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Kingdom of Belgium

Belgische Valkerij Federatie
"Valkeniers.be"
Fédération Belge de la Fauconnerie



"Falconry" is duly included in the official inventory of intangible cultural heritage of Flanders/Belgium (published on <http://www.kunstenerfgoed.be> > erfgoed > immaterieel cultureel erfgoed > inventaris Vlaanderen > register) since 2009. The Arts and Heritage Agency of the Flemish Ministry for Culture is responsible for maintaining the inventory (Arenbergstraat 9, 1000 Brussels, Belgium). The official inventory contains the documents of the Ministerial Decisions of including an element of intangible heritage in the Flemish Inventory and is kept by the Arts and Heritage Agency. The documents can be consulted at the offices in Brussels.

In conformity with articles 11 and 12 of the Convention, the following procedure has been developed. Communities can submit proposals regarding the item of intangible cultural heritage they want to be included in the inventory. There is an official announcement via the media and via several websites. These submissions (in Dutch) have to outline the extent of the community and safeguarding actions for which the requesting community has to co-operate with an official heritage institution that is recognised/funded within the scope of Flemish Decree on Cultural Heritage (2008). These submissions are reviewed by a commission of experts appointed by the Flemish Minister of Culture, composed by Flemish and Dutch experts in order to examine the applications and to give advice to the Flemish minister responsible for culture. After the ministerial decision the (new) items that are included on the inventory are communicated by official press communication and by means of websites.

The communities which submitted the elements that are included in the inventory are to report on a yearly basis on the safeguarding activities that have been undertaken. These reports are examined by the aforementioned commission of experts.

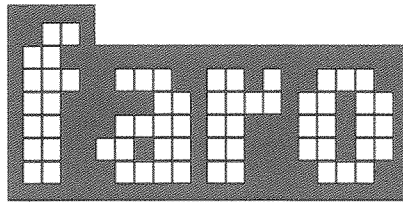
Every falconry club in Belgium has been actively involved in the inventory making. The progress is monitored through scheduled meetings, every two months. For non-affiliated falconers, information is disseminated through a public website and forum: <http://www.valkeniers.be>. More than 1900 people have registered with the website and a newsletter has been distributed to report progress.

Best regards,

Kris Ulens
Chairman

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VLAAMS STEUNPUNT VOOR CULTUREEL ERFGOED

To : UNESCO Intangible Heritage Section
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Cc : Kris Ulens

Brussels, 31 July 2009

LETTER OF SUPPORT for the candidature of FALCONRY for the representative list

FARO. Flemish Interface Centre for Cultural Heritage (FARO. Vlaams steunpunt voor cultureel erfgoed vzw: NGO accepted for accreditation in 2008 by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, meeting in Istanbul) hereby declares that it wishes to give full support to the Belgian/Flemish co-candidature (member state Belgium) to the multinational candidature file, *Arts of falconry/L'art de la Fauconnerie*, submitted by the United Arab Emirates (in collaboration with other states).

As a support point, as an interface centre and as an organisation for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage we will help and support the Belgian Falconers in their endeavour for safeguarding this form of intangible cultural heritage, both in the Flemish Community (where it is included in the Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage Flanders)/Belgium as on the international level.

With kind regards

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Letter of support for the candidature of falconry for the representative list

Hofstade, 31 July 2009

Dear Madam/Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that our organization, Sportimonium, fully supports the Belgian-Flemish co-candidature in the international candidature of *Arts of falconry*, submitted by the United Arab Emirates to be included in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Sportimonium is a museum, officially recognized on a national level, which takes care of both the tangible and intangible heritage of sports and games, including falconry. Sportimonium will continue its collaboration with the Belgian falconer community and will help the falconers to safeguard this kind of intangible cultural heritage and support them in their striving for inclusion in the above mentioned Unesco-list.

