



Dear knifemakers and cutlery lovers,

This year, with the sanitary measures and uncertainties about the situation's evolution in spring, **Coutellia, the International Knife Festival of Art and Tradition, is postponed to October.** Initially scheduled on May 2021, **the 15 and 16, the 2021 edition will take place exceptionally on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 October!**

Cancelled last year due to the health situation, the event for cutlery lovers and knifemakers intends to celebrate the 30 years together with many people as possible.

In this way, the organizing's committee (CCI Puy-de-Dôme with the their partners, Region of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, the city of Thiers and the Community of Communes Thiers-Dore et Montagne) took the decision to postpone the festival in the autumn to give to it the best chances to be held.

« *In this actual context and with the restrictions, maintain Coutellia in May, with the friendly atmosphere to promote exchanges and its « Village coutelier, seems impossible to us. By postponing it in October, we are putting the best chances in our side, with the vaccination campaign in France and in the world which will already be very advanced. In this way, the festival will regain serenity and security for exhibitors and visitors.* » explained Jean-Pierre Treille, President of Coutellia.

The program will be unchanged. The "Village Coutelier" will host numerous activities and workshops discovered such as forging demonstrations, exhibitions, knife assembly workshops, sharpening or even engraving / scrimshaw, embroidery with gold thread...

Only the Damascus World Cup, the first international competition of damascus forging, will not go as planned this year. The international's side of this new competition pushes us to wait for maximum health security for successful competition. It is postponed to May 2022.

The showcase of a territory and 8 century of know-how, the Coutellia Festival brings together 200 exhibitors each year and attracts nearly 7 000 visitors.

We will let you know more about it soon!