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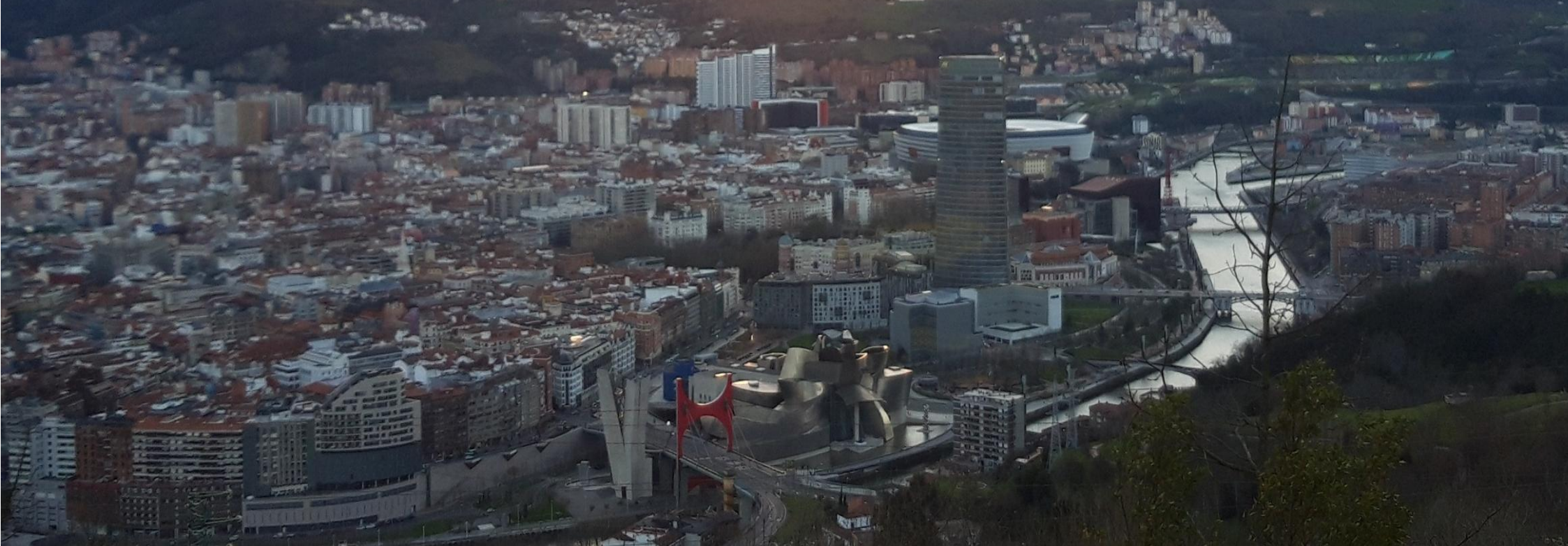
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The Basque Society of Watercolorists (Agrupación Vasca de Acuarelistas – AVA) takes over from the German Watercolor Society and will be in charge of organizing in 2022, in the city of Bilbao, the 25th edition of the International Watercolor Symposium to which we are pleased to invite all the ECWS member-societies.

Our Society, with 77 years of trajectory, since it was founded in 1945, organized the Symposium of 2006 and the gained experience is being the main baggage to carry out this next Symposium where watercolor will be the protagonist.

Bilbao has very favorable characteristics to host an event like this, since it is a medium-sized city with very special scenery provided by its long history and culture. It preserves its Old Town and has a modern city expansion area, being the interaction of both what gives this unique character to the city. It is very comfortable and easy to go all over, it is crossed by an estuary with an industrial background that has been reinvented as the main artery of the city.

Our city has made a strong commitment to art and culture and has a network of very interesting museums, among which we want to highlight the emblematic Guggenheim and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Using these signs of identity and this cultural background, we have developed the Symposium program.

