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**EUROPA
NOSTRA**

President:
S.A.R. le Prince Consort de Danemark
HRH the Prince Consort of Denmark

Dear Mr. Minister,

The 38th meeting of the Scientific Council of Europa Nostra took place in Heraklion, Crete from the 24th to the 28th May.

The subject of the conference was the City Walls of Chandia, unquestionably one of the greatest monuments of military architecture in the Mediterranean, which is almost unique in having resisted a siege of twenty-one years duration. It is a site of European significance, and indeed in our view should be a World Heritage Site.

The discussions between scholars of many European Countries concluded with the attached Resolution, which was adopted unanimously. We bring it to your attention with the request that you place the full support of your Ministry behind the efforts to restore the Walls, and in particular to remove the athletic installations presently sited on two of the bastions, which have already caused considerable damage to them and might indeed under certain circumstances result in danger to players and spectators alike.

We are at your disposal to provide you with any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely

Gianni Perbellini

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RESOLUTION

The Scientific Council of Europa Nostra held its 38th Meeting in Heraklion, Crete in May 2002 and discussed the problems faced by medieval and renaissance walled towns in general, and in particular the Venetian renaissance Walls of Candia, one of the historically most important and conceptually most advanced examples still existing in southern Europe which should accordingly certainly be declared a World Heritage Site.

- The situation in Heraklion presents an example of all the many problems that arise with historical cities, exacerbated by the destruction of the city's traditional fabric in recent decades. After having heard a number of presentations both of the problems and of the projects begun about thirty years ago, the Scientific Council would like to make the following recommendations for urgent consideration and action:
 1. A full survey and catalogue of materials, types of craftsmanship and techniques required for the gradual restoration of the city's walls, using traditional methods and materials compatible with the original construction and with particular emphasis on the type of stone, mortar and earth filling to be employed.
 2. Integration of plans for restoration with the city's town plan, in such a way as to achieve protection of the environment and to diminish the impact of recent construction much of it inappropriate in relation to the city walls.
 3. Development of projects using homogeneous materials and methods of restoration for walls, bastions, ditches and open spaces, while

ensuring that newly planted green areas and gardens permit easy comprehension of the monument.

4. Immediate removal of all athletic facilities presently located on the bastions, which inevitably cause ongoing damage to the monument.
5. Proper multilingual signage and provision of information regarding all elements of the monument and its history.
6. Preparation of an ongoing scheme for the maintenance both of the walls and of surrounding areas together with the choice of specialized and permanent technical staff, with the requisite financial support.
7. Consideration of a contractual agreement with a private or public Association which would be responsible for maintenance and improvement of the walls and their surroundings, to be financed by tickets for entry to specific areas (an example of such an arrangement can be found in Dubrovnik).
8. Consideration of the use of the city gates as areas for cultural exhibitions including the possibility of a permanent exhibition on the Cretan War of 1645 to 1669, and the siege of Candia in particular.

The problems of the city walls of Candia are very great, and the Scientific Council was heartened by the statements both of those with official responsibility and those involved in planning and restoration work of their determination to overcome them.

The Scientific Council also considers that the situation is sufficiently serious and the monument of such great importance at an European Level that it would be unforgiveable for the authorities, the citizens of Heraklion, and all those involved in any way, not to give it consistently the very highest priority over the coming years.

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XXXVIII MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL OF EUROPA NOSTRA

ΕΛΛΑΔΑ-ΚΡΗΤΗ ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟ

ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟ-ΧΑΝΙΑ-ΣΟΥΔΑ

GREECE CRETE HERAKLION



24-30 ΜΑΪΟΥ/MAY 2002

*Η Ανάδειξη των Ενετικών Τειχών
του Χάνδακα στο πλαίσιο
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Ο Δήμαρχος Ηρακλείου κ. Κώστας Ασιάνης σας προσκαλεί να λάβετε μέρος στις εργασίες της

XXXVIII Συνόδου του Επιστημονικού Συμβουλίου της EUROPA NOSTRA με θέμα

"Η Ανάδειξη των Ενετικών Τειχών του Χάνδακα στο πλαίσιο των Ευρωπαϊκών Οχυρώσεων με Προμαχώνες"

που θα πραγματοποιηθεί από τις 24 έως τις 27 Μαΐου 2002

στην αίθουσα "Δομνίκος Θεοτοκοπούλος" της Βιβλιοθήκης Δημοτικής Βιβλιοθήκης.

