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Bar: Plenary Session 8/9 October **“Integrated coastal Area Management”**

The annual Plenary Session will take place in Bar (Montenegro) on the 8th and 9th of October. This year the theme under discussion is the “Integrated Coastal Area Management”.

All participating Cities please note that the travel costs won't be refunded. The Municipality of Bar will give hospitality to two delegates from each city (full board and accommodation). Larger delegations are welcome but their costs won't be refunded.

The Plenary Session will start on the 8th (10.30 a.m.) and will end on the 9th of October (1.00 p.m.). We kindly suggest all delegations from the Western coast to check with the shipping company Morfimare the timetables and costs of the ferries leaving from Bari (www.morfimare.it).

To take part in this event please request, fill in, and send back the participation form to

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We kindly remind all delegates that to enter Montenegro you need your passport as the identity card is not valid!

Plenary session of the Forum of the Chambers of Commerce

The Plenary session of the Forum of Chambers of Commerce “United by the Sea” will take place in Miločer, Montenegro, on the 16th 17th and 18th of May. Within the Assembly the following working tables will be organised: women entrepreneurship, transports, tourism, agriculture, environment, and fishing. Two delegates from the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities and Towns, Mrs. Anka Vojvodic, the President, and Mr. Bruno Bravetti, the General Secretary, will take part in the assembly. Their participation testifies the strong relationship with the Forum of the Chambers of Commerce.

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Pola: Adriatic Euroregion

On the 21st and 22nd of April the partners of the Adriatic Euroregion will meet in Pola, Hotel Histria. It is an initiative promoted by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Region Molise. In this region there are in fact many communities of Croatian origin that have kept their ties with their country of origin.

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Rijeka: Second International Fair of New Technologies and Products

From the 23rd to the 26th of November 2005 the City of Rijeka organises the 2nd International Fair of New Technologies and Products in the premises of the Rijeka Exhibition Centre. The City Department of Entrepreneurship devised a questionnaire to find out the needs and interests of the participants in order to organise this event according to their demands. Information: tina.stok@rijeka.hr
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Marseille: Ionas at the ECOPORTS conference

The Ionas project was presented by Mr. Michele Del Pup and Mr. Piero Remitti at the closing Conference of Ecoports, Marseille, March 21/22. During the Conference they presented the Environmental Management tools developed by the 3-year-project. Amongst them the PERS certificate (Port Environmental Review System) that certifies environmental management and can be considered as anticipating the implementation of EMS procedures. The project aims at fostering future and continuous cooperation among ports and local authorities, in order to work together towards sustainability. Within Ecoports the following workshops took place: port-city relation, waste recycling, integrated environmental management, dusts and air quality, sustainability of the logistic chain, satellite monitoring, noise mapping, and water-nature-habitat. For information: www.ecoports.com

A degree thesis about Bosnia and Herzegovina

For long the Balkan countries have been the subject of degree theses in our Universities. We would like to point out one of these.

Ms Silvia Santini, who graduated at University of Macerata, discussed with her supervisors, Prof. Milozzi Michele and Prof. Severini Marco, the following theme: “Zajedno: talking together. History of a catholic community in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 90s”.

Ms Santini contributed to the study of some important years in the history of the ex Yugoslavia, namely the last decade of the twentieth century.

Ms Santini's analysis focuses on the main and most known events as well as on the micro realities that reveal some mechanisms and workings of that situation that would escape to a macro analysis. For these reasons Ms Santini run her researches in the catholic community of the Solakova Kula Parish, which she assumed as example of these microcosms. She drew some conclusions that are quite different from the official versions and those diffused by the mass medias. She showed the arbitrariness of the two well-known arguments claiming that the whole people of Bosnia and Herzegovina wanted the war and that the ethnic hatred was deeply eradicated in the Country. She brings as evidences to her thesis many stories of cooperation and reciprocal help among the different ethnic groups.

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Transborder cooperation between Epirus and Puglia

On the 10th of March, 11 Greek Provinces of the Region of Epirus and the Ionian Islands of the Western Greece signed an agreement with the three Provinces of the Italian Region of Puglia. Among the protocol priorities there are the 14 provinces' participation to the Association of the Provinces of the Adriatic and Ionian Area and the Adriatic Euroregion which is in the pipeline.

After signing the protocol the Province delegates discussed their proposals within the three working tables on Transports, Communication, Security, Entrepreneurship, Environment, and Cultural Heritage.

After the conclusion of the works they fixed the dates of their next meeting in Greece where they will submit their final proposals within the priority axes of the Adriatic Initiative.

