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Preface

Karin FISCHER AUSSERER

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Dear participants,

I would like to welcome you most cordially to the 14th International Congress on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies.

This year's congress focuses on the topic of "archiving" and all its aspects. The congress will deal with one of the primary topics of archaeology and cultural heritage under the title of "archiving or building an information system".

On the first day you will have a choice of six workshops and a tutorial. We are particularly happy that the workshops on "protection of cultural heritage of the churches" and on "culture portals" already take place for the third time this year. The same continuity is true for the hands-on workshops on geographic information systems and photogrammetry, and for the CIDOC tutorial. On the two remaining days you will learn about many new aspects concerning the importance and possibilities of digital archiving in archaeology.

I hope that the wide variety of lectures will provide you with many new ideas and impulses for yourselves and your work.

I wish you an interesting and stimulating congress and a wonderful stay in Vienna!

Welcoming Address

to the participants of the 14th International Congress on “Cultural Heritage and New Technologies”, Vienna, Austria, on 17 November 2009

Farid MUKHAMETSHIN

Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education of the Chamber of Regions of the Council of Europe
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Chair of the State Council (Parliament) of the Republic of Tatarstan (Russia)

Dear colleagues, experts, ladies and gentlemen!

It is my great pleasure to participate in the 14th International Congress on “Cultural Heritage and New Technologies” to greet you on behalf of the Committee on Culture and Education of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

CLSPACE today represents over 200 000 local and regional communities, and in particular the multi-ethnic Republic of Tatarstan in which I am from, – as one of the regions of the Russian Federation.

The concept of everyday use of IT-technologies applied to safeguarding and developing the cultural heritage is of paramount importance for us. This is the case to illustrate that without these innovations, the diverse European heritage may stop its development and be lost.

United Europe could be seen as a model combination of many nations representing different ethnic groups, unique with respect to their diversity and their specific roots and customs. This has been reflected in the European Cultural Convention (1954).

At the present stage, there is a kind of the heritage rethinking by the peoples in the world. From this point of view, the IT use may be described as one of the key features to improve the heritage intelligibility and to promote appreciation to the roots.

We pay special attention to these issues at the meetings of our Committee at the Council of Europe. Furthermore, in 2006, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe adopted the 12 Guidelines for interfaith dialogue at a local level in our countries. These guidelines shaped our priorities and activities. They are reflected in agendas of many seminars and conferences hold around Europe.

Let me express my conviction that today’s 14th International Congress on “Cultural Heritage and New Technologies” would contribute greatly to safeguarding and development of the cultural heritage and, generally – the unique cultural diversity in Europe.

Dear ladies and gentlemen!

I wish all of us a fruitful work and thank our hosts and organizational team.

Thank you for your attention.