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15th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN RIVA DEL GARDA

From 15th to 20th September, the “Palazzo dei Congressi” (Conference Hall) of Riva del Garda will host the 15th EAA (European Association of Archaeologists) Annual Meeting, organised by the “Settore Beni archeologici della Soprintendenza per Beni librari archivistici e archeologici” (Department for Archaeological Goods of the Heritage Office of Archaeological, Archival and Book Goods) of the autonomous Province of Trento and by the Town Council of Riva del Garda, in collaboration with its Museum. Franco Panizza, the spokesman for the Arts of the province of Trento, the town councillors Paolo Matteotti (Riva del Garda) and Ruggero Morandi (Arco), the curator Livio Cristofolini with Franco Nicolis, the director of the Museum Monica Ronchini and the director of the active service unit Gianni Pellegrini take part today in the presentation of the Meeting.

The spokesman for the Arts Franco Panizza shows his great satisfaction of having been able to host the Meeting in Riva del Garda, Trentino: “This is the result of the work carried out by our Archaeological Heritage Office in collaboration with the rest of the world - said Mr. Panizza - And even if Trentino is not one of the most important archaeological areas in the world, our organising ability and lively tradition of archaeological studies, are acknowledged at international level”.

Councillor Matteotti has then drawn attention to the archaeological patrimony of Riva del Garda: it has been principally brought to light over the last few years by important public works, such as the district heating and the excavations for the station of Trentino Trasporti (the provincial company for public transport) and for the car park “Terme Romane”.

To the councillor Morandi, the Meeting is a great opportunity for the plan “Museo dell’Alto

Garda”, which has the exploitation of history and territory among its objectives.

Monica Ronchino has then reminded that Trentino is a territory that wants to invest in archaeology and that, alongside the Meeting, the Museum of Riva del Garda, in collaboration with other bodies, will try to involve the whole town in various organised activities.

Livio Cristofolini, the curator of the department for book, archival and archaeological goods has eventually directed his attention on the numbers of the Meeting: 650 members of the European Association of Archaeologists out of 1000 have already registered for the Meeting.

Franco Nicolis has illustrated the programme of the Meeting, which consists of 51 sessions, divided into seven thematic areas: Approaches to Archaeological Interpretation, Archaeology today, Cultural heritage, Identity, interaction and cultural changes, Material culture, Rituals and Symbolism and Science and Science and archaeology. 70 posters will then be exhibited in the *Palameeting*, where there will also be 21 stands for exhibition companies. Among them, there will be prestigious publishing houses, such as Cambridge University Press, Routledge/Taylor and Francis, All’Insegna del Giglio, Carocci Editore, Oxbow Books, Springer, Archaeolingua Foundation, Archaeopress, Maney Publishing, Wiley Blackwell, as well as the magazine *Antiquity*, the Institute for archaeologists and the I.I.P.P. (Italian Institute of Prehistory and Protohistory). Those who are interested, will there find the latest archaeological publications, as well as informative material about the Archaeological Heritage Office of Trentino, the Museum of Riva del Garda, the Civic Museum of Rovereto and the International Archaeology Film Festivals (the event will take place in Rovereto for the twenty-first time in October). Among the exhibition companies, there will also be companies specialised in materials and technologies for archaeological research and excavations, such as the Italian *Archeologists.it*, the Swedish *Intrasis* and the French *Strati Concept*.

The Meeting will also be the occasion to present the new service the EAA organises for its members: the Job Service Desk, organised for those archaeologists who are looking for a job in their area of competence, for public institutions, heritage offices, museums and privately run companies that are looking for specific professional figures. The Job Service Desk will be the point of reference for the spreading of opportunities of collaboration in research projects, for informing people about training courses and “archaeological campuses” and about possibilities of volunteering in the archaeological field. The service will also be available after the Meeting on the EAA website www.e-a-a.org.

For further information, please visit the website of the Meeting: www.eaaitaly2009.com

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