

ACTIVITY REPORT 2010

LITHUANIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO¹

I. PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO ACTIVITIES

In 2010 Lithuania continued its active participation in UNESCO activities. Lithuania followed up its membership in the following intergovernmental bodies: Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS), UNESCO Headquarters Committee, Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1999 Second Protocol), Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and International Coordinating Council of the MAB Programme.

In December 2009 Rector of the Klaipėda University Professor Vladas Žulkus has become member of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the UNESCO Convention of the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage and the ICOMOS International Committee on Underwater Cultural Heritage.

I.1. Visits of international experts in Lithuania

From 5 to 9 December the Curonian Spit (the territory of the Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Federation) was visited by international experts. In response to the decision adopted at the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee regarding the status of conservation of the World Heritage Site – the Curonian Spit and the requests from both states the UNESCO World Heritage Centre commissioned two experts: Eeva Ruoff (ICOMOS) and Gerard Collin (IUCN). During the mission the meetings of the experts with representatives of local managing institutions, non-governmental organisations, communities, policy making and executive institutions, secretariats of the National Commissions for UNESCO of both states were organised, documents were analysed, condition of the site, problematic issues were examined and evaluated.

At the meetings with the experts Lithuania was represented by Director of the State Service for Protected Areas under the Ministry of Environment, Member of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO Rūta Baškytė and her Deputy Rūta Gruzdytė, Secretary General of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO Gintarė Tamašauskaitė, representatives of the Direction of the Curonian Spit National Park and the Administration of the Neringa Municipality.

I. 2. UNESCO Executive Board sessions

Considering the fact that the membership of the four years term of office of Lithuania had terminated in October 2009, at the 35th session of the UNESCO General Conference, at the Sessions (N. 184; 185) of the UNESCO Executive Board held in 2010 Lithuania participated as an observer being represented by Chargé d’Affaires of the Permanent Delegation of Lithuania to UNESCO Nida Liubertienė and Secretary Ringailė Kuokštytė.

¹ In this report the name “National Commission” comprises the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO and the Secretariat of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO and their activities

II. LITHUANIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

In 2010 the National Commission has closely cooperated with the UNESCO Secretariat: Sectors for Culture, Education, Natural Sciences, Socials and Human Sciences, Communication and Information, other departments according to their activity and the projects implemented. Its successful and active participation was determined by a close cooperation in sharing tasks, information and experience between the National Commission and the Permanent Delegation of Lithuania to UNESCO.

The National Commission pursued its active cooperation with ministries, public offices and institutions, non-governmental organisations in Lithuania.

In 2010 the National Commission rendered a possibility of internship for students of Lithuanian universities. Five students had successfully accomplished internship programmes in the following fields: education for sustainable development, archives management and administration, communication programme, translation and proof-reading.

In January-April 2010 the Secretariat of the National Commission has undergone structural changes. In order to optimise the activity and financial performance of the Secretariat and with regard to the State's saving and cost-cutting policy the staff has been significantly reduced. In 2010 the Secretariat of the National Commission consisted of the following staff members: Secretary General and his/her Deputy, Senior Accountant, three Programme Coordinators for Communication, Culture, Education and Science and the supporting staff (1 person). On 24 November Secretary General of the National Commission Asta Junevičienė having taken the position since 2001 has been substituted in the position by her previous Deputy Gintarė Tamašauskaitė.

III. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF UNESCO

III. 1. UNESCO Participation Programme

In 2010 the National Commission has submitted the following nine projects numbered in order of priority to be partially financed in the framework of the 2010-2011 UNESCO Participation Programme: (1) Workshop for UNESCO ASPnet Teachers: Biodiversity in Intangible Cultural Heritage (submitted by the National Commission); (2) Enhancing UNESCO Visibility in Lithuania (submitted by the National Commission); (3) Developing Preconditions for Sustainable Curonian Spit Managing (submitted by Public Institution *Baltic Environmental Forum*); (4) Preservation of the Curonian Spit Cultural (Architectural) Heritage: Research, Recommendation and Awareness – Raising (submitted by the Curonian Spit National Park); (5) Open School for Creativity (submitted by the National Commission); (6) Dialogues about Own and Foreign Stereotypes in the Context of the Polish and Lithuanian Historical Relations (submitted by Vilnius University); (7) Lithuanian Folk Medicine (Collecting, Publishing and Dissemination) (submitted by Rita Balkutė); (8) Spread of the Cultural Values to Society by Implementing Modern Technologies and Monitoring of the State Cultural Reserve of Vilnius Castles Territory (submitted by the State Cultural Reserve of Vilnius Castles); (9) A Virtual Map-Guide of Lithuanian Jewish Culture (submitted by Public Institution *House of Memory*).

By the end of 2010 UNESCO has approved the partial financial assistance for the following three projects: (1) Workshop for UNESCO ASPnet Teachers: Biodiversity in Intangible Cultural Heritage (allocation of 26 thousand USD); (2) Enhancing UNESCO Visibility in Lithuania (allocation of 26 thousand USD); (3) Developing Preconditions for Sustainable Curonian Spit Managing (allocation of 26 thousand USD).

III. 2. Scholarships and fellowships

Researcher Donatas Brandišauskas, PhD has successfully passed the selection of the *2010-2011 UNESCO Fellowships Programme in support of Programme Priorities*. The UNESCO fellowship will be used to accomplish his field study on *Cultural Heritage of Indigenous People of Siberia* in the community of Orochen-Evenki reindeer herders and hunters of Transbaikalia, Eastern Siberia, in autumn 2011.

IV. WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, EXPERT MEETINGS

From 13 to 14 May in Saint Petersburg the Academy of Sciences and the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO with other academic partners convened the 10th International Academic Reading of Dmitrij Lichatshiov entitled *Dialogue among Cultures and Partnership of Civilisations: Creation of Global Culture*, attended by Chairman of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO Dr. Romas Pakalnis.

From 18 to 19 May in Paris UNESCO in partnership with York University of Canada convened the International Symposium of the International Network for Reorienting Teacher Education towards Sustainability, attended by lecturers of the Šiauliai University Rima Bakutytė and Lidija Ušėckienė.

From 25 to 28 May in Seoul (South Korea) UNESCO in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of South Korea convened the Second World Conference on Arts Education, attended by Senior Specialist of Division of Non-formal Education and Educational Assistance of the Ministry of Education and Science Dr. Dalia Šiaulytienė, Culture Programme Coordinator of the National Commission Milda Valančiauskienė and Education and Science Programme Coordinator Liliana Bugailiškytė-Lideikienė.

From 31 May to 4 June in Paris UNESCO hosted the Ordinary Session of the International Coordinating Board of the UNESCO *Man and Biosphere* Programme, attended by Expert Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Professor of Chair of Ecology and Environmental Research of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Vilnius University Vincas Būda.

From 5 to 8 June in London UNESCO and the National Commission for UNESCO of the United Kingdom convened the UNESCO Director-General's Regional Consultations with National Commissions, attended by Communication Programme Coordinator of the National Commission Rūta Ambrasūnienė.

From 13 to 15 June Cartagena (Spain) hosted the First Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Body to the Meeting of the State Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Underwater

Heritage, attended by Member of the Committee, Rector of Klaipėda University Professor Vladas Žulkus (2009-2010 term of office).

From 22 to 24 June in Paris UNESCO convened the Third Session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural, attended by Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Delegation of Lithuania to UNESCO Nida Liubertienė.

From 24 to 25 June in Paris UNESCO convened the 10th Annual Meeting of UNESCO's Goodwill Ambassadors, attended by UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Knowledge Society President Valdas Adamkus.

