

BIENNIAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT
for the period 2008-2009

for presentation to the 33rd IMC General Assembly
Tunis, October 21-22 2009

You are kindly requested to complete and return this report to the Paris Secretariat not later than **September 21st 2009**. In order to facilitate the compilation of activity reports, we strongly recommend that the document does not exceed 6 pages.

PART I: YOUR ORGANISATION

0. Which category of membership in IMC does your organisation belong to?

- National Music Council
- International Music Organisation
- Regional Music Organisation**
- National/Specialized Organization

1. Name of organisation:

Europa Cantat – European Federation of Young Choirs

2. Board of Directors/Executive Committee:

[name, role within Board, name of organization(s) that the Board member represents or is affiliated with]

Europa Cantat Board 2006 – 2009, next elections November 14th 2009

Jeroen Schrijner (NL) – president (proposed by Kunstfactor Muziek)

Thierry Thiébaud (FR) – vicepresident (proposed by A Coeur Joie France)

Fred Sjöberg (SE) - vice-presidents and chair of the Europa Cantat Music Commission

(proposed by several Swedish Choir organisations)

Barbara Bieri (DE) – treasurer (proposed by AMJ)

Further Board members are:

Kjetil Aamann (NO) – proposed by NoBU

Séverine Delforge (BE) – proposed by A Coeur Joie Belgique

Sante Fornasier (IT) – proposed by FENIARCO

Montserrat Gual (ES) – proposed by Moviment Coral Català

Guido Helbling (CH) – proposed by Schweizerische Föderation Europa Cantat

Mihela Jagodic (SI) – proposed by Slovenian Fund for Amateur Arts

Éva Kollár (HU) – proposed by KOTA

Aarne Saluveer (EE) – proposed by Estonian Choral Association

Jean Smeets (BE) – proposed by VFJK

3. Membership

Total number of members: **586 in total**
(44 organisations, 218 choirs, 314 individual members)

Composition of membership

Number of institutional members: **44 national / regional organisations**

Number of individual members: **314 singers, conductors and others**

Other members (specify): **218 member choirs**

As per your estimation, how many persons does your organisation represent?

We estimate that we indirectly (through our member organisations) represent about 1 million persons and that we reach out (through our activities and publications as well as our network) a potential of 20 million persons worldwide.

For international and regional music organisations: In which world regions do you have members?

Africa Americas Arab World Asia/Oceania **Europe**

In addition we have a full member in Israel and some associate members (without voting rights) in a number of countries in Africa, the Americas and Asia

4. Activities carried out since the last IMC GA (October 2007)

Please list your activities related to

- a) advocacy and policy making
- b) research
- c) presentation or production (conferences, recordings, live performances, festivals, competitions, etc.)
- d) other

- a) We participated in a number of advocacy issues especially connected with the funding programmes of the European Union (partly in cooperation with the European Music Council and Culture Action Europe)***
- b) Europa Cantat has not done any research directly. However, one of our aims since 2008 is to collect existing research on the effects of common singing (health effects, effects on social behaviour etc.) and to make it available to its membership. Some of this research will be presented in a workshop in connection with the 2009 General Assembly in 2009, in addition the research shall be made available in an online database in the coming year.***
- c) Europa Cantat mostly organises activities in the sense of production events (festivals for choirs and singers, training courses for conductors, composers, singers and cultural managers as well as conferences for experts) – see list below. The main activity is the festival EUROPA CANTAT which took place in Utrecht, the Netherlands, in July 2010, with almost 3.000 participants from around 50 countries worldwide.***

2008:

Europa Cantat events for children's and youth choirs

18 – 22/7/08 - "Youth choirs in movement in Bonn (DE)

12 – 20/7/08 - EUROPA CANTAT *junior 5*, Nevers (FR)
including Study Tour)

Europa Cantat Singing Weeks

19 – 27/7/08 - EC Singing Week, Tarragona, Catalonia (ES)

1 – 10/8/08 - Youth Chamber Choir Meeting, Usedom (DE)

11 – 17/8/08 - EC Singing Week, Smederevo (CS)

