MedLiHer - Mediterranean Living Heritage
Contribution to implementing the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Mediterranean partner countries

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25 and 26 May 2009
UNESCO Headquarters – 1 rue Miollis – Room XIV

Monday, 25 May 2009

Morning session
10h00-10h20 Welcome address by Cécile Duvelle, Chief of the UNESCO Section of Intangible Cultural Heritage
10h20-10h40 Welcome address by Christiane Dabdoub Nasser, Team Leader of the Regional Monitoring Support Unit of the European programme Euromed Heritage 4
10h40-11h00 Brief presentation of participants
11h00-11h15 Coffee break
11h15-12h15 General presentation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage by Fernando Brugman, UNESCO Programme Specialist, Section of Intangible Cultural Heritage
12h15-13h00 Questions and answers
13h00-15h00 Lunch

Afternoon session
15h00-15h30 Presentation of the MEDLIHER Project by Berta de Sancristóbal, UNESCO Assistant Programme Specialist, Section of Intangible Cultural Heritage
15h30-16h00 Questions and answers
16h00-16h30 Presentation by Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon of safeguarding activities carried out in their countries, on the basis of the questionnaires, and presentation of the Maison des Cultures du Monde
16h30-16h45 Coffee break
16h45-18h00  Presentation by Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria of safeguarding activities carried out in their countries, on the basis of the questionnaires, and presentation of the Maison des Cultures du Monde (continued)

19h00  Cocktail at UNESCO Cafeteria

Tuesday, 26 May 2009

Morning session
10h00-10h30  Presentation of contractual modalities and other administrative aspects by Margarida Tor, UNESCO Programme Specialist, Division of Cooperation with Extrabudgetary Funding Sources
10h30-11h00  Questions and answers
11h00-11h15  Coffee break
11h15-11h45  Presentation of the Euromed Heritage 4 by Christophe Graz, Project Manager of the Regional Monitoring Support Unit (European Commission)
11h45-12h00  Questions and answers
12h00-12h30  Presentation of the information management system by Hughes Sicard, Assistant Programme Specialist, UNESCO Section of Intangible Cultural Heritage
12h30-13h00  General debate
13h00-15h00  Lunch

Afternoon session
15h00-16h30  Examples of safeguarding measures and projects by:

- Dr. Julie Scott, Senior Research Fellow in Culture, Tourism, and Development, London Metropolitan University, UK, former project coordinator of MedVoices
- Presentation by the Maison des Cultures du Monde, Paris, France
- Dr. Ahmed Skounti, Senior Research Fellow at the National Institute of Archaeology and Heritage, Marrakech, Morocco
- Dr. Pablo Carpintero, University of Vigo, Intangible Heritage Researcher, coordinator “Proxecto Ronsel” on safeguarding Intangible Heritage in Galicia, Spain

16h30-16h45  Coffee break
16h45-17h30  Presentation and discussion of the grid to guide the preparation of the national surveys by Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria
17h30-18h00  Closure and follow-up