



Xth F.I.R.A
INTERNATIONAL FORUM
OF FINE BOOKBINDING

26 – 29 May 2011

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The City of Bruges
World heritage city

The bookbinding exhibition will take place at

Public Library “*Biekorf*”
Kuipersstraat 3
B 8000 Brugge

From 26 May to 7 July 2011

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The Xth F.I.R.A. is organised by A.R.A. Belgica and the City of Bruges, the world heritage city. Situated in the heart of Flanders, Belgium this city is worldwide known as the Venice of the North, Bruges is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

The city of Bruges thus hosts the Xth F.I.R.A. in the recently renovated public library :

Biekorf
(litterally the bee-hive)

This site, with its exacting standards, provides an ideal setting for the preservation of books.

The Forum has been conceived not only as an artistic but also as great cultural event. To the feast of finely bound books are invited all those who love and appreciate them : professionals, amateurs, artists, bibliophiles, librarians, restorers, apprentice bookbinders, all those who are friends of books, of art and beauty.

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Rules and regulations for participating in the exhibition

Each participant is limited to one binding, the size of which will not exceed ±25 x 32 cm, nor should have been previously exhibited. Jansenist bindings and blank books are not permitted.

The bindings will be presented to an exterior jury appointed by A.R.A.

Belgica, whose choice will be absolute and without appeal.

If the number of entries should exceed the capacity of the exhibition space, the jury would have to carry out a complementary selection.

The entry fee is € 100,00 for A.R.A. members and € 130,00 for not-members.

The entry form (included), which can also be downloaded from our website : www.arabelgica.be should be sent before 31th March 2010 to :

A.R.A. Belgica
Vijfseweg 21
B 8790 Waregem
Belgium
mail : cdz1@skynet.be
fax : +32-56.60.97.35

Payment should only be made by a bank transfer to the account of ARA Belgica : -no cheques-

Bank : BNP Paribas Fortis, Montagne du Parc 3, 1000 Brussels
Phone : +32.2.433.40.34 – Email : info@fortisbanking.be
IBAN account nr : BE48 0014 3554 4527 – ARA Belgica
Bank identifier code (BIC) : GEBABEBB

Bindings and technical description thereof should be delivered before 15 November 2010 to :

Openbare Bibliotheek “ Biekorf ”
Xth International Forum of Fine Bookbinding
c/o ARA Belgica
Kuipersstraat 3
B 8000 BRUGGE

Postal insurance is the responsibility of the participants.
The municipal library will bear the insurance expenditure during the whole duration of the exhibition. In the case of absence of declared value the organisers will attribute a lump sum for the binding concerned of € 200,00. The package, which should be strong, shock-resistant and re-usable with name and address of sender properly labelled. A self-addressed label should be included with the book for it to be returned.

ARA Belgica will return the bindings as from 15 July 2011.
Bindings not selected by the committee will be returned before the opening of the exhibition.
One copy on the exhibition catalogue will be sent to all participants, regardless of whether their binding was selected or not.

By signing the entry form, participants declare their acceptance of the above rules.

Programme :
26 May : Opening of the exhibition and reception
27 May : Lectures, visit to the city museums, official dinner
28 May : Lectures, visit to the city museums
29 May : organised city tours

A detailed programme will be sent and the end of 2010.