
PROGRAMME OF THE 1999 WORLD CONGRESS ON BASQUE COMMUNITIES

PRE-CONGRESS PROGRAMME

20.10.99 Wednesday: Álava

09,00	Welcome from the Vice President, Idoia Zenarruzabeitia
09,30	Projection of the «Nere Herria» slide show
10,15	Departure to the Basque Parliament
10,30	Visit to the Basque Parliament
12,00	Trip to Laguardia
14,30	Lunch provided by the Alava Provincial Government
16,30	Visit around Laguardia
18,15	Return to Hotel

21.10.99 Thursday: Bizkaia

09,15	Visit to the Archives of Basque Nationalism in Artea
10,30	Trip to the Bilbao Town Hall
11,15	Reception at the Bilbao Town Hall
12,30	Trip to Leioa
13,00	Opening of «Euskal Etxeak» square
13,30	Transfer to Artaza Palace
13,45	Lunch provided by the Presidency of the Basque Government
15,30	Trip to the Guggenheim
16,00	Visit around the museum
18,15	Transfer to the Euskalduna Conference Centre
18,30	Visit around the Euskalduna Conference Centre
19,30	Transfer to the Bizkaia Provincial Government
20,00	Reception hosted by the President of the Bizkaia Provincial Government
21,30	Return to hotel

22.10.99 Friday: Gipuzkoa

10,30	Visit to the Miramon Technology Park and Company Incubator in San Sebastian
11,30	Trip to the Kursaal Conference Centre
12,00	Visit around the Kursaal Conference Centre
12,45	Transfer to the Gipuzkoa Provincial Government
13,00	Reception hosted by the President of the Provincial Government and lunch offered by the Gipuzkoa Provincial Government
16,30	Transfer to hotel
Free afternoon	

23.10.99 Saturday: Navarre

09,30	Departure from hotel to Pamplona
10,15	Guided tour (old quarter and cathedral)
13,30	Lunch in Javier
16,00	Visit around Javier castle
17,00	Departure to Olite
18,00	Visit around Olite Castle
Once the visit has finished, return to Vitoria-Gasteiz	

24.10.99 Sunday: Gipuzkoa-Iparralde

10,30	Departure for Loyola Visit of Loyola: the Basilica and the saint's house
14,00	Lunch at Getaria
15,30	Departure for Biarritz
Afternoon free	
19,00	Departure for Vitoria-Gasteiz

25.10.99 Monday: Gernika

09,15	Visit Deia
10,15	Transfer to Gernika
12,00	Visit the Assembly House
13,00	Visit the town
14,30	Lunch offered by «Juntas Generales» of Bizkaia
16,15	Transfer to Gernika: Pelota games
21,00	Depart Gernika

26.10.99 Tuesday: Entrepreneurial and Technological Day

08,30	Leave hotel and head towards the Miñao Technology Park
09,00	Tour around the Technology Park
10,15	Transfer to Arrasate
11,00	Visit to MCC
13,30	Lunch
16,00	Transfer to hotel

CONGRESS SESSIONS

Tuesday, 26th October

18,30 horas	Opening Ceremony
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Wednesday, 27th October

09,30	The Internationalisation of the Basque Country Speaker: Mr. Josu Jon Imaz. Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism Introduced by: Mr. Iñaki Aguirre Chair: Josu Legarreta
10,00	Questions and proposals
11,00	Evaluation of the 1995-99 4-year plan. The Basque Government's perspective Speaker: Mr. Iñaki Aguirre Introduced by: Mr. Josu Legarreta Chair: Mr. Iñaki Esnal
11,30	Questions and proposals
12,00	Evaluation of the 1995-99 4-year plan. The Basque Centres' perspective Speaker: Mr. Iñaki Esnal Introduced by: Mr. Iñaki Aguirre Chair: Mr. Josu Legarreta
12,30	Questions and Proposals
13,30	Lunch
15,45	Round table: the past and present of Basque Centres Speakers; The United States (Mrs. Gloria Totorica), Spain (Mr. Ignacio Guerrero) and Venezuela (Mr. Xabier Guisasola) Chair: Mr. Josu Legarreta

- 17,30 Round Table: The future and financing of the Basque Centres
Speakers: Mexico (Mr. Josu Garritz), Argentina (Mr. Ramón Arozarena) and Chile (Mr. Joseba Armendariz)
Chair: Mr. Iñaki Aguirre
- 20,00 Reception offered by the Vitoria-Gasteiz Town Hall (Escoriza Esquivel Palace)

