

Civil society organization DRAGODID and International Scientific Society for Dry Stone Interdisciplinary Study (S.D.S.) invite drystone practitioners, researchers, professionals and enthusiasts at the:

XVII° INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS & WORKSHOP ON DRY STONE
October 1st - 3rd 2021, Konavle, Croatia

“Dry stone perspectives: challenges after the UNESCO inscription”



17° international congress on dry stone
KONAVLE 2021

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Workshop: September 27th - 30th 2021

Congress: October 1st - 3rd 2021

PROGRAM AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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Dry stone perspectives: challenges after the UNESCO inscription

The aim of the Congress is:

- To present and discuss the current state of drystone walling and examine the legal and economic framework and constraints on a local, national and international level
- To present local, national and international strategies regarding the safeguarding, enhancement and continuation of the technique in contemporary constructions
- To elaborate on the potential of drystone walling and the challenges it faces in the related industries
- To explore the possibilities of technologies regarding the research of drystone heritage, such as the use of GIS software for mapping, SfM for modelling, spatial databases for international collaboration and AI pattern recognition for mapping and categorizing dry stone structures
- To examine the economic impact of the technique on local, national and international level
- To explore the realities and gain insight into the best practices as well as the potential of drystone walling in contemporary sustainable applications in agriculture, landscaping and infrastructure construction
- To look into drystone walling as an intangible cultural asset on regards to tourism and cultural management and, specifically, the challenges and opportunities brought by the inscription on the UNESCO intangible heritage list



Photo: Dry stone artisans and volunteers taking a break after rebuilding a wall surrounding UNESCO protected medieval church with tombstones in Konavle, 2019

Location

The S.P.S. General Assembly held in October 27th 2018 in Ciutadella de Menorca, Spain chose Croatian southernmost municipality Konavle as the venue for the XVII international Congress on dry stone and DRAGODID as the organiser.

Konavle was named after the Latin word *canalis* (*konali*), referring to water channels that supplied water from a local village to ancient Epidaurum - Cavtat. Today, rural tourism and agriculture, mainly vineyards, fruit and vegetables are the main economy sectors in the area.

In its 32 villages, Konavle is proud to host diverse drystone structures, mainly terraces, including “pocket” terraces, threshing floors with stables, circular and square huts, puddles etc. It is a home to active drystone artisans who learned the skill from their ancestors while building walls and lime kilns, and who practice dry stone walling still today using tools built by a local blacksmith.



Photo: Dry stone artisans Ivo Antunović and Pero Kukuljica standing next to their work (lime kiln remains, separating wall)

Thanks to students, young professionals, engaged locals, and both national and local support, Konavle’s dry stone heritage is being widely researched, documented and promoted. Workshops, activities with children, festivals, exploring dry stone knowledge and techniques with both artisans and citizens, are keeping the heritage here alive and kicking.

Come and see by yourself!



Photo: 5 year-old Špiro helping build a dry stone hut, 2018

Program

Sunday, Sep 26th

Arrival of workshop participants

Monday, Sep 27th - Thursday, Sep 30th

International drystone workshop

Drystone professionals will work together with volunteers and enthusiasts, with guidance from a local drystone artisan, on a restoration of a damaged dry stone pond used by locals for agricultural irrigation. Before the workshop, organisers will drain it, clean it and transfer the living organisms to a bigger pond.

Thursday, Sep 30th

Arrival of Congress participants

Thursday, Sep 30th late afternoon

Visit to workshop site

Thursday, Sep 30th evening

Welcome reception to Congress!

