

NEWS letter

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF GLASS MUSEUMS AND GLASS COLLECTIONS

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Thüringen Glass in Past and Present

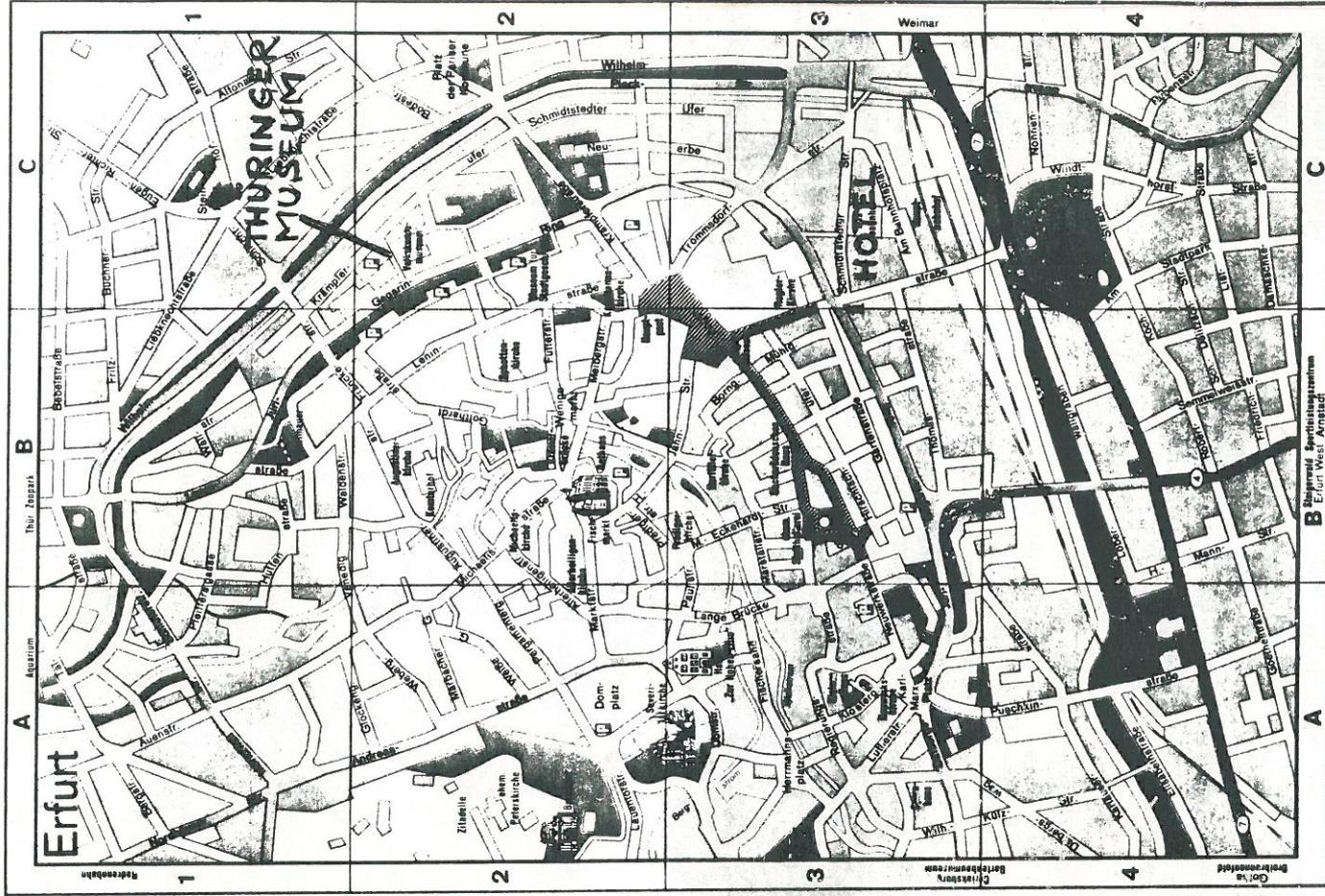
Erfurt, 21 September - 27 September 1986

For several months, our colleagues in the German Democratic Republic have had a programme ready for our meeting in Erfurt. Responsibility for the delay lies solely with some members of the executive committee who ask for your indulgence.

The programme so far provides for a broad and serious introduction to one of the world's classic centres of glass manufacture.

