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Riva del Garda, 15th - 20th September 2009
15th Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists
An African delegation amongst the 600 archaeologists

The 15th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists (15th - 20th September in Riva del Garda) crosses the European borders. Amongst more than 600 registered people from 40 countries, there are also a few representatives of non-European countries, such as United States, Russia, Serbia, Israel, Canada, Macedonia, Australia, Iceland, Egypt, Japan, Taiwan and Turkey. The Meeting will take place at the *Centro Congressi* (Conference Hall) and is 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 the Museum of Riva del Garda, which hosts an important archaeological collection.

Amongst the participants there will also be a delegation of the *Pan African Association for Archaeology*; in anticipation of its own meeting, scheduled for November 2010 in Dakar (Senegal), the *Pan African Association for Archaeology* wishes to share scientific and organisational experiences by taking part in the Meeting in Riva del Garda. The representatives of the African association in Riva del Garda will be Dr. Alinah Segobye from the University of Botswana, expert in archaeology of the Iron Age and in management of cultural heritage, and Dr. Ibrahima Thiaw, director of the Department of Archaeology of IFAN (Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire - Senegal) and scientific secretary of the meeting in Dakar. Dr. Paul Lane, president of SAfA (Society for Africanist Archaeologists), will also take part in the Meeting in Riva del Garda.

For Trentino and Riva del Garda, the Meeting is an extremely important event, which brings archaeology of our territory in the international spotlight, following the footsteps of that prestigious scientific tradition traced by famous archaeologists as Federico Halbherr, Paolo Orsi and Giuseppe Gerola; an exhibition in Rovereto will be dedicated to them in October. Our tradition underlines the undisputed role Trentino plays in the archaeological scientific research of the ancient history of the Alps.

The Meeting in Riva del Garda offers the participants a unique chance to exchange ideas and opinions on theory and practice of the branches of archaeology, with the aim of sharing in the continuous debate on identities and contexts of the European archaeology and of promoting cooperation with those organisations that have similar objectives.

Alongside the Meeting (the sessions are reserved for the registered participants), the Museum of Riva del Garda organises a few initiatives related to archaeology for a wider public. The scheduled events are all free of charge and the programme opens on Wednesday 16th September at 9.30 pm in the yard of the Fortress with the event “Music and Archaeology”, in collaboration with the Trento Academy of Music “F. A. Bonporti” - seat of Riva del Garda. On Friday 18th September from 7 pm to 11 pm, the yard of the Fortress will host “Cinema and Archaeology”, a film marathon of those films that were awarded a prize at the recent “International Archaeology Film Festivals”, in collaboration with the Civic Museum of Rovereto. In case of rain, both events will take place at the Academy of Music of Riva del Garda. The afternoon on Sunday 20th September will be dedicated to families in the Museum of Riva del Garda, where, from 2.30 pm, people of every age will play “Archaeological games in the family”. For those who want to study the ancient history of Garda in depth, there will be guided tours at 3.30 pm in the archaeological section of the Museum, followed by a musical event at 5.30 pm.

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

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