The European Daguerreotype Association (EDA) Has Been Founded!

The European Daguerreotype Association, or EDA, is an international non-profit association of photography enthusiasts, with a special interest in the history and the art of the daguerreotype. The EDA intends to deal with the expansion and maintenance of Daguerreobase, an active EU-financed database that will contain over 25,000 descriptions of daguerreotypes in public and private European collections. We will work on aggregation of new information on the early history of photography, enrichment of existing descriptions of daguerreotypes in public and private collections and linking with other collections, museums, institutes and collectors. Our aim is to build an authentic source for 19th century European photography heritage research.

The EDA will encourage the study of the art of daguerreotype, including the preservation and conservation of original daguerreotype plates, and its relation with other techniques of 19th century photography. We will offer access to a constantly growing worldwide network of curators, conservators, museums, teachers, specialists, collectors and private owners.

We will share our knowledge regarding the techniques and practice of early photography, in addition to the various aspects of its use as an expressive medium, and we intend to become a strong and interactive community. The partners of the EDA have already proposed organizing workshops, as well as offering their expert assistance and advice regarding publications, the maintenance of collections, education and teaching. Last but not least, we will organise conferences, meetings and a special annual symposium or excursion to various different locations all over Europe.

EDA is now planning its first international meeting in 2015 in Bry-sur-Marne near Paris, which was the last residence of Louis Daguerre. After the completion of the “Daguerreobase” project we wish to make sure that this unique database will be easily accessible and constantly expanding as a unique source of primary information, as well as to create a large international community of people who are passionate of the daguerreotype. We therefore wish to invite you to become a member of our community, to share our common interests, and to build with us a long-lasting European Daguerreotype Association! If you wish to share your enthusiasm for the Daguerreotype by supporting this project you too can now become a member of the “European Daguerreotype Association”!

The European Daguerreotype Association has been founded according to Belgian law as a 100% non-profit organisation, or “Vereniging zonder winstoogmerk” (VZW). Gifts or donations are accepted and appreciated, but we are not registered for tax purposes.

THE BOARD OF EDA INVITES YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER!

Please contact us at: membership@daguerreobase.org or complete the application form on daguerreobase.

Institutional Member € 100
Private / Individual Member € 50
Student Member € 25

Membership fees are payable on a yearly basis.