

THE HERITAGE OF HISTORY

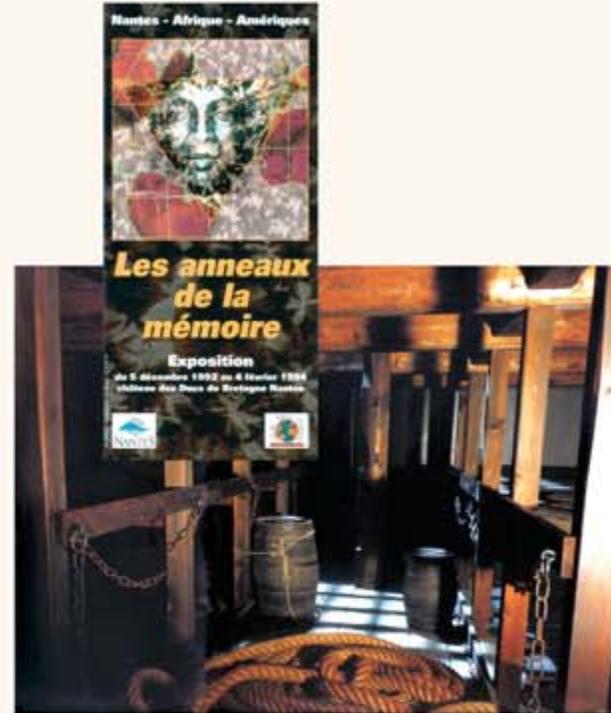
THE PATHS OF FREEDOM

In the foreword of the catalogue of the 1992 exhibition "Les Anneaux de la Mémoire" (The Shackles of Memory), Erik Orsenna writes "Memory is the health of the world". He then highlights that the action of our group is written in the indestructible bond between memory and history.

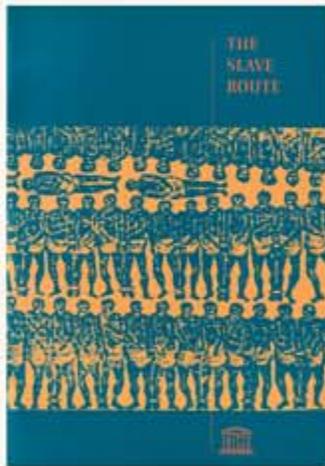
All the activities of the "Shackles of Memory" association, whether they are, scientific, cultural, educational or civil, aim at replacing the triangle of the commerce of crime by the triangle of "re-invented relationships", seeking for justice and freedom in the respect of human rights.

Considering all today's consequences of the deportation of 15 millions Africans and of their servitude, our purpose – beyond the transmission of indispensable information about this terrible history – is to attempt to redress what has been considered by France, since 2001, as a crime against humanity. The abolition of slavery is commemorated in France every year on the 10th of May.

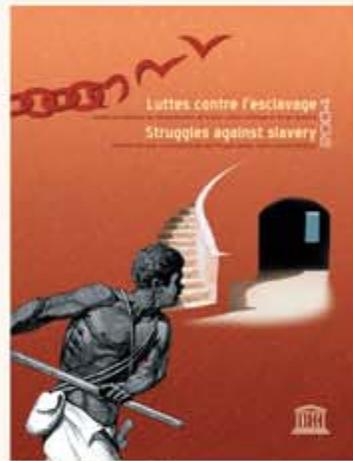
This is the context in which we have called for various towns and cities around the world to create the "International Alliance of the Shackles of Memory".



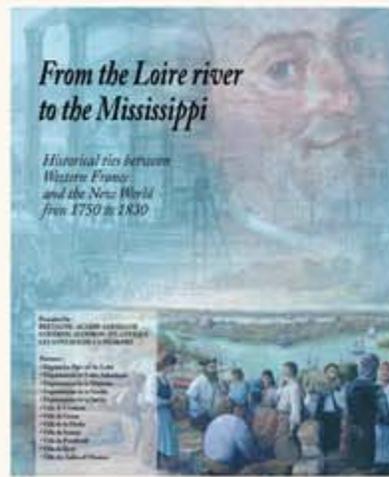
"The Shackles of Memory"
Exhibit - 1994.



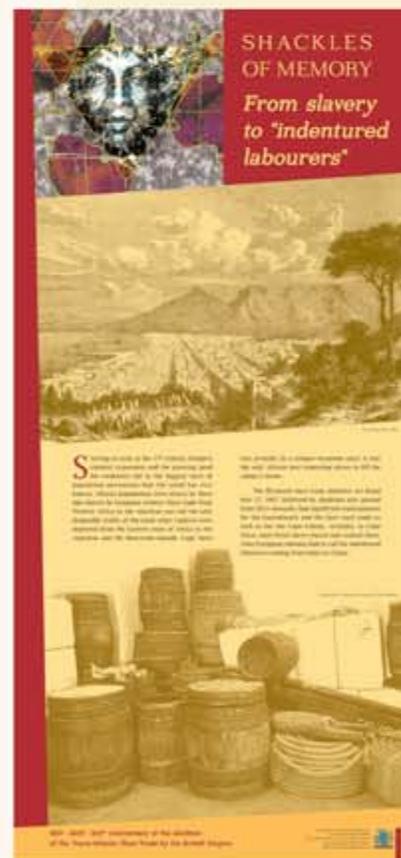
"The Slave Route"
Publication - Unesco.



"Struggles against slavery"
Publication for the international
Year to commemorate the struggle against
slavery and its abolition - Unesco.



"From the Loire River to the Mississippi"
Historical ties between Western France and the New World from 1750 to 1830.
Exhibit - 2000.



"The Shackles of Memory: From slavery to "indentured labourers"
KwaMuhle Museum, Durban (South Africa)
Exhibit - 2007-2008