The extensive programme includes a working session on the morning of the 22nd for which our East German hosts have planned four short talks. We hope that, in addition, several of the members of the committee will give short talks, briefings or news items. In order that we may have some idea of this, you are asked to complete the appropriate section on the registration form.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF GLASS MUSEUMS AND GLASS COLLECTIONS



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PROGRAMM:

Sonntag, 21.9.86Anreise (Übernachtung in den Hotels
"Erfurter Hof" und "Kosmos")Montag, 22.9.86

09.00 - 13.00 Uhr

Arbeitssitzungen (Thüringer Museum,
Brauhaus)

13.00 - 14.00 Uhr

Mittagessen (Brauhaus)

14.00 - 17.00 Uhr

Besichtigung Dom und Barfüßerkirche
Empfang

abends

Dienstag, 23.9.86Exkursion nach Arnstadt - Gotha -
Eisenach (Bus)

08.00 Uhr

Abfahrt von Erfurt

08.45 - 10.45 Uhr

Schlossmuseum in Arnstadt

11.00 Uhr

Abfahrt nach Gotha

11.45 - 12.00 Uhr

Imbiss

12.00 - 13.00 Uhr

Schloss Friedenstein

13.15 - 14.30 Uhr

Mittagspause (eventuell auf dem Weg
zwischen Gotha und Eisenach)

15.30 - 17.00 Uhr

Thüringer Museum Eisenach

17.30 - 18.00 Uhr

Wartburg, Kaffeepause

18.00 - 20.00 Uhr

Führung mit kleinem Konzert in der
Kapelle

20.15. Uhr

Abendessen
Rückfahrt nach ErfurtMittwoch 24.9.86

09.00 - 12.30 Uhr

Arbeitssitzung (Brauhaus)

12.45 - 13.45 Uhr

Mittagessen (Brauhaus)

14.00 - 18.00 Uhr

Stadtbesichtigung und Besuch im
AngermuseumDonnerstag, 25.9.86

07.30 Uhr

Exkursion nach Lauscha (Bus)

09.30 Uhr

Abfahrt von Erfurt

09.45 - 11.30 Uhr

Ankunft in Lauscha
Glasmuseum (mit kleinem Imbiss zur
Begrüßung)

11.45 - 12.45 Uhr

Mittagessen

13.00 - 17.00 Uhr

Besuch von Werkstätten der Glas-
künstler

17.30 Uhr

Rückfahrt nach Erfurt mit Halt zum
AbendessenFreitag, 26.9.86

Exkursion nach Weimar

Sonntag, 27.9.86Rückreise bzw. Angebots-Exkursion nach
Dresden und Leipzig

PROGRAMME:

Sunday 21 Sept. 1986

Arrival - accommodation at the Hotel
"Erfurter Hof" or "Kosmos".

Monday 22 Sept. 1986

09.00 - 13.00 Working session - Thüringer Museum,
Brauhaus
13.00 - 14.00 Lunch - Brauhaus
14.00 - 17.00 Visit to churches
Evening Reception

Tuesday 23 Sept. 1986

08.00 Excursion to Arnstadt - Gotha -
Eisenach by coach
08.45 - 10.45 Departure from Erfurt
11.00 Castle Museum in Arnstadt
11.45 - 12.00 Departure for Gotha
12.00 - 13.00 Snack
13.15 - 14.30 Friedenstein Castle
15.30 - 17.00 Lunch - possibly en route from Gotha
17.30 - 18.00 to Eisenach
18.00 - 20.00 Thüringer Museum, Eisenach
20.15 Wartburg - coffee break
Conducted tour and music in the chapel
Dinner
Return to Erfurt



Kleinplastik von Fritz Gitter, Lauscha

The Annual Meeting of the ICOM International Committee for Glass Museums and Glass Collections. Paris 9th-14th June 1985.

The meeting was held in Paris, where the Musée des Arts Décoratifs acted as host.

The meeting was attended by 24 members from abroad, covering 11 nations, as well as a large number of glass enthusiasts from France. This mixture meant that the meeting was exceptionally profitable.

SUNDAY 9th JUNE. The members met informally at the Musée des Arts Décoratifs for initial introductions.