Sincerely yours

Erik De Vroede
director



Het Sportimonium, meer dan een museum over sport



Ministerieel besluit betreffende de opname van elementen van immaterieel cultureel erfgoed in de Inventaris van Immaterieel Cultureel Erfgoed Vlaanderen

DE VLAAMSE MINISTER VAN CULTUUR, JEUGD, SPORT EN BRUSSEL,

Gelet op de conventie betreffende de bescherming van het immaterieel cultureel erfgoed, opgemaakt in Parijs op 17 oktober 2003, en goedgekeurd bij het decreet van 10 februari 2006;

Gelet op het besluit van de Vlaamse Regering van 27 juli 2004 tot bepaling van de bevoegdheden van de leden van de Vlaamse Regering, gewijzigd bij de besluiten van de Vlaamse Regering van 15 oktober 2004, 23 december 2005, 19 mei 2006, 30 juni 2006, 1 september 2006, 15 juni 2007, 28 juni 2007, 10 oktober 2007, 14 november 2007, 5 september 2008, 22 september 2008 en 6 januari 2009;

Gelet op het reglement immaterieel cultureel erfgoed 2009;

Overwegende de motivering opgenomen in het advies van de ad hoc beoordelingscommissie immaterieel cultureel erfgoed, gegeven op 22 april 2009, welke volledig worden onderschreven en geacht worden integraal deel uit te maken van deze beslissing;

BESLUIT:

Enig artikel. De volgende elementen van immaterieel cultureel erfgoed worden opgenomen in de Inventaris van immaterieel cultureel erfgoed Vlaanderen:

Naam element	Sint-Rochusverlichting
Aanvrager	Stad Aarschot
Naam element	Fiertelommegang of Fiertel
Aanvrager	Stadsbestuur Ronse
Naam element	Boeteprocessie Veurne
Aanvrager	Sodaliteit van de gekruisigde zaligmaker
Naam element	Belgische Valkerij Federatie "valkeniers.be"
Aanvrager	De kunst van de valkerij
Naam element	Garnaalvisserij te paard in Oostduinkerke
Aanvrager	Gemeente Koksijde
Naam element	Sinterklaas- en Sint-Maartensgebruiken in Vlaanderen
Aanvrager	Erfgoedcel Waasland
Naam element	Het Ros Beiaard en de Ros Beiaardommegang van Dendermonde
Aanvrager	Ros Beiaardscomité

Naam element	Het jaartallenleven van Leuven
Aanvrager	Verbond der Jaartallen

Naam element	De Bommelsfeesten
Aanvrager	Stedelijke Raad der Bommels

Naam element	Zevenjaarlijkse Virga Jessefeesten te Hasselt
Aanvrager	Comité 7-jaarlijkse Virga Jessefeesten

Brussel,

De Vlaamse minister van Cultuur, Jeugd, Sport en Brussel,



Bert ANCIAUX

Vlaamse Regering
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Betreft : Letter of Support Flemish Minister of Culture

"Valkeniers.be"

LETTER OF SUPPORT

I have the honour to inform you that, upon further examination within my administration,

The Flemish Minister of Culture (Belgium)

Wishes to give its full support to the multinational nomination

'The Art of Falconry'

Name and signature

Place and date
Brussels July 9th, 2009



Bert Anciaux
Vlaams Minister van Cultuur, Jeugd, Sport en Brussel

CC: UNESCO Intangible Heritage Section
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Nos références à rappeler lors d'un prochain courrier

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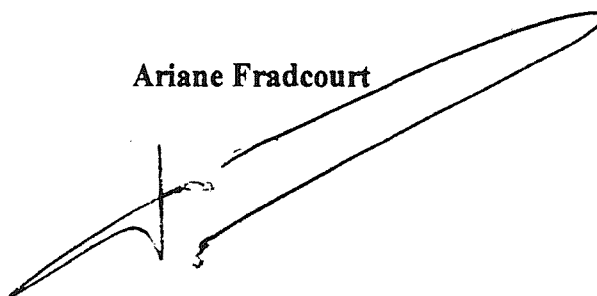
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Chère Madame Duvelle,

Par la présente, nous confirmons notre soutien, au nom de la Communauté française, au dossier de candidature internationale « L'Art de la Fauconnerie - The Art of Falconery » présenté par les Emirats Arabes Unis, avec la Belgique (Communauté française et Vlaamse Gemeenschap), la France, la République tchèque, l'Autriche, la Mongolie et la Corée, en vue de l'inscription sur la liste représentative du patrimoine culturel immatériel de l'humanité.

En vous remerciant de votre intérêt pour le dossier de candidature international, je vous prie d'agréer l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

Ariane Fradcourt



Directrice générale adjointe
Service général du Patrimoine Culturel et des Arts Plastiques