

ICME 2003: THE NATIONAL COMPLEX "ASTRA" MUSEUM , SIBIU ROMANIA,

SEPTEMBER 26-30

CALL FOR PAPERS

"Cultural Traditions in Danger of Disappearing in Contemporary Society A Challenge for Museums"

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 26.09 - SUNDAY 28.09:

Presentations, debates, visits to the museum and the artisan fair.

MONDAY, TUESDAY

29-30.09.2003

ONE AND A HALF DAY STUDY TOUR TO BRAN AND OTHER LOCALITIES IN THE AREA

After the study trip (30 Sept) the participants will be accompanied to Bucharest (to the airport) or back to the Sibiu airport (taking into account the location of arrival and departure for each participant).

VENUE

Presentations will take place in the hall of the Central Pavilion at the Open Air Museum in Sibiu.

THE ARTISAN FAIR

Parallel with the ICME conference is the "International Fair of Craftsmen". This fair was initiated by the National Complex "ASTRA" Museum in 2002, taking into account that revitalising the intangible cultural patrimony should represent one of the major preoccupations in all the countries of the world.

The aim of this fair is that of an intercultural universal dialogue for a better understanding of universal cultures and civilisations. Craftsmen from Romania and from other countries of the world (last year, there were participants from Bulgaria, Georgia, Sweden and The Republic of Moldavia), wearing their traditional folk costume, gathering in the open air museum in Sibiu for exhibiting their products and for practising their crafts in front of a numerous public visiting the museum.

TRANSPORT:

The organisers plan to have two minibuses waiting for the participants at the Otopeni Airport in Bucharest, one bus in the morning (for morning flights), and another one in the afternoon (for afternoon flights). But an easier route to Sibiu flies from Munich, Germany on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 18.25 pm (German time) and arrives in Sibiu at 20.15 (Romanian time) with [TAROM air company](#) and direct flights with [Carpatair](#) daily, except Sunday. There are also direct flights to Sibiu from Bologna (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday), Milan (daily flights, except Sunday), Rome (Monday, Wednesday, Friday), Treviso (daily flights, except Sunday), Verona (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday).

ACCOMMODATION

The hotel where the participants will be staying is located in the centre of Sibiu, each room has its own bath, toilet and TV. All participants will be staying at the same hotel.

THE STUDY TOUR

The final program has not been settled yet, but we will visit some of the following museums:

- Sibiu: the Museum of World Ethnography "Franz Binder", the Museum of Transylvanian Civilization "ASTRA", the Museum of Saxon Civilisation "Emil Sigerus", the Memorial Room "Cornel Irimie", a memorial exhibition dedicated to the 40 years from the Open Air Museum's foundation and an international fair of the craftsmen) and Brukenthal National Museum;
- Cisnadioara: Saxon Museum;
- Cisnădie: Textile Industry Museum;
- Avrig: Ethnographical Village Museum;
- Sambata de Sus: Monastic Museum with traditional iconography;
- Brasov: Tara Barsei Ethnographical Museum;
- Sacele: Ethnographical Museum of Mocanimea Brasovului ? transhumant sheep-farming orientated;
- Bran: Ethnographical Museum of Bran Area and the Museum of the Bran Fortress (the famous "Dracula" Castle).

The route passes through some ethnographical areas which are Representative for Romanian civilization: Tara Oltului, Sercaia Depression, Tara Barsei, Mocanimea Brasovului and Bran Area.