Isabel Sanjuan  
President of AVA





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# BILBAO

In Bilbao, during the last 20 years, buildings for cultural purposes have been regenerated, spaces have been created for activities that promote the quality of life and projects that support the work of local artists and entities, have increased. Among them is our Basque Society of Watercolourists, the AVA. We are lucky to have two wonderful exhibition spaces provided by the institutions, *Bizkaia Aretoa* of the UPV-EHU ([Bizkaia Aretoa](#)) and Ondare of the Provincial Council of Bizkaia. ([Ondare Hall](#))

During the days the Symposium lasts, we will turn into our visitors so that they can enjoy this passion that unites us, and which we show the world with events like this. The sponsors, Goya Bellas Artes and Winsor&Newton, and the collaborators, Escoda and Artemiranda, with their contributions of materials, gifts and others, will put the finishing touch to our scheduled activities.



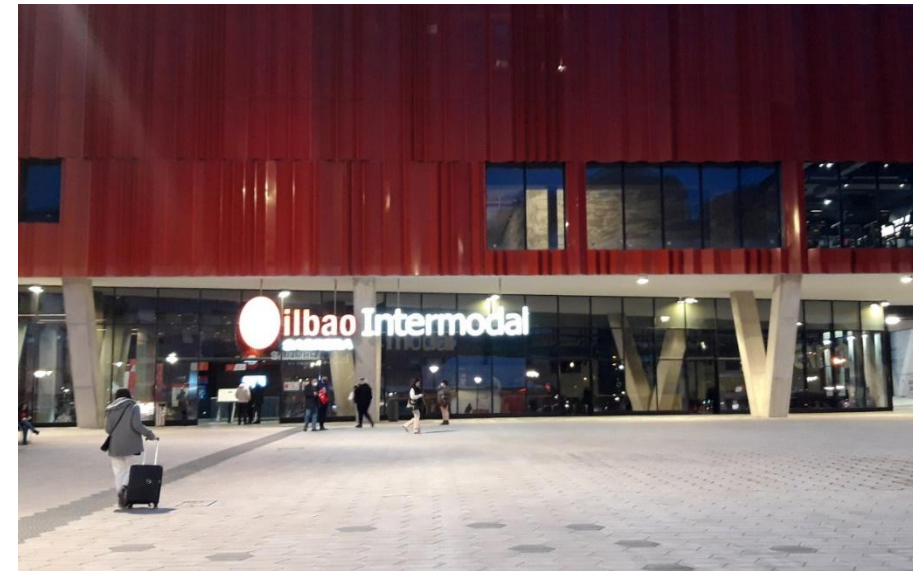
# SYMPOSIUM ACTIVITIES

## Arrival in Bilbao

To arrive to Bilbao there is a good communications network. Loiu airport is about 15 minutes away by bus or taxi. There is a connection to the center with the A3247 Bilbao-Airport line.

The compact nature of Bilbao makes moving around the city easy and accessible, it has one of the best metro networks, frequent buses, trains and trams that interconnect the key areas of Bilbao with each other, and with the coast and the surroundings.

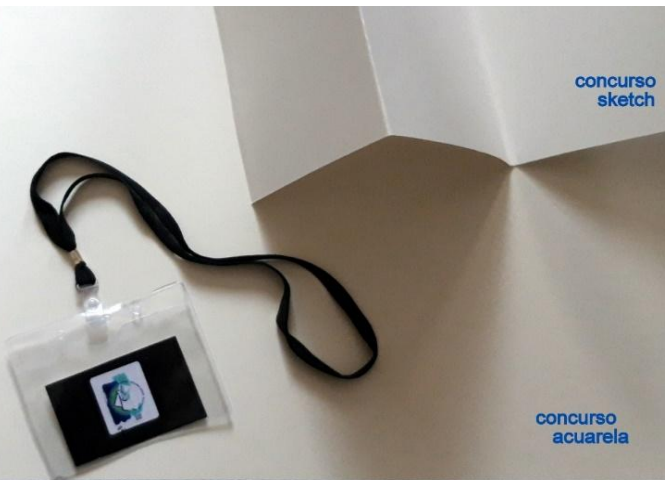
Bilbao is located between mountains, with the estuary as the main axis, urbanistically it has ideal characteristics for the enjoyment of the visiting artist, both for the narrow streets of the old town and for the wide spaces offered by the most modern city. We can even paint an aerial view of the city by going up in the classic funicular of Artxanda, a place that for the people of Bilbao is the lung of the city. ([Funicular](#))



## Registration

The *Castaños Civic Center* on Castaños street nº11, on the right bank of the estuary, is an historic modernist building from 1910, which was an old public wash house and today acts as a municipal services center. Accreditations for the symposium will be collected there from Monday 26 in the afternoon until Wednesday 28 (the specific schedules appear below in the document). Each participant will receive a welcome package: symposium program, city map, gifts from sponsors and collaborators.