Friday, October 1st

9 Opening address

9.40 Papers: morning session

Introduction to dry stone

- A. Trojanović, G. Andlar, P. Đukan, P. Sturica, Croatia: Dry stone of Konavle inventorisation
- B. Juvanec, Slovenia: Dry stone objects by purpose

Get inspired by successful projects

- A. Schaus, Belgium: INTERREG project "Dry stone in *Grande Région*" - the results of five years of collaboration, awareness raising and field action
- T. Bourceau, France: From intangible knowledge to a retaining road

10.50 Q&A session & coffee break

11.20 Papers: morning session Transferring the skill and knowledge

- E. Belingar, D. Kranjc, D. Terčon, Slovenia: Partnerstvo kraške suhozidne gradnje *Karst dry stone partnership* - hope, reality, dreams
- S. Drymoniti, Greece: Dry stone workshop on the island of Amorgos, Greece (11-15 October 2021)
- D. Murtas, Italy: ITLA ITALIA: the Italian Dry Stone Walling School. The interdisciplinary approach in practice.
- A. Reynés, P. Alvaro, Spain: The qualification and professional training of dry stone builders in Spain

12.30 Q&A session & lunch break

14.15 UNESCO inscription progress report

15.00 Papers: afternoon session Art and symbol

- 'A. Acovitsioti-Hameau, P. Hameau, France: Building cairns: is it enough to talk about dry stone? Reconciling practice, performance and symbolism.
- J. Lavergne, France: Presence of dry stone in the arts

15.35 Papers: afternoon session Places and practices

- F. Piras, F. Corrieri, L. Conti, Italy: Dry stone terraces in the Shouf Biosphere Reserve (Lebanon)
- I. K. Papaefthychiou, Greece: Dry stone constructions in Greece. Their value and depreciation
- A. Theodosiou, Cyprus: Best practices in Cyprus and Palestine after the Unesco inscription

16.15 Q&A session #3

Saturday, October 2nd

8.30 SPS General Assembly (for SPS members)

10.40 Papers: morning session [Places and practices](#)

- M. Nikolić, Ž. Starčević, A. Kapetanović, Montenegro: Dry stone heritage in Montenegro: condition and activities for its promotion and protection
- K. Šaravanja, F. Oreč, Bosnia and Herzegovina: Dry stone heritage of Herzegovina region (B&H)
- D. Larcena, France: Agricultural landscape and dry stone of island Brač, Croatia
- K. A. Markakis, Greece: Restoration, promotion & utilization of mountainous traditional dry stone constructions. Confirmation of their existence, age, communal use, property and jurisprudence

11.45 Q&A session & lunch break

12.30 Coffee, posters presentations & chat

M.Cloarec, France: REMPART, volunteering for Dry Stone techniques and heritage site preservation
* T. Petanidou, Greece: The bee houses of Andros * P. Balthazar, France: Making a dry stone structure in a rural area part of heritage * D.Kranjc, E.Belingar, D.Terčon, Slovenia: Let's mingle for old times' sake! A regional cross-border holistic strategy towards safeguarding and promoting transfer of dry stone walling know-how on Karst plateau (Slo-Ita) * F. Šrajer, Croatia: (1) Dry stone heritage of Croatia-a short overview, (2) A new role of dry stone walling, (3) A two-criteria typology of linear dry stone structures * I. Knego, Croatia: Dry stone of Mljet National park

13.30 Papers: afternoon session [Technologies for safeguarding heritage](#)

- F. Šrajer, Croatia: Model for Inventory, Monitoring and Evaluation of Dry Stone Structures in Croatia; Case Study Stari Grad Plain on Hvar Island (doctoral dissertation summary)
- S. Popović, Croatia: Interpreting and mapping historical depth of dry stone landscapes from LiDAR data - an Istrian example
- C. Mallafrè Balsells, A. Costa Jover, S. Coll Pla. Spain: The dry stone huts typology. Structure from motion photogrammetry as a tool for surveying and analysing dry stone constructions.
- T. Kremenić, M. Varotto, G. Andlar, Croatia: Mapping the dry stone wall heritage - a case study of the Cres-Lošinj archipelago

14.45 Q&A session & coffee break

15.00 Papers: afternoon session [Market and economy](#)

- I. Pohajda, M. Balabanić, Croatia: Implementation of operation 10.1.10. Dry stone maintenance in agricultural practice
- C. Cornu, France: Building shared tools and methods to convince managers