From 7 to 8 July in Paris UNESCO convened the Plenary Session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS), attended by Senior Specialist for International Cooperation of the General Affairs Division of the Department for Physical Education and Sports Sigitas Stasiulis.

From 6 to 16 September the 11th International UNESCO Summer School on Protection of Cultural Heritage was held in Zamosc (Poland) and Lviv (Ukraine), attended by Senior Specialist of Division of International and Public Relations and Education of the Cultural Heritage Department Regina Lakačiauskaitė and Senior Specialist of Division of Protected Areas and Heritage Protection of the Ministry of Culture Rugilė Balkaitė.

From 24 to 26 September in Smolensk (Russian Federation) the Commission for UNESCO of the Russian Federation and the National MAB Committee organised the Workshop on Legal Regulation of Biosphere Reserves at National Level, attended by Deputy Chair of the Lithuanian National MAB Committee Academician Leonardas Kairiūkštis.

From 26 August to 5 September in Gdansk (Poland) the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Poland, the Polish Marine Museum in Gdansk and the Polish National Commission for UNESCO organised the International Underwater Archaeology Workshop, attended by doctoral student of Klaipėda University Rokas Kraniauskas and postgraduate student Ernestas Derkintis.

From 1 to 5 September Tallinn (Estonia) hosted the International Workshop on *The Role of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the Implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage*. Lithuania was represented by Deputy Director of the Lithuanian Folk Culture Centre Vida Šatkauskienė, Specialist for Aukštaitija Region of the Secretariat of the Council for Protection of Ethnic Culture Vitalija Vasiliauskaitė, Member of the Lithuanian Community of Regional Studies and Head of the Regional Culture Division of the Ministry of Culture Irena Seliukaitė and Culture Programme Coordinator of the National Commission Lauksmina Kriščiūnaitė.

From 14 to 15 October in Visby (Sweden) the Nordic World Heritage Foundation hosted the Nordic-Baltic Workshop *World Heritage, Tourism & Development: World Heritage as a resource for local development through sustainable tourism*, attended by Head of Tourism Policy Division of the Investment and Export Department of the Ministry of Economy Lidiya Bajarūnienė, Specialist of Division of International and Public Relations and Education of the Cultural

Heritage Department Alfredas Jomantas, Director of Vilnius Old Town Renewal Agency Gediminas Rutkauskas and Deputy Director of the Curonian Spit National Park Lina Dikšaitė.

From 22 to 24 November in Paris UNESCO convened the Fifth Meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Second Protocol). Lithuania was represented by Senior Specialist of Division of Protected Areas and Heritage Protection of the Ministry of Culture Mindaugas Žolynas and Chargé d’Affaires of the Permanent Delegation of Lithuania to UNESCO Nida Liubertienė. Among the other issues the request of Lithuania to apply the reinforced protection status to the Kernavė Archeological Site being inscribed to the World Heritage List was considered.

On 29 December in Paris UNESCO hosted an information session entitled *Cultural Expressions: Innovative Approaches and Data Collection Tools*, attended by Head of Division for Strategic Planning of the Ministry of Culture Rasius Makselis.

From 29 December to 3 November in Paris UNESCO convened the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Lithuania – Member of the Committee for the 2007-2011 term of office – was represented at the session by Head of Division for Strategic Planning of the Ministry of Culture Rasius Makselis and Chargé d’Affaires of the Permanent Delegation of Lithuania to UNESCO Nida Liubertienė.

V. CULTURE

V.1. 34th Session of the World Heritage Committee

From 25 July to 3 August Brasilia (Brazil) hosted the 34th Session of the World Heritage Committee, attended by Lithuanian representatives having participated on observers’ status – Chancellor of the Ministry of Culture Nomeda Zienkienė and Deputy Director of the Cultural Heritage Department under the Ministry of Culture Algimantas Degutis.

Among 116 reports on the state of conservation of World Heritage Sites submitted by Member States the report on the Curonian Spit was considered. Initially the report was proposed to be approved without discussion, but later on its approval was included in the list of disputable issues.

By the Decision N. 34COM7B.91 regarding the State of Conservation of the Curonian Spit the World Heritage Committee requested the States Parties of the Russian Federation and Lithuania to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/IUCN reactive monitoring mission to consider the state of conservation of the transboundary property in relation to threats of development and from the erosion of sand-dunes, and to review the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the property and to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2011, an updated joint report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the above items, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011.

V. 2. Decision N. 544 (19 May 2010) *Regarding the designation of the institutions responsible for the protection of World Heritage Sites in Lithuania by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania*

On 19 May by the Decision N. 544 the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has designated the institutions responsible for the protection of World Heritage Sites in Lithuania. The Ministry of Culture was designated as the responsible institution for the protection of the Vilnius Historical Centre and the Kernavė Archaeological Site, the Ministry of Environment - the Curonian Spit and the Ministry of Agriculture was attached responsibility for the protection of the Struvė Geodetic Arc. The institutions have been obliged to prepare and submit to the World Heritage Committee the periodic monitoring reports of the sites, reports on the activities in the sites, other necessary documents, as well as to implement the decisions adopted by the Committee.

V. 3. Vilnius Historical Centre

In 2010 the National Commission has cooperated with responsible institutions implementing the decisions by the World Heritage Committee regarding the Vilnius Historical Centre. Following the Decision N. 32 COM 7B.99 of the World Heritage Committee, on 2 February 2009 the Ministry of Culture had submitted the report on the integrated management plan of the Vilnius Historical Centre. The report was considered by the Committee at its 33th Session in Seville (Spain) held from 22 to 30 June 2009. The progress in the preparation of the integrated management plan with phases provided has been positively evaluated hoping that after the finalisation and the implementation of it, the module of the integrated management plan could become an example for other sites in other states.

By the Decision N. 33 COM 7B.112 the World Heritage Committee requested the Republic of Lithuania to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2011, a detailed report on the progress in the drafting of the management plan of all World Heritage Sites in Lithuania and especially the Vilnius Historical Centre.

In 2010 responsible institutions have continued their activity for the implementation of the decisions of the World Heritage Committee. By the Decision N. 172 (13 May 2010) of the Prime Minister the working group has been composed. The Ministry of Culture together with the Cultural Heritage Department and the above mentioned working group have been drafting proposals to the Government of Lithuania regarding the guidelines of the management system (substituting the integrated management plan) and the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value of the Vilnius Historical Centre. These documents have to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2011.

By the Order N. IV-512 (18 October 2010) of the Minister of Culture *Regarding the adoption of the plan of the territory and borderlines of the protection zone of the Vilnius Historical Centre (unique code of register of cultural properties: 16073)* the special plan for the protection of the intangible cultural heritage of the Vilnius Historical Centre – the territory and protection zone plan – was adopted. The document translated in English has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre together with the Guidelines of the Management System (substituting the integrated management plan) and the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value of the Vilnius Historical Centre to be discussed at its 35th Session of the World Heritage Committee in 2011.

V. 4. Curonian Spit

In 2010 institutions have focused on the implementation of the Decision N. 34COM 7B.91 of the World Heritage Committee *Regarding the status of conservation of the Curonian Spit*, which requested the States Parties of the Russian Federation and Lithuania to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 February 2011, an updated joint report on the state of conservation of the property and the implementation of the above items, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session in 2011. Both states were also requested to invite a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/IUCN reactive monitoring mission to consider the state of conservation of the transboundary property in relation to threats of development and from the erosion of sand-dunes.

