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Bouquet of flowers, possibly sunflowers
1475-1500, Vendôme, Abbaye de la Trinité
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Dear members,

In this newsletter you will find the activities of our association and its members. We enjoyed a lovely visit to the choir stalls in St. Martin-aux-Bois in the beginning of May where the General Meeting was held. Our hosts Kristiane Lemé-Hébuterne and Alain Bonte organised this excellent visit. The minutes of the General Meeting are included in this newsletter.

At the General Meeting Frédéric Billet was re-elected as chair and Veronique Pillon as treasurer. Willy Piron stepped down as secretary and his successor is Christel Theunissen.

If you have not yet paid for your contribution for ICONOstalla, please use the form on the last page to do so.

We wish you a wonderful summer.

Frédéric Billiet
Christel Theunissen
Willy Piron

News from ICONOstalla Misericordia International

General Meeting ICONOstalla Misericordia International, 9-10 May 2026



Minutes General Meeting ICONstalla Misericordia International 9 may 2026

Present: Frédéric Billiet (chair), Alain Bonte, Mungo Bovey, Patrick Burée, Roland Gardin, Kristiane Lemé-Hébuterne, Patrick Lemé, Anja Seliger, Christel Theunissen, Willy Piron (secretary).

Opening by the chair Frédéric Billiet

- Next Colloquium 2027 will be In Bergamo organised by Joanne Allen and Lorenzo Mascheretti.
 - Date: 21–22 may
 - Theme: 'Choir stalls and illusion' (perspectival illusion, materiality, senses and imitation).
 - Place: Bergamo (I)
- Website Iconostalla is now hosted at the Radboud University, but the university no longer wishes to allow this, as it is not its own project. It is proposed that the website, along with the associated PDFs of articles, newsletters and the like, be hosted on an independent platform. The expected annual cost for this is €100–200. This proposal is approved.
- Proceedings Colloquium 2025 Leuven. Will be published end 2027
- Proceedings Colloquium 2023 Vendôme will be published online. A student assistant will take care of this. The costs will be covered by Iconostalla.
- Current affairs
 - Financial report: Financial report: There is €3769,63 in the bank account. Please see the attached [report](#). The chair, Frédéric Billiet, and treasurer, Veronique Pillon, are re-elected.
 - Willy Piron is stepping down as secretary. Christel Theunissen has been elected as the new secretary. Her email address is: christel.theunissen@ru.nl
- Any other affairs
 - Notre-Dame-de-la-Tronchaye 6-7 October 2026
 - Foto-exhibition Patrick Buré : Le journal de la vie médiévale sculptée sur bois : les miséricordes en France, 13-

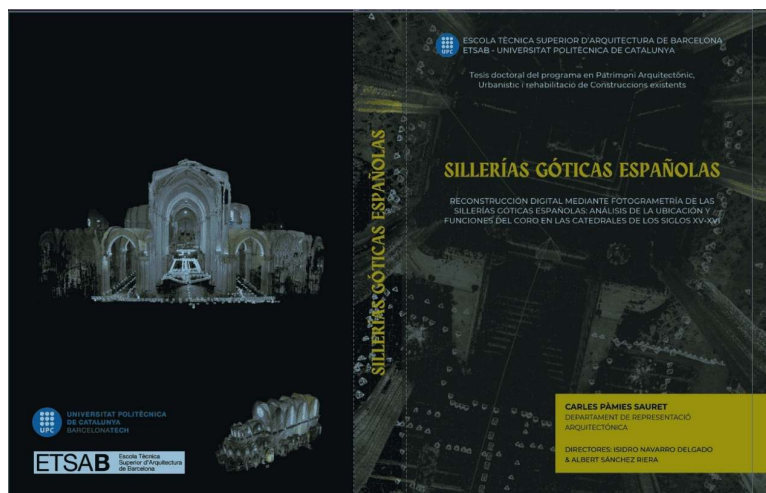
Member's publications and activities



The **Association des Amis du Sanctuaire** is organising a symposium entitled 'Notre-Dame-de-la-Tronchaye: recent scientific discoveries'. The symposium will take place at Notre-Dame-de-la-Tronchaye in Rochefort-en-Terre on 6 and 7 October 2026. Our chairman, Frédéric Billiet, is a member of the scientific advisory board. Further information on the programme can be found [here](#).

Carles Pàmies obtained his PhD Doctorate in Architecture at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), applied to Gothic choirs. The thesis was titled: *Spanish Gothic choir stalls. Digital reconstruction using photogrammetry of Spanish Gothic choir stalls: Analysis of the location and functions of the choir in 15th–16th-century cathedrals*. It was defended at the ETSAB UPC, Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura, in Barcelona, with the highest mark.





Patrick Buré has two photography exhibitions lined up.

The journal of medieval life carved in wood : misericords in France.

13–30 August 2026: Former Ursuline Convent

Place des Ursulines,

48140 Le Malzieu-Ville (Lozère department).

Monday to Saturday, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

More information [here](#).

The illustrated journal of medieval life carved in wood: misericords in France.

30 September 2026 to 13 December 2026: L'Antiquaille (Christian Cultural Centre in Lyon)

49 Montée Saint-Barthélemy, 69005 Lyon

Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 6pm, and Sunday, 2pm to 6pm

Lecture: 19 novembre 2026 à 19h.

More information [here](#).



Alain Bonte would like to share the following message with you:

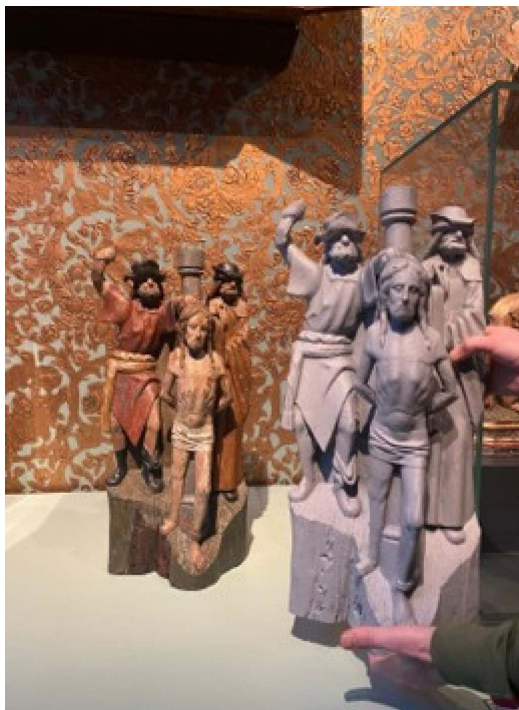
I am delighted to inform you the fifteenth-century choir stalls of Blaison-Gohier have been selected as the winner for its region in the competition "Le Plus Grand Musée de France" and has been awarded a grant of €8,000, generously provided by Allianz France, to support its restoration.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to this success.

Kind regards,

Alain Bonte

More information [here](#).



13th Annual Ards Conference: Innovative Research Tools and Methodologies for the Study of Medieval and Renaissance Sculpture

26 - 27 November 2026

For more information, click [here](#).

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 winter 2025 until now:

- Arbanija
- Cres
- Davensberg
- Gisors
- Nanteuil-en-Vallée
- Nègrepelisse
- Oulchy-le-Château
- Picquigny
- Sauveterre-de-Rouergue
- Villefranche-de-Rouergue

Other

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Students: free
Honorary members: from € 20,-

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