

Proposal to deliver a paper or address at the Congress

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Your **full name** (*please highlight surname in CAPS*)

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Theme strand in which you wish to include your paper (*click and type an X
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Main strands:

1. Women Artists and Artisans of Art Nouveau
2. The Eye of an Era: Art Nouveau Interpretations of the Feminine
3. The New Frontiers: Unveiling Art Nouveau Cities
4. Research and Doctoral Theses in Progress

Title in English of your presentation

An unexpected wonder: the art nouveau wintergarden of the Ursuline Institute in Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver (Belgium)

This is a provisional title; you may change it later on when you send us the complete presentation text

Abstract in English of your presentation (*maximum 1,000 characters, in Arial 12 font*)

Large colourful glass domes in a pure Art Nouveau style are rather exceptional in Belgian architecture, as they are worldwide. You certainly would not expect to see one while wandering in the Flemish countryside. There is hidden a rather unknown architectural gem dating from 1900, offering an enchanting display of light and colour: a magical winter garden representing Morning, Day and Night, a popular theme in Art Nouveau, situated in a former catholic boarding school for girls. It was at the time a remarkable and – certainly within the Belgian context – an even very bold choice of the Ursuline nuns of Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver. That openness of religious women towards the innovative art style is rather unique in the history of Art Nouveau and reflects their modern pedagogical approach that earned the institute its international fame during the first half of the 20th century. Although severely damaged during the First World War, the winter garden arose from its ashes even more beautiful.

If approved, your presentation may be later written and delivered in any of the official languages of the Congress (English, Catalan, French and Spanish)

Your **Curriculum Vitae** (*maximum 1,000 characters, in Arial 12 font*)

Mario Baeck (° 1958), Ph.D. researcher in Art History, Ghent University, Belgium.
Published and lectured widely in different languages on various aspects of Belgian Art Nouveau and Art Deco ceramics in general and architectural ceramics and tile history in particular (See: <http://independent.academia.edu/MarioBaeck/Papers>). Part of his research is, from 1983 onwards, concentrated on the rich history and architectural evolution of the remarkable Ursuline Institute in Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver, a former boarding school with international clients, with an exceptional winter garden in Art Nouveau (for photos see: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sint-katelijne-waver/sets/105773/>). For the Dutch research group 'Stichting Echo' he contributed a paper on the importance of and uniqueness of the winter garden within the Belgian catholic context for their 11th colloquium on 'Culture in the catholic world' which will be published in 2015.

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