In order to fulfil these tasks the Ministries of Environment, Culture, Foreign Affairs, the State Service for Protected Areas under the Ministry of Environment, the Administration of the Curonian Spit National Park, the State Commission for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, the Cultural Heritage Department under the Ministry of Culture and other institutions have closely cooperated.

On 3 December in Nida the Neringa Municipality in partnership with the Administration of the Curonian Spit National Park convened a celebratory conference *Curonian Spit – for Us and the World*, dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the inscription of the Curonian Spit on the World Heritage List. Secretary General of the National Commission gave the presentation *The Main Issues of Lithuania's Participation in UNESCO's Activities*. The festive events in the Curonian Spit were also attended by Chairman of the National Commission Dr. Romas Pakalnis and other members of the National Commission.

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In response to the same Decision responsible institutions of both States have been preparing the joint progress report on the state of conservation of the Curonian Spit and the draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value.

In 2010 responsible institutions finalised the plan of the Curonian Spit National Park and the borderlines of its zones in order to renew the provisions of the Planning Scheme (General Plan) of the Curonian Spit National Park, which were prepared in 1994. On 22 December the plan was adopted by the Decision of the Seimas of Lithuania providing that the conservation priority zone of the Curonian Spit National Park embraced the natural reserves of Grobštas and Nagliai, the landscape reservations of Karvaičiai, Alksnynė, Garniai Hill, Ragana Hill and Parnidis, Angys,

Hagenas ridge geomorphologic reservations, the natural monument - Urbas Hill, Neringos thalassologic (marine) reservation, Gintaras Bay historical reservation and urban reservations of Nida, Juodkrantė, Preila, Pervalka and Smiltynė, also suggesting the Government of Lithuania to approve the management plan of the Curonian Spit National Park by 31 October 2011. Chairman of the National Commission Dr. Romas Pakalnis has actively contributed to the process of the adoption of the above mentioned plan by expressing his clear and firm position at the sessions.

In the end of 2010 by the initiative of the National Commission it was decided in January 2011 to convene the consultations regarding the issues of cultural heritage protection, compatibility of natural and cultural heritage protection, issues concerning the participation of cultural heritage experts in the planning procedures, the drafting of documents, as well as necessary assistance in the regulation and approval of documents. All these issues are regarded as causing difficulties for the finalising of the planning documents of the Curonian Spit National Park.

In 2010 Secretary General of the National Commission Asta Dirnaitė and her successor Gintarė Tamašauskaitė participated in a series of courts on the examination of cases, seeking to abolish individual acts, adopted by the Board and the Administration of the Neringa City Municipality. Explanations on behalf of the National Commission were rendered.

V.5. State Cultural Reserve of Kernavė

From 22 to 24 November in Paris UNESCO convened the Fifth Meeting of Committee for the Protection of Cultural Properties in the Event of Armed Conflict (The Second Protocol). Lithuania was represented by Senior Specialist of Division of Protected Areas and Heritage Protection of the Ministry of Culture Mindaugas Žolynas and Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Delegation of Lithuania to UNESCO Nida Liubertienė. Among the other issues the request of Lithuania for granting of the enhanced protection to the Kernavė Archaeological Site - the World Heritage Site. This is a fundamentally new system of protection provided in the Second Protocol of the Hague Convention. It has become applicable only after the adoption of the implementation guidelines. If granted the enhanced protection by the Committee, the property is then registered on the List for Cultural Properties under Enhanced Protection.

The request of Lithuania was drafted by Senior Specialist of Division of Protected Areas and Heritage Protection of the Ministry of Culture Mindaugas Žolynas and Senior Specialist for Protection of Cultural Properties of the Lithuanian Armed Forces Auksė Ūsienė.

Having examined the request concerning the Kernavė Archaeological Site the Committee adopted the decision to return the application to the Member State requesting to provide additional information by 1 March 2011. The request would then be further examined at the next session of the Committee.

V.6. Struvė Geodetic Arc

From 15 to 17 September in Vilnius the National Land Service under the Ministry of Agriculture and Institute of Geodesy of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University convened the Fourth Struve Arc Coordinating Committee Meeting and the international conference. The

meeting hosted representatives of ten states – proponents of the nomination file of the Struvė Geodetic Arc – the World Heritage Site since 2005. The participants of the conference shared best practices in identifying the best geodetic campaigns, technological achievements, discussed aspects of the development of scientific research and heritage protection.

V.7. The linked logo of the World Heritage Site

Referring to the requirements on the visibility of the UNESCO name and logo, the system of marking of World Heritage Sites in Lithuania has been revised. According to new regulations each World Heritage site in Lithuania should be marked in conformity with the general guidelines of the use of the linked UNESCO/World Heritage Site logo defined by the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO. The Curonian Spit, Vilnius Historical Centre, Kernavė Archaeological Site and Struvė Geodetic Arc should be marked with a specific logo to each World Heritage site in Lithuania including its title. The linked logo cannot be used alone or to be used fragmented. The instructions of its use are strictly regulated. All rights related to the use of the logo by Lithuanian entities belong to the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO.



1 Ex. The linked logo of the World Heritage Site in Lithuania (in English)





2 Ex. The linked logo of the World Heritage Site in Lithuania (in Lithuanian)



3 Ex. The bilingual linked logo of the World Heritage Site in Lithuania (in Lithuanian and English)

V.8. Activities in the field of cultural landscapes

At its 35th session (October 2009) the General Conference of UNESCO decided that existing UNESCO standard-setting instruments relating to urban heritage should be supplemented through a new recommendation on the conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape. The meeting of international experts was held from 17 to 19 February 2010 at UNESCO Headquarters. The outcomes and recommendations of this workshop provided a solid basis upon

which the expert group was able to build the first draft of the text which was included in the present preliminary report. In September the National Commission disseminated the UNESCO's call to provide comments on the Preliminary Report on the Draft Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscape. In November the joint comment by the Ministry of Culture, the Cultural Heritage Department and the State Commission for the Protection of Cultural Heritage was submitted to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

On 28 November the National Commission informed the responsible institutions on the possibility to send delegates to the UNESCO organised Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts to be held from 25 to 27 May 2011 in Paris, UNESCO Headquarters. The meeting will serve to discuss comments by the Member States regarding the Preliminary Report on the Draft Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscape.

V.9. Cultural Tourism

On 24 September the National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania – hosted the Third Lithuanian Tourism Forum *Cultural Tourism – the Direction of the Lithuanian Tourism Development*. The forum has served to discuss synergies of culture and tourism, possibilities to enhance the attractiveness and competitive ability of cultural tourism, the issues related to the adjustment of cultural tourism to public tourism infrastructure by the use of the EU structural funds etc. Secretary General of the National Commission gave the presentation entitled *Is UNESCO heritage properly used for cultural tourism?*, emphasising the appreciation of own heritage by the State and its citizens as the basis of sustainable tourism. The presentations were also given by other members of the National Commission – Vice-minister of Culture Nijolė Laužikienė and General Director of JSC Lithuanian Tours Kęstutis Ambrozaitis. The traditional biannual Lithuanian Tourism Forum was organised by the Ministry of Economy and the State Tourism Department under the Ministry of Economy.

On 8 October the National Commission initiated an informal meeting of representatives of the cultural heritage and tourism sector with the aim to discuss possibilities for sustainable tourism in the World Heritage Sites of Lithuania. Participants of the meeting have pointed to the main obstacles of fluent communication among the cultural heritage and tourism sectors, agreed upon the necessity of integrated inter-institutional cooperation, expressed their opinions concerning the issues of the agenda of the workshop on sustainable development held in Visby (Sweden).

