

# THE INTERNATIONAL TERRACED LANDSCAPES ALLIANCE - ITLA

## NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2024

## Reports and News from ITLA world member networks

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The ITLA newsletter of June 2024 continues to give information about the activities that the Network is implementing in the various associated territories.

In particular, the Newsletter gives information about: ABPS Dry Stone Congress in France (February 24); next activities in Italy with regard to dry stone workshops and the competition in Terragnolo (Trentino Italian Region); the Stone and Wine Festival in Austria next week; UNISCAPE Assembly in Tenerife (Spain) in July; the autumn Tanada Congress in Ueda, Nagano, Japan and the next encounter of the Central European network in the Black Forest near Freiburg (SW-Germany).



### Italy. Terragnolo Festival 15 - 16 June 2024 and ITLA Member Meeting in Sega

The International Festival and Dry Stone Contest has been confirmed by Massimo Stoffella and 5 teams will compete on June 16 for the well done wall in Geroli, Terragnolo. The ITLA Member Meeting will be organised in the Venetian Mill of Sega on June 15 after 3 pm. All members of ITLA are invited to join where we will exchange our experiences in the different networks, deliberate about the future of ITLA and plan the forthcoming Vth Congress in Bhutan including the formation of the preparatory visit team. The team from Cyprus accompanied by Sevina Floridou will present their work and plans for 2024 and beyond uniting forces.



### Japan - Next Tanada

On the Japan TANADA summit,

1) dates are 17-18 October 2024.

2) venue is Ueda city, Nagano prefecture.

Please contact our ITLA delegate in Japan for further information: [Prof. em. Yamaji Eiji](mailto:Prof.em.Yamaji.Eiji)



### Next Terraced Landscapes Encounter in Central Europe - 18 - 20 October 2024

The German language network of ITLA from Central Europe will get together from 18 to 20 October 24 in the St. Ulrich Training Center near Freiburg. We will exchange our recent experiences, future initiatives and the topics of Terrace Pedagogy, Dry Stone Wall Courses as well as UNESCO Heritage proposals from Mosel and Rhein. Please inform me if you are interested to join the meeting by July 29.



Photo: Historic terraced vineyards: expressive witnesses of European landscape culture (Photograph: C. Pöhl)

**Spain.** Sabina Asins, the coordinator of the Spanish ITLA network, has sent an announcement.

The European Dry Stone Network – REPS association. The European Dry Stone Network (Red Europea de la Piedra en Seco - REPS), created in 2018, brings together a partnership from Cyprus, Greece, Italy, United Kingdom and Spain, aware of the need to safeguard and restore dry stone heritage in a sustainable and responsible way.

Although a number of public administrations and associations have taken steps to restore the craft, create local heritage discovery routes or develop agricultural activities, we need to go beyond the local/regional scale and make proposals on a European level to safeguard the dry stone heritage.

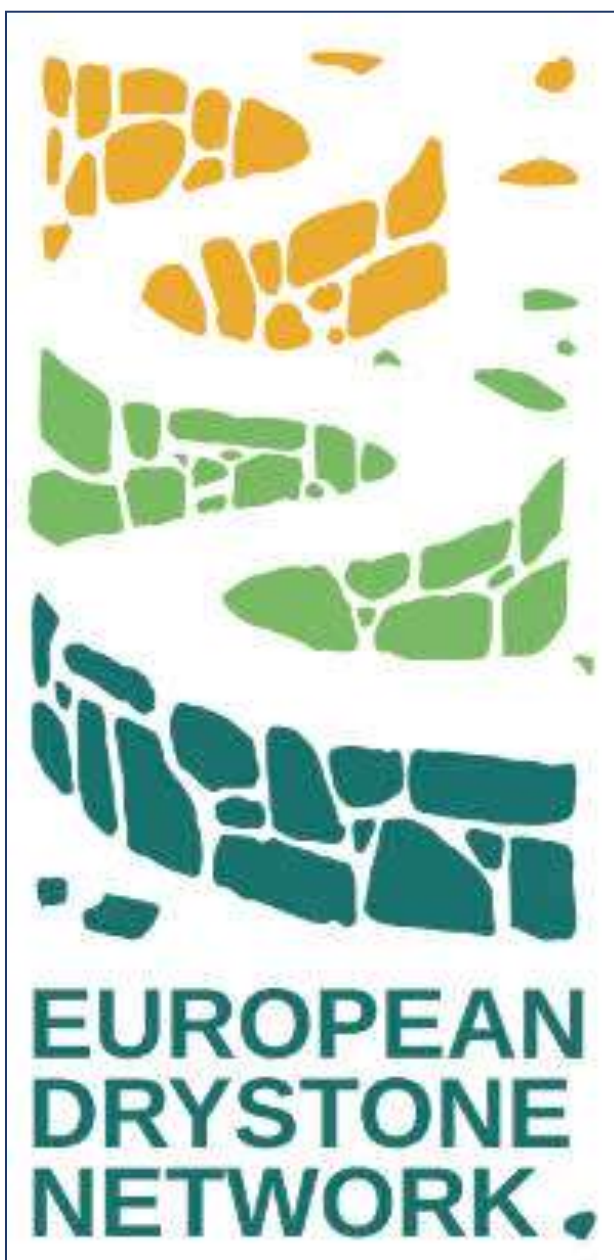
To achieve this goal, the association wants to set up an European dry stone heritage cultural route to raise awareness of rural landscapes marked by the art of dry stone construction. The project is based on the idea that knowing dry stone landscapes, experiencing them, and feeling part of them, is the key to their preservation. The association aims to promote discovery tours, activities for children and young people, dry stone training courses, exchanges of dry stone builders, multidisciplinary research activities, the involvement of local communities as a living part of this heritage, etc., all along the route.

Today, the association is focusing its efforts on creating the route and preparing the application to obtain the "Council of Europe Cultural Route" label.

This certification can offer us many advantages, including a guarantee of excellence, international visibility, networking in the field of heritage, funding opportunities at European, national, regional and local level, access to Council of Europe events and training courses, etc.

The founding members of the association are working to identify other European regions and encourage them to take part in the route, as the importance and vast extent of this heritage in European rural areas makes it necessary to involve as many territories as possible.

If your organisation shares our objectives and wishes to become a member, please visit our website at <http://drystoneroute.eu> and contact us at [drystoneroute.reps@gmail.com](mailto:drystoneroute.reps@gmail.com)



### **UNISCAPE Assembly in Santa Cruz de Tenerife**

UNISCAPE is organising the International Conference: People and Disciplines in Function of the Landscape from 8 - 12 of July in Tenerife. The General Assembly will be held on July 10th and as ITLA has an observer status with UNISCAPE, ITLA members are invited to act as delegates during the Assembly.

The Conference provides an opportunity to critically reflect upon the relationship between landscape, men, and women, from the radically different landscape-centered perspective. How (or why) landscape-centric approach has (and still can) made a significant difference in our lifestyles, habits, and other patterns that design our evolution on the Planet Earth?

The Conference is also a tribute to the Canarian poet and writer Pedro García Cabrera and his book “El Hombre en función del Paisaje” (Man in the function of the landscape), which inspired the title and also the content of this conference, which aims at exploring, among others, the reasons why Art always merges with Landscape Culture to design possible fortunate, although uncertain, expressions of human’s territorial, emotional and metaphysical conditions. See the program and [full announcement here](#) and contact UNISCAPE at [info@uniscape.eu](mailto:info@uniscape.eu)



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