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Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Bratislava and Vienna for the next EHHF meeting which will take place from 27th to 29th May 2009.

Please find attached a draft program, an overview on the topics and contributions, and a list of hotels, which hold quotas until 30th April – please book as soon as possible.

Content

Slovakia and Austria have volunteered to host this “joint venture” not simply because of their proximity (the twin-cities of Vienna and Bratislava are only about 80 kilometres apart) but also because we hope it will be interesting for you to see how the different political fate of the second half of the 20th century effected the development of preservation policies in these two countries which have a long history and a cultural landscape in common.

In preparatory meetings we chose “Europe” and “Change” as topics for our debates. We will be able to discuss the future role of the EU within the development of heritage preservation with the EU-Commissioner Jan Figel, who will meet us in Bratislava. As you will see in the “overview of presentations” we already have some contributions on the development of European affairs but we are **still calling for papers**. We would like to present examples which show the impact of the financial crisis on heritage preservation.

Translations

Conference languages will be English and French. Other translations can be provided – but the costs will not be covered by the host countries.

Accommodation

We asked four hotels (3 and 4 stars) to hold quotas for our meeting (see attachments and homepage www.ehhf.net). Please make your bookings before 30th April. Vienna is (still) a hot spot for tourism and our meeting will take place just before the Pentecost-weekend, so the hotels will presumably be very full. We would be grateful, if you could confirm your participation and inform us of the hotel you chose also before 30th April

Very much looking forward to see you again in Vienna and Bratislava

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