



*Société des Amis du Musée National de la Légion
d'Honneur et des Ordres de Chevalerie*

XIV European Conference of Phaleristic Societies

**Paris
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de la Légion d'honneur et des ordres de chevalerie**

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*Under the high patronage of the President of the Republic
and the honorary presidency of the Grand Chancellor of the Legion of Honour
and H.A.I. Princess Napoleon*

Ladies and gentlemen, dear Phalerist friends,

The Society of Friends of the National Museum of the Legion of Honour and Orders of Knighthood is very honoured to welcome once again to Paris the members of the Orders and Medals Societies, experts, representatives of museum institutions or chancelleries of royal orders on the occasion of their 14th European Meeting.

Some twenty countries will be represented, from Europe and beyond, as we will have the pleasure of welcoming a limited number of delegates from China and the United States.

Paris is a city of great phaleristic richness, and during this congress, we invite you to visit several emblematic places. I will first mention the Museum of the Legion of Honour and Orders of Chivalry. Dedicated to orders of chivalry, decorations and medals, the museum embraces all French and foreign awards from the Middle Ages to the present day. The richness of its collections - in which the Legion of Honour occupies a central place -, its exceptional pieces and its original way of telling the story of History make it a unique place in the world. We will also be welcomed by the Museum of the Order of the Liberation, dedicated to the Companions of the Liberation, whose memory it perpetuates, and which exhibits almost all of General de Gaulle's decorations. In Compiègne, where the castle houses the Second Empire Museum, you can admire Napoleon III's diamond decorations.

Our traditional lectures will be held at the Musée de l'Armée, which also has a very rich collection of decorations.

By various means, including practical workshops to be held in the classrooms of the Legion of Honour's Houses of Education, we have put collectors back at the heart of our meetings. Nevertheless, we continue to encourage the participation of institutions and museums, as it is a valuable source of enrichment for all of us.

The number of participants will be limited to about 150 for logistical reasons. We therefore ask you to send us your registration form as soon as possible. However, you will have time to pay your fees, the deadline for payment being 31 December 2019. Any registration not confirmed by the payment of the participation fees on this date will be automatically cancelled.

Ladies and gentlemen, dear Phalerist friends, our Society of Friends is already looking forward to seeing you again soon. We do our best to make your stay in Paris for you and your partner a friendly and informative experience.

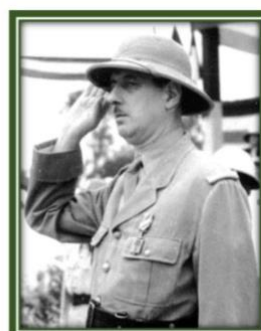
With best regards,

Vincent Hollard
Chairman

Programme

Friday, May 15, 2020

- 13:30-14:15 Meet and greet at **Les Invalides**,
ANGELINA lounge (in front of the shop
entrance)
Registration of participants, submission
of files, welcome coffee
- 14:30-17:30 **Lectures at the Austerlitz Auditorium**
of the Army Museum
- 14:30 Welcome by **Major General Alexandre
d'Andoque de Sérègè**, Director of the
Army Museum
- 14:40 **Jean-Luc Guitera**, SAMNLHOC member
*The manufacture of foreign orders in
Paris, 1800-1870*
- 15:00 **Owain Raw-Rees**, OMRS member
An introduction to the orders of the Arabian Peninsula
- 15:20 **Jean-Christophe Palthey**, member of the Scientific Council of the Legion of
Honour Museum, Secretary General of the SSP (Swiss Phaleristic Society)
The Mexican Imperial Orders
- 15:45 Coffee, book sale
- 16:15 **Cyrille Cardona**, SAMNLHOC member
Crosses and diplomas of the Order of Liberation
- 16:35 **Si Tang**, Chairman of the COMS
*The attribution of the Chinese imperial order of the Double Dragon to
Europeans*
- 17:00 **Ronan Trucas**, conservation assistant at the Army Museum (Paris),
SAMNLHOC member
The decoration collections of the Army Museum
- 17:30 End of lectures
- 17:45-18:45 **Museum of the Order of the Libération** at Les Invalides
- 17:45 Welcome by Major General Christian Baptiste, National Delegate of the
Council of Communes "Companion of the Liberation", Director of the Museum
of the Order of the Liberation
- 17:55 Guided tour



19:00-19:30 Bus transfer to the **Holiday Inn Express Paris Canal de la Villette**

20:00 Dinner at **La Criée, 68 quai de Seine**

Saturday, May 16, 2020

8:45-9:45 Bus transfer from the Holiday Inn Express to the Château de Compiègne

10 :00 **Château de Compiègne**

Visit of the Empire Museum and the Imperial Apartments



12:45 Lunch in the City centre of Compiègne at the **7^e Art Restaurant**

14:15-15:15 Bus transfer from Compiègne to Saint-Denis

15:30 **Saint-Denis Legion of Honour Education House, Rotunda 3**

Practical workshops in students' classrooms

- *Workshop 1*: Should decorations be cleaned, restored and how?
- *Workshop 2*: Filing, archiving, recording? How to manage your collection?
- *Workshop 3*: What is really a fake decoration? How to recognize fakes?