The Nordic-Baltic Workshop *World Heritage, Tourism & Development: World Heritage as a Resource for Local Development through Sustainable Tourism* from 14 to 15 October in Visby (Sweden) was hosted by the Nordic World Heritage Foundation and attended by a numerous Lithuanian delegation. The workshop served to address the potential of the natural and cultural heritage sites as a resource for local development through sustainable tourism, to discuss the vision of a "Nordic-Baltic approach" - a collaborative effort and "modus operandi" to promote and implement sustainable tourism at and around World Heritage Sites in the Nordic-Baltic region.

On 20 October Member of the National Commission Kęstutis Ambrozaitis, Secretary General Gintarė Tamašauskaitė and Communication Programme Coordinator Rūta Ambrasūnienė have participated in the discussion organised by the Ministry of Economy, which focused on the possibility to create the cultural tourism route *UNESCO World Heritage in Lithuania*. During the

discussion possible themes of the route were determined, cultural objects of the biggest potential to attract tourists were pointed and discussed; doubts concerning the adjustment of the station points of the Struvé Geodetic Arc for tourism were expressed. Representatives of the tourism business have given practical advice and have paid the attention of tourism policy makers on the lack of accommodation possibilities of tourists' flows and the issue of the tourism development limitations in protected areas. A desirability to prepare the information, which would help the guides of Vilnius to explain tourists the values of the Vilnius Historical Centre having determined the inscription of the site in the World Heritage List, was raised. On the request of the Ministry of Economy the National Commission has submitted the information about the World Heritage Sites in Lithuania to be used for the further creative work and has recommended organising special trainings for guides.

V.10. The Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

From 15 to 19 November in Nairobi (Kenya) UNESCO convened the Fifth Session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. During the session four new elements were added to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding, for a total number of 16, and 47 elements were inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, including the *Sutartinės - Lithuanian Multipart Songs*.

The National Commission has disseminated the information on the 10th anniversary of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage to be celebrated in 2013. On this occasion the Member States to the Convention have been invited by UNESCO to plan various international, regional, national and local projects and events and provide this information to the Secretariat of the Convention.

V.11. The Fund for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage

In order to finance programmes, projects and other activities, the Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage was established by UNESCO. When attributing funds, special attention will be given to the safeguarding of the heritage inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and for the preparation of inventories.

In 2010 Lithuania has contributed to the Fund for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage by designating 2122 USD and paying the arrears in the amount of 11 USD (2133 USD in total sum).

V.12. The Second Questionnaire on the implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage at the national level

In 2010 the Swiss National Commission for UNESCO has initiated the Second Questionnaire on the implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage at the national level. The questionnaire mostly focused on the inventory of intangible cultural heritage. The Lithuanian response to the survey was prepared by Deputy Director of the

Lithuanian Folk Culture Centre Vida Šatkauskienė.

Having summarised the results, it was stated that the Lithuanian situation is similar to most of the states: both national and regional inventories are being compiled, a finite list of elements of the inventory is not planned, a publicly available electronic database is foreseen to be drawn up, the informational materials, introducing various cases of intangible cultural heritage, are published.

V.13. Intangible Cultural Heritage

On 23 April in Šiauliai, Raudėnai Basic School, the Council for the Protection of the Ethnic Culture of the Žemaitija Region convened the conference on *Ethno-cultural Education in General Education Schools*. The event focused on the analysis of the advantages and weaknesses of *the Strategy for the Development of Ethnic Culture in Educational Institutions* adopted by the Minister of Education and Science in 2009, it also served to discuss the methodology of ethnic culture as a subject of general education curriculum, to share practical examples of its implementation. Communication Programme Coordinator of the National Commission Rūta Ambrasūnienė gave the presentation on *Summer Camps on Intangible Cultural Heritage for UNESCO Associated Schools in Lithuania*.

V.14. Cross-crafting and its symbolism in Lithuania and the Song and dance celebrations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

In 2010 the new photographs presenting the traditions of the Cross-crafting and its symbolism in Lithuania and the Song and dance celebrations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were submitted to the UNESCO data bank.

The certificates, witnessing the inclusion of the traditions of the Cross-crafting and its symbolism in Lithuania and the Song and dance celebrations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Humanity, were received by the National Commission and delivered to the Lithuanian Folk Culture Centre, the institution responsible for the safeguarding of the unique traditions.

V.15. *Sutartinės* – Lithuanian Multipart Songs

By the decision of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage at its Fifth Session held from 15 to 19 November in Nairobi (Kenya) the *Sutartinės - Lithuanian Multipart Songs* were inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The nomination file was prepared by expert Dr. Daiva Vyčinienė, together with experts of the Ministry of Culture, the Lithuanian Folk Culture Centre and the National Commission. This is the third Lithuanian tradition included in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, which main aim is to ensure the visibility of the intangible cultural heritage, to point up its importance, promote the intercultural dialogue and respect for cultural diversity.

V.16. The First Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Body to the Meeting of the

State Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Underwater Heritage

From 13 to 15 June Cartagena (Spain) hosted the First Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Body to the Meeting of State Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Underwater Heritage, attended by Member of the Committee, Rector of the Klaipėda University, Professor Vladas Žulkus (2009-2010 term of office). His candidature has been submitted for another term of office.

V.17. NordBalt submarine power cable project between Lithuania and Sweden

On 4 November an inter-institutional meeting concerning the underwater explorations of the *NordBalt* submarine power cable project developed by Lithuanian and Sweden was organised. The meeting, initiated by Member of the Scientific Advisory Body to the Meeting of the State Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Underwater Heritage, Rector of the Klaipėda University, Professor Vladas Žulkus, was attended by representatives of the Cultural Heritage Department under the Ministry of Culture, JSC *Lietuvos energija*, JSC *Litgrid* (executor of the project), the State Commission for the Protection of the Cultural Heritage, the Secretariat of the National Commission for UNESCO. The meeting was organised with the aim to discuss the possible threats for the underwater heritage posed by the submarine power cable project. It also served to elaborate on the ways to avoid heritage objects on the line, to discuss on the need of the more detailed researches in the sites possibly holding the underwater heritage.

V.18. Multilingualism

On 1 November in Vilnius, at the premises of the Mykolas Romeris University, the EUNIC (the Network of European Union Cultural Relations Institutes) organised the forum on *The Multilingualism: A Treasury of Languages*, attended by Culture Programme Coordinator of the National Commission Lauksmina Krikščiūnaitė. The forum served to present the importance of multilingualism in education and business, the findings of the researches implemented in Lithuania, the projects planned and currently implemented in the field.

V.19. The World Anti-Piracy Observatory

The National Commission has widely disseminated to all relevant Lithuanian institutions the information about the World Anti-Piracy Observatory launched by UNESCO in 2010. It is a web-based platform that aims to provide comprehensive and up-to-date information concerning anti-piracy policies and measures implemented by UNESCO Member States.

V. 20. World Book Capitals

After having received in 2009 the UNESCO call to apply for the title of a World Book Capital, the joint meeting among representatives of the Ministry of Culture, Kaunas and Vilnius Municipalities, writers and publishers was organised. The decision was taken to submit to the UNESCO the application of the Klaipėda City to be designated the World Book Capital - 2012.

