

NEW WEBSITES ON THE INTERNET PROVIDE INSIGHT ON BASQUES AROUND THE WORLD

The diaspora online

New websites and resources directly related to the Basque diaspora have been made available on the Internet over the past few weeks. For example, in addition to offering its weekly news program "Euskadi Munduan," or "Euskadi en el Mundo," the Basque radio and television website (www.eitb.com) has added "Amerika eta Euskaldunak," which focuses on the Basque diaspora in America. "Amerika eta Euskaldunak" is a new way for Basques living overseas to share information with Basques in Euskal Herria. In this initial phase the online program offers news and contributions by Basques in North America on history and cultural heritage.

"Amerika eta Euskaldunak" is an Internet version of the weekly Euskadi Irratia radio show broadcast under the same name. Every week a new event or Basque personality 'makes the headlines'. The article, which comes with pictures of the person or event of the week, can be downloaded. Visitors can also listen to a summarized audio version of the radio show. And it can't hurt to remind the public that by logging on to www.eitb.com they can also listen to the regular programming of Euskadi Irratia and other public Basque radio broadcasts, as well as enjoy direct images via ETB-Sat.

A new website created by American Basques, www.basqueheritage.com, specializes in history and current events. In both English and Euskera, this site aims to shed light on the world of North American Basques. Included are sections on Basque American history and culture, contributions to North American history made by Basque descendents, and links to other sources of interest. The project will gradually expand to include new content.

The website is part of an ambitious umbrella project, promoted from both America and Euskal Herria, which focuses on incorporating material and resources related to the Basque diaspora in the World Wide Web. Additional websites are planned to follow basqueheritage.com, thus providing the general public with information about the history and reality of Basque contributions in countries such as Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Mexico and Venezuela, as well as other countries in America and the rest of the world. The

project, backed by Euskal Fundazioa (Basque Foundation for Culture), is in the construction stage and will soon launch its own website at www.basqueworld.com.

Gero eta gehiago dira munduko euskaldunei buruzko orriak sarean

The newspaper Gara recently included in its online edition (www.gara.net) a section entitled "Euskal Herria en el Mundo," which offers articles and information on Basque culture and influence in Australia, Germany, Canada, Quebec, the United States, Argentina and other countries in America and around the globe. [Http://euskalherria.cjb.net](http://euskalherria.cjb.net) takes a more in-depth look at political issues, and hosts the "Lista de Correos," a mailing list for Basques worldwide. The creators of the site have recently announced that this mailing list will soon be available in Euskera, French, English and Portuguese.

Last but not least, the free online magazine, Euskonews (<http://suse00.su.ehu.es/euskonews>), published by the Basque Studies Society, Eusko Ikaskuntza, has revisited the subject of the Basque diaspora in a number of its recent issues. Readers will find articles on writers Robert Laxalt and Andima Ibinagabeitia, on the Basque National Council in London, and an interview with Basque American professor Gloria Toticaguena. ■



The last two months of 2001 will mark the launch of www.basqueheritage.com, an ambitious project on Basque heritage in the US. (photo JE).