**Important:** The Winsor & Newton watercolor papers that must be used in the scheduled watercolor contests will be provided with the accreditation and stamped by the Organization.



## AVA exhibition

It will take place in SALA ONDARE. María Díaz de Haro nº11 BILBAO ([Ondare Hall](#))

The ONDARE hall belongs to the Bizkaia Provincial Council it has 400 m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition space and is located on the ground floor of the Bizkaia Provincial Archive.

**Guided visits to the exhibition:** It will be on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 at 19:00h.

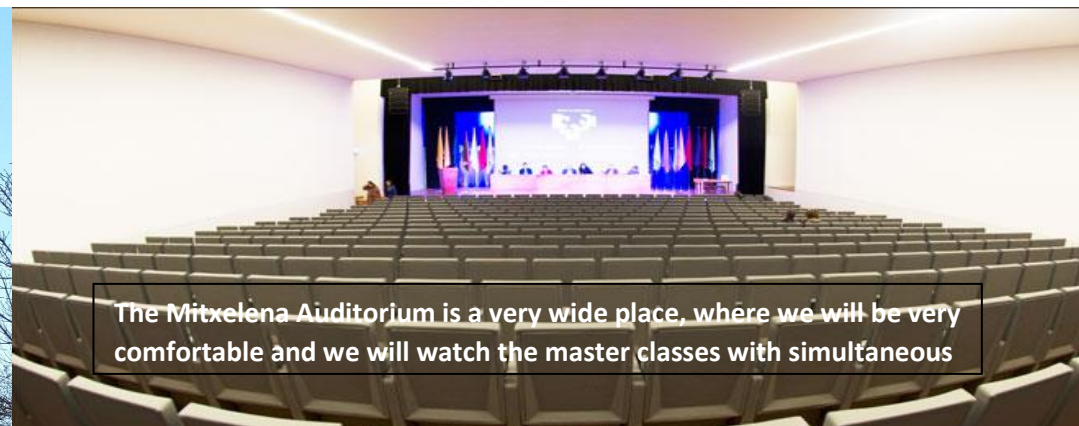
The AVA exhibition can be visited prior to the opening of the symposium. From 07/20/22 to 10/15/22.



## International watercolor exhibition - Opening ceremony

It will take place in the Bizkaia Aretoa Building, on Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. after the master class performed in the same building (Avenida Abandoibarra, 3) (Bizkaia Aretoa).

The opening will be accompanied by refreshments. If the weather allows it, we will be able to access the terrace, where the amazing views will be the ideal complement for that moment of fraternity, share impressions about the works, reunions, toast...



The Mitxelena Auditorium is a very wide place, where we will be very comfortable and we will watch the master classes with simultaneous





## International exhibition

The exhibition of the works of the XXV edition of the ECWS symposium will take place in the AXULAR and ETXEPARE rooms

The exhibition can be visited from 09/26/22 to 10/9/22.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8:00–20:00

Saturday 10:00–14:00, 16:00–20:00

Sunday 10:00 a 14:00

Afterwards the exhibition will be exposed in the other two historical territories of the Basque Country. It will be exhibited in Vitoria-Gasteiz at the School of Arts and Crafts ([School](#)) and will finally be shown in Gipuzkoa at the Irún House of Culture ([Amaia KZ](#)), ending on 11/11/22.



# Contests

Two kinds of contests will be held, the plein-air WATERCOLOR and the BILBAO sketch. Only those registered for the symposium will be able to participate.

As informed above, the watercolour paper for the two contests will be provided at the time of collecting the Symposium accreditation, at the Castaños Civic Center located at Castaños street nº11, at the times established in the program that is attached to this document.

## Plein air Watercolor contest

It will be held throughout the morning of Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

From 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., the second stamping of the paper (which was previously delivered with the accreditation to the symposium) will take place at the Hotel Conde Duque located in Campo Volantín nº22. Once the works are finished, they will be delivered at the same place, before 2:00 p.m.

