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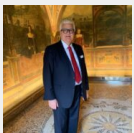
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Flávio Pasotti has joined

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The International Conference on Oriental Carpets (ICOC) will return to Italy 13-16 May 2027, with the historic northern Italian city of Brescia confirmed as the venue for the 16th ICOC. Earlier, ICOC had announced that ICOC-XVI would take place in Brescia 27 – 30 May, but the world famous car race Mille Miglia would have coincided with those dates and made them impossible. As a result, those in Brescia readily agreed to change to the dates of Brescia to 13 – 16 May. Plans are being made to extend ICOC-XVI to Milan.

The decision follows an evaluation process in which earlier plans involving Milan were set aside. Alberto Boralevi, who is organising the conference, explained the reasoning: “I reconsidered the options we had and realised that all the estimates for Milan were too high and unmanageable. Brescia, on the other hand, seemed a much more realistic option, especially considering that we would have the full support of the Tassara Foundation and the MITA Museum.”

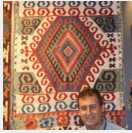
The conference will be held at the



Plans for the forthcoming

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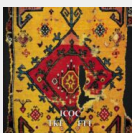
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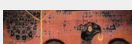
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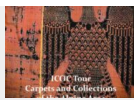
Centro Paolo VI, a conference centre, hotel and restaurant situated in the heart of the old city. The centre offers a fully equipped



Centro Paolo VI – Major meeting room

200-seat conference room, a second 100-seat room that can be connected to the first via an internal television system, and a range of additional spaces suitable for the Dealer's Fair, with capacity for 60–70 exhibitors and furthermore exhibitions of notable private collections. A large cloister surrounded by a portico on all four sides provides space for carpet displays as well as receptions and coffee breaks. The centre also has 110 hotel rooms and approximately 300 parking spaces – a rare amenity in an Italian city centre.

Central to the conference is the involvement of the Fondazione Tassara and the MITA Museum – the Museum of Antique Carpets in Brescia. The museum houses nearly 1,400 carpets of major historical importance, making it one of the most significant carpet collections in Europe. The close co-operation with the director of MITA, Flavio Pasotti (member of the ICOC International Committee) will guarantee the top-class level of this ICOC. The Fondazione Tassara has expressed its willingness to contribute both organisational and financial support to the event.



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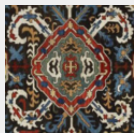
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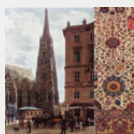
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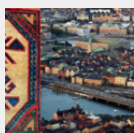
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Recent exhibition ‘The Weaves of the Dragon – Chinese Carpets of the Imperial
Dynasties’ at MITA

Brescia’s city centre location also allows delegates to walk to major cultural landmarks, including the Palazzo Salvadego, whose “Ladies’ Hall” features murals by Moretto da Brescia depicting Mamluk carpets, and the Teatro Grande, where the MITA Museum may stage an exhibition.

Peter Bichler, Chairman of the ICOC International Committee, announced the decision to members of the International Committee: “A recent visit to the Italian town of Brescia in Lombardy, with its UNESCO listed sites and Roman ruins, convinced Alberto and I that it would be the perfect setting for the XVI ICOC in 2027. The ICOC will therefore take place in May 2027, with conference venues located in the easily accessible cultural centre of the old town of Brescia.”

Wendel Swan, Chairman of the ICOC Executive Committee, noted that Milan had originally been under consideration: “We hoped to have an ICOC in Milano but it’s way too expensive. Instead, we will have the conference in Brescia and some events in Milano, for which I am now negotiating the contracts. Registration will come later, but only as soon as we are certain of the contracts and



May
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arrangements.”

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May 15, 2003

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