

# Dry stone

18<sup>th</sup> international congress  
october 6-8, 2023  
GOULT FRANCE

Dry stone as a resource in a contemporary approach :  
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WATER : between scarcity and excess, what management through dry stone installations ?



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**Goult, Vaucluse, France, 2-8 October 2023**

The commune of Goult and the International Society for the Multidisciplinary Study of Dry stone (SPS) are very pleased to host the 18th International Congress on Dry stone.

Held every two years on the application of a different host country\* each time, this event has already been organized once in Switzerland (2002), England (2010), Morocco (2014), France (1998), several times in Greece (1992, 2004, 2016), Italy (1987, 1996, 2008, 2012) and Spain (1990, 1994, 2000, 2018).

The 18th International Congress on Dry stone will be held at Goult (Vaucluse, France) on 2 to 8 October 2023.

Its main theme will be:

**Dry stone as a resource in a contemporary approach:**

- **STONE: sustainable and ecological building economy.**
- **WATER: between scarcity and excess, what management through dry stone installations?**

It is organized into 3 parts:

1. 4 days of participatory construction of walls from October 3 to 5
2. 2 days of congress on October 6 and 7, 2023
3. One day of visits on Sunday October 8.

***The art of dry stone construction: know-how and techniques*** is on the List of:

- Intangible cultural heritage in France since 2010
- UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity since 2018 which includes Cyprus, Croatia, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Switzerland + soon Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg.

The European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe has been promoting **Dry stone in the landscape, ancestral and innovative for sustainable territories** since 2019.

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## 1- PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP from October 2 to 5

To apply for the 4 days of participatory workshop, it is necessary to be dry stone waller.

Candidates for walls who will be selected to participate in the dry stone project will be invited, which means that they will get for free:

- full board: accommodation and meals included, from dinner on Sunday evening to breakfast on Friday morning
- transportation between the place of accommodation and the site of the workshop site, from Monday morning to Thursday evening, then on Friday to the place of the congress.

See the form and registration details below (page 4).

## 2- CONGRESS from Friday October 6 to Sunday October 8

All interested persons can participate as listeners or presenters at the conference.

- The deadline for registration is **June 30, 2023**.
- **Participation fees includes** pre-proceedings (in French and English), access to conferences with simultaneous translation (English, French), access to working documents, snacks during the congress, cocktail reception Welcome (October 5), Closing dinner (October 7), field trip travel costs (October 8), digital conference proceedings.
- Travel and living expenses are at the expenses of the participants or their sponsoring organization.

See the registration form and details below (page 4).

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## PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS OR DISPLAYS during the congress, October 6 and 7

To send until **March 5, 2023**, at: [contact@pierreseche-international.org](mailto:contact@pierreseche-international.org)

Proposals for papers fall primarily within the theme of the congress, even if the presentation of any other subject relating to dry stone is not excluded. The presentations may be in English or in French. We need the title of your communication or your panels to display and an abstract of 400 to 800 words (approximately one page in size 12 font and in double or single spacing). Communications can take the form either of:

- a 20-minute oral presentation with visual projections (Powerpoint or equivalent)
- a panel displayed and accessible to participants during the congress - 1 or 2 panels in A0 format (118.8 cm X 84 cm), with eyelets for hanging them.

Books may be presented on tables.

The organizing committee will confirm the acceptance of proposals **before April 30, 2023**. The selected proposals will be confirmed subject to registration for the congress. The final program will be established **no later than June 30, 2023**.

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## REGISTRATION CONDITIONS for the congress, October 6, 7 and 8

- The deadline for registration is **June 30, 2023**.
- The deadline for sending communication proposals is **March 5, 2023**.
- Each participant must complete [a registration form online](#) and pay the participation fee according to the procedure indicated on this form. **The form site is now open.**
- Reduced rates must be justified by a copy of an official document sent to the email address [sps2023goult@orange.fr](mailto:sps2023goult@orange.fr)
- **In addition, it will be possible to attend the congress virtually:** virtual participants can propose a communication and follow the presentations remotely via a teleconferencing tool.

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## PARTICIPATION FEES congress and visits

For the selected wallers, participation in the participatory workcamp (from Monday 2 to Thursday 5 October) is free.