15.35 Papers: afternoon session [Biodiversity and protected areas](#)

- M. Venturi, F. Piras, Italy: Traditional Jessour system for agrobiodiversity preservation
- A. Santoro, M. Venturi, F. Piras, F. Corrieri, B. Fiore, M. Agnoletti, Italy: The role of dry-stone terraces in reducing landslides and forest fire risks. An analysis of forest area changes in the last 80 years: the case of the Cinque Terre National Park.
- C. Frau, France: Dry stone as a developing sector in Catalan Pyrenees
- A. Pitta, Cyprus: Dry stone Walling as a valuable intangible asset regards Tourism in Troodos Unesco Geopark- Publication in progress

16.30 Q&A session & Closing dinner in the evening

Sunday, October 3rd

Thematic visit: dry stone in Konavle

Applications and participation fees

All interested can participate as listeners or workshop participants. Deadline for registering is **July 31st 2021** and you can do it by sending a Registration form that contains more details (in attachment).

Participation fee covers: admittance to all sessions with simultaneous translation during presentations (Croatian, English, French), access to working documents, coffee and refreshments during breaks, welcome cocktail (Sep 30th), closing dinner (Oct 2nd), field trip (Oct 3rd).

It is possible **to participate virtually**, meaning that participants can present, listen to presentations and engage in discussion by a live stream. In this case, the participation fee for two Congress papers days (Oct 1st and Oct 2nd) is 80 EUR total and covers admittance to all sessions with simultaneous translation during presentations (Croatian, English, French), access to working documents.

Participating as a workshop participant only does not require paying the fee. Number of places for workshop participants is limited.

Fees in Euros are:

	1 DAY	3 DAYS
Participant (physically in Konavle)	80	170

	2 DAYS
Participant (virtually by live stream)	80

Decreased fees in Euros for members of SPS and students who will participate physically in Konavle:

	1 DAY	3 DAYS
SPS member*	50	140
SPS member* student	50	80
Student	80	120

* An SPS member that is a legal entity can use the decreased fee (50/140, or 50/80) for only two of its representatives. All other representatives of entities that are members of the S.P.S. pay the full fee (80/170, or 80/120).

After defining all registrations, participants will receive detailed information on travel, accommodation options and other logistical details.

Organisation team

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY FOR DRY STONE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY, S.D.S.

This Society brings together artisans, amateurs and institutions that work for the study, protection and conservation of dry stone structures. The first International Congress on the subject was held in Bari (Italy) in 1988. These meetings, initially informal, have gradually become the expressions of a common will that materialised with the official creation of the SPS in 1998. The objective of the society is to maintain congresses and follow the progress of research, rehabilitation and innovation related to dry stone. It analyses various topics and contributes its opinion to relevance of the methods, uses and the objectives pursued by various parties involved. With their interventions, they maintain the link between the various international collaborators and ensure the continuity of meetings and exchanges. Since 1998, International Congresses have been held regularly every two years. The S.D.S. coordinated the file of the inscription at the Immaterial Cultural Heritage of the Humanity applied at UNESCO. The Art of Dry stone, knowledge and technique is inscribed on November 28th 2018.

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION DRAGODID

In the last years, DRAGODID has taken the leading role in Croatia in the activities of safeguarding dry stone as both tangible and intangible cultural heritage. They are especially dedicated to organisation and promotion of public workshops, while transferring knowledge between people of different generations and with different social backgrounds. They encourage a new role of the element, along with its traditional one - the role of a social condenser and a didactical medium. It offers elementary experience in building, and a basic lesson on the main aspects of vernacular architecture and life - modesty, frugality and (re)cognition of the environmental conditions. DRAGODID received Europa Nostra award in 2011, a prize that celebrates and promotes best practices related to heritage conservation, management, research, education and communication.

