Program of the annual assembly of the Ring of the Cities of Iron Works in Campdevànol Spain from October 5th until October 8th 2017

Every delegation will have a guide, who speaks English, and can accompany the delegation when it is in Campdevànol and through the program if needed. These guides are students who also worked in the exchange with Øvre Eiker in June and August 2017. Members that will arrive early on Thursday can take a walk through Campdevànol.

Thursday October 5th 2017
Arrival of participants during the day. Transfer to the hotel from Gerona- or Barcelona Airport. Campdevànol will arrange the shuttle service.

14:00 Optional guided visit in Campdevànol. Free of charge for everyone. Visit the flour mill, the river Freser, the Martinet Channels and Acequia Molinar

21.00 Welcoming dinner at the Hotel Sant Antoni of Ribes de Freser and presentation of the hosts to the different accredited delegations. Mr. Marc Prat i Arrey, mayor of Ribes de Freser, Mr. Peter Kloo, president of the Ring and mayor of Kolbermoor and Mr. Joan Manso i Bosoms, the mayor of Campdevànol will be present at the dinner. The presentation of the hosts to the different delegations will be carried out during the dinner. Clothes: Casual

Friday October 6th 2017
08:30 Transfer from Hotel Sant Antoni Robes de Freser to Campdevànol by bus. Travel time: 10 minutes.

09:00 Start of the meeting for all participants including accompanying partners, Welcome by mayor Joan Manso and president Peter Kloo. After that the members will present what has happened in their municipalities during the last year.

12:30 Lunch in Church Square for all those attending the assembly.

13:30 The communal council (mayors and councillors) and competent council will split their activities. The communal council will visit organisations and talk together about political topics. Like the Educational and Health model of Catalonia: an English guided tour for the communal council to the Escola Pirineu of Campdevànol, Hospital of Campdevànol and the Nursery El
The delegations will be welcomed by the director of Escola Pirineu, Mrs. Jéssica Ribas, the director of the Nursery School, Mrs. Carme Murillo and the Managing Director of Campdevànol Hospital, Dr. Joan Grané. Debate on the health and educational models in Europe, its effects and its successes and weaknesses.

13:30 The competent council will have a separate program. A suggestion is that blacksmiths of Campdevànol will give a tour through the city and explain all about iron and metal in and near Campdevànol. A visit to Comforsa (www.comforsa.com) may be interesting.

15:00 Show of Artistic Forging in the streets coordinated by the local smith Eulogio Villalobos.

15:00 Popular Catalan culture afternoon: “Catalonia, Campdevànol and the Iron”. Performance by all the children of the town; afterwards Sardana dance, cane dance and traditional Catalan dancers.

Joint performance of all the students of the Escola Pirineu under the title “Campdevànol, Europe and Iron”. All the students of the Escola Pirineu participate in this open air show specifically prepared in honour of all the delegations and on the occasion of the European Iron Capital.

Performance by the students of the GEC Sardana course – Sardanista Section of Campdevànol inspired by the European Capital of the Iron 2017; right away a performance of three sardana dances with Cobla Ripollesa. Traditional Catalan dancers by Esbart Polaina.

18:00 Live recording of the Municipal Radio Campdevànol program, “The Assembly” from the center of the municipality of the European Iron Capital and the General Assembly. Interviews with present Ring authorities.

19:00 Tapas dinner with local food, local beer and Catalan wine at Clave Square second “Tastaferro” in Campdevànol. Prepared by restaurants in the municipality.

21:00 At Plaça la Dansa, Night of Popular Catalan Culture. Dancers of Campdevànol, accompanied by dancers from Ripollès and then performance of the “Diables of Ripoll” accompanied by the Batutaga of Sant
Joan de les Abadesses. To finish with a small fireworks castle on Jacint Verdaguer Promenade.

23:00-23.30 Transfer to the hotel

Saturday October 7th 2017

09:00 Transfer by bus from Hotel Séquia Molinar to Ribes de Freser, to catch the train.

09:30 Transfer of all participants by train from Ribes Vila train station to Vall de Núria Estacia de Muntanya www.valldenuria.cat. Everybody can join this trip. There is plenty to do, also for the partners. Vall de Núria has a mountain station located 2050 meters above sea level. It is important for all participants to take warm clothing for morning activities until 15:00.

10:15 Continuing meeting

12:15 Lunch together

13:30 General assembly

15:50 Return from Vall de Núria by train to Ribes - Enllaç station

16:30 Transfer by bus from Ribes de Freser to Hotel Sequia Molinar for guests in Sequia Molinar

18:00 Citizen debate: Europe and now what? The present authorities will discuss with the citizens of Campdevànol about the future of the European Union, which path to walk and the future possibilities of the European Union in the Auditorium of the Civic Center La Confiança of Campdevànol.

18:00 Life recording program of the Local Television Network, Catalonia KM0 from the centre of the municipality about the topic European Iron Capital and the general assembly. Interviews in English with the President of the Ring, with present mayors of the member cities, with the blacksmiths and to different Campdevànol citizens about the work of the Ring and the influence of the iron in Campdevànol.
19:00 English guided visit to the historic centre of Campdevànol and at the headquarters of the Industrial and Mechanisation Forging, Comercial de la Forja SA (Comforsa).

20:00 Dance of the Gala de Campdevànol, Festive Heritage Element of National Interest with Cobla Ripollesa in Plaça la Dansa accompanied by the present authorities. An official photograph of the different authorities will be taken at the end.

21:30 Gala Dinner in the Diagonal Hall with the presence of different national and international authorities. During the dinner, parliaments of the different authorities and visualization of the documentaries prepared for the occasion on all the activities that have characterized the European Capital of the Iron 2017. When finished, in the same hall, Classical Music Concert “Opera 14 countries” with pieces from the member countries of the Ring by tenor Jordi Galan and the soprano Laura Gil.
Clothes: Elegant /Smart dressing.

The gala dinner is an important issue during this day. It is important for Campdevànol to organise some social activities because that is mentioned in their EU-application Europe for Citizens. So dinner is not only eating and drinking. Maybe the president of Catalonia or their member of parliament will be present.
Also the jubilee book 15 years Ring will be presented during this gala dinner. It is a good opportunity for president Peter Kloo to present the members of the Ring in a short period of time.

Transfer to the hotel

**Sunday October 8th 2017**
Departure of participants. Transfer from the hotel to Gerona- or Barcelona Airport. Campdevànol will arrange the shuttle service.

Any adjustments in the program are possible.

We would like to welcome you in Campdevànol, European Iron Capital 2017.