

Federació Catalana  
de Catifaires



PROJECT SCHEDULE:

**EPHEMERAL ART  
FLOURISHES IN BAIX  
PENEDÈS ON THE PATH  
TO UNESCO**



# Federació Catalana de Catifaires



## II INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2026

## III INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF FLORAL CARPETS

### Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage

#### The Tradition of Floral Carpets and Festive Arrangements with Natural Materials

El Vendrell (Tarragona, Costa Dorada, Catalonia, Spain) -Tabaris Hall.  
(<https://tabaris.net>). April 9-12, 2026

**THURSDAY, April 9th**

#### INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

4:30 p.m. - Registration

5:00 p.m. - Opening Ceremony and Symposium Presentation

Participants:

The Ilmo. Mr. Kenneth Martínez, Mayor of El Vendrell

Ms. Vicenta Pallarès, President of the Catalan Federation of Carpet Associations and CIDAE

Ms. Marta Ventura, Vice President of the Tarragona Provincial Council

The Ilmo Mr. Óscar Sánchez, deputy for Culture of the Tarragona Provincial Council

The Ilmo. Mr. Valentí González, mayor of Bellvei

Ms. Núria Güell, Director of Education for the Regional Council

The Mr. Òscar Ripoll, President of the Bellvei Carpet Association

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5:45 p.m. - **Inaugural Cultural Conference**

## **Pau Casals: Music, Commitment, and Cultural Heritage of the Baix Penedès**

Biographical lecture on Pau Casals, by Mr. Albert Solé, musician and trustee of the Pau Casals Foundation of Catalonia.

Introduced by: Mr. Divyesh Vara, CIDAE Peace Delegate, President of Aakruti Rangoli, India.

6:00 p.m. - Demonstration of the figurative technique (Colored salt art) by the Domus Piu

IX Association of Malta

6:45 p.m. - **Presentation 1**

## **Communities that are bearers of ephemeral art: International cooperation and cultural networks.**

By Ms. Roxana Barrientos, President of the Ibero-American International Association of Floral Art (AEIAF) of Costa Rica.

Presented by: Ms. Cristina Gili Francès, member of Patronat Corpus de Lleida.

7:15 p.m. - Meeting of Presidents

7:30 p.m. - Visit by international participants to the Pau Casals Museum

9:00 p.m. - Dinner at the 4R Europe Hotel

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## FRIDAY, April 10th

10:00 a.m. - Demonstration of the figurative technique (Colored salt art) in the street, by the Domus Piu IX Association of Malta.

### 10:00 a.m. - **Presentation 2**

#### **Immaterial Cultural Heritage and cultural sustainability: the social value of community practices**

By Dr. Meritxell Martín Pardo, Ph.D. Research Associate Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, professor of cultural and religious studies IES Abroad Barcelona.

Presented by: Òscar Ripoll, president of the Assoc. Friends of the Bellvei Carpets.

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Break

11:15 a.m. – Round table discussion.

#### **The future of ephemeral art in the 21st century: challenges and opportunities**

Presented and moderated by: Manuel Alonso, Coordinator of the CIDAE Galicia Group.

Participants:

Mr. José Antonio Hernández de l'Asoc. Carpet makers from Patamban, Mexico, Mr. Graziano Amadio, from l'Asoc. Infiorata di Montefiore dell'Asso, d'Italia, Ms. Remei Artigas, council and member the Carpets d'Arbúcies and Kyng HwonK, President of the Infiorata of Korea.

### 12:15 p.m. - **Presentation 3**

#### **The inclusive transmission and training of ephemeral art: education, community participation and cultural continuity**

**In the care of Mrs. Carmina Balaguer, director of the La Sínia center in Calafell, of the Sta. Teresa foundation**

Presented by: Carmen Santos Cidrás, from the Corpus Carpets Cultural Association of Bueu

1:30 p.m. - Lunch for participants

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3:00 p.m. - **Presentation 4**

## **Following inscription on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: benefits, risks, and safeguarding**

Presented by Mr. Guillermo Soler García de Oteyza, anthropologist, journalist, cultural manager, and member of ICOMOS (International Council of Monuments and Sites)

Introduced by Ms. Vicenta Pallarès, president of the Catalan Federation of Carpet Makers and CIDAE

3:30 p.m. - Start of carpet making by residents of the La Sínia Center in Calafell, part of the Santa Teresa Foundation

4:30 p.m. - Demonstration of the colored rice technique by the Domus Pius IX group from Malta

5:00 p.m. - Coffee break

5:30 p.m. - Presentation of the Symposium's conclusions by Mr. Josep Cot, secretary of the Catalan Federation of Carpet Weavers. Show of the promotional video of the candidacy

6:00 p.m. - Institutional closing of the Symposium

Participants:

Ilmo. Mr. Kenneth Martínez, mayor of El Vendrell

Ms. Vicenta Pallarès, President of the Catalan Federation of Catifaire Entities

Ilma. Ms. Marta Ventura, Vice president of the Tarragona Provincial Council

Ilma. Ms. Mònica Sales, Deputy in the Parliament of Catalonia

Ilmo. Mr. Romano Cano, territorial Delegate of the Generalitat of Catalonia Ilmo.

