ICOMOS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MONUMENTS AND SITES THEME 2016- HERITAGE OF SPORT Title: COMMENTED VISIT TO THE HIPODROMO DE LA ZARZUELA, A HISTORIC OFFICIAL MONUMENT. MADRID (SPAIN)

Organizers: SPANISH NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF ICOMOS (CNE) Presentation:

On 18 April 2016, the International Day of Heritage devoted to the Sports, the ICOMOS Spanish National Committee (ICOMOS SPAIN) is planning to hold a commented visit to "La Zarzuela Hippodrome" (*Hipódromo de Zarzuela*) in Madrid, devoted to all our members and other interested persons. The visit shall be guided by qualified specialists of the said committee¹.

This monument is an outstanding example of the rationalist architecture of Madrid and considered as the last master piece of the Second Spanish Republic. Its construction began in 1931 according to the project of the architects Carlos Arniches Molto and Eduardo Martín Domínguez, with the substantial cooperation of the Civil Engineer Eduardo Torroja. It was officially recognized as a BIC (Asset of Cultural Interest) in 2009; previously, the space corresponding of its tribunes (exedra) and mainly because of their covering canopy had been declared as Historic and Artistic Monument in 1980. It also received the First Price from the Official College of Architects of Madrid (COAM) in 2012 for its Project of Restoration and Rehabilitation.

The La Zarzuela Hippodrome is located at Avenida Padre Huidobro s/n. 28023 Aravaca (Madrid), Km. 7.8 of the NW A-6. It is closed to El Pardo, an historic hunting royal site, which is very visited by the Madrilenian citizens, especially in the weekends.

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