21st OIDFA World Lace Congress and General Assembly 2025

16 August

09.00 – 10.30 OIDFA General Assembly
Audience Hall, Cultural Center "Vasil Levski - 1861", Karlovo
10.30 – 11.30 Opening Ceremony of the 21st OIDFA World Lace Congress
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12.00 – 18.00 Congress exhibitions and Trader's stands
Cultural Center "Vasil Levski - 1861", Karlovo
- National Stand Exhibition
- Exhibition of authentic folk costumes representing Bulgaria as the host country
- "Connections" - a competition exhibition of original lace creations
- Exhibitions of lace organizations and lace schools
- Trader's stands

12.00 – 20.00 Artisan Bazaar
Main square, in front of Cultural Center "Vasil Levski - 1861", Karlovo
16.00 - 18.00 Lecture: Bobbin lace as art therapy for the senses - Kremena Dimitrova and Hristina Minkova (registered participants only)
Venue to be determined, Kalofer
20.00 Folklore concert "Welcome to Bulgaria!" with the participation of the Dance Ensemble "Rose Valley", Children's Folklore Formation "Rose Valley", Quartet "Slavey", students from NUFI Shiroka Laka and Welcome cocktail party (Only for registered participants and their partners.)
Cultural Center "Vasil Levski - 1861", Karlovo

17 August

10.00 – 18.00
- Congress exhibitions and Trader's stands
- Artisan Bazaar

16.00 - 18.00 Lecture: Possibilities to combine bobbin lace with other textile techniques - Elgina Velichkova (registered participants only)
Venue to be determined, Kalofer
20.00 OIDFA Dinner (Only for registered participants and their partners.)
Karlovo

18 August

10.00 – 17.00
- Congress exhibitions and Trader's stands
- Artisan Bazaar

14.00 - 16.00 Lecture: Preservation of bobbin lace in Bulgaria today - the people and the places - Prof. Iva Kyurkchieva from the Institute of Ethnology and Folkloristics with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia (registered participants only)
Venue to be determined, Kalofer
17.00 Closing ceremony of the congress and ceremonial handover of the organization's flag by the chairman of the Bulgarian organizing committee to the organizing committee for the next Congress.
Audience Hall, Cultural Center "Vasil Levski - 1861", Karlovo
20.00 Goodbye cocktail party (Only for registered participants and their partners.)
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