



Portrait of Prof. Nicholas Roerich by his son Svetoslav Roerich 1937.

“Believing in the power of the human spirit, the famous Russian artist, scientist, thinker and traveler Nicholas Roerich created the International Peace Pact for the protection of cultural heritage as well as their creators. Roerich is the first public figure who raised the issue of preserving cultural monuments during armed conflicts.” „The Roerich Pact, signed back in 1935, became the base for the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, which UNESCO appreciates. This wisdom and humanism of Roerich continues to inspire us!”

9th Director-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova

The fundamental idea of Nicholas Roerich about Peace through Culture found its way into the Preamble to the Constitution of UNESCO and number of UNESCO's international legal instruments.

«Really, it is imperative to take immediate measures to preserve the noble heritage of our past for a glorious posterity. This can only come if all countries pledge themselves to protect the creation of culture, which, after all, belong to no one nation but to the world. In this way we might create the next vital step for a universal culture and peace».

Nicholas Roerich

INVITATION

to celebrate Russia-China Culture Week at the Vienna International Centre 6-10 May 2019

We request the honor of your presence to celebrate with us the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China,

the Vienna International Centre's 40th anniversary and the 145th Birthday of Nicholas Roerich on the eve of the 85th anniversary of the Roerich Pact - the first international treaty for the protection of cultural heritage in peace and wartime.

The celebrations are organised by the Club of Russian Art and Literature, the VIC Chinese Culture Association, the Austrian Roerich Society - National Committee of the Roerich Pact, and the International Roerich Center (Moscow) with the support of the Permanent Representation of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (Vienna).

Cultural programme at the VIC Rotunda

Chinese Language Day on May 6th

Chinese Day on May 7th

Russian Club event to commemorate the 74th anniversary of the End of WW II on May 8th

Russian Days "Peace through Culture" on May 9-10th