The Mayor of Heraklion Mr. Costas Asianis would like to invite you to take part to the proceedings of the XXXVIII Meeting of the Scientific Council of EUROPA NOSTRA on the subject of "The Valorisation of the Venetian Walls of Chandax-Heraklion in the Framework of the European Fortifications with Bastions" which will take place from the 24th until the 27th of May 2002 in the Hall "Domiticos Theotokopoulos" of the Vekelata Municipal Library.



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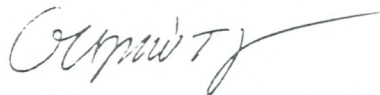
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Όσον αφορά τη συνάντηση της Κρήτης, από το πρόγραμμα της 38ης Συνόδου του Επιστημονικού Συμβουλίου της EUROPA NOSTRA (που σας επισυνάπτω), είναι σαφείς οι πληροφορίες για τις ημερομηνίες, τον χώρο της Συνόδου, τη σειρά των εργασιών -παρουσίαση ανακοινώσεων - τη διήμερη ενημερωτική εκδρομή στη Δυτική Κρήτη που θα ακολουθήσει.

Να σημειωθεί ότι η οργάνωση της Συνόδου για τις 4 πρώτες ημέρες των επιστημονικών ανακοινώσεων, γίνεται σε άμεση και στενή συνεργασία με το Δήμο Ηρακλείου.

Παρακαλώ πολύ να μου αποστείλετε το τεύχος, στο οποίο θα δημοσιεύσετε τις πληροφορίες αυτές, ώστε να ενημερώσω το Δήμο Ηρακλείου, αλλά και τα όργανα της EUROPA NOSTRA. Θα βρίσκομαι στη διάθεσή σας για οποιαδήποτε επί πλέον πληροφορία, ακόμη και στο στάδιο των δοκιμών.

Με φιλικούς χαιρετισμούς



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Αντιπρόεδρος του Επιστημονικού Συμβουλίου της EUROPA NOSTRA

EUROPA NOSTRA XXXVIII MEETING OF EN SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL
IN GREECE - CRETE, Heraklion-Rethymno-Chania-Suda
From 24th to 30th May 2002

Theme

***THE VALORISATION OF THE VENETIAN WALLS OF CHANDAX-
HERAKLION, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN
FORTIFICATIONS WITH BASTIONS***

PROGRAMME OF PAPERS - study tour

FRIDAY

- 24. 5. 2002** Arrival of the participants in Heraklion during the day
Accommodation in LAT'O Hotel
20.30 Official welcome by the Mayor of Heraklion, in the Venetian "Loggia"
Reception in the Hall "An.Papandreou", in the same historical building
with the participation of the Municipal String Quarter

SATURDAY

- 25. 5. 2002** **MUNICIPAL VIKELAIA LIBRARY** - Hall "Theotokopoulos"
08.30 Registration of the participants
09.00 -10.00 Official Opening by the Authorities
mr Kostas Aslanis Mayor of Heraklion
mr Michalis Andrianakis Director of the 13th Ephorate
for the Byzantine Antiquities - Crete
mr Costas Carras vice - President of EN - Council
mr Manolis Borboudakis Honorary Ephor of Antiquities of Crete

FIRST SESSION

- 10.00** **G. Perbelini,** Bastioned walled town, reference between
the defence and the city
10.20 **J. Dimakopoulos** The Gecù and Panigrà gates: a proposal for
their sympathetic use
10.40 **If. Georgopoulou,** The defensive line of the Venetian Republic in the
Ionian Region and the fortifications - castles of
Kefalonia, Parga and Zakynthos
11.00 - 11.30 Coffee - break
11.30 **I. Steriotou,** The Venetian Archives and their significance in the
study of the valorisation of the Venetian Walls of
Candia
11.50 **Chrys. Tzobanaki,** The Venetian fortified enclosure of Chandax in 20th
century: the first interventions for consolidation and
the projects of maintenance and tidying up
12.10 **L. Starida,** Archeological analysis on the misconceived
restoration of the Venetian walls of Chandax
12.30 Discussion
14.00 / 14.30 Lunch, offered by the Municipality of Heraklion

SECOND SESSION

- 17.00** **Ir. Schizaki,** Participation of the Local Authority (Municipality)
in the restoration of the Venetian walls of Heraklion.