For the congress (from Friday 6 to Sunday 8 October), the SPS rate applies for a maximum of 2 participants from the same membership.

|                      |              | 3 days<br>October 6, 7, 8 | 1 day | Follow remotely |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Nonmember of the SPS | Full price   | 180 €                     | 90 €  | 80 €            |
| Nonmember of the SPS | Student rate | 120 €                     | 80 €  | 70 €            |
| Member of the SPS    | Full price   | 150 €                     | 60 €  | 50 €            |
| Member of the SPS    | Student rate | 80 €                      | 50 €  | 40 €            |

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## REGISTRATION FORM

You can access now the online registration form.

[Log in to the online registration form](#)

To send proof of reduced rates send an email to [sps2023goult@orange.fr](mailto:sps2023goult@orange.fr)

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## TO REACH GOULT



### International airport: Marseille-Provence

5 minutes by shuttle bus to reach the Vitrolles-airport-Marseille-Provence SNCF station then about 1 hour to reach the AVIGNON-centre SNCF station.



### Gare SNCF: Avignon-TGV



### Gare SNCF Avignon-centre

To reach Goult from Avignon: Bus ZOU-Région Sud **line 915** €3 ticket from Avignon-TGV, or Avignon-bus station (stop outside the bus station) 150 m east of the Avignon-centre SNCF station, direction Apt: **Goult-Lumières stop**. Schedules: <https://www.sudest-mobilites.fr/reseaux/zou-84/lignes/ligne-15-915--a-compter-du-1er-septembre-2022-avignon-apt>

For all purposes:

About 5 minutes by train between the SNCF Avignon-TGV station and the SNCF Avignon-Centre station

About 5 minutes on foot between the Avignon-centre SNCF station and the Avignon bus station.

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation near the Congress venue is listed by the Pays d'Apt Tourist Office. Luberon [www.luberon-apt.fr](http://www.luberon-apt.fr) [oti@paysapt-luberon.fr](mailto:oti@paysapt-luberon.fr)

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## ORGANIZERS AND CONTACTS



The commune of Goult

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Located in the Southeast of France, within the perimeter of the Luberon Regional Natural Park, in Provence, with the Luberon massif to the south and Mont Ventoux to the north, the town of Goult has remained the "hidden village of the Luberon". Perched village, slightly away from the main axis of communication that was once the Roman or Domitian Road which linked the South of France to Italy by the Alps, it dominates the valleys of Calavon and Limergue at their confluence at Lumières.

Its heritage can be discovered during walks in the village (washhouse fountain, Jerusalem Mill, Saint-Sébastien Church), or by following the hiking trails (cultivation terraces, Saint-Véran Chapel, bories (dry stone huts), dry stone walls, cobbled streets...) Its shops, its market, its services make it a lively village all year round and where life is good, in all seasons.



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A conservatory of dry stone terraces was inaugurated by Mrs. Huguette Bouchardeau Minister of the Environment between 1983 and 1986, thanks to the APARE (Association for Participation and Regional Action) of international volunteer sites.



The SPS

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The International scientific society for Dry stone interdisciplinary study (SPS).

The Society brings together scientists, amateurs and institutions working for the study, protection, and conservation of dry stone constructions. The first international congress on the subject was held in Bari (Italy) in 1988. These meetings, which were originally informal, gradually became the expression of a common will, which led to the official creation of the SPS in 1998. The aim of the Society is to perpetuate these congresses and to follow the evolution of research, rehabilitation and innovations concerning dry stone. It analyses the different issues and gives an opinion on the relevance of the methods used and the objectives pursued by the various actors. Through its action, it maintains the link between the different partners and ensures the continuity of meetings and exchanges. Since 1988, the International Congresses have been held regularly every two years.

#### **SPS Board of Directors:**

- Michelangelo Dragone architect, Italy,
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- Thierry Bourceau waller, France.

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#### **Partners :**

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- Le Conseil Départemental de Vaucluse
- Le Parc naturel régional du Luberon
- La Communauté de communes du Pays d'Apt Luberon
- L'agence départementale de développement économique : Vaucluse Provence Attractivité (VPA)
- Le Conseil en architecture urbanisme environnement de Vaucluse (CAUE 84)
- Les carrières GraviSud

#### **\* Application to host the next congress in 2025, the 19<sup>th</sup> congress:**

- Cover letter to be sent to members of the SPS Board of Directors before September 18, 2023
- Presentation of the candidacy at the General Assembly of the SPS in Goult on Saturday morning 7 October. For example, Goult's candidacy video presented in Croatia in 2021: [http://www.goult.fr/GOULT\\_CANDIDATE\\_2023\\_SPS.mp4](http://www.goult.fr/GOULT_CANDIDATE_2023_SPS.mp4)