# **EAC 25th Annual Meeting and Heritage Management Symposium**

21-23 March 2024, Brussels, Belgium

## **Practical information**

### **Getting there and getting around**

From Brussels Airport there is a fast, direct connection to the main Brussels railway stations (Brussels North, Brussels Central and Brussels South). There is a direct train every 15 minutes in both directions. You arrive in the centre of Brussels in just 17 minutes.

From Brussels South Charleroi Airport you can easily take the train to Brussels. Enter 'Charleroi South Airport' as the origin or destination in the SNCB App. You'll obtain a combo ticket for the Train + Bus. You can then take a bus from Line A to Charleroi-South station and continue on to Brussels by train.

Brussels is served by trains, metro, buses and trams. The STIB-MIVB App is an provides travel maps and timetables: <a href="https://www.stib-mivb.be/index.htm?l=en">https://www.stib-mivb.be/index.htm?l=en</a>
The FLOYA app gives information on all transport modes within Brussels, including the hiring facilities of bikes, scooters and cars: <a href="https://floya.brussels/">https://floya.brussels/</a>

For general information on Brussels see: https://www.visit.brussels/en/visitors

### **General Assembly and Symposium Venue**

**The Royal Library of Belgium** (KBR) is located at Boulevard de l'Empereur - Keizerlaan 4, 1000 Brussels https://www.kbr.be/en/

<u>Entrance</u> Use the entrance accessed from Boulevard de l'Empereur (not the Public Entrance on Mont des Arts).

The event is taking place in the KBR Auditorium: signs will direct you when you arrive.

#### Travel

Train: Brussels-Central

Underground: 1 and 5 (metro station 'Gare Centrale')

Tram: 92 – 93 (stop 'Place Royale')

Bus: lines 29 - 38 - 46 - 52 - 63 - 65 - 66 - 71 (bus stop 'Gare Centrale') and lines

33 - 38 - 71 - 95 (bus stop 'Place Royale')

#### Friday 22 March 2024 Evening reception venue

Town Hall, Grand-Place – Grote Markt, 1000 Brussels

<u>Entrance</u> Use the entrance via the Lion Staircase directly on the Grand-Place. Signs will direct you.

#### Hotels

A large range of hotels is available through the usual hotel reservation channels. It is however recommended to book as soon as possible as a growing number of international events are organised in Brussels.

# Food and drink

Lunch and coffee breaks are provided by the organiser during the symposium and the excursion.

A reception with food and drinks will be provided at the Town Hall on the evening of 22 March (welcome reception) to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the EAC.

A range of food will be available, but please contact the EAC Assistant if you have any specific dietary requirements we should know or questions <a href="mailto:info@e-a-c.org">info@e-a-c.org</a>

### In person event

Please note that this is an in person event only, the presentations will not be recorded or streamed.

#### Other information

#### **Urban.brussels**

Urban.brussels is responsible for managing renovation grants, implementing regional policy on urban planning, implementing regional policy on the conservation of movable and immovable heritage and managing operational programmes such as the Neighbourhood Contracts / Sustainable Neighbourhoods and the Urban Policy.

The Cultural Heritage Directorate, one of urban.brussels' operational units, implements regional heritage conservation policy. Its mission, entrusted by the Government of the Brussels Capital Region, are:

- The identification and study of the built heritage by compiling and regularly updating inventories and atlases;
- To legally protect outstanding buildings by issuing preservation and classification orders;
- The restoration and managing of heritage from the planning application stage through to completion of the work and the granting of any subsidies;
- Carrying out archaeological excavations and ensuring the conservation and enhancement of the archaeological heritage uncovered;
- To inform and educate the public about the value and role of heritage in society through publications, exhibitions, conferences, events, etc;

For more information: <a href="https://urban.brussels/en">https://urban.brussels/en</a> & <a href="https://patrimoine.brussels/en">https://urban.brussels/en</a> & <a href="https://patrimoine.brussels/en">https://patrimoine.brussels/en</a>

#### Royal Library of Belgium (KBR)

The Royal Library of Belgium is the national scientific library. It collects all Belgian publications and preserves, manages and studies an extensive cultural and historical heritage of 8 million documents. It provides the public with access to information, facilitates research and offers a broad cultural experience.

Historically, KBR is a contraction of two names in two different languages: Koninklijke Bibliotheek and Bibliothèque royale. In the past, a number of different names have been used to denote KBR: Albertine, La Royale, BR, KBR, KB, Royal Library and so on.

In 2020, the KBR museum opened its doors. It displays a national treasure: the Library of the Dukes of Burgundy and its fabulous collection of 15th century manuscripts. With the new museum, KBR establishes itself as a major cultural hub in Brussels. During the EAC Annual meeting, the museum is unfortunately closed for reorganisation of the current exhibit.

For more information in general: https://www.kbr.be/en/