Mr. Òscar Sánchez, Deputy for Culture of the Tarragona Provincial Council

Ms. Núria Güell, Director of Education for the Regional Council

Mr. Òscar Ripoll, President of the Assoc. Friends of Bellvei Carpets

7:15 p.m. - Music concert at the Pau Casals Auditorium, performed by the musical group Les 3 Claus Musicals and the Contrapunt Music School

9:00 p.m. - Symposium closing dinner at the 4R Gran Europe Hotel

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**SATURDAY, April 11th**

## **III INTERNATIONAL CARPET MEETING**

Flower carpet making in Bellvei

6:30 a.m. - Carpet making

9:00 a.m. - Carpet fraternity breakfast

1:30 p.m. - Carpet lunch

4:30 p.m. - Carpet completion

6:00 p.m. - Opening of the III International Carpet Makers Meeting

Participants:

The Ilmo. Mr. Valentí González, Mayor of Bellvei

Ms. Vicenta Pallarès, president the Federació Catalana de Catifaires

Ms. Ingrid Salas, Councilor for Culture of Bellvei

Councilors of the Bellvei City Council

Ms. Laia Cuscó Pallarès, Councilor for Culture of Caldes de Montbui The

Ilmos. Messrs. Mayors of the Regional Council

Ms. Núria Güell, Director of Education for the Regional Council

Mr. Andreu Bernadàs president the Els Tres Tombs

Mr. Òscar Ripoll, president Assoc. Amics de les Alfombristes de Bellvei Hble.

Ms. Núria Parlon, Minister of the Interior of the Generalitat of Catalonia

8:30 p.m. - Party dinner and farewell

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## **SUNDAY, April 12th**

Cultural visit to the Modernist monuments of L'Arboç and the Giralda

Lunch

4:00 PM - Return to the hotel in El Vendrell.

6:00 PM - Performances by folk culture groups at the end of the carpet-making event on Parellada Street in Bellvei.

7:30 PM - End of the meeting and return home for European participants.

9:00 PM - Dinner at the 4R Gran Europe Hotel (for Asian and American participants). Lunches will be served at the meeting place. Dinners will be at the 4R Gran Europe Hotel.GRAN EUROPE

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## **MONDAY, April 13th**

For Americans and Asians only, or those staying this day:

At 10 a.m. Transfer to Tarragona for a city tour.