Each workshop will last 20

minutes to allow participants to follow the work of several workshops in succession.

The workshops will be facilitated by two to three speakers per theme who will present their expert position and then moderate the sharing of opinions and experiences among the participants. In order to facilitate exchanges, all workshops will be duplicated, one in French and the other in English.

16:45 **Visit of the Legion of Honour Education House**

17:30-18:00 Return by bus to the Holiday Inn Express Hotel

18:00 Free time

19:15-19:45 Bus transfer to the Intercontinental Hotel Paris Le Grand, place de l'Opéra

20:00 **Cocktail and gala dinner in the « Opera »** lounge of the Intercontinental Hotel.

The gala dinner will be presided over by **General Benoît Puga, Grand Chancellor of the Legion of Honour** or his representative.



23:30 Return by bus to the Holiday Inn Express

Sunday, May 17, 2020

8:30-9:45 **Fair for collectors**

10:00-10:45 Transfer to the visit site

11:00 **Val de Grâce Hospital**, visit of the **Museum of the Army Medical Service**, the church and cloister of the Val de Grace **OR** the **Celestine Barracks**, visit of the facilities of the **Republican Guard Cavalry Regiment** (decision at the end of the year)

12:15-12:30 Bus transfer to the Place de la Bastille

12:30 Lunch at the **Hippopotamus Bastille**

14:00-14:30 Bus Transfer to the Grand Chancellery of the Legion of Honour

14:30 **Museum of the Legion of Honour**

Participants will be divided into three groups:

- **Group 1:** Free visit of the collections
 - **Group 2:** Guided tour by Anne de Chefdebien, curator of the museum, and Tom Dutheil, conservation assistant: "New acquisitions, new deposits or donations".
 - **Group 3:** Guided tour by Patrick Spilliaert, SAMNLHOC member, scientific advisor to the Chairman: "The evolution of the insignia of the Legion of Honour".
- Tours will take place every 30 minutes to limit the size of the groups and allow everyone to participate in several groups.



16:30 **End of the XIV European Conference**

19:30 Dinner together, with free participation, for those staying in Paris on Sunday evening, expenses to be paid by each person

Ladies' Programme

Friday, May 15, 2020

13:30-14:15 **Meet and Greet** at Les Invalides, **ANGELINA lounge** (in front of the shop entrance)

14:15-14:45 Quick overview of the Invalides (Cour d'honneur, Saint-Louis Church)

14:45-15:00 Bus transfer to the Place de l'Opéra and Place Vendôme

15:00-17:15 Alternating visit in two groups of the **Palais Garnier**, which houses the **Paris Opera**, Place de l'Opéra, and the 18th-century salons and museum jewellery collections of the **Chaumet** house, Place Vendôme

15:00-16:00

Group 1 Guided tour to Chaumet

Group 2 Free visit of the Paris Opera

16:15-17:15

Group 1 Free visit of the Opera House

Group 2 Guided tour to Chaumet

17:15-17:45 Bus transfer to the Holiday Inn Hotel

17:45 Free time

20:00 Dinner at **La Criée** restaurant



Saturday, May 16, 2020

8:45-9:45 Bus transfer from the Holiday Inn Express Hotel to the Château de Compiègne

10:00 **Château de Compiègne**

10:15 Coffee in the tearoom of the Rose Garden

10:45-12:15 Guided tour of the imperial apartments and the Louis Philippe theatre

12:45 Lunch in the city centre of Compiègne at the **7th Art Restaurant**

14:15-15:15 Bus transfer from Compiègne to Saint-Denis



15:30 Saint-Denis Legion of Honour Education House

15:30-16:30 Guided tour of the Education House under the direction of the Superintendent Ms Marie-France Lorente

16:45-17:15 Bus transfer to the Holiday Inn Express Hotel

17:15 Free time

19:15-19:45 Bus transfer to the Intercontinental Hotel Paris Le Grand, place de l'Opéra



20:00 **Cocktail and gala dinner in the "Opera" lounge** of the Intercontinental Hotel

23:30 Return by bus to the hotel

Sunday, May 17, 2020

9h15-9h30 Transfer on foot to the Canauxrama Pier

9h45-12h15 **Cruise of the Old**

Paris on the Saint-Martin Canal, arrival at Place de la Bastille

12:30 Lunch at the **Hippopotamus Bastille**

14:30 Choice of participation in the visit to the Legion of Honour museum with delegates or free shopping in department stores (Galeries Lafayette, Printemps)



16:30 End of the XIV European Conference

19h30 **Dinner together**, with free participation, for those staying in Paris on Sunday evening, expenses to be paid by each person

Miscellaneous information

Official language

The official language is English for lectures and all activities. However, some will be offered in both French and English.

Hotel Reservation

All participants are grouped at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel, with which special rates have been negotiated. The main reservation is for two nights, Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16. Participants wishing to extend their stay by one or more nights before or after the congress will also benefit from discounted rates. Car Park also available at special rates.