V.21. International Symposium *Colours of the Planet 2010*

From 18 to 29 July in Andorra, the Andorran National Commission for UNESCO convened the Second International Art Symposium *Colours of the World 2010*, dedicated to the celebration of the International Year of the Reapproachment of Cultures, which was attended by Lecturer of the Chair of Painting of the Vilnius Academy of Fine Arts, painter Ieva Skauronė. The symposium hosted 42 artists coming from 5 continents and 27 states. The exhibition of works created at the symposium has travelled in Andorra and other European states.

V.22. Celebrations of Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2010-2011

The Lithuanian proposals concerning the celebration of anniversaries were submitted for the fifth time. The following two anniversaries were included on the list of celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated: the 100th anniversary of the death of Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis, painter (1875-1911) and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Czesław Miłosz, writer (1911-2004) jointly submitted by Lithuania and Poland.

From 31 May to 3 June Director of the Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore Mindaugas Kvietkauskas participated in the international meeting of the committee for the implementation of the programme of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Czesław Miłosz. The meeting aimed to discuss possibilities to organise joint international events, to get acquainted to French professors to be invited to the international conference in Vilnius from 26 June to 2 July 2011.

By the Order N. 267 (13 July 2010) of the Prime Minister the working group was composed, commissioned the task to prepare the programme of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Czesław Miłosz in 2011. 5 main groups of the projects were distinguished (commemorative events, publishing projects, communication campaign of the year of Czesław Miłosz, educational projects, commemorative projects) and the priority order of the projects was set.

By the Order N. 319 (25 August 2010) of the Prime Minister the working group was composed, commissioned the task to prepare the programme of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the death of Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis in 2011. 6 main groups of the projects were distinguished (infrastructural projects, publishing, concerts, publicising and education, production of souvenirs and attributes) and the priority order of the projects was set.

Representatives of the National Commission have actively participated in the activities of both working group.

The linked logos of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the death of Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Czesław Miłosz, were designed. Organisers of all events in the celebrations' programmes were invited to use the logos in publications, posters and other materials.





**Mikalojaus
Konstantino Čiurlionio
100-osios mirties metinės**

UNESCO minima sukaktis



**100th Death Anniversary
Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis
Composer and Painter**

Celebrated in Association with UNESCO



**Czesław Miłosz
(Česlovo Milošo)
100-osios gimimo metinės**

UNESCO minima sukaktis



**100th Birth Anniversary
Czesław Miłosz
Poet and Writer**

Celebrated in Association with UNESCO



**Czesław Miłosz
(Česlovo Milošo)
100-osios gimimo metinės**

UNESCO minima sukaktis



**100th Birth Anniversary
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V. 22.2. Celebrations of Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2012-2013

The National Commission for UNESCO has submitted the nomination of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Meilė Lukšienė, a devoted Lithuanian educator (1913–2009 m.) to be included in the list of anniversaries with which UNESCO is to be associated in 2012–2013. The proposal was submitted by the Ministry of Education and Science and supported by Vilnius University and the Lithuanian National Library. Scientific works by Dr. Meilė Lukšienė in the field of education had influenced the formation of a modern and western education system of Lithuania; she had brought a solid input for the development of the democratic Lithuanian society and the modern education system. Dr. Meilė Lukšienė was a Europe and World famous personality in education.

V. 22.3. Celebrations of anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015

By the Order N. IV-423 (3 August 2010) of the Minister of Culture *Concerning the forming of the working group for the preparation of the programme of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Kristijonas Donelaitis* the working group was set, commissioned the task to prepare the plan of measures for the celebration. One of the measures discussed was the possibility to submit the nomination of the celebration (in 2014) to be included in the list of anniversaries with which UNESCO is to be associated in 2014–2015. The National Commission has been represented in the working group.

On 9 July in the Užutrakis Palace the international round table discussion *Mykolas Kleopas Oginskis: the Bridge to the Third Shore* was held. Secretary General of the National Commission Asta Junevičienė presented the possibilities of the nomination of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Mykolas Kleopas Oginskis to be proposed for the inclusion in the list of UNESCO Anniversaries in 2014–2015.

On 26 October in Vilnius, the Cultural Heritage Department under the Ministry of Culture convened the meeting to discuss the preparatory activities for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Mykolas Kleopas Oginskis in 2010–2015. The decision was taken to form the organisational committee commissioned with the preparation and coordination of the programme.

VI. EDUCATION

The UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education in Moscow and the UNESCO Moscow Office initiated a Bid: Analytical survey on *Open Educational Resources in the Baltic States: State - of - Art, Challenges and Prospects for Development*. A Lithuanian expert Lecturer of the Kaunas Technology University Dr. Airina Volungevičienė recommended by the National Commission prepared the national review to be included in the general survey. Considering that in the general survey the work of the Lithuanian expert would be presented only as a resume, the UNESCO ITE and the UNESCO Moscow Office was requested regarding the right and possibility to publish the national review presenting the analysis of the Lithuanian situation in full. The publication would then be disseminated to Lithuanian experts and institutions in this field. The licence has been granted.

From 25 February to 2 March in Vilnius the Lithuanian Association for Non-formal Youth Education in cooperation with the National Commission convened the final event of the long term international project *South Caucasus – Part of Europe* implemented in 2007–2009. The final event consisted of a study visit of teachers from the states of South Caucasus, Lithuania and Austria – the participants of the project, the final conference and the opening of the educational experimental exhibition *On the Way. South Caucasus – Part of Europe*. The conference was held on 26 February at the Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences of Vilnius University. Culture Programme Coordinator Milda Valančiauskienė gave the presentation on the initiative of the National Commission aimed to develop the cooperation among the Baltic and South Caucasus states in the field of culture and education, which had been started in 2003 and still pursued.

On 31 March the Department of Statistics of the Republic of Lithuania submitted to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics the completed questionnaire for the annual Literacy and Educational Attainment Statistics Questionnaire 2010.

The National Commission coordinated the submission of the information on the Lithuanian progress in the implementation of the First Phase (2005–2009) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education. The information selected from a range of related institutions was send to UNESCO on 31 March.

In 2010 the National Commission disseminated the information about the 46th Session of the UNESCO IIEP Advanced Training Programme in Educational Planning and Management 2010/2011. The National Commission submitted the candidature of Officer of the Educational Development Centre Rima Bačkienė. She was selected to the programme, but unfortunately had to refuse this possibility.

On 29 July the National Commission repeatedly responded to the letter of the UNESCO Director General regarding the ratification of the Convention against Discrimination in

Education (1960), informing that after a thorough and careful examination, Lithuania had taken a position not to ratify it. The decision was based on the conviction that fifty years that have passed since the adoption of the Convention a number of social transformations have taken place in the global society calling for the most relevant provisions adequate to the modern context. Lithuania has set its path to higher goals and obligations concerning the universal right to education, which have been enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law of Education (2003), a range of international agreements ratified by our State, therefore, Lithuania is not in a position of ratifying the above mentioned Convention.

On 30 August the Ministry of Education and Science completed the questionnaire for the UNESCO/OECD initiated survey on the update on the implementation of the UNESCO/OECD Guidelines on quality provision in cross-border higher education adopted in 2005.

On 31 October the Ministry of Education submitted its comment on the text of the revised International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED).

In 2010 the National Commission has made further steps towards the translation and adaptation of the publication *YouthXchange – sustainable consumption guide*. Two interns of the National Commission – student in Public Administration of Vytautas Magnus University Vaida Sirusaitė and student in English Philology of Vilnius University Ugnė Sargelytė have accomplished the translation of the guide into Lithuanian and have started its adaptation. The project is further developed by searching partners and funds for the publishing of the Lithuanian version.