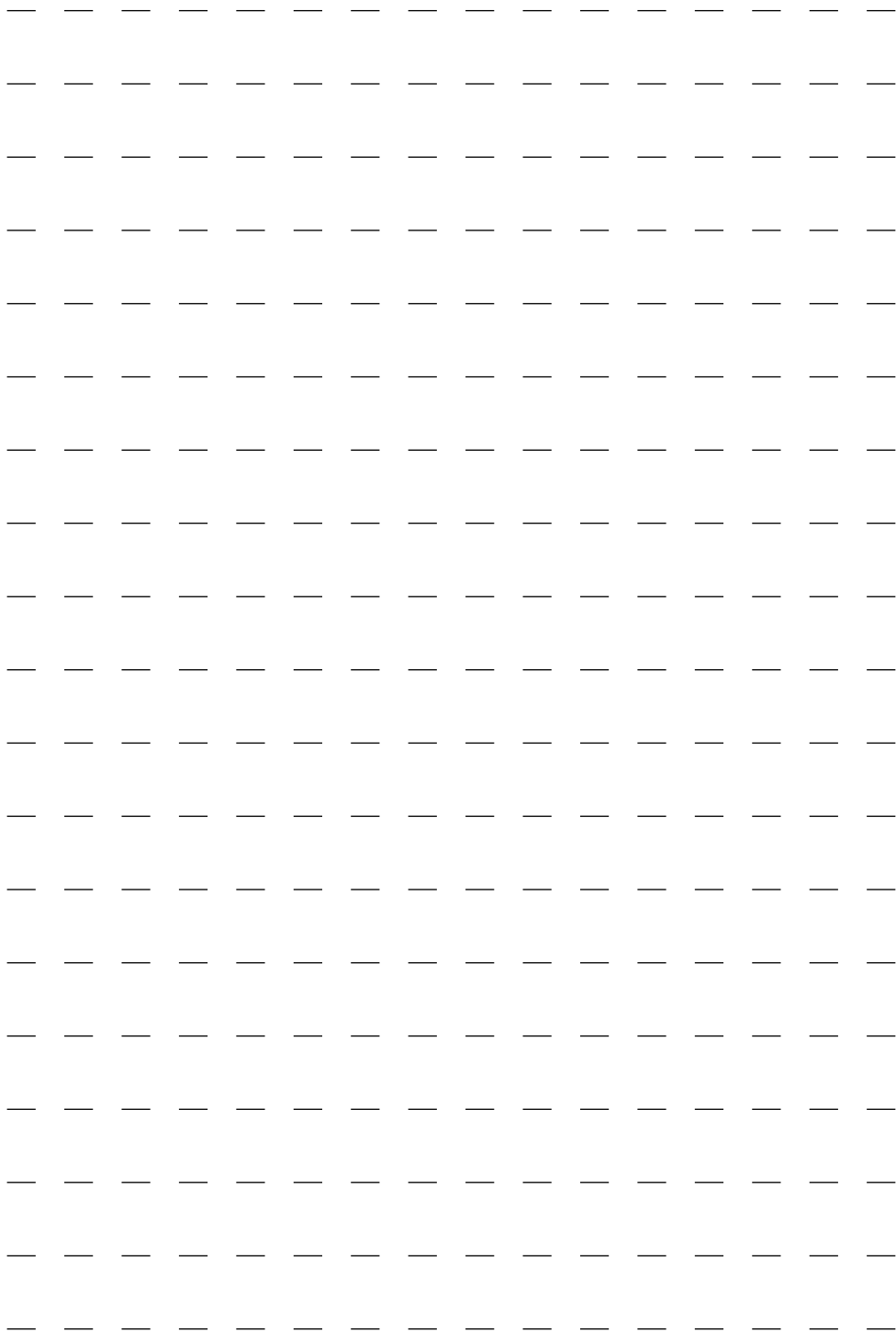
Lunch

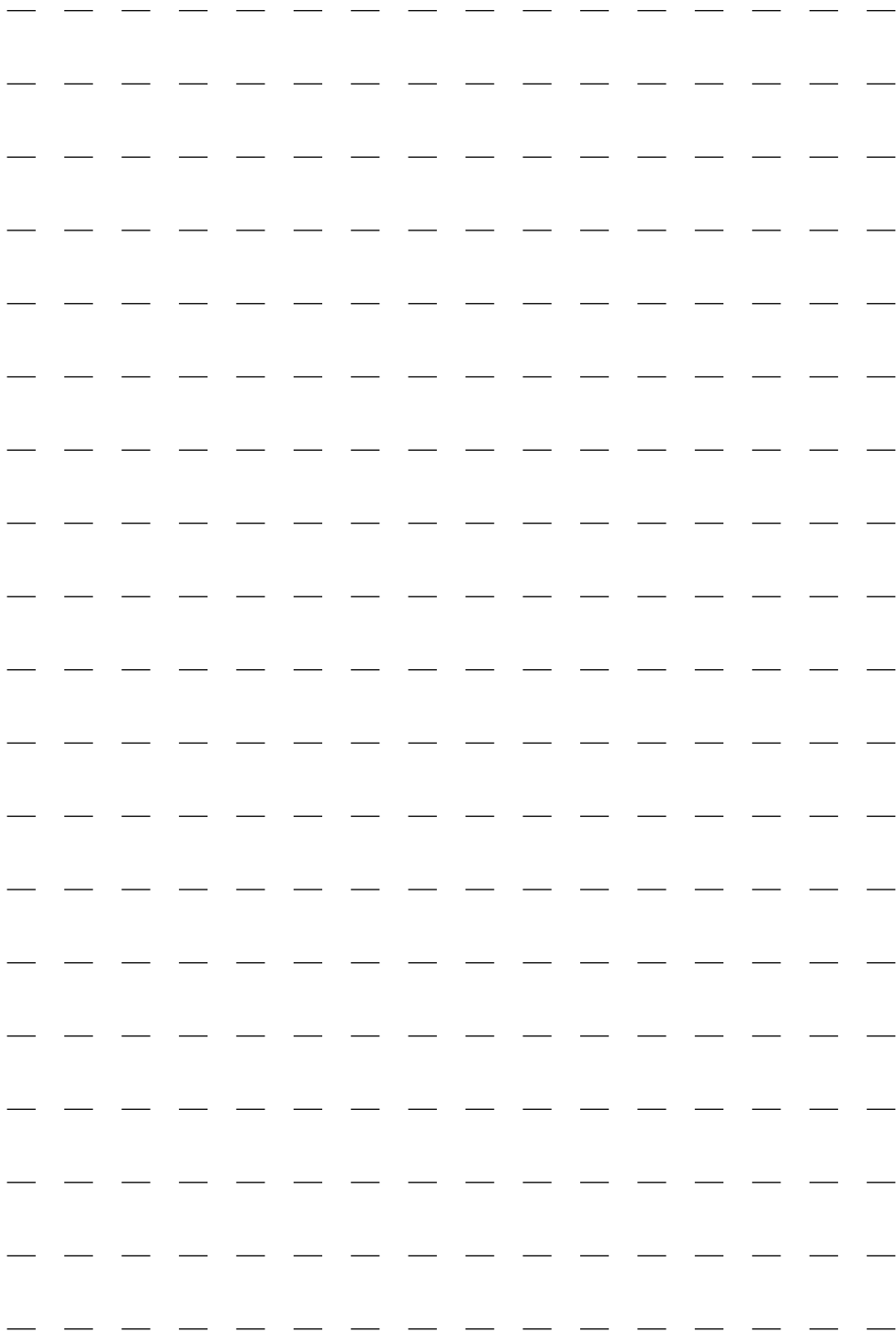
Transfer to the hotel

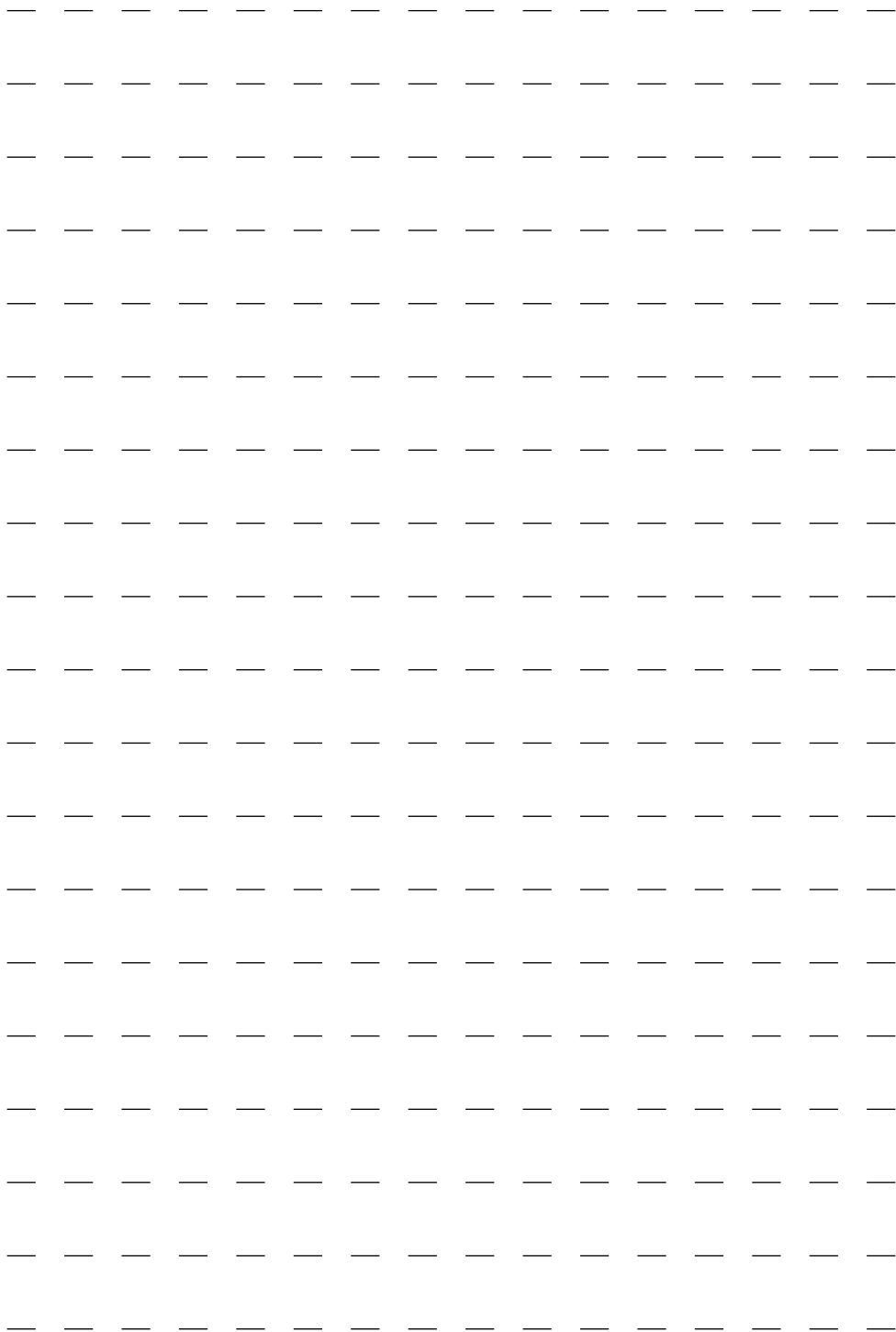
Dinner at the hotel

## **TUESDAY, April 14th**

In the morning, each group will depart for their respective destinations.







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