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Program

Wednesday · October 7

- 08:15** Accreditation of Congress attendees
 - 09:00** Welcome by the Secretary General for Foreign Affairs, Marian Elorza
 - 09:10** Opening of the Congress by the Lehendakari, Iñigo Urkullu
 - 09:20** Opening speech by Kingsley Aikins, CEO of “Diaspora Matters”
 - 10:00** Coffee break
 - 10:30** Report on emigration of Basque youth (Itsaso Andueza, president of the Basque Youth Council)
 - 10:50** Today’s Basque emigration as seen by young university students (Rosa Arburua, Donostia teaching college, UPV/EHU)
 - 11:10** Debate on generational change-over
 - 12:10** Presentation of the “eLiburutegia” project (Imanol Agote, director for cultural heritage in the Basque government)
 - 12:30** Trans-oceanic relations from the 15th century to the present day (Xabier Agote, president of the “Albaola” foundation for Basque maritime heritage)
 - 12:50** Round table on the future of the Euskal Etxeak: cultural and education programs and their dissemination
 - 14:00** Lunch
 - 15:30** Round table on opening up the Euskal Etxeak: cooperation with other diasporas and opening up to society
- RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:
- 16:30** Basque congresses in Argentina (Magdalena Mignaburu, Josu Legarreta)
 - 17:00** “Ekin” publishers of Buenos Aires and “Euskal Erria” publishers of Montevideo (María Elena Etcheverry de Irujo, Xabier Irujo, Alberto Irigoyen)
 - 17:30** Research project on the Basque center in Caracas and Basque exile in Venezuela (Xabier Irujo, Alberto Irigoyen)
 - 18:00** 40th anniversary of the first Boise-Oñati exchange (Iñaki Galdos)

Thursday · October 8

- 09:00** Euskara Munduan (Joseba Erkizia, director of HABE)
- 09:30** Presentation of the Mintzanet project (Ritxi Lizartza, “Mara-Mara”)
- 09:45** Debate
- 11:00** Coffee break
- 11:30** “Memoria Bizia” program to collect oral testimony of Basque emigration (Pedro Oiarzabal, Universidad de Deusto)
- 12:00** Debate
- 12:30** “Leadership for Equality” (Maitane Urbietta, Eraberria Aholkularitza)
- 13:00** Debate on the role of women in Basque centers
- 14:00** Lunch
- 15:30** Election of representatives to the Advisory Council

BOOK PRESENTATIONS:

- 16:30** Enciclopedia biográfica de los vascos en el oeste americano / Biographical encyclopedia of Basques in the American West (Koldo San Sebastián)
- 17:00** Ponencias del seminario sobre la emigración vasca a Cuba / Papers from the seminar on Basque emigration to Cuba (William Douglass)
- 17:30** Los vascos en Antioquia durante el reinado de los Austrias 1510-1700 / The Basques in Antioquia during the reign of the Habsburgs 1510-1700 (John Ricaurte)
- 18:00** Identidad y estructura de la emigración vasca y navarra hacia Iberoamérica, siglos XVI-XXI / Identity and structure of Basque and Navarrese emigration to Latin America in the 16th-21st centuries (José Manuel Azcona)

Friday · October 9

- 09:00** Assessment of the 2012-2015 four-year plan
- 09:30** Drawing up and approval of the proposed four-year plan for 2016-2019
- 12:00** End of the Congress

- 13:15** Reception at the Lehendakaritza for the official delegations taking part
- 14:00** Closing speech by William A. Douglass, emeritus professor of the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada
- 14:20** Closing of the Congress by the Lehendakari, Iñigo Urkullu