MONDAY 10th JUNE. The Annual Meeting was officially opened with speeches by M. Francois Mathey and Mme Yvonne Brunhammer amongst others. M. Jean Luc de Olivie gave an introduction to, and led a tour of, the new "Centre du Verre" of which he is the Director.

After lunch we were introduced to the extensive cultural project "Grand Louvre". In connection with this project, there is a vast archeological investigation of the Louvre courtyard where considerable settlement strata have been preserved from the 15th to the 17th centuries. It was especially interesting to see the very large collection of glass found on the site and which was being systematically examined at the time.

The evening was spent at the Swedish Cultural Centre where we were invited to attend the opening of an exhibition of modern Swedish glass.

TUESDAY 11th JUNE. The meeting was held at the Musée des Antiquités Nationales, the French archeological museum.

We were shown the extensive collections and a series of good lectures on prehistoric and medieval glass provided a good starting point for a lively debate.

Later in the day we saw the Musée National De Céramique de Sèvres with its very large collection of chinaware from many sources as well as an interesting but very neglected collection of glass.

WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE. The Louvre allowed us to visit their extensive storage rooms which contain a large glass collection. We had a very rewarding visit and discussion, especially since it was possible to handle the objects.

After this, we visited the relevant sections of the Louvre under the guidance of M. Pierre Ennès.

The afternoon was devoted to the museum in the suburb of Saint-Denis, where, in recent years, extensive excavations of medieval settlements have taken place.

We heard a couple of very instructive lectures about medieval glass and an idea of the glassworks which operated in the town until 1932. There was also an opportunity to visit the famous cathedral.

The afternoon meeting was long and serious since we were invited to visit the Musée Baccarat, owned by the important French Baccarat glassworks. The collection is large, unique and covers the 19th and 20th centuries. We also had an opportunity to make use of the museum's large collection of catalogues.

The evening ended with the serving of champagne in beautiful crystal glasses.

THURSDAY 13th JUNE. The morning was devoted to a working meeting when we informed each other of our activities and projects. There were also a few explanatory talks. Dr. Ingeborg Krueger of Bonn gave a lecture about enamelled glass and Nina Ascharina of Moscow talked about Russian glass.

A representative of the ICOM conservator group complained about the lack of a special group on glass preservation and invited some of our members to participate in the conservator group. It will be possible to hold a meeting during the congress in Argentina in 1986.

There was a discussion of the possibility of participating in the general assembly in Argentina in 1986. Only a few thought that it would be possible for them to attend and it was decided that, by invitation from German Democratic Republic, the 1986 meeting of the Glass Committee would be held there.

It was proposed that the 1987 meeting might be in Frankfurt in April or May. Brian Blench would like us to visit Scotland in 1988 and it looks as though the general assembly in 1989 will be in Holland.

There are a few new members:

Patricia Bayer. USA. Full member.

Susanne West. USA. Non-voting member.

Glass catalogues

Jack Martin, Corning, distributed an up-to-date list in microfiche form of the known glass catalogues at the Corning Museum of Glass.

Directories

Jack Martin mentioned that he was in touch with some publishers who will print the Directory without charge to us. However, they will only print in English. He is in touch with a German publisher who, however, will not do it free.

Popular books

Jack Martin said that Dover Press was interested in publishing booklets with 24 postcards and other popular books.

Terminology of Ancient Glass

Maria Stern spoke about this project and its present position.

The afternoon was spent in visits to private collectors and dealers, which gave a good impression of French glass production.

Yvonne Brunhammer invited us to her home for refreshments.

This was a good evening for the exchange of experiences and ideas.

FRIDAY 14th JUNE. The other great cultural project in Paris is devoted to an impressive reconstruction of the enormous Orsay railway station. It is to be turned into a museum of art of the past 100 years, and expense seems to be no object.

We were given a very lively and committed introduction to the concept of the project and a guided tour which almost overwhelmed this little Dane.

In the afternoon we visited the studios of various glass artists.

In the early evening there was a visit to a very famous house built in 1931 of glass plates and situated in the rue Saint-Guillaume.

Another good meeting came to an end. It was rewarding and there were many useful contacts with museums concerned with the same interests, apart from the fact that we gained a knowledge of French glass that could not be equalled merely by a reading of the literature.

We wish to express the very warmest thanks to our hosts at the Musée des Arts Decoratifs for the great work they had done in arranging and carrying out the meeting with such success. Thank you!

