



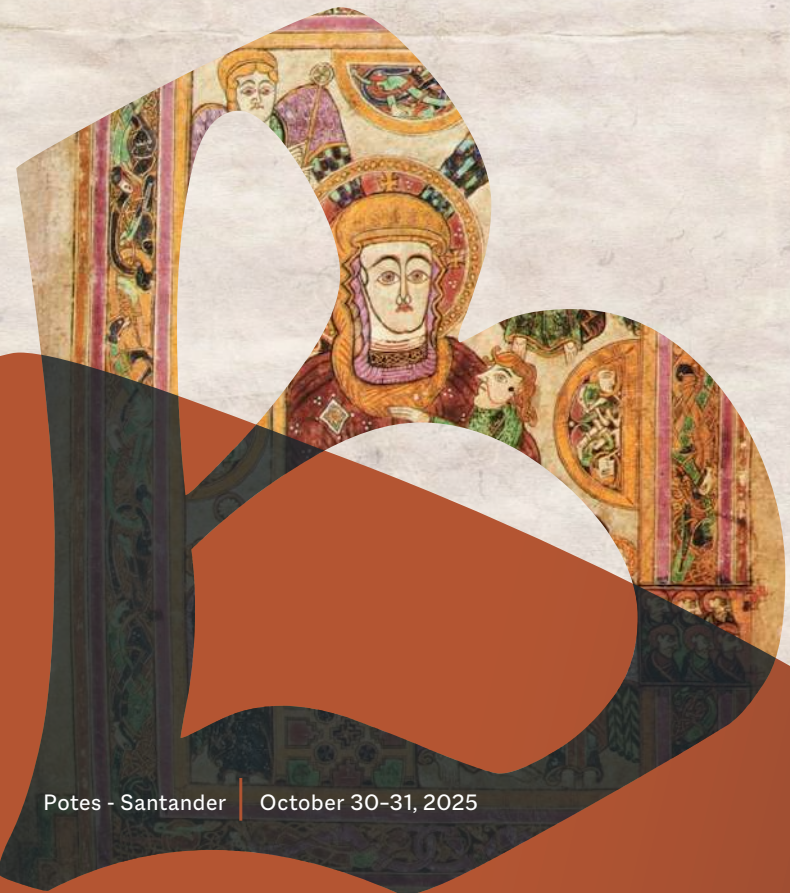
All sessions are free of charge until full capacity is reached.  
Prior registration is required via the form (QR).  
Registration deadline: October 24.  
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# I INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

## Bibliographical Roots of European Heritage

*The Commentary on the Apocalypse by Beato de Liébana and the Book of Kells:  
The roots of Europe's Bibliographic Legacy*



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This Congress seeks to place Cantabria at the heart of the great cultural and religious processes that shaped Europe's common identity. Through the figure of Beato de Liébana, Cantabria made a decisive contribution to **the spirituality, culture, and heritage of the Old Continent.**

For the **first time within a single academic forum**, two of the most significant masterpieces of medieval bibliography and iconography will be studied side by side: **the Commentary on the Apocalypse by Beato de Liébana**—an extraordinary treasure that spread widely across the scriptoria of the Iberian Peninsula, France, and Italy—and the **Book of Kells**, a jewel of the Insular Hiberno-Saxon tradition. This unprecedented gathering will bring together leading international scholars to reaffirm the role of these two codices as cornerstones of Europe's bibliographic heritage.

The Congress will also serve to highlight **Cantabria as a historic land of pilgrimage** and the cradle of the cult of St. James the Apostle.

An unmissable event for all those wishing to explore the profound spiritual and cultural roots that underpin European identity.

Thursday October 30

**09:00** Inaugural session with the European Commissioner for Culture.

**09:30** Lecture: *The Commentary on the Apocalypse of Beatus of Liébana: The Image Beyond the Text.*

**Prof. Dr. Manuel Castiñeiras.**

**10:30** Lecture: *The Book of Kells: Art and Theology in 8th-Century Insular Europe.*

**Dr. Bernard Meehan.**

**12:00** Visit to the Monastery of Santo Toribio and the Lignum Crucis. Encounter with the President of the Confraternity of the Santísima Cruz (founded in 1181).

**15:30** Lecture: *A Medieval Atlantic World: Art as Shared European Heritage.*

**Prof. Dr. Justin Kroesen.**

**16:30** Round Table: *The European Dimension of Cantabria's Religious Heritage and Its Contribution to Europe's Cultural Legacy.*

Moderator: **Pilar G. Bahamonde, Director of the Fundación Camino Lebaniego.**

Panelists: **Stefan Beier, Chiara Curti, Lilian Grootswagers, Sarah de Lencquesaing, Andrea Longhi, Justin Kroesen, Michael Mail, Patty Wageman** (council members of FRH – Future for Religious Heritage).

**19:00** Guided visit to the Torre del Infantado: Collection of Beatus Manuscripts.

Friday October 31

**10:30** Guided visit to the Cathedral of Santander and/or Espacio Banco Santander.

**12:30** Closing of the International Congress.

