IAGA 2009 CULTURAL PROGRAMME OFFERS (Version of 16 August, 2009)

SPECIAL IAGA EVENTS

August 23, Sunday

12:15-13:15 **Organ music in the Lutheran Church** (Sopron, Templom utca and Bünker köz corner). Selected pieces from F LISZT, J HAYDN, J-S BACH, etc. Organist: KUZSNER Péter. Entrance: free

14:00-16:00 **Sopron from height** (A hiking to the panoramic tower on the top of Károly hill). Guide: ANDRÁSSY Péter, citizen of honour in Sopron. Participation: free. Departure: from Bus terminus Nos 1 and 2 of Hotel Lövér. Normal street shoes are OK.

17:00-17:30 a spontaneous concert by **Kórus Spontánusz** in front of Liszt Ferenc Congress Centre

17:00-18:30 **Sopron walking tour**. Departure: Main Entrance, Congress Centre. (Free. Organizer: Escort Tourist)

17:30-20:00 **Sopron wine tour, with wine tasting in the Erhardt wine cellar**. Price: 10 euro. Departure: Congress Centre (by walk)

19:00-20:00 **Calvin Quincentenary Concert** in the Sopron Reformed Church (Sopron, Deák tér 2.) Mixed choirs of Sopron. Dirigent: KOCSIS-HOLPER Zoltán. Entrance: free. *Activity of John Calvin* (10 July 1509 – 27 May 1564, French theologian during the Protestant Reformation and a central developer of the system of Christian theology called Calvinism or Reformed theology) had a deep influence in Hungary: the Hungarian language was saved due to translation the Bible into Hungarian language (1590) by his Hungarian followers.

August 24, Monday

12:15-13:15 **Organ music in the Lutheran Church** (Sopron, Templom utca and Bünker köz corner). Selected pieces from F LISZT, J HAYDN, J-S BACH, etc. Organist: KUZSNER Péter. Entrance: free

17:00-18:00 **Sopron walking tour**. Departure: Main Entrance, Congress Centre

19:00-21:00 **Opening ceremony and -Party** in the Main Square (Fő tér).

Opening by the President of Hungarian Academy of Sciences and by IAGA/IUGG officers. Greetings by the Minister of Environment, Mayor of Sopron. Presentation of IAGA Awards.

Programme of the Sopron-Pendelyes Folkdance Ensemble, then programme of Impression Quartet. Tasting of local wine and of bean cake. Badge and wine- and cake tickets are required. Other drinks and foods are to be paid. The Evening is sponsored by the City of Sopron.

August 25, Tuesday

12:15-13:15 **Organ music in the Lutheran Church** (Sopron, Templom utca and Bünker köz corner). Selected pieces from F LISZT, J HAYDN, J-S BACH, etc. Organist: RÓTH Márton. Entrance: free

17:00-18:00 **Sopron walking tour**. Departure: Main Entrance, Congress Centre. (Free. Organizer: Escort Tourist)

20:00-Chamber Music in the capital town of the Kékfrankos Wine (BW Pannonia Med-Hotel, Sopron, Várkerület 75). FIRTL Mátyás (clarinet) & Wespaquartett (Wolfgang GÖLLNER, KONTOR Kamilla, KÓCZÁN Péter, VÁMOS Marcell). Programme: Joseph HAYDN (1732-1809): String Quartet in D major op. 64/5 "Lark", Carl STAMITZ (1745-1801): Clarinet Quartet op. 14/op. 19, Felix MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY (1809-1847): String Quartet in D major op. 44/1. Tickets are available at the BW Pannonia Med-Hotel. Price: 3200 HUF (approximately 12€) incl. concert and 4 glasses of wine. Viticulture has been carried out in the region spreading out between the eastern spurs of the Alps and the Lake Fertő for several centuries now. Wine culture is never isolated but is in interrelationship with other manifestations of human culture. Music and wine have manifold links: there exist music compositions concretely about wine and wine consumption, but the experiences with tunes and tastes may be freely associated – this is what we invite our dear Guests to in the attractive Pannonia Hotel! Although our opinion is subjective, we have endeavoured to make a carefully selected collection of programmes and wines, to let all guests find the bodily and spiritual harmony being inherent in wine and music!

August 26, Wednesday

12:15-13:15 **Organ music in the Lutheran Church** (Sopron, Templom utca and Bünker köz corner). Selected pieces from F LISZT, J HAYDN, J-S BACH, etc. Organist: RÓTH Márton. Entrance: free

17:00-18:00 **Sopron walking tour**. Departure: Main Entrance, Congress Centre. (Free. Organizer: Escort Tourist)

20:00-21:00 **Concert of the Sopron Gospel in the Lutheran Church** (Sopron, Templom utca and Bünker köz corner). Entrance fee: 5 euro. <u>www.soprongospel.hu</u>

August 27, Thursday

12:15-13:15 **Organ music in the Lutheran Church** (Sopron, Templom utca and Bünker köz corner). Selected pieces from F LISZT, J HAYDN, J-S BACH, etc. Organist: RÓTH Márton. Entrance: free.

