

41st International Carnival in LUGAGNANO – Italy. March 8th-11th, 2024

Scouting trip related to entering the A category of FECC membership

The humanitarian carnival association Lo Tzigano Lugagnano, with the patronage of the Municipality of Sona, presented itself on **Friday, March 8th, 2024**, at the festive dinner of friendly carnival associations and celebrated International Women's Day in the most beautiful way possible. With delicious food prepared by our hosts, we had fun late into the night.

On **Saturday, March 9th, 2024**, under the guidance of our friendly hosts Cristina Bertagnoli and Tiziano Zocco, we visited the beautiful Old Town of Sirmione on Lake Garda. In the afternoon, we welcomed the Carnival association Veseli Oldtimers from Rijeka - Croatia and several smaller carnival groups from the province, and together we went to the shopping center La Grande Mella, where a parade of carnivalists and FECC members from Italy, Croatia, France and Germany was held. It is a way of thanking a big sponsor, but also inviting fellow citizens to tomorrow's carnival parade. And in the evening, a children's carnival redoubt organized by the Parents' Committee was held in the big tent. The little ones had a lot of fun under the guidance of Alberto Filippio, who prepared a lot of interesting games for them.

Sunday, March 10th, 2024, started with a holy mass, which was partly dedicated to the carnival.

After the mass in the new premises of the carnival association Lo Tzigano, a meeting was held with the new Mayor of Sona Gianfranco Dalla Valentina, his deputy and the heads of culture and tourism about their entry into the A category of the FECC. They were interested in what FECC brings to cities that have carnivals and what new opportunities will open up for them. They agreed that the exchange of carnival groups within a united Europe is very important. According to the promise, we expect their application in the A category of the FECC in the future.

Due to the bad weather, the big international carnival parade of allegorical floats and carnival groups was not held through the streets of Lugagnano, but the carnival participants socialized and danced in a tent. On that occasion, I awarded large FECC medals to Tiziano Zocca, president, and Oriano Gobi, vice-president of the Lo Tzigano Humanitarian Carnival Association our long time member in C category. As announced, the Great 41st Carnival Parade was held next Sunday.

We sincerely thank our dear friends from Lugagnano for their warm hospitality and unforgettable company.

Josip Silov, International Vice President of FECC



