

century, Congresses were organized almost annually; this established a firm foundation for Theosophists to come together regularly, so that even during the war years Congresses still took place.

In the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Congresses were organized after every three or four years. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, there have been four Congresses until now: in 2003 in Naarden, The Netherlands (Centenary of the EFTS); in 2004 in Porto, Portugal; in 2007 in Helsinki, Finland; and in 2010 in Rome, Italy (World Congress).

Since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, there have been six Congresses in France. The latest Congress in Paris, which was World Congress, took place in 1971. The latest Congress in France took place in 1984 in Poitiers, which means that exactly after 30 years, in 2014 to be precise, which is also 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Federation of the Theosophical Society, the 37<sup>th</sup> European Congress will be organized again in France, this time in its capital, Paris.

The aim of the 37<sup>th</sup> European Congress is to bring members and sympathizers together from Europe and the world, and furthermore to investigate the connection between science and spirituality today.

Special guests are:

**Tim Boyd**, International President of the TS-Adyar

**Andrej Detala**, scientist and writer

**Ulrich Mornoff**, teacher and researcher

**Muriel Pécastaing-Boissière**, senior lecturer at Sorbonne University

**Luc Lambs**, senior scientist and researcher at Toulouse University

Other distinguished speakers are:

**Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu**, Chairperson of the European Federation of the TS and General Secretary of the TS France

**Halldór Haraldsson**, General Secretary of the TS Iceland

**Antonio Girardi**, General Secretary of the TS Italy

**Graciela Ricci**, psycholinguist and semiologist, TS member, Italy

**Jacques Mahnich**, aeronautical engineer, TS member, France