VI. 1. Arts Education

From 25 to 28 May in Seoul (South Korea) UNESCO in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of South Korea convened the Second World Conference on Arts Education, attended by Senior Specialist of Division of Non-formal Education and Educational Assistance of the Ministry of Education and Science Dr. Dalia Šiaulytienė, Culture Programme Coordinator of the National Commission Milda Valančiauskienė and Education and Science Programme Coordinator Liliana Bugailiškytė-Lideikienė. The National Commission initiated and organised the translation of the main document of the conference *Seoul Agenda: Goals for the Development of Arts Education* into Lithuanian and the dissemination to all relevant institutions.

From 12 to 16 November in Delhi (India) the ASEF (Asia-Europe Foundation) convened the 9th Conference of the AEC-NET (Asia-Europe Classroom Network). Lithuania is member of the ASEF, though none of the Lithuanian schools had yet participated in the network. The conference was attended by Education and Science Programme Coordinator Liliana Bugailiškytė-Lideikienė and National Coordinator of the UNESCO Associated Schools Rūta Ambrasūnienė. Lithuanian delegates have presented the activity of the national network of UNESCO ASPnet and the relevant projects currently implemented by the National Commission, namely *Open School for Creativity* and *The Summer Camps on Intangible Cultural Heritage*. The visit and participation at the conference also served for finding new contacts and information relevant for the future activities. By the end of the year 2010 three Lithuanian schools have joined the AEC Network.

VI. 2. Project Open School for Creativity

The Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO and the Education Development Centre, which is the main national institution responsible for the development and implementation of educational strategies, have initiated a long term programme aimed to introduce creativity in the teaching and learning processes at Lithuanian schools. The main objective of the project is to embed the creativity as a key quality of the human being, hence to raise creative children, open-minded, flexible, capable of full self realisation etc. The initiators of the project see teachers as mediators in this process. A creative child can be nurtured only by a creative teacher, though the project would equally favour needs of teachers. Creative learning will not happen without creative teaching, which is a rigorous process, calling for new priorities, approaches and methods in training and whose success depends on a sum of those factors. Various good and better practices exist, but good ways to teach creativity also depend on the actual culture and the actual school system of the country.

The project aims to create an innovative learning guide on training creativity for Lithuanian pedagogues. The learning guide would consist of few elements: methodology of training creativity, a set of methodological adaptations by subject (12 basic subjects), as well as practical examples/success stories, recommendations, proposals and other related materials. The main - methodological part of the guide –will be written based on the variation of Nordic and North American methodologies on teaching creativity.

The guide would be based on some theoretical background coherent to a set of selected methodologies to nurture creativity of students, but it would also be entirely self-reflective, provocative, inducing own creativity. It is intended for pedagogues of all subjects, thus a special attention in exploring and selecting process is given to its practical application and adaptation of theories and methodologies to teach particular subjects. The main issue in the current stage of the project is inventorying of existing theories and methodologies on creative teaching that are successfully applied in formal education. With the aim to acknowledge the experience of other states in creative education several study visits have been organized. The visit to Seoul, South Korea, during the World Conference on Arts Education 2010 has allowed observing the global trends and innovation in arts education, instrumental applications of arts for quality education etc. The visit and contacts had brought to acknowledging the Canadian experience in introducing Kieran Egan's *Imaginative Education*. The second study visit organized with the assistance and support of the Nordic Council of Ministers via Public Administration Mobility Programme has allowed meeting Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish specialists – practitioners and theorists, and acknowledging the experience and practice in creative education in these states. The meetings were organized with representatives of the institutions involved in creative and entrepreneurial education.

One of the middle outcomes of the project was the translation of the Norwegian methodology *Praktisk nytanking* by Prof. Leif Runar Forsth, Lecturer of the Norwegian Institute for Creativity, The methodology would be used in drafting the Lithuanian guide and possibly published as a separate publication.

The project is planned to be implemented in two phases: the first is planned be accomplished in 2010-2011 resulting in the building of the creative team of authors of the learning guide; drafting of the learning guide; selection of best practices, recommendations, suggestions for practical work; and the second phase (2012-2013) resulting in the testing of the adapted

methodology, introducing possible corrections and modifications to the learning guide based on feedback in the testing phase, publishing, dissemination and training.

The implementation of the project would result in the creation of a locally adapted methodology for training creative competencies of pedagogues, which will be disseminated to all Lithuanian secondary schools. The project will positively influence the process of personal learning, professional development, self-realisation, motivation of every pedagogue, as well as the improvement of the image and status of a teacher at school, relations among teachers, strengthening of collegial relations, common school microclimate.

The ultimate expectation of the project would be the improvement of the provision for creative and cultural education in the general curriculum. This includes having a clear rationale which makes explicit reference to creative and cultural education; changing the balance between core and foundation subjects; and reducing prescription to allow teachers to be creative in promoting creativity.

VI. 3. UNESCO Associated School Project Network

From 13 to 18 December the UNESCO Club of the UNESCO Associated School - Šiauliai Didždvaris Gymnasium celebrated the United Nations Week. The celebratory programme included a series of events such as discussions, meetings with interesting people and the simulation of the United Nations' General Assembly (from 16 to 18 December). The event that looked like a real academic simulation served to develop the students' knowledge on the civic education, topical political events and global problems, subtleties of effective communication, globalisation and diplomacy.

From 20 April to 31 May Lithuania joined the Global Action Week annually organised by the Global Campaign for Education. The main organisers of the events in Lithuania were the Lithuanian Children and Youth Centre, the Ministry of Education and Science and the National Commission. Traditionally the methodological and informational material on the week was prepared and disseminated to schools. The *Lesson for All* on 20 April was held at the Ministry of Education and Science drawing up pupils at drop outs' risk, eminent personalities of Lithuanian culture, representatives of the Ministry and the National Commission. Other national initiatives in the frame of the Week's programme were the contest for teachers *Ten Minutes to Motivate*, artistic contest for pupils etc. The national programme was included into the global calendar of the Global Action Week.

The National Commission disseminated the information to UNESCO ASPnet in Lithuania on the possibility to:

- participate in the *Patrimonto Storyboard Competition 2010-2011*;
- participate in the International Conference *Youth Studies and Preserves the Natural and Cultural Heritage in the Regions of the Great Rivers of the World*, held in a Siberian city Khanty-Mansiysk within the framework of the International Ecological Action under the UNESCO auspice *To Save and to Preserve* held from 27 May to 2 June;
- participate in the events of the traditional *Week Against Racism*, organised by the Lithuanian Human Rights Monitoring Institute in cooperation with the National Commission and partners. One accent of the programme was a non-formal lesson dedicated to the International Year of the Reapproachment of Cultures. The methodical

material for this lesson was prepared, aimed to foster the cultural awareness and dialogue. The informational package included presentations about ethnic minorities living in Lithuania, their historical geographical profiles, traditional festivals, review on religions, also dominating stereotypes, myths etc. The information has spurred discussions, critical thinking, deconstruction of stereotypes;

- submit the contribution to the Third Collection of UNESCO Associated Schools' Good Practices for Quality Education - Intercultural dialogue. The National Commission submitted three projects: one international project implemented by the Lithuanian Youth Non-formal Association and two local projects implemented by Kaunas Šančiai Secondary School and Karmėlava Balys Buračas Gymnasium.
- submit candidatures of young dedicated pedagogues for the contest of Meilė Lukšienė Preemie, initiated by the Ministry of Education and Science.

