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Birth of Christ, Dorfstetten, Roskilde, Denmark, 1420
Elaine C. Block

Dear members,

It was a successful and event-filled year for ICONOstalla Misericordia International. In May we had a very well organized Colloquium in Vendôme en Châtillon-sur-Indre. At the beginning of this month, our colleagues from Croatia organised a successful congress in Split, in cooperation with ICONOstalla Misericordia International. More on this in this Newsletter.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2024.

Frédéric Billiet
Willy Piron

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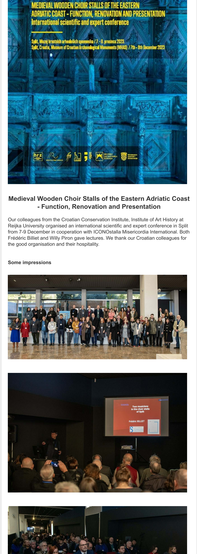
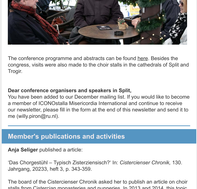
News from ICONOstalla Misericordia International



Medieval Wooden Choir Stalls of the Eastern Adriatic Coast - Function, Renovation and Presentation

Our colleagues from the Croatian Conservation Institute, Institute of Art History at Reška University organised an international scientific and expert conference in Split from 7-9 December in cooperation with ICONOstalla Misericordia International. Both Frédéric Billiet and Willy Piron gave lectures. We thank our Croatian colleagues for the good organisation and their hospitality.

Some impressions



The conference programme and abstracts can be found here. Besides the congress, visits were also made to the choir stalls in the cathedrals of Split and Trogir.

Dear conference organisers and speakers in Split,
You have been added to our December mailing list. If you would like to become a member of ICONOstalla Misericordia International and continue to receive our newsletter, please fill in the last part of the this newsletter and send it to me (willy.piron@vu.nl).

Member's publications and activities

Anja Seiliger published a article:

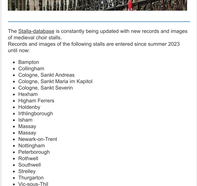
Das Chorgestühl – Typisch Zisterzienserisch?! In: *Cisterciener Chronik*, 130. Jahrgang, 2023/3, heft 3, p. 343-359.

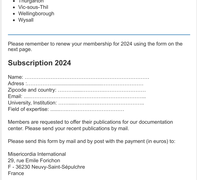
The board of the Cistercienser Chronik asked her to publish an article on choir stalls from Cistercian monasteries and nunneries. In 2013 and 2014, this topic was the focus of two papers, which she presented at EuCist (Europäisches Kloster Cistercienserforschung, winter school in Kloster Heiligenkreuz), and at a conference in Kloster Chorin (without proceedings). Her article in Cistercienser Chronik is slightly edited and reflects the research status of 2014.

Kristiane Lemé reported that the stalls from the abbey church of **Beaulieu-lès-Loches** have been restored and have been put back in the church.

They will be inaugurated a week before Christmas.

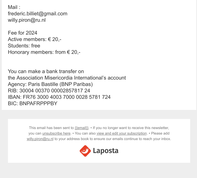
The abbey's choir stalls and pulpit left the church in April. They were treated with "dynamic vacuum" (immersed in an enclosed space, without oxygen, to kill them of all insects). They were restored, stained and waxed by the Lemaire workshop (Parçay-Meslay). The pulpit was cleaned, reinforced and "restored to its original polychrome". The cost of the work was € 60,000, financed by the municipality, the state (through the DRAC of the Centre Val-de-Loire region), the Conseil départemental and donors through the Fondation du Patrimoine. More information on the restoration can be found here.





The stalls of Amiens Cathedral: 500 years

The proceedings of the international colloquium marking the 500th anniversary of the installation of the choir stalls in the choir of Amiens cathedral are still available. More information can be found here. You can order the book using this form.



The Stalla-database is constantly being updated with new records and images of medieval choir stalls.
Records and images of the following stalls are entered since summer 2023 until now:

- Bamplon
- Collingham
- Cologne, Sankt Andreas
- Cologne, Sankt Maria im Kapitol
- Cologne, Sankt Severin
- Heacham
- Higham Ferrers
- Hitchingbrooke
- Hitchingbrough
- Isham
- Massay
- Massay
- Newark-on-Trent
- Nottingham
- Peterborough
- Rothwell
- Southwell
- Stretley
- Thurgarton
- Vic-sous-Thil
- Wellingborough
- Wyvall

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