "The Power of Example" in the Sirkeci Train Station in Istanbul, was opened on 11 June by Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner responsible for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth. The exhibition shows a selection of more than 100 projects representing "the best of the best" achievements in European cultural heritage, Award winners of the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards. The venue of the exhibition, the Sirkeci Train Station, is the terminus of the legendary Orient Express. [read more](#)

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### FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

You can now find the social network buttons on the homepage of our website. If you have an account at Twitter you can follow our latest updates as they happen or you can just read them and search them at <http://twitter.com/europanostra>

### JUST PUBLISHED : 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS

The Council of Europe has just published (in English and in French) the brochure marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Heritage Days "Open Doors, Open Minds". This brochure was prepared (text and photos) with the contribution of Europa Nostra. To download the brochure [click here](#)

Check also regularly the [CALENDAR OF MEETINGS](#) on our website.

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## COLOPHON

**Europa Nostra** represents some 250 non-governmental organisations, 160 associate organisations and 1400 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!

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

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