

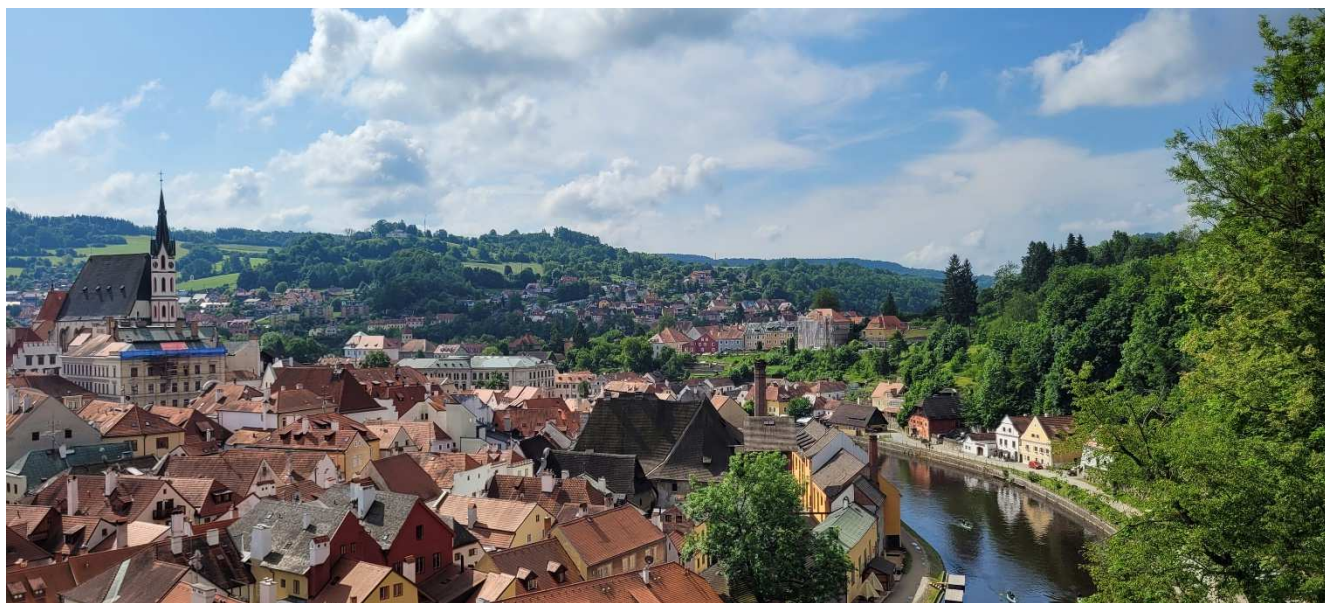
During the weekend of 8 to 11 June 2023, this year's congress of the European Passion Play groups, which belong to the umbrella organization EUROPASSION, took place in Hořice na Šumavě in the Czech Republic. The South Bohemian Passion Play group Hořice na Šumavě is located near the Czech-German border.

Thursday evening



At the reception on Thursday evening, guests from 40 Passion Play groups in Europe were offered cultural performances.

Friday morning



A cultural highlight on Friday was a visit to the historic town of Český Krumlov on the Vltava River (National Cultural Monument since 1989, UNESCO World Culture Heritage List since 1992).



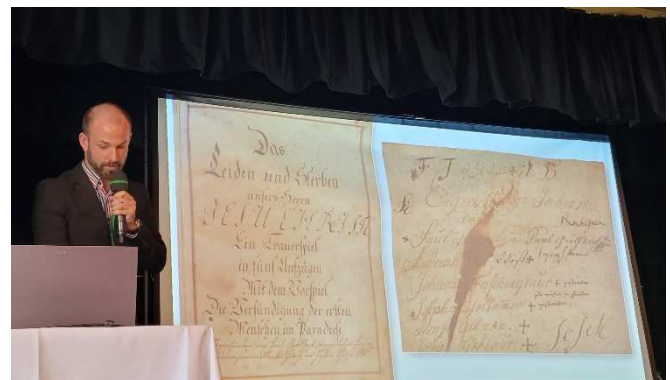
More impressions from Český Krumlov.

Friday afternoon



Visit to an exhibition in the Český Krumlov Monastery, followed there by a concert "Musica Bohemica"

Saturday morning



Two eagerly awaited lectures introduced the day: Doc PhDr. Ludmila Muchová: "Attracting Transcendences", as well as Mgr. J. Palkovič and Bc. Ivo Janoušek: History of the Passion Play in Hořice na Šumavě



Highlights of the General Assembly were the farewell of the retiring Board members Josef Lang (Secretary General), André Pesleut (Public Relations), Franz Miehl (Country Representative) and Aleksander Igličar, as well as the establishment of the newly elected Board of Directors under the leadership of the new Secretary General Thomas Hummel.

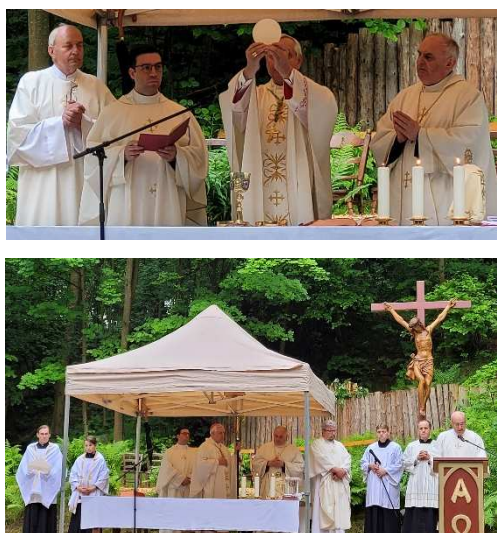


Further impressions from the General Assembly: Standing ovations, presentation of gifts, Passio Csíksomlyó presents the 2024 Congress in Romania, speech by H. Miroslav Kutlák (President Passio Hořice na Šumavě).

Saturday afternoon



Ceremonial inauguration of the Passion Play column and the adjacent Stations of the Cross



Pontifical Mass with Bishop Mons. Vlastimil Kročil



The intercessions are made by members of various Passion Play groups of Europe.



Handover of the Passion Play statue from Hořice na Šumavě to Miercurea Ciuc (RO), the venue of next year's congress.

Saturday evening

Presentation of the Passion Play in Hořice na Šumavě in the presence of numerous guests of honor, including Bishop Mons. Vlastimil Kroč il, minister of culture PhDr. Zuzana Malcová, Senator Ing.Tomáš Jirsa, Senator JuDr.Ladislav Faktor, Mayor Martin Madej.



Some scenes from the Passion Play: breaking and sharing of the bread, crucifixion, resurrection.