



SARRIA 2016

Saturday 12 March, 2016

10:30h: Meet at the Monastery of the Magdalena in Sarria.

Guided tour of Sarria's most important monuments.

13:30h: Lunch

16:30h: First Work Session.

Place: Casa de Cultura de Sarria (C / Marqués de Ugena)

Agenda Items:

1. Proposal: Extension of the present 100-kilometer Compostela requirement to 300 kilometers. Analysis of the historical justification and problems it presents.
2. Proposal: List the Camino de Santiago in relevant government registers as a Site of Culture and Historical Heritage, at the same time removing it from Tourism Site registers of the same administrations – a first step in changing governments' view and treatment of the Camino as a mere tourism product.
3. Proposal: Unify and rationalize the rules of pilgrim albergues, and request, at least from the facilities that receive public funds, that preference be given to long-distance pilgrims (those who've walked more than 300 kilometers). We extend the proposal to any other albergue that would choose to adopt the rule.
4. Demand that the State of Galicia resume awarding the Elias Valiña Prize, which was canceled in 2015 in favor of an awards program sponsored by the state Tourism board.

21:30h: Dinner



Sunday 13 March, 2016

10:30h: Monastery of Samos (meet at the pilgrim hostel entrance).

Visit to the exhibition "Silence: Monasticism and the Origins of the Way."

Inauguration of the permanent exhibition of historic Compostelas, courtesy historical researcher Fernando Lalanda

Welcome from Samos Monastery Prior D. José Luis Velez

11:30h: Second Work Session.

Location: Monastery of Samos

Agenda Items:

1. The Pilgrim Credential: A historic document of the Camino de Santiago, or a symbol of the monopoly for the granting of the "Compostela?"

Paper and proposals.

13:00h: End of meeting

If you plan to attend please confirm via email at

info@ficscaminodesantiago.com

The Registration is free, but necessary for organizing the meeting spaces.

Lunch and dinner on Saturday we will be supplied at an affordable price.

A big Jacobean greeting to you all,

Carmen Pugliese

President of the International Brotherhood of Camino de Santiago (FICS)

Santiago de Compostela, February, 2016.