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Much has been achieved over the last few months. One of the crucial milestones was the timely relaunch of the ERIH-Website which has received very positive feedback on Facebook. Furthermore we can look back to the successful event in the European Parliament in Brussels at which we launched our brand-new brochure "European Industrial Heritage – The International Story".

This newsletter's topics are as follows:

- Online: successful implementation of the new ERIH website
- Published: "European Industrial Heritage – The International Story"
- EU: Review of the presentation of the ERIH network in the European Parliament
- Event: it’s not too late to register for the ERIH annual conference in Porto

Online: successful implementation of the new ERIH website

The recently relaunched website of the European Route of Industrial Heritage (erih.net) presents an up-to-date, user-friendly, and attractive design. In particular, the 99 Anchor Points, leading members of the ERIH network because of their trans-regional importance, benefit from enriched illustration features. But ERIH sites of local significance also benefit from improved presentation on the website. The intuitive navigation makes orientation easy and allows targeted searches.

An overview of the industrial heritage sites' geographical distribution is presented by a map of Europe. It starts with the central part of the continent and can be easily expanded by drag and zoom options. Each search can be refined by geographical filters and special features. Alternatively the button 'I want to go there' provides all ERIH sites listed alphabetically by country, whereas the menu option 'How it started' generates content referring to Europe’s industrial history and biographies of people who played a pivotal role in it.

For more details see http://bit.ly/New_ERIH_website_launched

Send amendments and new photos to our webmaster

We kindly ask all members to check their presence on our website and send any amendments, comments or corrections to our webmaster. Also new photos are welcome.

ERIH-Webmaster Rainer Klenner: webmaster@erih.net

New brochure published: "European Industrial Heritage – The International Story"

The brochure was published with a view to the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018. It is intended to give an impetus to ERIH sites to include in their presentations the European dimension of Industrial history.

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Every town, every industrial monument, and every worker’s estate was, and still is, part of this process of industrialisation that started in Europe and subsequently spread across the world. But most visitors are still unaware of this. The closely connected network of European industrial regions that continue to inspire and strengthen each other is something that is rarely presented today at most industrial monuments and attractions.

The new brochure seeks to change that. Written by Dr. Barrie Trinder and funded by the European Commission’s framework programme ‘Creative Europe’, it encourages ERIH sites to present the European dimension of industrialisation to their visitors. Like the ERIH theme routes, the brochure outlines the history of the various industrial sectors, thus creating an exciting European narrative.

Of course this is not intended to be exhaustive. Rather, the brochure is a first step in presenting this complex subject and we look forward to receiving amendments and ideas to continue telling this exciting story.

Pdf Download: http://www.erih.net/how-it-started/the-international-story/

EU: review of the presentation of the ERIH network in the European Parliament

How can we stimulate lasting enthusiasm and interest among Europeans about their shared history and legacy of industrialisation? How can the tourism potential of this legacy be promoted? How can the European Union help to foster and better connect the tourism use of industrial heritage sites in Europe? And how can ERIH contribute to the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018?

Those were some of the questions raised during a three hour panel debate in the European Parliament on 28th September. The event, which was hosted by MEPs Prof. Dr. Dietmar Köster and Marek Plura, included presentations by ERIH representatives about the network’s best practices and future perspectives.

After an introduction to the ERIH network by Christiane Baum, Secretary General of ERIH, Prof. Massimo Preite, ERIH Board member, explained the significance of industrial heritage as a shared European legacy.

Dr. Adam Hajduga, ERIH Board member and Head of Unit for Industrial Heritage Promotion in the Silesian Voivodeship, presented the Regional Route Silesia. His presentation illustrated ERIH’s networking benefits and its potential to generate events of national importance like the annual “Industriada” which he described as a Silesian version of the “Extraschicht” festival in The Ruhr.
He stressed ERIH’s importance as a platform for the exchange of experience.

Zollverein Coal Mine was presented as an excellent example of the successful conversion of a former industrial facility into a tourism and cultural attraction by Jolanta Nölle, Board member of the Zollverein Foundation. She outlined the development of Zollverein Coal Mine into an outstanding industrial monument and particularly stressed its attraction as a location for designers, research centres and academic institutions.

Walter Zampieri, Head of Unit for Cultural Policy and Intercultural Dialogue at the Directorate-General for Education and Culture, European Commission, looked ahead to the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 and announced that the European Union will focus particularly on the promotion of collaborative projects and networks, which is good news for ERIH.

The event was attended by over 100 delegates and it provided an excellent opportunity to raise awareness about ERIH within the European Commission and related organisations.

Presentations for Download:
http://www.erih.net/service/downloads/

Event:
It is not too late to register for the ERIH annual conference in Porto!

There are still places available for the ERIH Annual Conference from October 26th to 29th in Porto, Portugal.
Also the General Assembly of the ERIH association will be held during the conference on 28th October 2016.

For more details including registration form and conference programme see

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