- towards the valorisation of the monumental complex through the re-utalization
- 17.20 **N. Stylianidis,** Works and studies for the consolidation, reanimation and reutalization of the Venetian walls of Heraklion
- 17.40 **L. Villena,** The Heraklion walls and the "Napolitan Anonymous"
- 18.0 Discussion
- 18.20 Coffee-break
- 19.00 - 21.00 Visit to the *Historical Museum of Crete* and the model of the Venetian city of Candia
- 21.0 Reception in the Museum, offered by the *Eteria Kritikon Istorikon Meleton (Associazione for the Historique Studies of Crete)*

SUNDAY

26. 5. 2002 08.30 Visit to the walls
- 12.00 - 12.30 Return to the Hall of the Meeting: coffee - break
- General discussion with the participation of the Greek Scientists
- Resolution on the Programme for the Valorisation of the walls of Heraklion
- 14.30 Lunch - free, or in the Hotel

THIRD SESSION

- 17.00 **Isik Aydemir,** The valorisation of Istanbul city walls
- 17.20 **Ruggero Boschi,** The problems of the great fortified complexes
- 17.40 **Ant. Sanchez-Gijon,** Bastioned fortifications in Spain
- 18.0 **Conleth Manning,** Artillery Fortifications in Ireland
- 18.20 Coffee - break
- 18.45 **Bettina Jost,** Fortifications with bastions in Germany. Conservation and revitalisation: special examples
- 19.05 **Joachim Zeune,** The fortified town of Rees (Germany): excavation, valorisation, restoration, utilization and presentation of its fortifications
- 19.25 **FORTMED** Presentation of the European Programme, regarding the restoration and valorisation of the East Mediterranean medieaval fortresses (co-ordinator: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Department of Civil Engineering)
- 20.0 Discussion
- 21.0 Dinner, offered by the Municipality of Heraklion

MONDAY

27. 5. 2002 FOURTH SESSION

- 09.00 **Jan. Bogdanowski,** Italian School in Fortification and Garden in Poland
- 09.20 **Stan. Mossakowski,** The private residences with bastioned fortifications in 17th century in Poland
- 09.40 **Tomas Durdik,** Bastion fortification of the Vitkuv Hrdek castle in South Bohemia
- 10.00 Discussion
- 10.15 Coffee-break
- 10.30 - 12.00 **Internal Business** (only for the members of the SC- Europa Nostra)
- 12.30 - 13.30 Visit to the Venetian fortress of the port "Koules"

- Provision of a very quick, light lunch
- 14.30 - 19.00 Visit to the Archeological Museum, and the archeological site of Knossos
- 19.30 Visit to the traditional village of Archanes
Dinner in the village, offered by the Mayor of Archanes.
Return to the hotel

TUESDAY 28.5.2002

- 08.0 Departure from Heraklion
- 09.30 Arrival in Rethymno. Accommodation at the JO.AN PALACE Hotel
- 10.0 Visit to the Venetian fortress "Fortezza" [in collaboration with the Ephorate of the Byzantine Monuments of Crete]
- 13.30 - 14.00 Light lunch (free)
- 17.00 - 19.00 Visit to the Old Town
- 21.00 Official dinner, offered by the Mayor of Rethymno

WEDNSDAY 29. 5. 2002

- 08.30 Departure from Rethymno
- 09.30 Arrival in Chania. Visit to the Old Town, the Fort of Firkas, the Venetian port and the Venetian dockyards [in collaboration with the Ephorate of the Byzantine Monuments of Crete]
- 14.0 Lunch, offered by the Mayor of Chania
- 16.30 Visit to the islet of Suda and its fortress
- 19.00 - 19.30 Return to Suda. Dinner offered by the Mayor of Suda
- 21.0 Return to Rethymno - Hotel

THURSDAY 30. 5. 2002

- 08.00 / 08.30 Departure from Rethymno for Heraklion airport (1.30h distance)
Departure of the participants