

*The town hall of Goult,  
the International Scientific Society for the  
Multidisciplinary Study of Dry Stone (SPS)  
are pleased to announce the holding of the*



## **XVIII° International Congress of Dry Stone in Goult, Vaucluse department, FRANCE October 2-8, 2023 – SAVE THE DATE**

### **Specific theme chosen :**

Dry stone as a resource in a contemporary approach:

- PIERRE: sustainable and ecological constructive economy
- WATER: between scarcity and excess, what management by dry stone facilities ?

### **Program :**

- from 2 to 5 October: participatory construction of the walls
- 6 and 7 October: congress
- 8 October: field visits: heritage and recent achievements in dry stone



Field trip to Croatia (October 2021) - © ASER

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*While waiting for the congress to be held:*

During the spring of 2023, we hope that a series of events will announce the congress to raise awareness among a wide audience about **dry stone: heritage and recent construction**. Associations, professionals, local or territorial authorities, public bodies of Vaucluse and neighboring departments (Drôme, Gard, Bouches du Rhône, Alpes de Haute Provence, Var and Ardèche) **highlight the dry stone of your territory** by proposing your event(s) (for example, *in* the form of a discovery walk, conference, installation, demonstration, photo contest to carry out a participatory exhibition with the inhabitants, schools ...).

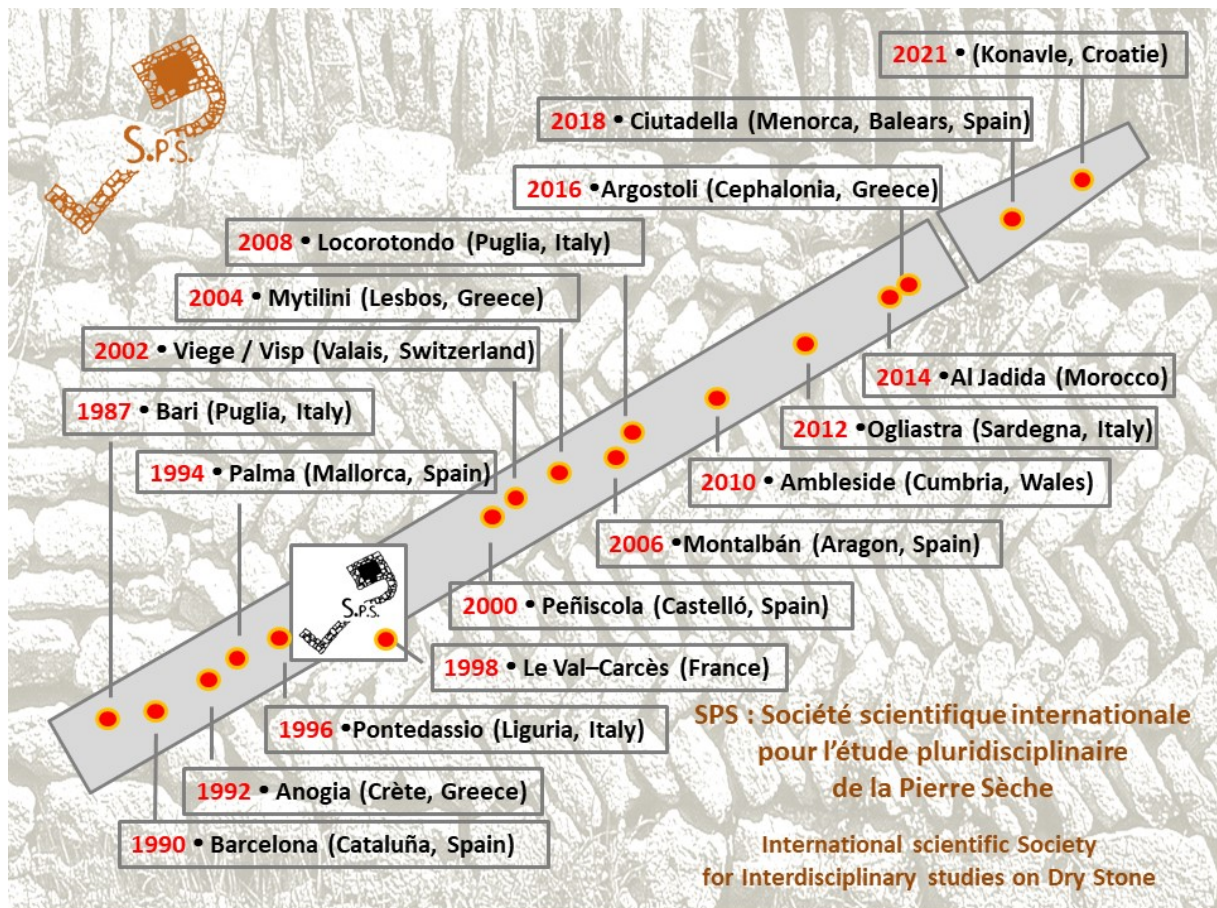
**Your proposals will be included in the advent calendar** that will punctuate the spring with as many festive events announcing the next International Congress for Dry Stone.

Many associations in our territories have worked and are still working for the recognition of dry stone heritage. In 2015, in France, the know-how of **walling specialty of heritage mason** is introduced in the National List of Crafts. In 2018, after steps begun in 2011, comes the inscription of The Art of Construction in Dry Stone : **know-how and techniques** to the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of UNESCO. Then, in 2019, comes the distinction of **ancestral and innovative technique for sustainable territories** retained by the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe. These approaches were often born in Vaucluse but they federated multiple organisms and stimulated many other developments concerning dry stone in France and beyond.

Let us be united to welcome our friends and colleagues, especially those of the 8 countries of the UNESCO community: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Spain, Slovenia, Switzerland, which will soon be joined by Austria, Belgium, Ireland and Luxembourg.

The Organizing Committee

## SPS CONGRESSES FROM 1987 TO 2021



*Goult's candidacy to organize the hosting of this XVIII congress was validated during the previous one in Croatia, in October 2021.*