

Short History of the Congresses in Europe

The first Congress in Europe took place in 1903 in London, England, with the guest speaker Colonel Henry S. Olcott. In the beginning of the 20th 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 20th century, Congresses were organized after every three or four years. In the 21st 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 20th 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 111th anniversary of the European Federation of the Theosophical Society, the 37th European Congress will be organized again in France, this time in its capital, Paris.

The aim of the 37th 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 expected and will be announced.

Programme

The programme of the Congress includes lectures and symposium talks. Also a classical music concert and light programmes by the sections are scheduled. On two days the programme ends early in the afternoon.

Detailed programme of the Congress will be published in due time.

The programme of the Congress will be partly broadcasted online. (Livestream)