

FONDATION NAPOLEON 2005 HIGHLIGHTS, 3 January, 2006

Exhibition, publication, internet, library: the Fondation Napoléon was busy on all fronts in 2005!



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The Treasures of the Fondation Napoléon

The exhibition "Treasures of the Fondation Napoléon", which was open to the public from 27 September 2004 to 24 April 2005 in the fine setting of the Musée Jacquemart-André, in the end was visited by more than 135,000 people (of which 126 085 paid entrance). Indeed, this was the third best ever for a temporary exhibition at Jacquemart-André.

The exhibition was of 200 key objects from the Collections Fondation Napoléon (Lapeyre bequest and acquisitions).

After Sao Paulo in 2003, the exhibition is once more to cross the Atlantic: the Museo del Vidrio in Monterrey (Mexico) is to host the exhibition from 14 February to 14 June, 2006.

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Publication of the Correspondance générale de Napoléon Bonaparte, by the Fondation Napoléon, printed by Fayard, with the participation of the French Archives nationales and the Fondation La **Poste**

The **first volume** covers the years 1784-1797 and contains 2283 letters. Published in October 2004, it has sold 4,500 copies.

The second volume, covering the years 1798-1799, has 2,550 letters. It came out in April 2005.

The third volume covers the years 1800-1802 and will appear in April 2006. It has 2,567 letters. Volume 4 (years 1803-August 1805) will come out in October 2006.

12 volumes are planned, the last coming out in 2010, and the total number of letters published is predicted to be 33,000.

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www.napoleon.org: general public web site on the history of the First and Second Empires

Entirely bilingual, French English, this site includes articles, images, special dossiers, interviews, etc.

In 2005, the site received **2,685,750 sessions**

(compared to 2,134,609 in 2004) in other words, a rise of 25,8 %. Indeed, this is at a rate of more than 620,000 pages viewed per month. The **Information Bulletin** is sent out every Friday in both French and English and it is currently received by more than 6,200 readers.

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www.napoleonica.org: Napoleonic primary source material online

Because of its sophisticated search engine, the web site napoleonica.org places at researchers disposal full-text versions not only of the correspondence of Napoleon with Bigot de Préameneu his minister for religion, but also the working documents of the Napoleonic Conseil d'État, the correspondence of Vivant Denon, first director of the the Musée Napoléon, documents relating to the establishment of the First Empire, and an album of drawings by Houdetot. The contextual details are presented in English.

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than 30 minutes.



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