VI.4. Other activity in the field of education

The National Commission has disseminated the following invitations:

- to submit the Lithuanian contribution to the collection of *Good Practices in Education for Sustainable Development in Early Education*;
- to participate in the UNESCO IIEP Specialized Courses Programme for education officers (Spring Session 2010);
- to participate in the UNESCO and the ITC ILO workshop on learning chemistry for trainers, facilitators and subject-matter experts (13-15 October) in Turin (Italy);
- to participate in the International Conference of UNESCO Chairs in Sustainable Development *Sustainable Development and Globalisation: Implementation of the UNESCO Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development in the Second Half of the Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development* held in Moscow, 7-8 December.

VII. SCIENCE

VII. 1. UNESCO programme *Man and Biosphere*

On 20 April the Lithuanian Science Academy hosted the session of the Lithuanian National MAB Committee. The session having started with a historical review on the programme developed into an open discussion on the prospects of the programme, its importance for the sustainability of the region, development of the system of protected areas and the activity of the Žuvintas Biosphere Reserve. The session ended with the elections of the new chairman of the committee and the deputies. Director of the Žuvintas Biosphere Reserve was elected the new Chairman of the National MAB Committee.

From 31 May to 4 June in Paris UNESCO hosted the Ordinary Session of the International Coordinating Board of the UNESCO *Man and Biosphere* Programme, attended by Expert Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Professor of Chair of Ecology and Environmental Research of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Vilnius University Vincas Būda. Lithuania was selected member of the Council for the four years term of office at the 35th UNESCO General Conference in 2009. On 1 October the meeting at the National Commission

was organised to discuss the proceedings of the session and further steps in the activity of the National MAB Committee.

In response to the UNESCO consultations with Member States regarding the desirability of preparing a draft declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change the Ministry of Environment submitted to UNESCO its approval for this initiative.

From 9 to 17 September in Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipėda the 7th Science Festival *Spaceship Earth - 2010*, dedicated to the International Year of Biological Diversity, was held. The National Commission together with a range of educational and scientific institutions has become a partner of the project. On 9 September at the opening of the festival – a discussion *Biological Diversity: Why it is so important to conserve it? Scientists' and Artists' Approach* Chairman of the National Commission Dr. Romas Pakalnis participated. The discussion was followed with the demonstration of the movie *Live Ocean*.

On 10 November the Vilnius Pedagogical University together with the National Commission celebrated the World Science Day for Peace and Development. The event was hosted by the University and featured the presentation of the book *Fragments on History of Physics and Mathematics* by Professor of Vilnius Pedagogical University Liubomiras Kulviecas. The presentation was followed with a concert.

VII. 2. 2011– International Year of Chemistry

The National Commission widely disseminated the information about the initiative to celebrate the 2011 - International Year of Chemistry highlighting the main goals of the year: to increase the public appreciation of chemistry in meeting the global needs, to encourage the interest in chemistry among young people, and to generate enthusiasm for the creative future of chemistry, as well as to celebrate the contributions of women to science. The National Commission expressed the idea of initiating the national committee for the preparation of the celebratory programme.

VII. 3. Other activity in the field of science

The National Commission has disseminated the following invitations:

- to delegate an observer to participate in the 19th Session of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrology Programme from 5 to 9 July in Paris UNESCO Headquarters;
- to submit application to the 2010 UNESCO MAB Young Scientists Awards.

VIII. SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES

VIII.1. Human Rights, Promotion of Tolerance. *The Week Against Racism*

In 2010 the National Commission started the new tradition of cooperation with the Lithuanian Human Rights Monitoring Institute in celebrating the annual *Week Against Racism*. In 2010 the

week was dedicated for the International Year for the Reapproachment of Cultures. The Year had provided an ideal platform for promoting tolerance, mutual respect and dialogue among cultures. Dialogue alone would enable us to look beyond our differences and prejudices and to realize that we are united by many common dreams, aspirations and challenges. It is only through mutual respect, understanding, constructive dialogue and acceptance of the right to be different that we diffuse tensions and build more peaceful multicultural societies.

The programme of the week, which started on 2 March, comprised of such events as discussions (*Art Against Violence, Art and Politics, Art as Protest, European and Lithuanian values: identical or different?*), movie reviews (*The Vilnius' Ghetto 2009, Lithuanian Moldavians, In 20 Years..., Lituakai. From Vilnius to Jerusalem*), special lessons at schools and other events.

VIII. 2. Human Rights Awareness Month 2010: *Respect for You and Me*

Continuing the tradition started in 2009 to celebrate the Human Rights Month, the National Commission joined the programme of the Month organised by the Lithuanian Human Rights Monitoring Institute. The main accent of the Month is the 10th of December – the International Day of Human Rights. The year of 2010 was full of challenges for human rights, having uncovered weaknesses and separation of the community, aggression and intolerance, therefore the topic chosen to highlight the Month was human dignity as the basis and essence of all human rights.

The programme of events comprised of the contest of short movies, radio broadcasts, photography contest, Human Rights Cinema – free movie reviews in 5 Lithuanian cities, the art auction, announcement of the Good-will Ambassadors for Human Rights, discussions,

The Human Rights Awareness Month 2010 was publicised by a video clip, posters exposed in public spaces (from 23 November to 7 December), on a website, by press releases.

VIII. 3. Physical Culture and Sport

On 3 June the National Commission convened the meeting concerning the organisation of the 5th TAFISA World Sport for All Games to be held in 2012 in Šiauliai. The meeting attended by Director of the organising committee of the 5th TAFISA Games Kęstutis Petraitis, representatives of Šiauliai Municipality and the National Commission, served to discuss the role of the National Commission in the organisation of the Games and the possibility of applying the UNESCO with the request for the UNESCO's patronage to the event. The slogan of the 5th TAFISA Games is *Sustainable Human Being – Sustainable World*. The organisers expect that the Games would draw up over 7 thousand participants from 70 states. The patron of the Games is H.E. the President of the Republic of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė. The sports' programme of the games usually comprises a few traditional and national sports' blocks. In addition to the sports' programme a diverse cultural and entertainment programme would be proposed. The TAFISA World Sport for All Games, organised every four years, is supported by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the World Health Organisation (WHO), UNESCO and other international organisation. The official website of the 2012 Games is www.siauliai2012.lt.

VIII. 4. International Convention Against Doping in Sports

The National Commission disseminated the information about the revised version of the UNESCO published informational guide on the preparation of applications of projects against the use of doping in sports, also projects aimed for education and prevention of such intentions to be financed by the Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport, established by UNESCO in 2008.

On 27 October the Department of Physical Education and Sports informed the UNESCO Director General on its approval to recent amendments in the Prohibited List - International Standard and Standards for Granting Therapeutic Use Exemptions of the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sports to be valid from 1 January 2011.

VIII. 5. Other activity in the field of social and human sciences

On 26 April Secretary General of the National Commission Asta Dirmaitė applied the UNESCO Director General expressing the support of Lithuania for the International project *Ostbalticum*, initiated by the Polish National Commission and planned to be implemented in cooperation with Lithuanian, Russian, Latvian and German institutions, and the joint request to grant the UNESCO's patronage to this project. The project is aimed at collecting and elaborating the dispersed archaeological heritage within the territory of East Baltic Sea countries. It has been held from 2007 and was concluded at its first stage by preparing an inventory catalogue presenting the activity of the former Prussia Museum in Kaliningrad and the history of its collection.

The project will be continued in view of the immense value of the archaeological research conducted by the international group of authors.

