

## REPORT ON EUROPEAN EVENTS 2018/2019:

The Association of Masonic Museums, Archives and Libraries of Europe (AMMLA) held its annual congress in Bayreuth on 5 and 6 July. It was a return to basics since it was at the Museum of Freemasonry in Bayreuth that the association was created in 1989.

AMMLA is now chaired by the Director of the Bayreuth Masonic Museum, Thad Peterson, its Secretary General is Frank Langenaken, head of the Centre for Masonic Studies and Documentation in Brussels and its treasurer is Jac Pipenbock of the Museum of the Netherlands.

The new director of UGLEs museum in London Vicky Carroll has produced a new development strategy which aims to double its attendance - from 35,000 to 70,000 - over the next five years.

In Paris, Grand Orient's Museum has presented a new way of conservation of the old aprons developed with the help of The Department of French museums.

Hilary Anderson Stelling, the Scottish Rite Museum in Lexington, Boston presented at the AMMLA Congress a program run by various US museums on the first American Masonic degrees.

A new major masonic museum has started in Switzerland, The Swiss Masonic Museum. Director Robin Heizmann and scientific director Christoph Meister are in charge.

In Germany restitution of books from public libraries to lodges is going on. One assumes that at least 30.000 items are in question.

Two major conferences on the history of freemasonry were held in Paris and Bordeaux with a lot of topics relevant for masonic museums, archives and libraries.

Grand Lodge of Austria celebrated its 100th anniversary in November 2018. Program included a conference highlighting the history of Austrian freemasonry.

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