Aalborg, 8th November 1985

Jan Kock

On the 6th February we received warm greetings from Jean-Luc Ollivié and a reminder that the Centre de Verre will continue to be available with such knowledge and information as it possesses.

fonctionnaient dans la ville jusqu'en 1932. Nous avons également eu la possibilité de visiter la célèbre cathédrale.

La réunion de l'après-midi était longue et sérieuse puisque nous avions été invité au Musée Baccarat, qui appartient à l'importante verrerie française de Baccarat.

La collection est grande, unique et couvre le XIX^e et le XX siècle. Nous avons également l'occasion de consulter la grande collection de catalogues. La soirée s'est terminée avec du champagne servit dans de superbes verres en cristal.

Jedi 13 juin : La matinée était consacrée à une réunion de travail où nous nous sommes informé les uns les autres de nos activités et de nos projets. Il y a également eu quelques exposés explicatifs. Dr Ingeborg Krueger de Bonn a donné une communication sur le verre émaillé et Nina Ascharina de Moscou a parlé à propos de veres russes.

Un groupe représentatif du groupe ICOM-conservation s'est plaint à propos de l'absence d'un groupe spécial sur la conservation du verre et a invité certains de nos membres à participer au groupe de conservation. Il sera possible de tenir une réunion durant le congrés en Argentine en 1986.

Il y eu un échange de vue sur la possibilité de participer à la réunion annuelle en Argentine en 1986. Seuls quelques uns pensent qu'il sera possible pour eux d'y participer et il a été décidé que, sur l'invitation de l'Allemagne de l'Est, la réunion de 1986 se tiendra là.

Il a été proposé que la réunion de 1987 se tienne à FRANCFORT en avril ou en mai, Brian Bleuch voudrait que nous visitions l'Ecosse en 1988 et il semble que la réunion annuelle de 1989 se tiendra aux Pays-Bas.

Il y a quelques nouveaux membres :

Patricia Bayer USA, membre

Susanne West USA, membre non votant.

Catalogues sur le verre

Jack Martin, Corning, a distribué une liste à jour sur microfiche des catalogues de verre connus au Musée du Verre de Corning.

Repertoire

Jack Martin mentionne qu'il a été en contact avec certains éditeurs qui vont imprimer le Répertoire sans frais pour nous. Cependant, ils l'imprimeront uniquement en anglais. Il est en contact avec un éditeur allemand que ne veut pas le faire gratuitement.

Livres populaires

Jack Martin dit que Dover Press était intéressé par la publication de fascicules de 24 cartes postales et autres livres populaires.

Terminologie du verre ancien

Maria Stern nous a parlé de ce projet et de sa situation actuelle. L'après-midi se passa à visiter des collectionneurs privés et des marchands qui ont donné une bonne impression de la production de verre française. Yvonne Brunhammer nous a invité chez elle pour quelques rafraichissements. C'était une bonne soirée pour l'échange d'expériences et d'idées.

Vendredi 14 juin : Un autre grand projet culturel à Paris est consacré à une impressionnante reconstruction de l'énorme gare d'Orsay. Elle est en train d'être transformée en musée de l'art des cent dernières années et les dépenses se semblent pas avoir d'importance.

Il nous a été donné une introduction vivante et engagée à la conception du projet et une visite guidée qui a submergé ce petit Danois.

Dans l'après-midi nous avons visité les ateliers de différents artistes.

En début de soirée, il y a eu une visite d'une maison célèbre construite en 1931 en briques de verre et située rue Saint Guillaume.

Une autre bonne réunion arrivait à sa fin, ça en valait la peine et il y a eu beaucoup de contacts utiles avec des musées concernés par les mêmes intérêts, en dehors du fait que nous avons gagné une connaissance du verre français qui ne peut pas être comparée à la lecture d'articles.

Nous souhaitons exprimer nos remerciements les plus chaleureux à nos hôtes au Musée des Arts décoratifs pour l'énorme travail qu'ils ont fourni en organisant et en menant à bien la réunion avec un tel succès.

Jan Kock
Secrétaire

Paris, le 6 février 1986

Cher Jan,

Merci de ne pas oublier de mentionner dans le Glass News que le Centre du Verre désirerait être informé par l'ICOM, de toutes leurs publications et que d'autre part nous sommes à leur disposition.

Jean-Luc Olivie