The works will be exhibited in the *smoking room* of the Sociedad Bilbaína (Navarra street nº1) in the afternoon since 7:00 p.m. The awards ceremony will take place during the Gala Dinner, which will be held at the same building.



## BILBAO sketch contest

The artists will carry out their work throughout the week on the stamped paper delivered at the time of accreditation. The subject will be BILBAO. In this case the paper should not be stamped a second time.

The delivery of the work performed for the contest will take place on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Conde Duque Hotel located in Campo Volantín nº22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The works will be exhibited in the *smoking room* of the Sociedad Bilbaína (Navarra street nº1) in the afternoon since 7:00 p.m. The awards ceremony will take place during the Gala Dinner, which will be held at the same building.



## Master class

The master classes will be taught by three artists of great trajectory that belong to the same generation, **Alejandro Quincoces, Julia Hidalgo and Justo San Felices**. They are an example of how watercolour can be worked from different starting points, using totally different themes and with totally personal results.

They will take place in the **MITXELENA Auditorium** of the Bizkaia Aretoa building on the days and times scheduled in the program described in this document.



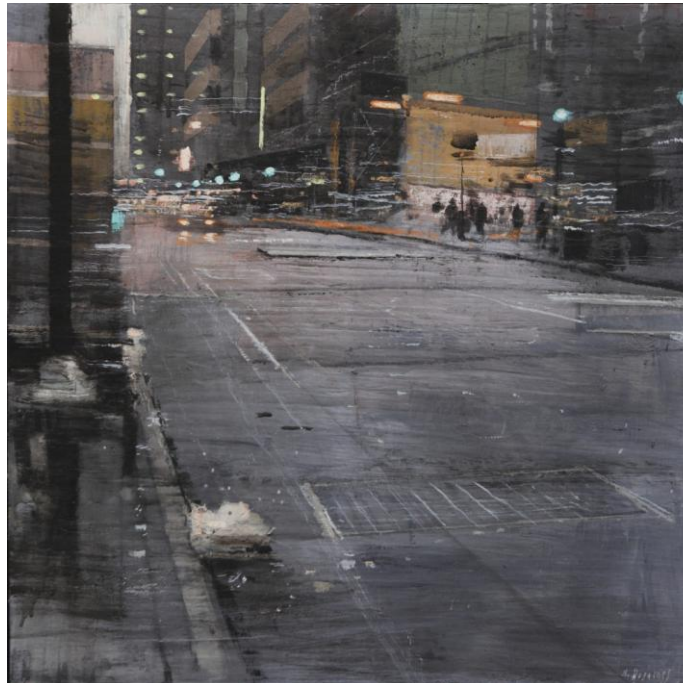
**Julia Hidalgo**



**Alejandro Quincoces**



**Justo San Felices**



## Sponsors

Demonstration: Miguel Torrús - Thursday 29



### Winsor&Newton

The artist Miguel Torrús will perform a watercolor demo on Thursday 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Castaños Civic Center (Castaños street nº11)



### Goya

In the centric Colón de Larreategi street nº 36 and 38 in the Bilbao's expansion area, you could find the Goya stores dedicated to fine arts material with a wide spacing dedicated to watercolor, so that you will not miss anything during the symposium.

