

*The Goult municipality,  
the Scientific international society for the  
pluridisciplinary study of Dry Stone (SDS)  
have the pleasure to announce the venue of the*



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

Particular theme chosen :

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

- **STONE:** sustainable and ecological, construction economy
- **WATER:** between scarcity and excess, what can be the management through dry stone installations?

Program :

- **2 to 5 October: participatory work camp of the dry stone wallers**
- **6 and 7 October: congress**
- **8 October: field visits: heritage and recent dry-stone project**

Information on [www.pierreseche-international.org](http://www.pierreseche-international.org) and [www.goult.fr](http://www.goult.fr)

Inscriptions on line are open.

**Dead-line for call for papers (title, author, abstract of 2000 to 3000 signs) :  
March 20th, 2023, please send to [contact@pierreseche-interntional.org](mailto:contact@pierreseche-interntional.org) .**

**PRESENTATION OF THE CONGRESS**

Held every two years in a different country, the international congresses on dry stone have been organized, with various partnerships, in Croatia, Greece, Italy, France, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Morocco) and have always mobilized a large audience, coming from Europe, the Middle East, the United States, Australia.

**The main objectives of these congresses** are to disseminate knowledge about dry stone construction conceived as a traditional art ; to develop and conduct research and practical work in this field ; to facilitate the exchange of experience of good practices for the construction and the maintenance of dry stone structures. The art of dry stone (knowledge and techniques) is listed in the intangible world heritage of UNESCO in 2018

**These objectives concern** specialists and actors in the fields of :

- research in anthropology, history, geography, agronomy, earth and nature sciences, architecture, environmental and territorial engineering

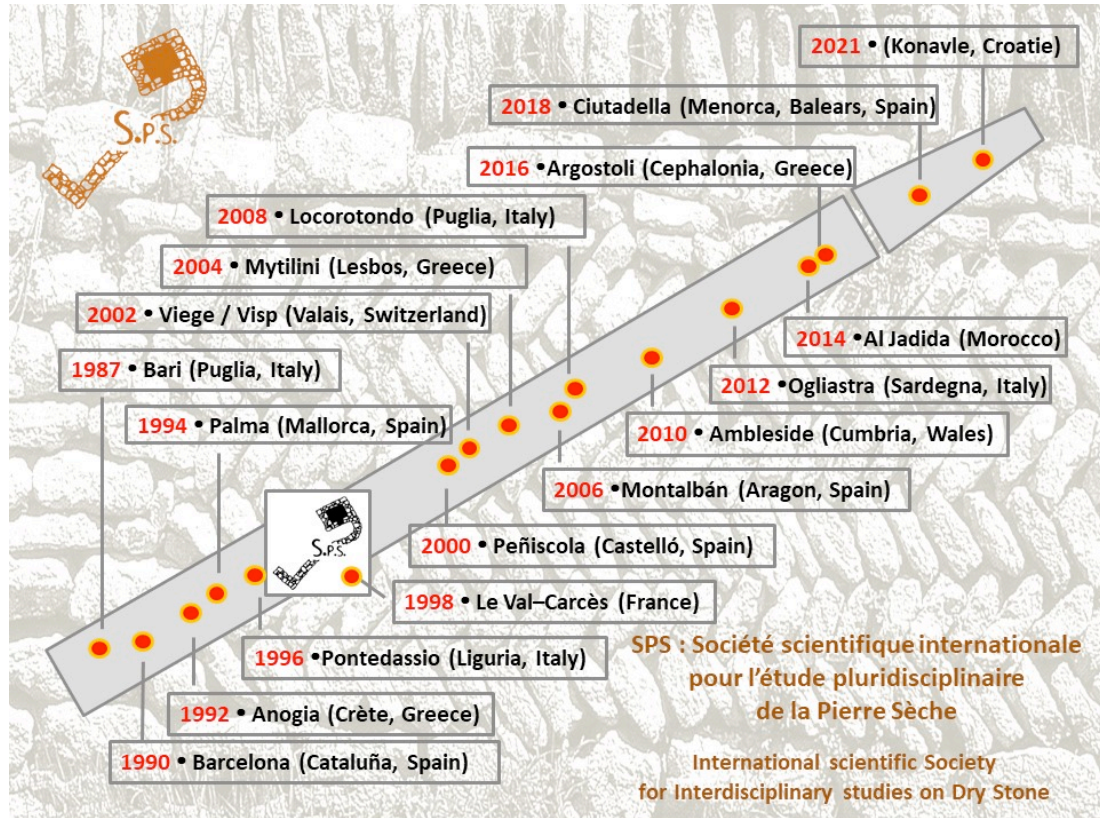
- the application of technology to construction and regional planning, the training of craftsmen and the advice to users
- the planning and awareness for evolutions of the built heritage, the landscapes, the environment
- the development of green and/or cultural tourism.

**The scientific and technical field** covered by these different approaches is very broad and suitable for any theme. The Congress Organizing Committee submits more precisely for 2023 the theme announced above but it is evident that this proposal does not exclude the presentation of any other subject concerning dry stone.

**The XVIIIth International Dry Stone Congress is organized by :**

**The town of Goult**, situated between the Luberon Massif and the Mount Ventoux, with an environment marked by dry-stone structures, paying attention to its agricultural traditions and seeking a moderate and green tourism.

The **International Scientific Society for the Multidisciplinary Study of Dry Stone (SPS)** which brings together scientists, amateurs and institutions working for the study, conservation and development of dry-stone constructions. Since 1988, international congresses on these subjects have been held regularly every two years. They are followed, as far as possible, by the publication of proceedings. Formalized in 1998, the Society perpetuates these congresses, follows the research and applications of the technique and maintains the link between the different partners.



## SPS CONGRESSES FROM 1987 TO 2021