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Programme

Inauguration celebration of the International Centre for Traditional Irrigation in Europe (ICTB) and annual meeting of the advisory council of the European organising institutions of traditional irrigation in the Monastery of St. Urban, Switzerland

Thursday, 13th and Friday 14th October 2022

Thursday 13th October:

Journey, we'll meet from 5 pm (until 7 pm) at the inn of the former monastery „Löwen St. Urban“ (Untertor 3, St. Urban)

After 7 pm check in at the respective accommodation (we can give you a lift in the direction of Langenthal)

8 pm meal in the „Alte Mühle Langenthal“ (Mühleweg 23, Langenthal) which is a key structure of the traditional irrigation in the lower Langen Valley

> Registration requested

Friday 14th October:

Morning (9 to 12 am): Meeting of Advisory council in the „Gästerefektorium“ of the Monastery (access to the „Gästerefektorium“ via the main entrance of the West Convent, signposted)

12.00 Lunch* (offered by the gastronomy of the monastery) > Registration requested

Afternoon (starting about 2 pm): Excursion in the „Wässermatten“ of the Oberraargau

As completed: Guidance by Expert to the carp pond (International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture)

Evening: Dinner* in the „Gasthof Löwen Melchnau“, exclusive regional specialities, menu with naturally raised carp or equivalent vegetarian menu

> Registration requested

Inauguration of the International Centre for Traditional Irrigation as cultural heritage in Europe (ICTB) in the Monastery St. Urban, Switzerland:

Saturday, 15th October 2022, 11.00 to 12.30

**Public Inauguration ICTB
in the Great Festival Room of the monastery St. Urban**

Moderation: Ingeborg Vonderstrass

Musical opening

Welcome address by the chair of the foundation board ICTB

Former Regierungsrat Hans-Jürg Käser

Member of the Swiss National Parliament Christine Badertscher

Opening message by the representative of the European local irrigation communities

Prof. Eric Brinkmann, Het Lankheet, The Netherlands

Lecture ICTB: Preserving a long tradition, living it and leading it into the future

Prof. Dr. Christian Leibundgut

Musical input

Greetings

Thomas Grüter, Member of the Canton Lucerne Parliament, tenant of the Sonnenhaldenhof

Stefan Nothdurfter (Stanz/Tirol, Austria), representative of the irrigation farmers

Peter Schwegler, Director/CEO Iups/Monastery St. Urban

Presentation of the multinational Application for the Representative list of intangible cultural heritage of humanity of the element „Traditional Irrigation in Europe: knowledge, technique and organization“ – The 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Purpose of the application for the lists, Effort and involvement of the communities

Cristina Biasetto, Austrian UNESCO Commission of Austria, Vienna

Musical input

Closing words from Ingeborg Vonderstrass

Invitation to the lunch*

> *Registration requested*

Subsequent to the inauguration all interested people are invited to visit the „Rottaler Erntefest“ individually. See www.erntefest.ch and further program on the next page:

2 pm: Excursion to the „Rottaler Wässermatten“ nearby Altbüron (Flue 103).

Meeting point: Upper gate of the monastery area St. Urban (close to Obertor 7)

> Registration requested

4 to 5 pm: Guidance across the monastery by an expert

> Registration requested

6 pm: Official dinner* in the Great Festival Room of the monastery (by invite only)

> Registration requested

Saturday, 15th October, 2 pm

Meeting of the official National Representatives of the National UNESCO Commission and the Swiss Federal Office of Culture (Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland)

Sunday 16th October

End of the event with supporting programme:

„Discover the region around the Monastery St. Urban“

9.45 am: Departure from the „Klostergasthaus St. Urban“ (we can give you a lift) to

Excursion through the Wynau water cress cultivation (10.00 am)

(see: www.fondazione Slow Food.com/en/ark-of-taste-slow-food/wynau-watercress)

Bilateral talks and individual excursions – see also:

www.erntefest.ch

www.rottalereinblicke.ch

www.art-st-urban.ch

www.karpfenpurnatur.ch

www.myoberaargau.ch

www.willisautourismus.ch

www.agrovision.ch

General information:

*: The participants are invited to these meals by the IZTB Foundation

Please register at the ICTB office by 5th October at the latest, see also the registration form

St. Urban can be reached by public transport via Langenthal