## Contributors



# PROGRAM

MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 27	WEDNESDAY 28	THURSDAY 29	FRIDAY 30	SATURDAY 1
<p>SEE LOCATIONS</p> <p>① ② ③</p> <p>④ ⑤ ①</p> <p>Below on the <b>MAP</b></p>	<p>Individual sightseeing of Bilbao Museums Guggenheim and Fine Arts</p> <p>Painting Bilbao</p>	<p>③ 10:00 a 13:00</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p> <p>Individual sightseeing of Bilbao Museums Guggenheim and Fine Arts</p> <p>Painting Bilbao</p>	<p>③ 10:30 a 12:00</p> <p>WINSOR &amp; NEWTON DEMOSTRATION <b>Miguel Torrús</b></p> <hr/> <p>10:30 <b>MEETING</b> Presidents and Liaison officers</p>	<p>⑤ 9:00 a 18:30</p> <p>TRIP TO BALMASEDA</p>  <p>Guided tour around Balmaseda</p>	<p>① 9:00 a 10:00</p> <p>Watercolour contest stamping</p> <p>14:00 due time for Plein air watercolour and Bilbao sketching Contests</p>
<p>③ 15:00 a 17:00</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p>	<p>③ 15:00 a 17:00</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p>	<p>③ 15:00 a 16:30</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p>	<p>① 16:00 a 18:00</p> <p>MASTERCLASS</p> <p><b>Julia Hidalgo</b></p>	<p>Painting</p> <p>Popular lunch "Putxeras"</p>	<p>① 16:00 a 18:00</p> <p>MASTERCLASS</p> <p><b>Justo San Felices</b></p>
<p>Individual sightseeing of Bilbao Museums: Guggenheim and Fine Arts Painting Bilbao</p>	<p>Individual sightseeing of Bilbao Museums: Guggenheim and Fine Arts Painting Bilbao</p>	<p>① 17:00 a 19:00</p> <p>MASTERCLASS</p> <p><b>Alejandro Quincoces</b></p>	<p>① 19:00</p> <p>Opening ECWS EXHIBITION 2022</p>	<p>Horcasitas palace : Works exhibition</p> <p>Watercolour demo</p> <p><b>Cesc Farré</b></p>	<p>④ 19:00 a 20:00</p> <p>CONTESTS EXHIBITION</p>
<p>② 19:00 a 20:00</p> <p>Guided visit to: EAE/AVA EXHIBITION</p>	<p>② 19:00 a 20:00</p> <p>Guided visit to: EAE/AVA EXHIBITION</p>				<p>④ 20:00</p> <p>GALA DINNER Awards ceremony <b>Symposium closing</b></p>

## Balmaseda

Just 30 minutes from Bilbao, with vestiges of the Middle Ages and railway history, **Balmaseda** has a rich and varied cultural heritage. Their landscape filled with mountains, forests and rivers, offers the possibility of enjoying endless options in the open air.

Throughout history, this town received **many pilgrims and traders**, and for this reason it developed an intense commercial and craft activity for centuries. As meeting point for people from different cultures, today it keeps many traditions and festivities.

The visit to Balmaseda that we will carry out on September 30, will allow us to enjoy a day in which we could paint plain-air, take guided tours of the town and the surroundings (La Encartada Factory-Museum) enjoy a traditional lunch (Putxeras) as well as a final party that includes the exhibition of the works performed during the day at the Horcasitas Palace. In this unique building, we can attend a demonstration performed by **Cesc Farré** a watercolour master

## Trip to Balmaseda

Friday, September 30



# BALMASEDA

## The oldest town in Bizkaia

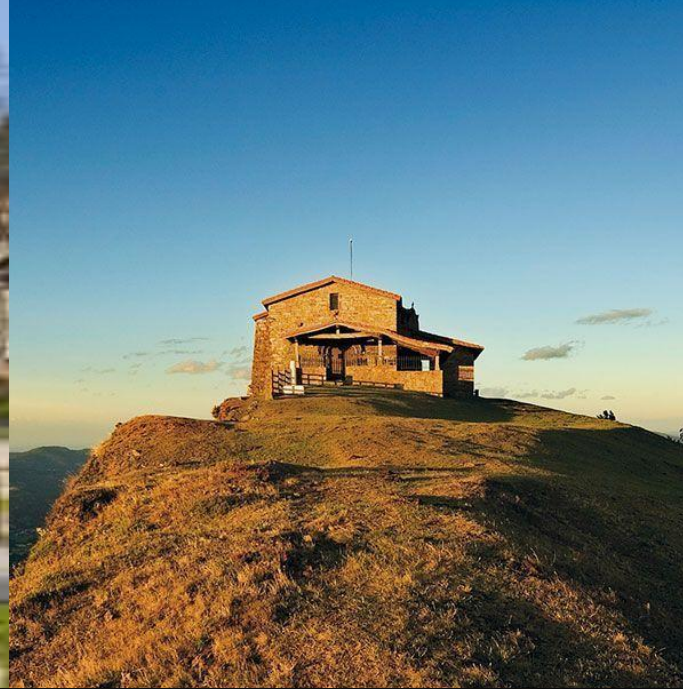
## Trip to Balmaseda

On Friday, September 30 at 9:00 a.m. buses will depart from Bilbao with the participants in the symposium. The journey will last approximately 30-40 minutes. Once you arrive at Balmaseda, you can enjoy the morning getting to know the town, its museums or open air painting.