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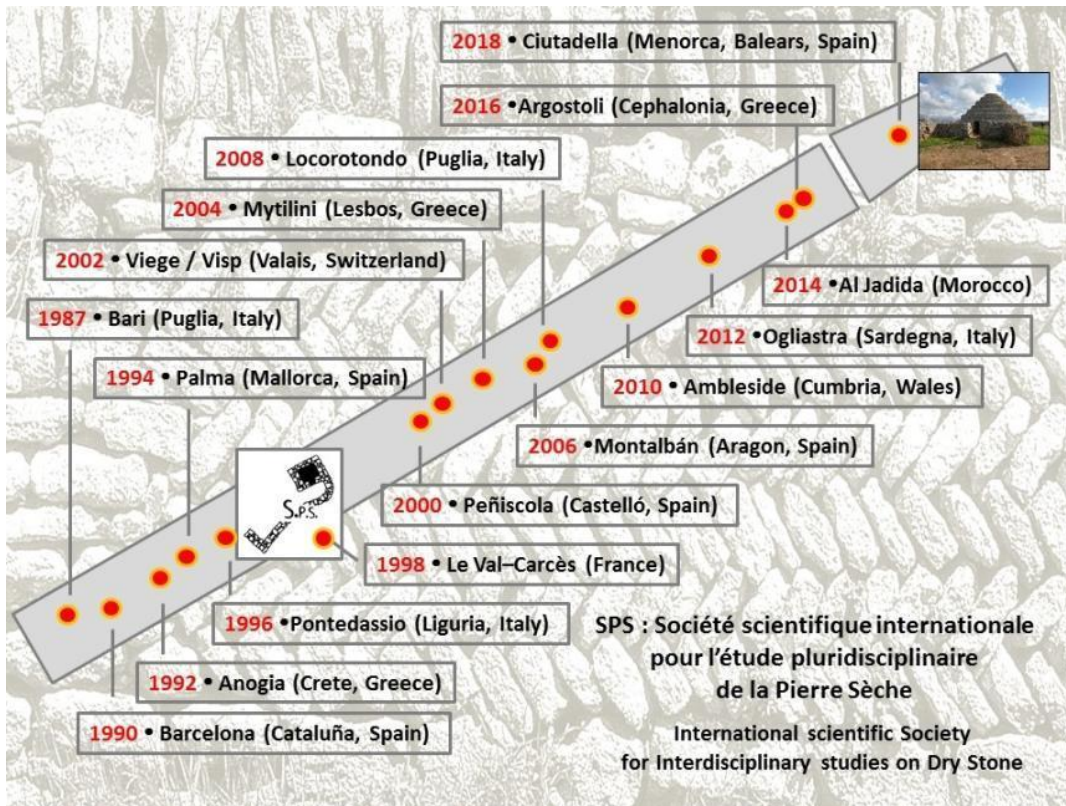
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Looking back to previous Congresses

Since 1987-1988, the International Congresses have taken place regularly every two years in the following places:



Useful resources

- UNESCO inscription of Art of dry stone walling, knowledge and techniques <https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/art-of-dry-stone-walling-knowledge-and-techniques-01393>
- Organisers, International scientific society for dry stone interdisciplinary study S.P.S. - Société Scientifique Internationale pour l'Étude Pluridisciplinaire de la Pierre Sèche <http://pierreseche-international.org/>
- Organisers, Civil society organisation DRAGODID <http://www.dragodid.org/>
- Our hosts, Konavle municipality <http://www.opcinakonavle.hr/>
- Open public inventory of Croatian dry stone heritage, led by volunteers <http://suhozid.giscloud.com/>
- Dry stone heritage of Konavle municipality Facebook page, led by volunteers <https://www.facebook.com/Suhozidna-ba%C5%A1tina-Konavala-1168455303172688/>
- Final thesis by Anita Trojanović on the topic of Inventory and management of Konavle dry stone heritage, contains descriptions and photographs of featured dry stone structures in each of the 32 villages (pg. 39-106) <https://zir.nsk.hr/islandora/object/agr%3A665>

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