

Ladies and gentlemen, dear friends, dear phalerists,

The board of Studiekring Faleristiek vzw has the honour to welcome you at the XVII European Phaleristic Conference in Brussels, from Friday, May 31 until Sunday, June 2, 2024.

The focus is on royal awards, but the primary focus is on the collector, the amateur phalerist and equally on the curator and museum employee.

Please find the necessary documents annex to the mail.

### Accommodation

SKF has chosen Hotel Marivaux as its base. All distances to be covered (either with organized transport or on foot) are thus kept to a minimum.

The Hotel is expecting you! With the code skf2024 as the subject of your email, the hotel administration knows that you are enjoying the agreed rate of 170 euros for a double room and 150 euros for a single room, breakfast included. These rates also apply to those who might book extra nights to arrive earlier or leave later.

Book your rooms via [event@hotelmarivaux.be](mailto:event@hotelmarivaux.be).

### Program

On **Friday, May 31**, the traditional Meet & Greet will take place in Hotel Marivaux from 13h30 on.

About one hour later all participants and partners are taken by bus to the Royal Library, where the participants will enjoy a special exhibition on the Orders and Decorations of H.M. Queen Elisabeth, spouse of H.M. King Albert I, and the phaleristic highlights from the Royal Library's proper Coins and Medal Cabinet.

Partners will visit the Royal Library for the temporary exposition on the Belgian painter James Ensor.



At 19h00 we are all expected for dinner at the *Le Roy d'Espagne* restaurant on the Brussels *Grand' Place*.

### **Saturday June 1:**

Participants stay in the hotel for the presentations, partners walk to the Choco-Story Museum for a visit to the museum and a chocolate workshop.

Lunch will be taken together at the hotel.

In the afternoon a guided tour will take us all through the Old Town of Brussels.

Around 16h30 we are treated with light refreshments at the hotel.

The traditional cocktail and gala dinner start at 19h00 so there will be plenty of time to dress up.

You are expected to wear the appropriate attire: black tie (dinner jacket) or mess dress or spencer (resp 1B and 1C for the Belgian military) or lounge suit with tie.

Official decorations will be worn on the gala dinner. It is allowed to wear the association's badges, since we are, after all, a gathering of such associations.

### **Sunday June 2**

At 8h45, set up of the fair. Those who want a table can mark that on the registration form.

Around 10h10 we all go by subway to the museums in the *Parc du Cinquantenaire*: participants will visit the Royal Army Museum where, additional to the permanent exhibition, there will be a small temporary exhibition on royal orders and decorations, especially compiled for our conference.

Partners visit the temporary exposition on 'Wolfers & Art Nouveau', at the Royal Art and History Museum.



Around noon (12h00) both groups gather again at the entrance of the park near the fountain, from where we all go on foot to the *Carpe Diem* restaurant for the traditional farewell lunch.

For this lunch a reservation must be made (see registration form) and each participant and partner pay for his or her own meal. The lunch is limited to a maximum of 60 persons.

This concludes day three and the convention.

You will find the extensive program in the goodie bag you will get at the Meet & Greet on Friday.

### Cost

The fee amounts to a total of € 355 per person.

Annex to this announcement you will find several documents:

- A registration form. The mail address [skf2024@skf-vzw](mailto:skf2024@skf-vzw) is open to receive your forms;
- Information about parking for those participants who come with their own transport.

Comes with the exact address to enter in your GPS.

Ladies and gentlemen, dear friends, dear phalerists, Studiekring Faleristiek is looking forward to seeing you soon. We hope you all have a wonderful stay.

The board of Studiekring Faleristiek

By order, the vice-president

Marc Brans