At 6:30 p.m. the buses back to Bilbao will departure.

The schedules and other details related to this trip will be delivered with the accreditation to the symposium.





## Gala dinner - Symposium closing

On Saturday, October 1 at 8:00 p.m., the gala dinner will take place. With this event we will close the Symposium.

We plan to hold it in an emblematic place in our city, the Sociedad Bilbaina, ([S Bilbaína](#)) on Navarra street nº1, a historical building with wonderful facilities in the heart of Bilbao, with be very easy and comfortable access.

The dinner will consist of two parts: at the beginning a cocktail with hot and cold appetizers will be served and then the rest of the dinner will be served at the table.

Our idea is to exhibit the works painted in the Plain-air Painting Contest held on Saturday morning, as well as the “Bilbao sketch” Contest works in one of the rooms.

After dinner, the awards ceremony will take place.



# Locations

## ① BIZKAIA Aretoa

ECWS INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION  
MASTERCLASS

Abandoibarra, 3 48009 Bilbao  
946 01 81 00

## ② Sala ONDARE Aretoa

AVA / EAE EXHIBITION

María Díaz de Haro, 11. 48013 Bilbao  
944 06 77 37

## ③ Centro Cívico CASTAÑOS

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION  
DEMO WINSOR & NEWTON

Castaños street, 11. 48007 Bilbao  
944 20 34 01

## ④ Sociedad BILBAINA

GALA DINNER – CONTESTS EXHIBITION

Navarra Street, 1. 48001 Bilbao  
944 23 14 07

## ⑤ Balmaseda bus Departure

Friday 30 at 9:00h

Abandoibarra Etorb., 2, 48009

## ① Conde Duque Hotel

CONTEST PAPER STAMPING  
PRESENTATION OF CONTESTS WORKS

Campo Volantín, 22. 48007 Bilbao  
944 45 60 00

## ① CONDE DUQUE Hotel

Campo Volantín, 22. 48007 Bilbao  
944 45 60 00

## ③ BILBAO Plaza Hotel

To check room availability send an email to:

[info@hotelbilbaoplaza.com](mailto:info@hotelbilbaoplaza.com)

Campo Volantín, 1 48007 Bilbao  
946 85 67 00



## Hotels

Hotels in Bilbao with special agreements:

