



MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS IN DIALOGUE IV : STAM – GHENT CITY MUSEUM GHENT, APRIL 24, 2009

The International Association of History Museums is organising a visit for museum professionals to the *STAM – Ghent City Museum* in Ghent, Belgium. All IAHM members are invited to participate.

Based on the very successful previous such visits by our Association to the *House of Terror Museum* in Budapest, 2005 to the *Museu d'Historia de Catalunya* in Barcelona, 2007, and to the *Musée International de la Réforme* in Geneva, 2008, we will once again visit an important, innovative museum project.

This time, participants to the Museum Professionals in Dialogue day will be able to visit a still incomplete building site and museum project, scheduled for completion in 2010, with the aim of displaying the history of the city, its highlights, and its perspectives. The discussion will aim not only at providing knowledge of this important project and at an enriching exchange of experiences, but also to give input for perfecting the project itself.

The ordinary annual General Assembly of the IAMH will be held on the morning after our visit, on Saturday 25th of April. Please note that this is an election year, as the current administration council has concluded its three year term. Please see the relevant information for the procedure.

Finally, the visit is scheduled to coincide with the Heritage day in Flanders, on Sunday 26th of April. For those among the participants who will choose to stay during the whole weekend, there will be a multitude of cultural heritage activities available.

The program for the day is as follows:

24 April

- 10 am: Welcome and visit to the construction site of STAM- City Museum Ghent and presentation of the future museum design
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- 1 pm: Walk to and lunch at the Museum of Fine Arts
- 2.30 pm: Presentation of STAM - Education Department, temporary exhibitions, collection department
- 4.30 pm: Transfer to the city centre and visit to the cathedral (visit of the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, painting by Jan and Hubert Van Eyck -1432)
- 5.30 pm: Reception at the Town Hall
- 8.00 pm: Diner

25 April

- 9 am: 1st Administration Council meeting IAMH
- 10 am: General Assembly IAMH

26 April

Optional: Heritage day in Flanders

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