

Save the date – XVII^o international congress on dry stone,
from 1st to 3rd October 2021



Dry stone hut, "kućerica", built by amateurs in 2013

Dear colleagues, friends, dry stone enthusiasts, block your agenda!

. The NGO (non-governmental organization) DRAGODID and the International Scientific Society for Multidisciplinary Study for Dry Stone (S.P.S) are pleased to announce the holding of the XVII^o International Congress on Dry Stone

from 1 to 3 October 2021 in Croatia.

. This Congress will be hosted by Konavle, the most southern municipality of Croatia. The town has an airport and is close to the port of Dubrovnik.

. The Congresses aim to bring together practitioners of dry stone, designers, researchers, but also managers of territories, professionals and enthusiasts to disseminate knowledge and techniques, exchange news and broaden the network and cooperation between countries. Interested persons can participate as listeners, speakers and / or proposers of a poster.

. The program provides for:

September 26: Arrival of the volunteers to work on the site

September 27 to September 30: Participatory project

September 30 at the evening: Congress reception

1 and 2 October: Communications + General Assembly of the S.P.S

3 October: field visits on the theme of dry stone in the territory of Konavle

4 October: departure of participants

. This year the theme chosen for the congress is:

"What prospects for dry stone: a challenge following its registration at UNESCO"

The papers will aim to discuss:

- Today's dry stone heritage: the legal, economic framework and the constraints at the local, national and international levels,
- Local, national and international strategies for the safeguarding, improvement and continuation of technology in contemporary constructions,
- The potential of dry stone walls to be highlighted in the face of competition from the industrial constructive systems they face,
- Technologies in dry stone heritage research, such as GIS mapping (computerized geographical system), 3D modelling (in 3 dimensions), spatial databases for international collaboration and artificial intelligence (AI) recognition for the mapping and typology of dry stone structures,
- The economic impact of technology at local, national and international levels,
- An overview of best practices through the use of dry stone walls in current sustainable practices in agriculture, landscaping and infrastructure construction,
- Tourism attractiveness and cultural management, especially the challenges and opportunities generated by registration in the list of the Immaterial Cultural Heritage of the UNESCO.



Dry stone pool dans in one of the Konavle village, 17m of diameter

Come in big number !

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S.P.S. <http://pierreseche-international.org/>
Konavle dry stone heritage: <http://tiny.cc/Konavle>