17:00-18:00 **Sopron walking tour**. Departure: Main Entrance, Congress Centre. (Free. Organizer: Escort Tourist)

20:00-23:00 **Banquette** in the Conference Centre. Dinner and rich cultural programme Operetta and musicals by GALAMBOS Lilla and her artist fellows (before and after the dinner): famous classical song hits from the Austro-Hungarian and modern times, including songs by LEHÁR Ferenc. This famous Hungarian (Austro-Hungarian) operetta composer (known abroad as Franz LEHÁR, born in Komárom, Hungary, 1870, died in Bad Ischl, Austria, 1948), who enriched the musical theatre repertoire with such works as The Merry Widow, The Count of Luxembourg, The Land of Smiles, spent his childhood in Sopron (Lehár Ferenc utca 5.). Narration: in English. Songs: in Hungarian, German, English and French. Piano musique during the dinner. Participation fee: 35 euro/person.

August 28, Friday

12:15-13:15 **Organ music in the Lutheran Church** (Sopron, Templom utca and Bünker köz corner). Selected pieces from F LISZT, J HAYDN, J-S BACH, etc. Organist: RÓTH Márton. Entrance: free *Today: in memory of Ulrich Schmucker, Peter Weidelt and Mark Berdichevsky*.

15:30-17:30 "Széchenyi István" Geophysical Observatory of Hungarian Academy of Sciences (13 km East of Sopron). Free, max: 25 persons. The visit offers a general introduction about the Observatory, which was founded during the International Geophysical Year. Since that time it has become an indispensable data supplier of earth science observations, related to electromagnetic phenomena in the Earth and near-Earth space. The topics of the observatory inter-related regions in the space extend from the Sun, interplanetary field, magnetosphere, ionosphere, atmosphere, electromagnetic field in a wide frequency range. The observatory data contribute to a better knowledge of distribution of electromagnetic properties under the ground surface (in near-surface regions, in the crust, in the mantle, and provide data on processes taking place in the Earth's core. Those who are interested in a more specific observatory visit, should contact either Viktor Wesztergom ww@ggki.hu or Gabriella Sátori satori@ggki.hu.

17:00-18:00 **Sopron walking tour**. Departure: Main Entrance, Congress Centre. (Free. Organizer: Escort Tourist)

20:00-21:30 MUZSIKÁS concert in the Congress Centre. Entrance: free for IAGA 2009 participants and accompanying persons (badge is obligatory)

The MUZSIKÁS is a Hungarian folk music ensemble, the winner – among others – of the WOMEX Award 2008 for World Music, and Prima Primissima Hungary 2008. More info: www.muzsikas.hu. The concert is sponsored by MOL (Hungarian Oil Company).

August 28 - September 6, Fertőd, Eszterházy palace: Haydn Festival www.haydn-2009.hu

August 29, Saturday

10:30-12:30 "Széchenyi István" Geophysical Observatory of Hungarian Academy of Sciences (13 km East of Sopron). Free, max: 25 persons.

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17:00-18:00 **Sopron walking tour**. Departure: Main Entrance, Congress Centre. (Free. Organizer: Escort Tourist)

19:00: Closing ceremony in the Conference Centre. LUDMÁNY András (Debrecen Heliophysical Observatory) will play his own piano transcription of the last scene of Die Walküre (The Valkyrie) by Richard Wagner, where, in the Magic Fire Music there are some aurora-inspired moments.

August 30, Sunday

12:15-13:15 **Organ music in the Lutheran Church** (Sopron, Templom utca and Bünker köz corner). Selected pieces from F LISZT, J HAYDN, J-S BACH, etc. Organist: KUZSNER Péter. Entrance: free

EVENTS IN AND AROUND SOPRON IN THE END OF AUGUST 2009

20th Anniversary of the Pan-European Picnic

August 17-18-19 (Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday)

About the Picnic and the detailed programmes of the anniversary events in English:

http://www.paneuropaipiknik.hu/index.php?lang=en

Anniversary exhibitions in Sopron are open until August 31, 2009.

For other Standard and Temporary Exhibitions in Sopron see "Museums" in the "Services in Sopron".

August 20, Thursday:

National Holiday (Festivals throughout the country: celebration of the first Hungarian king, Szent István - St. Stephen of Hungary - and welcoming the new bread.

August 20-23, Thursday-Sunday

Savaria Historical Carnival, Szombathely (60 km South of Sopron) (http://www.savariakarneval.hu). (In case of interest, you should organize your travel there.)

CULTURAL EVENTS IN AUSTRIA, CLOSE TO SOPRON

St. Margarethen Opera Festival http://www.ofs.at/index.php?ch=218

Mörbisch Festival on the Lake http://www.seefestspiele-moerbisch.at/home/index-e.htm

Haydn Year 2009 http://www.eisenstadt.at/tourismus/haydn-jahr-2009.html