International Conference of UNESCO Balkan Clubs and Organizations “Intangible Culture Heritage at the Balkans – Government and non-Government Sectors United in Safeguarding of Europe ‘vital roots’”

24 & 25 November, 2016

**PROGRAM:**

**Organizer:** Club UNESCO Leonardo Da Vinci Sofia

**Under the auspices of:** The National Commission for UNESCO – Bulgaria and the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations

**In cooperation with:** The Regional Center for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe under auspices of UNESCO and the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute

**Location:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sofia, 2, Alexandar Zhendov str., Antarctica Hall,

**Day 1 (Thursday): 24 November 2016**

**13.30-14.00** Delegates’ registration

**14.00-14.20** Opening - “Bistrishki babi” Folklore group

**14.20-14.50** Welcome notes by the special guests and institutions
- Zhanet Borlakova – President of Club UNESCO Leonardo da Vinci Sofia
- Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Ventsislav Velev – Ministry of Culture
- Yoana Spasova-Dikova – Bulgarian Academy of Science
- Ph.D. Iva Stanoeva – Expert at the Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at BAS
- Maria Donska – Secretary General of the National Commission for UNESCO - Bulgaria
- Iliyana Ruseva – Expert at the Regional Center for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe under auspices of UNESCO
- Tanya Mihaylova – Director of the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute
- Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Mariela Nankova – University of Library Studies and Information Technologies, General Secretary of BNK of ICOMOS
- Ioannis Marionitis – World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations
- Daniela Popescu – President of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations
14.50-16.00 First Panel: Intangible cultural heritage – regulations, experience and achievements at National, Regional and European level – approaches of practices and coordination between institutions and NGOs in Balkans and Europe

**Moderators:** Zhanet Borlakova and Raina Damiani, Ph.D.

15.00-15.15  
**Topic:** „The Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage – Concept, Notions and Bulgaria’s Experience“

**Lecturer:** Liliya Chausheva – National Commission for UNESCO - Bulgaria

15.15-15.30  
**Topic:** "The Role of the Regional Centre in Sofia in Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Southeastern Europe - Experience and Perspectives"

**Lecturer:** Mirena Staneva – Regional Center for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe under auspices of UNESCO

15.30-15.45  
**Topic:** "The eternal values of the Intangible Cultural Heritage as "living roots" in the system of the information environment and the media in the years of transition, 1989 - 2016"

**Lecturer:** Raina Damiani, Ph.D. – Darik Radio, journalist

15.45-16.00  
**Topic:** „Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in terms of sustainable design and the children’s place in the process“

**Lecturer:** Ch. Ass. Prof. Ivanka Dobreva-Dragostinova, Ph.D. – New Bulgarian University

16.15-17.30 Second Panel: The role of federalism, UNESCO federations, clubs and centers in collaboration between Governmental structures and NGOs in safeguarding ICH – the European know-how

**Moderators:** Maria Gancheva and Ludmila Malcheva

16.15-16.30  
**Topic:** „The UNESCO partnerships: a global strategic priority“

**Lecturer:** Daniela Popescu – President of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations

16.30-16.45
**Day 2 (Friday): 25th November 2016**

**09.30-11.30 First Panel:** The Bulgarian experience in safeguarding the ICH in the area of oral traditions and expressions (including the language as a vehicle of ICH); artistic and performing arts; social practices, rituals and festive events; knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, traditional craftsmanship.

**Moderator:** Raina Damiani, Ph.D.

**9.30-9.45**

**Topic:** „Moral and aesthetic role of the Cyrillic alphabet, its scientific and artistic dimensions“

**Lecturer:** Hristo Hristov – University of Library Studies and Information Technologies

**9.45-10.00**

**Topic:** „Modern Bulgarian poetry - modern Orphism: style and metatexts“

**Lecturer:** Anzhela Dimcheva – Union of the Bulgarian writers, literary critic, PhD
10.00-10.15  
**Topic:** Thracian-Hellenic cultural musical heritage - experience in promoting the mission of UNESCO  
**Lecturer:** Stefan Iliev – cultural expert, pedagogue

10.15-10.30  
**Topic:** Presenting the initiative of ARIZ-7 "Guardian of traditions"  
**Lecturer:** Penyo Ivanov – President of A.R.I.Z.-7

10.30-10.45  
**Topic:** The community center - the guardian of the traditions and the support of the governmental and NGOs for the preservation of intangible cultural heritage  
**Lecturer:** Maria Ivanova – NC „Petar Parchevich – 1927“, librarian, secretary, Project Manager

10.45-11.00  
**Topic:** Rituals and festive events - winter custom "Surva" in Pernik  
**Lecturer:** Milcho Georgiev, NC „Minyor 2005“ - Pernik

11.00-11.15  
**Topic:** The role of civic society in the safeguarding of cultural heritage. The experience of the association "Meshtra - traditional skills and crafts"  
**Lecturer:** Arch. Ivan Kolev – Association "Meshtra - traditional skills and crafts"

11.40-12.50 **Second Panel:** The Balkan experience in safeguarding the ICH in the area of oral traditions and expressions (including the language as a vehicle of ICH); artistic and performing arts; social practices, rituals and festive events; knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, traditional craftsmanship.  
**Moderator:** Mirena Staneva

11.40-11.50  
**Topic:** Croatian Intangible Cultural Heritage on the Reprezentative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity  
**Lecturer:** Ivana Kecur – Ministry of Culture of Republic of Croatia
11.50-12.00
**Topic:** "Albania, how non-material cultural heritage is preserved between two eras, socialism and the transition"

**Lecturer:** Olimbi VELAJ - University of Tirana, Albania

12.00-12.10
**Topic:** "Saving of intangible cultural heritage in Georgia"

**Lecturer:** Marina Taktakishvili – National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia

12.10-12.20
**Topic:** "Horezu Ceramics inscribed on UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists"

**Lecturer:** Mihaеla Varga – General Secretary of Romanian Federation of UNESCO Associations, Clubs, and Centers

12.20-12.30
**Topic:** "The role of the Balkan peoples and the Balkan experience in presentation, study and promotion of intangible cultural heritage with the activities of UNESCO Clubs."

"Le rôle des peuples de Balkan et de l’expérience des Balkans dans la présentation, l’étude et la promotion du patrimoine culturel immatériel de l’humanité par rapport aux activités des Clubs pour Unesco."

**Lecturer:** Milica Dromnjakovic – President Federation of UNESCO clubs of Serbia

12.30-12.40
**Topic:** "Non-material cultural heritage – involvement and achievements on European, National and Regional Level – approaches of practices and coordination between institutions and NGOs in Balkans and Europe"

**Lecturer:** Ljupco Smilev - National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of culture of the Republic of Macedonia

12.40-12.50
**Topic:**

**Lecturer:** Nenad Katalinic - Ministry of culture of the Republic of Macedonia

14.00-14.40 Bulgarian UNESCO clubs and organizations meeting
14.40-16.00 Third Panel: Discussion for optimizing the mechanisms of identification, documentation, research, preservation, protection, promotion, enhancement, transmission, particularly through formal and nonformal education, as well as the revitalization of the various aspects of such heritage

Moderator: Raina Damiani, Ph.D.

16.15-16.45 Adoption of declaration with recommendations for coordination improvement in the actions of Governmental structures and NGOs for enhancing the effectiveness of activities for collection, preserving and promoting the intangible cultural heritage

16.45-17.00 Closing notes & Examples of Bulgarian intangible cultural heritage – “Surva”

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