The hotel is located near Underground line 7. By underground, it takes 20 minutes to reach Riquet station from Gare du Nord; from the hotel, 20/25 minutes to the centre of Paris.



How to get to the hotel Holiday Inn Express Paris La Vilette

Hôtel Holiday Inn Express Paris

Canal de La Villette
68 Quai de la Seine
Paris 19^e

Tel : + 33 (0)144650101

Underground :

Line 7 : Crimée
Line 7 : Riquet



Registrations

For logistical reasons (bus and restaurant capacity), the number of registrations is limited to around 150. 6 of them are reserved for COMS members (China) and 6 others for OMSA members (United States).

To register, you must complete and send the attached registration form to the Organization Committee at samnlhoc@yahoo.com by 30 November 2019 at the latest. Upon receipt of your registration, a registration confirmation and invoice will be sent to you within fifteen days (please check your email, including spam). Payment of the full amount of your participation will then be required within fifteen days. A payment confirmation will then be sent to you. Any registration not confirmed by the payment of the sums due by 31 December 2019 at the latest will be automatically cancelled.

Budget

Paris is unfortunately an expensive city and May is a very busy month for tourists. Nevertheless, the organizers have negotiated as best they can all the services described. Fees cover hotel reservations for two nights, two lunches and one dinner, the gala evening, bus transfers, entrance fees or museum guides. As delegates are expected to take part in all activities, no discount will be granted. Exceptionally, and upon a special request, members of the SAMNLHOC living in Paris may only attend the gala dinner, as there is no limit on the number of places available.

Fees, including two nights' accommodation, amount to €846 for a couple and €532 for a single person. Fees charged to delegates living in Paris who do not need a hotel room amount to €270 per person. The cost of the gala evening alone for delegates living in Paris is €200 per person.

According to the general conditions of sale of the service providers, and the non-refundable advance payments made by SAMNLHOC, the cancellation of registration before 31 March will only give rise to a partial refund; no refund will be made in the event of cancellation after 31 March.

Fees must be paid by bank transfer in **euros** to the SAMNLHOC account or by PayPal transfer in euros using the "Send money to friends" procedure.

SAMNLHOC Bank details in Paris:

Banque BP Rives de Paris - Saint-Germain

IBAN: FR76 1020 7000 1904 0190 1640 833

BIC SWIFT Code: CCBPFRPPMTG

PayPal account address:

samnlhoc@yahoo.com

How to get to the Invalides

Angéline lounge

Recommended underground stations :

Intrance Place Vauban :

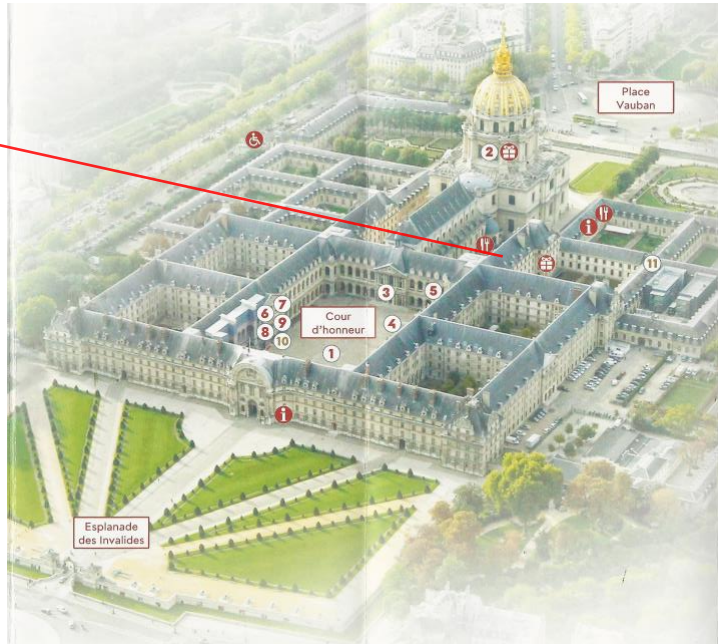
Line 8 : École Militaire

Line 13 : Saint-François-Xavier

Intrance Esplanade :

Line 8 : La Tour Maubourg

Line 13 : Varenne



Dress code

The XIV European Conference is dedicated to conviviality. With the exception of the gala evening, a casual dress, with good walking shoes for ladies, is recommended.

For the gala evening, which will take place in the prestigious setting of the Opera lounge, classified as a historic monument, in the presence of high authorities: black tie, mess dress or uniform, lounge suit, evening dress for ladies.

Wearing official orders and medals for civilians and military personnel: for the French, miniature badges on the left side of the chest, complete badges of legal size from the rank of commander; for foreigners, wearing in accordance with national custom

Wearing of society awards: prohibited for French or foreign military personnel in uniform; allowed on the right side of the chest for foreign participants in civilian wear.

Fair

According to our traditions, a fair for the sale of books, orders and decorations, or other objects related to the phaleristic is organized on Sunday morning. A table will be provided free of charge to each seller. The display or sale of any object bearing a swastika, or any other Nazi symbol, is strictly prohibited.

Questions and contact

If you have any questions about your stay in Paris or your participation in the XIV European Conference, please contact:

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