Thursday, 28th October

- 08,45 Health-care policy in the Basque Country
Speaker: Mr. Sabin Intxaurreaga. Minister for Justice, Labour and Social Security
Introduced by: Mr. Ricardo Ansotegui, Provincial Minister for Social Welfare from the Bizkaia Provincial Government
Chair: Mr. Koldo Arrese, Director for Social Welfare at the Basque Government
- 09,15 Questions and proposals
- 09,45 Election of 1 representative per country to draft the proposal for the Congress conclusions and 3 representatives for the Advisory Board of Basque Communities
- 11,00 Basque culture
Speaker: Mrs. Mari Karmen Garmendia, Minister for Culture
Introduced by: Mr. Pedro de Sancristóval, Head of Culture at the Provincial Government of Alava
Chair: Mr. Patxi Baztarrika: Head of the President of the Gipuzkoa Provincial Government's cabinet
- 11,30 Questions and proposals
- 12,00 Health policy in the Basque Country
Speaker: Mr. Gabriel M.^a Inclán, Minister for Health
Introduced by: Mrs. Nieves Martínez de Antoñana, Director of Studies and Legal Affairs
Chair: Mr. Ramón Arozarena, Representative from Argentina
- 12,30 Questions and proposals
- 13,00 Speech delivered by the Minister for Education, Universities and Research Mr. Inaxio Oliveri
Introduced by: Mrs. M^a Carmen Gallastegui, Professor of Economy at the University of the Basque Country and former Minister of Economy in the Basque Government
Chair: Mr. Pello Ellacuria, Chairman of the School Board of the Basque Country
- 13,30 Questions and proposals
- 14,00 Lunch
- 16,00 International relations at the University of the Basque Country.
Speaker: Mr. Pello Salaburu, Vice-Chancellor
Introduced by: Mr. Patxi Goenaga, Professor of Basque Philology and Member of the Advisory Board of Relations with Basque Communities
Chair: Mr. Henrike Knörr, Professor of Basque Philology and Member of the Advisory Board of Relations with Basque Communities
- 16,30 Questions and Proposals
- 17,30 The international image of the Basque Country
Speakers: Mr. Andoni Ortuzar, Managing Director of Basque Radio and Television and Mr. José Felix Azurmendi, Director of International Basque Radio and Television
Chair: Mr. Francisco Igartua
- 18,00 Questions and Proposals
- 20,30 Dinner offered by the Basque Parliament

Friday, 29th October: Closing day

Group «A»: Experiences and proposals

- 09,00 HABE's experience in Argentina
Speaker: Mr. Jokin Azkue, General Manager of Habe (The Institute for Adult Basque Literacy)
Introduced by: Mr. Xabier Olaizola, Chairman of FEVA
Chair: Mr. Benan Oregi, Technician from the Office for Relations with Basque Communities

09,30	Questions and proposals
10,00	Sukalde's experience in Mexico Speaker: Pablo San Román Introduced by: Julen Garritz (Mexico) Chair: Jon Ander Bilbao (Australia)
10,15	Questions and proposals
10,30	Proposal for creating the World Association of Basque Entrepreneurs Chair: Mr. Iñaki Telletxea, Deputy Minister for Industrial Policy of the Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism Speakers: Mr. Ray Aspiri and Mr. Miguel Laguna
11,00	Questions and proposals
11,15	Basque institutional history on the internet Speaker: Mr. Aitor Esteban, President of the Bizkaia Provincial Government and lecturer at Deusto University Introduced by: Mr. Andoni Gamboa, Technician at the General Secretariat of Foreign Action Chair: Ms. Idoia Urtaran (The United Kingdom)
11,30	Questions and proposals
11,45	Project for creating the International Association of Friends of Basques Speaker: J.C. Larronde Introduced by: José María Muñoa, the President's delegate for Foreign Affairs Chair: Mr. Andoni Gamboa, Technician at the General Secretariat of Foreign Action
12,15	Transfer to Ajuria Enea
12,30	Photo call
13,15	Return to the Presidency building
13,30	Lunch
15,00	Presentation of the Draft Institutional Action Plan 2000-2003

Group «B»: Conclusions of the Analysis Committee: 1 representative per country

09,00	Presentation of the draft text for conclusions and the action plan: Iñaki Aguirre, Secretary General of Foreign Action
12,15	Transfer to Ajuria Enea
12,30	Photo call
13,15	Return to Presidency
13,30	Lunch
16,30	Presentation of the Institutional Action Plan to the Advisory Board by a representation of the Congress
17,00	Meeting of the Advisory Board

Groups «A» and «B»: Plenary session

18,00	Definitive presentation of the draft Institutional Action Plan to the plenary by the Secretary General of Foreign Action
18,30	Conference Closure (with the attendance of the Basque President) 1. Final Declaration 2. Andrés de Irujo prize 3. Speech by the Basque President.