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**Martí i Bella**

Dear friends:

As many of you will already know, this year, the XVIth International Congress on Dry Stone (CIPS-18) is being held in Ciutadella de Menorca, according to the decision made by the General Assembly of the SPS during XVth Congress CIPS-16 in Kefalonia (Greece) in September 2016. The "Martí i Bella Archaeological Historical Society" (SHAMB) having been entrusted with the task of organizing the Congress in October 26, 27 and 28 of the present 2018, together with the International Society on Dry Stone (SPS) have the satisfaction and honor of communicating that over the last few months we have enthusiastically prepared the organization of this, which is going to be an important event for our island and for our city. The importance of this International Congress is evident, as it will be exclusively dedicated to the study of a constructive technique present in wide areas of the planet, with the exclusive use of stones as constructive material and with a technique that, in the case of Menorca, goes back as far as the talayotic constructions. In spite of the lack of historical and scientific interest, before the 18th century all the evidence lead us to believe that this type of constructions were already present in the middle ages, and even before, connecting with the " Talayotic culture " which can be found all over the island. So we should not disregard the importance of this" culture of stone "in the configuration of a landscape that the Ministry of Culture of Spain has inscribed in the publication of" 100 cultural landscapes of Spain " These and many other aspects of Dry Stone will be developed at the CIPS-18 Congress. Open the links:

[www.pierreseche-international.org](http://www.pierreseche-international.org) and  
[www.shamartibella.es](http://www.shamartibella.es)

At the end of the week, to complete the Cogress on October 22, 23, 24 and 25, there will be a Restoration Workshop in La Barraca "in Es Pinaret, as a pilot experince with the aim of bringing together dry stone craftsmen of different nationalities. In this way we intend to create a "pool" of exchange of the techniques used in the restoration of a particular work.

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Cordial greetings

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