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INVITATION

international gathering for professionals and organizations concentrating on strawbale building in all its facets

main theme: **education and training in strawbale building**

**European Strawbale
Gathering 2009**
26 > 30-08-2009
Belgium

Main theme:
“education and training in
strawbale building”

Extra:
Official formation of EUSBA
= European StrawBale
Association

Extra:
Special guest:
David Eisenberg

Location:
de Waterburcht
meetingpoint of the
Euregio Maas-Rijn
Riemst – Belgium

Venue

De Waterburcht in Millen is an official meeting point of the Euregio Maas-Rijn, located in East Belgium, between Tongeren and Liège (B), Maastricht (NL) and Aachen (D). De Waterburcht is in fact a renovated water castle housing a little folklore museum. It is a popular pit stop on a famous international bicycle route.

Within easy reach

De Waterburcht is a 15 minutes drive away from several highways. On the day of arrival and departure, we arrange a bus connection from the station of Tongeren to de Waterburcht and vice versa.

Address:

De Waterburcht
Kattestraat 2
B-3770 Millen-Riemst (Belgium)

Accommodation

- we arrange a camp site at the ESBG-location – you can bring your own tent or book a steel bed in a scouting tent

- maybe, we can offer you a bed in a guest-family in the local village – ask for the conditions, we are still working this out

- additional accommodations are available in the regional surrounding, please choose the B&B or the hotel yourself and book yourself!

Download our list of available beds on our website www.casacalida.be

Working language

To facilitate a wide participation, English will be the working language during the lectures and workshops. When required, translations are possible.



PROGRAMME & INFO

We 26th of Aug

Open arrival and reception of the participants

4 p.m.

Official welcoming

- introduction ESBG-team + participants
- explanation programme

Dinner

Mood setting

Main theme "education and training in SB"

Breaking the ice

Special programme Tue 25th of Aug

afternoon

Open arrival + dinner

We 26th of Aug

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.:

Guided strawbale tour: visiting some Belgian SB houses by bus

Thu 27th of Aug

morning

Workshop straw

- demonstration of different constructions and techniques to build a strawbale wall
- on building site and in workshop-tents
- demonstrators of different countries + watchers

lunch

afternoon

Reflection on the demonstrated straw-techniques

- discussions in small groups
- lectures
- further workshops

dinner

Main theme "education"

Entertainment

Fri 28th of Aug

morning

Workshop plastering straw-walls

- demonstration of different techniques to plaster a strawbale wall
- on building site and in workshop-tents
- demonstrators of different countries + watchers

lunch

afternoon

Reflection on the demonstrated plaster-techniques

- discussions in small groups
- lectures
- further workshops

dinner

with official formation of EUSBA

Entertainment

Sat 29th of Aug

morning

Lectures/discussions

in small groups on

- current stand of building-material-tests and research
- certificates and building codes
- construction details
- fire safety
- lambda-values
- moisture
- ideal heating-system for SBhouses
- education/training
- prefab SB
- ...

lunch

afternoon

Idem

dinner

Main theme "education" + SB boom in Europe?

Entertainment

Sun 30th of Aug

morning

EUSBA

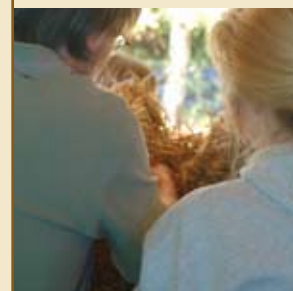
- presentation of results of different ESBG working groups
- brainstorming about aims of European Association

lunch

Survey and final round

ESBG 2011?

Farewell and departure



At every time

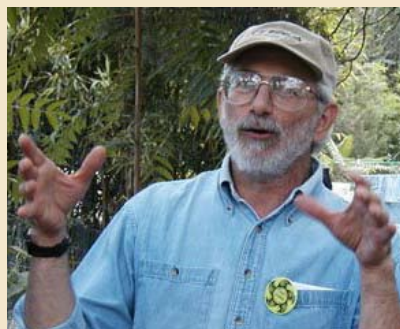
Exhibition on "Strawbale building in Europe" (sponsored by the 1st prize "Terre de Femmes" of the Fondation Yves Rocher, won by Gigi in February 09) Posters, flyers, book table, films, Power Point presentations

Main theme "education and training in SB"

In some European countries strawbale building is actually booming. The self builders are already convinced, now we need well educated straw professionals to cope with the growing interest in sustainable strawbale houses.

A small gym of the local primary school is functioning as building site for the demonstration-workshops of the ESBG 09: during these demonstrations and workshops we will build parts of the strawbale walls of this gym.

Pupils of a technical secondary school (section wood) are designing and constructing a part of the gym as a try out for a SB-education-programm.



Special guest David Eisenberg

David has been inspiring many natural builders and strawbale builders for many years now. We are glad and proud that he is willing to come to the ESBG 2009 as our special guest, sharing his knowledge, his experience and his enthusiasm with us! We are still working out his exact contribution, ranging from demonstrations during the workshop on straw and on plaster to lectures and brainstorming in working groups on specific themes.

<http://www.dcat.net/>

Costs

For the conference part

26th > 30th August 09

Registration before July 1st

€ 185

Registration after July 1st

€ 225

For the conference + strawbale tour

26th > 30th August 09

(arriving on 25th August)

Registration before July 1st

€ 220

Registration after July 1st

€ 260

Catering is included: vegetarian bio food.

Accommodation is not included.

Bank account: IBAN BE81 7795 9867 3324

Contact/registration

download the registration form on our

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Do you want to give a demonstration/workshop on strawwall-techniques or plaster-techniques? Do you want to give a lecture on a specific straw theme? Contact us and we put you on the programme!