



ASSOCIAZIONE VILLE D'ITALIA

Press Release

The "Ville d'Italia" Association, which patronizes the International Conference and Exhibition "Lakeside Gardens in Europe" 2006, is a non-profit association founded in Rome in October 2004. It was set up in response to a Policy Agreement signed in 2002 by three public bodies ("Istituto Regionale Ville Venete", "Istituto Regionale Ville Tuscolane" and "Ente Ville Vesuviane") with the aim of comparing the different actions and strategies used in the respective areas to enhance the cultural heritage systems spread all over Italy, including over five thousand villas.

The Association aims to guarantee the conservation, enhancement and promotion of the Italian monumental and landscape heritage, made up of villas, palaces, castles, gardens and buildings of lesser architectural importance, seen as a single system of cultural heritage covering the entire country; to this end, the Association promotes studies, researches, catalogues and publications aimed at improving knowledge and divulgation, as well as organising cultural events, itinerant exhibitions, and conferences in order to raise the awareness of national and community institutions concerning the need to conserve, enhance and promote this immense monumental heritage.

Exhibitions, Conferences and events

- "Ville d'Italia" Exhibition and concert by "I Solisti Veneti"; November 2003 Halles Saint-Géry, Brussels
- "Ville d'Italia" Forum; 5 March 2004 Villa Contarini, Piazzola sul Brenta (PD)
- Conference on "Ville d'Italia. Shared experiences"; 24-25 April 2004 Villa Campolieto, Ecolano (NA)
- Seminar: "Valorization of Italian Villas"; 15 October 2004 Villa Contarini, Piazzola sul Brenta (PD)
- National Day on Italian Villas; 5 June 2005
- Festival of Villas: 30 September-2 October 2005, Capannori (LU)

Exhibitions, Conferences and events currently being planned

- National Day on Italian Villas; 4 June 2006
- Organisation of a Conference in Brussels

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