The National Commission disseminated the following invitations:

- to submit applications to the UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of Culture of Human Rights;
- to participate in the extraordinary session of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology, held from 28 to 30 June in Paris, UNESCO Headquarters;
- to participate in the International Bioethics Committee's session, held from 26 to 27 October in Paris, UNESCO Headquarters;
- to participate in the 7th World Conference on Sports, Education and Culture, organised by UNESCO and the International Olympic Committee, held from 5 to 7 December in Durban, South Africa.

IX. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

IX. 1. UNESCO programme *Information for All*

The National Commission disseminated the information about the possibility to apply for the 2010 *UNESCO and King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education*. Considering the special theme of the year, which

focused on *Digital Literacy: Preparing Adult Learners for Lifelong Learning and Flexible Employment* and the achievements of Lithuanian institutions in the field, the National Commission submitted to UNESCO the nomination of the Alliance *Langas į ateitį (Window to the Future)*- LIA.

LIA is a non-profit initiative launched in 2002 by private companies, such as leading banks, telecommunication and IT companies. The mission of LIA is to participate in the development of the information society, increase the accessibility of the Internet and e-services in Lithuania by providing computer literacy and Internet training to adults, establishing public Internet access points and stimulating the growth of e-services countrywide. The target audience is digitally and geographically excluded residents, particularly living in rural regions, socially vulnerable, elderly and disabled people. Over 75000 Lithuanian citizens participated in ICT training projects implemented by LIA since 2003. All ICT training projects include material on safe Internet and e-services usage.

In 24-25 June in Paris, UNESCO convened the annual meeting of the UNESCO Good Will Ambassadors, attended by the President of Lithuania, UNESCO Good Will Ambassador for Knowledge Society Valdas Adamkus, who has given a presentation focusing on the Lithuanian progress in building the knowledge society.

IX. 2. UNESCO Programme *Memory of the World*

In 2010 123 institutions were invited to submit nominations to the National *Memory of the World* Register. 6 of them have submitted 10 nomination files, which will be evaluated in the beginning of 2011.

The National Commission disseminated the following invitations:

- submit candidatures to the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2010;
- submit candidatures to the UNESCO/Jikji Memory of the World Prize. The nomination of the Lithuanian National Martynas Mažvydas Library was submitted to UNESCO.

X. THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

In 2010 the following 8 exhibitions were organized in the exhibition hall of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO:

1. Rolana Čečkauskaitė – Gkagka paintings and ceramics *Sunny Day* (15 December 2009 – 30 January);
2. Students of Vilnius Academy of Fine Arts posters *Letters from the City, Words to the City* (10 February – 12 March);
3. Donatas Brandišauskas photographs *People of Deers – Siberian Orochens* (22 April – 28 May);
4. Juventa Mudėnienė paper cuttings *Good Morning, My Angel*, dedicated to the International Children's Day (1 – 25 June);
5. The club *Vilniaus vilnelės* textiles *Pleasures* (30 June – 30 July);
6. Mosaics created during the project *Signs of Identity* organised by the Riga Art Academy

- and the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO (8 September – 1 October);
7. Laimutė Kozlovienė textiles *Speaking from the Dark* (6 October – 5 November);
 8. Visitors with mental disabilities of the Public Institution – Training Centre *We Can* works *Old Crafts* (26 November – 3 December);
 9. Rasa Justaitė-Gecevičienė non-traditional ceramics *Sounding Ceramics* (8 December – 7 January).

XI. PROJECTS GRANTED THE PATRONAGE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

In 2010 the National Commission granted patronage to the following events and projects:

XI. 1. Project *The Road of Freedom*

The National Commission has granted its patronage to the project by artist Tadas Gutauskas *Laisvės kelias* (The Road of Freedom). It is a sculpture commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the restoration of the State of Lithuania and inviting all residents of the country and patriots of Lithuania to continue along the path of freedom and solidarity.

The Project idea evolved from a reflection of contemporary apathy, pessimism and confrontation. *The Road of Freedom* is a commemoration of the fight for independence and a symbol of freedom and solidarity for future generations. It encourages the remembrance of the idea of solidarity which helped Lithuania to gain its freedom. The sculpture is symbolic of the live chain of people who, more than 20 years ago, joined hands and connected the three Baltic States who were striving for independence. The chain stretched a length of over 600 kilometres and became an expression of unprecedented solidarity.

This sculpture, just like *The Baltic Way* created unanimously by the Lithuanian people 21 years ago, was a collective creation – everyone could contribute to the Project and get a special brick which was put in the sculpture. Each brick is in the colours of the Lithuanian flag and the name of the person who has contributed to the sculpture stamped on each brick.

The opening of the sculpture was attended by representatives of the National Commission.

XI. 2. Thom Mann Festival *The Spiritual Nobility?*

From 10 to 17 July Nida hosted the traditional XIV Thom Mann Festival *The Spiritual Nobility?*. The festival is an international event, aiming not only on intellectual entertaining activities, but also on educational purposes: to raise topical issues in various cultural fields and consider them in discussions among the society and young, yet recognized historians, philosophers, artists. The Music Programme of the Festival this year mostly featured monographic concerts presenting portraits of composers. The Word Programme was attended by outstanding Lithuanian, Polish, German politicians, public characters, critics. Art and Cinema Programmes were imbued with conceptually selected high quality art works.

XI. 3. Project *Radvilos – the History of Discovery*

In 2010 the National Commission has granted its patronage to the project *Radvilos – the History of Discovery*, aimed to publish the book in the field of popularisation of science, presenting the results of the discovery of the resting place of Radvilos in Dubingiai, the investigation of the castle of Radvilos family in Dubingiai, and the identification process. The author of the publication – Dr. Rimvydas Laužikas.

XI. 4. Publication *Fragments on History of Physics and Mathematics*

On the occasion of the anniversary of 80 years of the birth of Professor Liubomiras Kulviecas Donata Kulviecaitė and Kęstutis Arlauskas have compiled and published the Professor Liubomiras Kulviecas authored book *Fragments on History of Physics and Mathematics*, dedicated to the memory of Isaac Newton. The presentation of the book was held on 10 November – the World Science Day for Peace and Development. The event was attended by representatives of the National Commission.

XI. 5. Project *Dedication to the Queen Barbora Radvilaitė* by the Lithuanian National Philharmonics

The projects aims to revive the memory of the Queen Barbora Radvilaitė, one of the most beautiful and amusing European women of the 16th century and pay tribute to the historical significance of her personality for the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. The project would result in a cultural performance comprised of ancient music, dance and historical texts – letters by the Queen addressed to her husband the King Žygimantas Augustas. The programme is being prepared by the Ensemble *Musica Humana* of the Lithuanian National Philharmonics together with other artists. The project would be presented in various Lithuanian towns.

XII. UNESCO CHAIRS, UNESCO CENTRES

In 2010 there were three functioning UNESCO Chairs in Lithuania, namely, UNESCO Chair in Informatics for the Humanities, UNESCO Chair of Cultural Management and Cultural Policy, UNESCO Chair of Trans-disciplinary Mechatronics at Kaunas Technological University. There were also two functioning UNESCO Centres, namely, the UNESCO Associated Centre of Excellence for Research and Training in Basic Sciences and the UNESCO supported Regional Bioethics Information Centre at the Medical Faculty of Vilnius University.

XIII. UNESCO CLUBS

In 2010 there were five functioning UNESCO Clubs in Lithuania: UNESCO Club *PAIDEA: philosophical training of the civil society*, UNESCO Šiauliai Club, UNESCO Club *Black Ceramics Centre*, UNESCO Club *Rafaelis* and UNESCO Club *Albireo*.