

40 YEARS AGO

At the initiative of Michel Parent, Serge Antoine and Alain Monferrand, 40 years ago, on 19 February 1981, an official notice was published establishing the «Association Vauban » whose aim is to *"promote all action in favour of Vauban's work, in all its forms, including by contributing to his best knowledge; by valour to its conservation and development; promoting its animation and, in particular, by creating links between initiatives involving a particular work of Vauban and his successors »*, the head office is set at the Museum of Reliefs Plans at the National Hotel des Invalides in Paris.

40 years later, our Association pursues its initial objectives with the organization of events, annual congresses on fortified sites, study trips to France and abroad Malta (1996, 2019), Belgium (1997), Switzerland (1998, 2013), Finland and Russia (2001), Poland (2002, 2018), Italy (2003, 2010, 2014, 2021), Great Britain (2004), Spain (2005, 2009), Luxembourg (2006), Germany (2006, 2012, 2017), Netherlands (2008) , Sweden (2015), Portugal (2016), publications of conference proceedings and an internal journal, publication of books and participation in documentary films (cinema and TV), diffusion of an Infolettre (Newsletter) for our members and partners, audit and expertise with communities and companies in charge of fortified wealth management.

We also had some highlights: in **1983**, Vauban Reformer Symposium, in **1988**, organizing our first congresses on fortified sites (in Colmars the Alps), in **1989**, creation of the "*Vauban Association Prize*" rewarding research on the Marshal and his successors or actions in favor of the preservation of fortified heritage, in **1994**, symposium in Sorbonne-Paris with the CREPIF "fortifications and military heritage in the Ile de France , memory, obsolescence, conservation, re-use" in **1995**, symposium for the 100th anniversary of Séré de Rivières, in **1996**, organization of the first of our study trips (Malta), in **2001**, symposium in Belfort on François Nicolas Benoit Haxo, in **2005**, launch of the candidacy of Vauban sites with the Mayor of Besançon, Jean Pierre Fousseret for an inscription on the list of World Heritage by UNESCO, in **2007**, the tricentenary of the death of the Marshal, publication of the Oisivetés of the Marshal of Vauban with the organization and participation of more than 1000 events in a hundred cities (exhibitions, conferences, Symposium,...), the launch of a postage stamp and collectible coins, the publication of the complete writings of Monsieur de Vauban's Oisivetés, in **2008**, the ranking by UNESCO of 12 major sites in Vauban and the network of communities responsible for their animation (RSMV) , in **2011** symposium at Les Invalides for the 30th anniversary of the Association and sponsorship of the first promotion of military infrastructure engineers (IMI), successors of « Genie engineers » in Angers (Vauban promotion), in **2017**, publication of correspondences between Vauban and the King and marshal's agendas, launch of the application of new cities for the UNESCO heritage listing of Vauban's work (including Breisach am Rhein) , in **2018**, launch of a Newsletter for our members and partners. **2020**, opening of our blog on facebook Our next goal: 2031 and our 50th Jubilee !

And still now :

It is necessary to recall particular original links between the Association and the Museum of Plans-reliefs of which Michel Parent was one of the curators who brings together at the Invalides the remarkable collection, created by Louis XIV and Louvois, of the models of the works designed by Vauban and his successors and which served to better understand the means of the defense of the territory and to learn the use of them. By our action and partnership we exchange with some associations and societies in France and other countries (you can joint hem on our Internet site on « [contact/associations partenaires](#) »)

2021, The Jubilee :

For our 40th jubilee we organize some manifestations :

- 25th of November at 12 am : Vauban Memorial Day (report of the manifestation previously in march) with the concourse of military authorities, Cadet of ENSIM Military School and the Vauban family in the « Dôme des Invalides » in the Ste Therese Chapel.
- 26th of November : Conference day about the "Vauban of Napoleon 1st "with an intervention of Philippe Prost, Henri Ortholan, Andreas Kupka, Maurice Lovisa,(sr) Jereon van der Werf,(sr) Jean Marie Balliet, Gérard Ermissé(sr) , Patrick Salin , Yannick Guillou and Michele Virol.
- 27th of November : A day for a historic library with some editors.