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Ravenna: Europe between dream and reality

The Province and the City of Ravenna organize a Seminary titled "L'Europa tra sogno e realtà" that will take place on Friday the 15th of April, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Sala Auditorium of the Congress centre. Prof. Valerio Castronovo, Professor of Contemporary History in Torino University and also Editor of the Scientific magazine Prometeo, will answer the questions asked by Mr. Aldo Balzanelli, senior editor of the regional office in Bologna of the Italian newspaper La Repubblica. Information: Ufficio Politiche Europee upe@comune.ra.it

Ancona: the Fishing world meets the School

From the 9th to the 15th of May the 8th edition of "The Fishing World meets the School" will take place in Ancona to coincide with the 64th International Fishing Fair. This year themes will be the sea and its lives, the evolution of the women's role in the fishing world, the importance of fish in a healthy diet, and the twinning of schools from Adriatic and Mediterranean countries.

Among the over 1000 students taking part in this event there will be participants from Split, Patras, and Koper. Information: miria.cameli@virgilio.it

Cruises in the Adriatic

Our sea is getting more and more a place for joining people and place! The next summer "Costa Crociere" will start to run cruises with stops in Venice, Ancona, Dubrovnik, Corfu, and Crete.

This new cruises remind us the Loyd Adriatico that years ago travelled from Trieste, and stopped in Punta Promontore, Lussin Piccolo, Zara, Sebeniko, Spalato, Lesina, Curzola, Dubrovnik, Hercegovina, and Kotor.

The Adriatic sea is not a barrier

This is the title of Mr. Bruno Bravetti's new book, preface by Professor Ljerka Šimunković, University of Split. This book is a long excursus through the history and the common culture of the peoples living in the Adriatic area.

Bravetti with his contribution tries to popularise some information, facts, and ties that, despite being the subject of researches carried out by historians, archaeologists, and anthropologists, are still unknown to the majority of EU citizens.

The volume will be published in the Italian and English version. In its appendix it will include the Forum resolutions and a presentation by the Forum President, Mrs. Anka Vojvodic.

Welcome Marina

Ms. Marina Kraijna will support and cooperate the Forum Secretariat for 14 weeks. Marina, who is born in Sinj, will carry out a stage in our Secretariat and will help us in the organization of the next plenary session in Bar 8/9 October. Those wanting to speak Croatian with us, are welcome! Tel: 0039 071 222 385

Forum: project ENVILPANS

Another Forum project has been recently approved – ENVIPLANS. The project aims at promoting and implementing Urban Action/Management Plans in the South Europe. This is an area which lacks similar measures and it is characterized by common environmental issues and characteristics.

The project will develop guidelines/handouts and urban training tools to be implemented "in the field" by the 5 local authorities that make up the Core Group.

The plans will deal with environment issues such as: road traffic, air quality, waste management, energy consumption, air pollution, acoustic pollution, urban planning etc. They will be target oriented (they might refer to the Aalborg+10 objectives, for example, or to more local issues). They will also develop a monitoring system.

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Adriatic Sea, the motorway of the future

The Conference "The Adriatic sea, the motorway of the future" organised by Lions International will take place at the Conference Hall of the Giunta Regionale on the 30th of April.

The President of the Ancona Port Authority Mr. Giovanni Montanari, the Forum General Secretary, Mr. Bruno Bravetti, the EU MP Paolo Costa, the RAM delegate, Mr. Fabio Capocaccia, and the Lord Mayor of Ancona, Mr. Fabio Sturani, have confirmed their participation. Information: avv.rossipolisena@tiscali.it

Ancona: Forum of the Antifascist and Partisan Associations of the Adriatic and Ionian Cities

Antifascist and Partisan Associations of the Adriatic and Ionian Cities will meet in Ancona on the 9th and 10th of June in order to form the Permanent Forum of the Antifascist and Partisan Associations of the Adriatic and Ionian Cities. The City Authorities, the Forum President Mrs Anka Vojvodic and the academic personality, Mr. Pedrag Matvejevic, will be attending the meeting. The themes under discussion will be Peace and United Europe in the Adriatic. Many Antifascist Associations from Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, and Slovenia have guaranteed their presence.

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Split a 1700-year-old city

On the 6th and 7th of May, in occasion of the saint patron day, St. Doimo, Split will celebrate its 1700 years. Delegations from all over the world will come to Split. Ancona, which is twinned with the city since 1970, will be represented by Mr. Fabio Sturani, Lord Mayor of the City, who will offer a great fireworks show of 30 minutes. Information: nikola.horvat@split.hr

Revitalization of historical cities

BauGrund, a nationwide active institution for urban renewal and development in Germany, is the lead partner of the project "Revitalization of historical cities as chance for the promotion of sustainable development". The project has been submitted within the EU programme INTERREG III B CADSES. The main aim is the economical and social revitalization of historical city centres. Amongst the expected results there are the development and testing of local projects, the exchange of experiences and good practices, the scientific support, and the transnational cooperation among the partners. For information: bernd.warnecke@baugrund.de and www.baugrund.de