Code, valid from March 1 to May 31: SIMPOSIO22

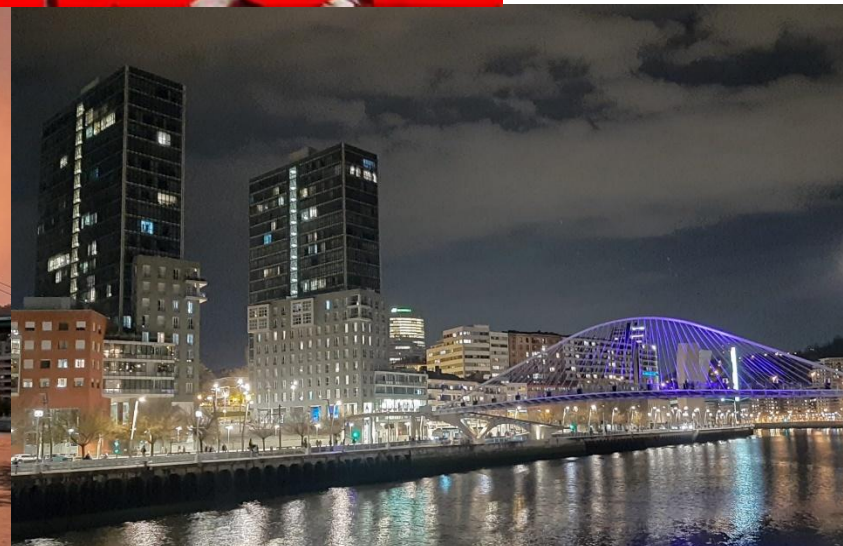
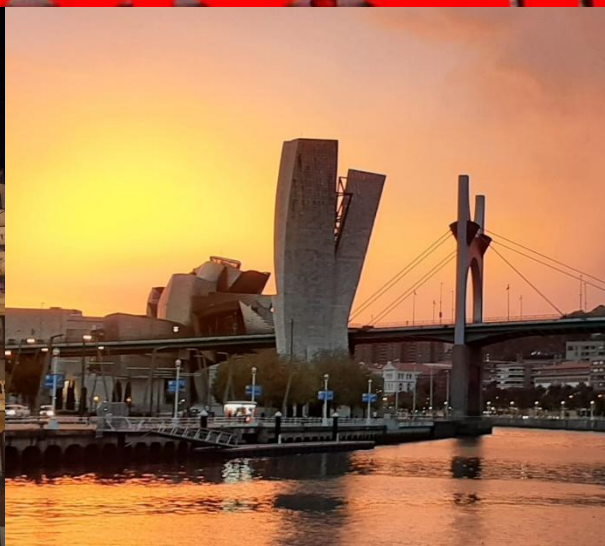
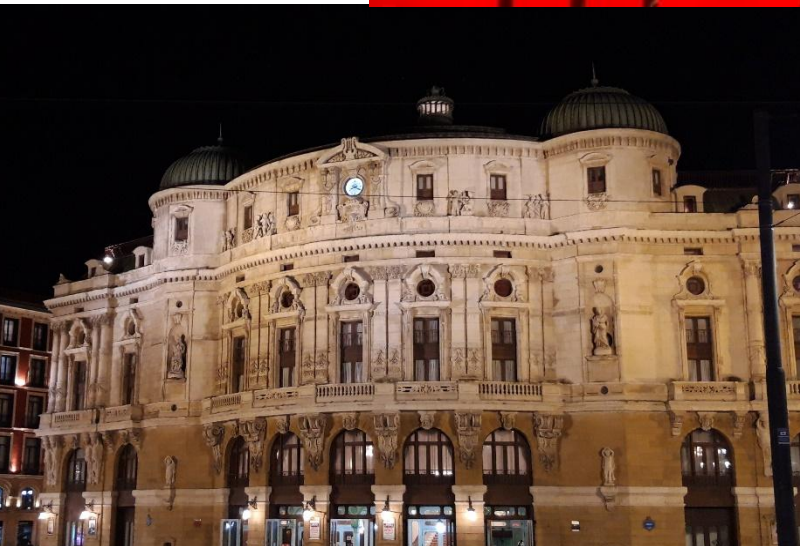
## ② BARCELÓ BILBAO NERVION

Campo Volantín, 11. 48007 Bilbao  
944 45 47 00

## ④ ABBA Euskalduna Hotel

Camino de la Ventosa, 34. 48013 Bilbao  
946 67 31 69

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## Interesting links

- AGRUPACION VASCA ACUARELISTAS** <https://euskalak.com/>
- BIZKAIA ARETOA** <https://www.ehu.eus/en/web/bizkaia-aretoa>
- SALA ONDARE ARETOA** <https://bizkaikoa.bizkaia.eus/detalleContenido.asp?id=9&t=4&idioma=IN>
- SOCIEDAD BILBAINA** <https://sociedadbilbaina.com/en/>
- TURISMO BILBAO** <https://www.bilbaoturismo.net/BilbaoTurismo/en/tourists>
- MUSEO BELLAS ARTES** <https://museobilbao.com/en/home/>
- MUSEO GUGGENHEIM** <https://www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/en>
- BALMASEDA** <https://turismo.balmaseda.eus/?lang=en>
- SOCIEDAD BILBAÍNA** <https://sociedadbilbaina.com/>
- SALA ONDARE** <https://www.bizkaikoa.bizkaia.eus/detalleContenido.asp?t=4&id=9>
- BIZKAIA CENTER** <https://www.ehu.eus/es/web/bizkaia-aretoa>
- FUNICULAR DE ARTXANDA** <https://funicularartxanda.bilbao.eus/>

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