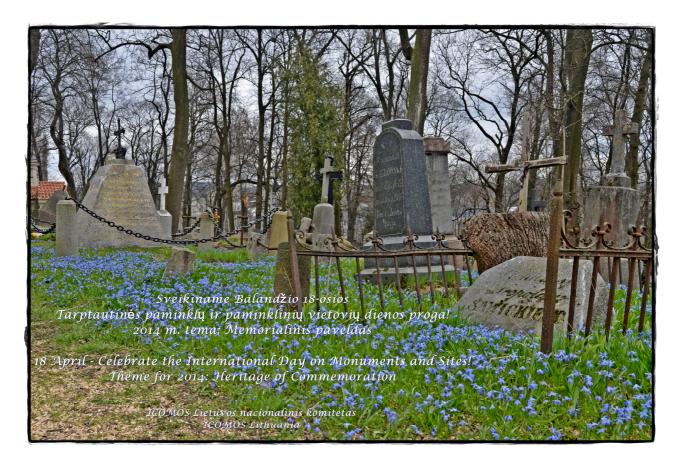
## 18 April - the International Day on Monuments and Sites Theme for 2014: "Heritage of Commemoration"

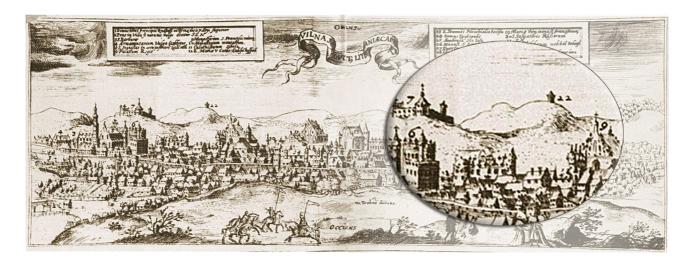
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ICOMOS Lithuania has foreseen few activities for 18 April - the International Day on Monuments and Sites, on the theme "Heritage of Commemoration".

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ICOMOS Lithuania in collaboration with the Directorate of the State Cultural Reserve of Vilnius Castles (http://www.vilniauspilys.lt/en) on 16 April are holding a quided tour to Bekes Hill in Vilnius Hills Park area and a short seminar after to commemorate Gáspár de Kornyath Bekes. G. K. Bekes (1520–1579) was a Hungarian nobleman and a military commander of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth who was buried on the hilltop. Stephen Báthory (1533–1586), the Grand Duke of Lithuania and the King of Poland, built an impressive monument some 20 metres high, an octagonal brick tower, to honour his friend, a follower of the Arian faith (an early Christian belief). For more than two centuries, Bekes Hill and the tower at its peak were one of the most distinctive elements of the Vilnius panorama. Fragment of an etching by T. Makovskis (Tomasz Makowski), "Vilniaus miesto panorama" (Panorama of the City of Vilnius). 1600. During the first half of the 19th century, the tower together with a substantial part of the hill was washed away by the waters of the Vilnia.



T. Makovskis. Vilniaus miesto panorama. 1600 (Tomasz Makowski, Panorama of the City of Vilnius. 1600)

The seminar will take place at the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO, St. Jono str. 11, Vilnius, Lithuania (www.unesco.lt)

Guided tour and seminar are open to the public.



The subcommittee of ICOMOS Lithuania in Klaipėda region will invite voluntiers to collective work - cleaning from rubbish old cemetary as well as they did last year in Old Taurakalnis Cemetary (see pictures attached).