24 – 31/8/08 - EC Singing Week, Szczecin (PL)

31/8 – 7/9/08 - EC Singing Week *Including Study Tour*, Lignano (IT)

Activities for Conductors

03 – 12/7/08 - Kurt Thomas Cursus, Utrecht (NL)

16 – 24/8/08 - Academy for Young Conductors, Stockholm (SE)

Activities for Composers

13 – 19/7/08 - Seminar for composers, Aosta (IT)

Other Activities

27/12/07 - 13/1/08 - World Youth Choir European winter session
Rochefort (BE)

19/7 – 11/8/2008 - World Youth Choir summer session, China
Under the patronage of the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM),
Jeunesses Musicales International and Europa Cantat

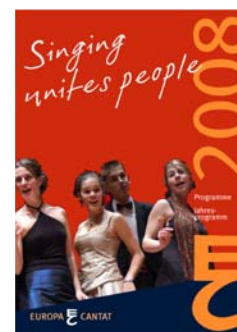
14 – 15/6/08 - Hearts-in-Harmony Concert, Trondheim (NO)

27 – 31/7/08 – "Singing the Bridge" Conference and workshop
on cultural integration, Debrecen (HU)

14 - 16/11/08 - Conference on Innovation in the World of Singing Children,
San Sebastián (ES)

26/10/2008 - Concert in Bonn, Germany, at the seat of the federation

5 – 7/12/2008 – Meeting of choral experts from the Mediterranean Area,
Barcelona (ES)



2009:

5th International Competition for Young Conductors - Ljubljana (SI) 26-30/3/2009

Cantemus Open Weekend for conductors and music teachers –
Nyíregyháza (HU) 23-26/4/2009

Conference on Music Education and Singing - Vilnius (LT) 2-7/7/2009

World Youth Choir Summer Session for in BE, NL, FR, DE 8-31/7/2009
- Cooperation project of Jeunesses Musicales, IFCM and Europa Cantat

EUROPA CANTAT Chamber Choir - Utrecht (NL) 17-26/7/2009

Festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII - Utrecht (NL) 17-26/7/2009

- for choirs and singers of all ages and levels

- for conductors and choral managers

Europa Cantat Singing Week Including Study Tour -

Lignano (IT) 30/8-6/9/2009

European Academy for Young Conductors - Fano (IT) 6-13/9/2009

European Academy for Young Conductors - Graz (AT) 20-27/9/2009

World Youth Choir 25th Anniversary in Örebro (SE) 21-25/10/2009

Academy for children's choir conductors, Örebro (SE) 21-24/10/2009

Europa Cantat General Assembly and workshops on Singing and Health –
Sofia (BG). 13 – 15/11/09

Meeting of choral experts of the Mediterranean,
Barcelona (ES) 4-6/12/2009



Also see membership statistics and statistics of participation in Europa Cantat events in the attachment.

5. Publications since the last IMC GA

- a) printed periodicals (indicate periodicity)
 - *Europa Cantat magazine (3 issues in 2008, 3 issues in 2009 3rd issue not printed yet)*
 - *Brochure with programme of events of following year (1 in 08, 1 in 09)*
- b) electronic newsletters (indicate periodicity)
 - *irregular, about 2-3 electronic newsletters per year*
- c) books
 - *in 2008 Songbook for EUROPA CANTAT junior in Nevers*
 - *in 2009 Songbook for festival EUROPA CANTAT in Utrecht*
- d) audio-visual material
 - *CDs of different concerts including many concerts of the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht*
 - *DVD of the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht (to be published in October 2009)*
- e) studies, surveys, etc.
- f) website
 - *www.EuropaCantat.org / www.youtube.de/EuropaCantat / group and page on www.facebook.com, websites for specific activities*



6. List of projects envisaged for 2010-2011

Please list your activities related to

- a) advocacy and policy making
 - b) presentation or production (conferences, recordings, live performances, festivals, competitions, etc.)
 - c) information services
 - d) research
 - e) other
- a) Continue with advocacy issues connected with the funding programmes of the European Union (partly in cooperation with the European Music Council and Culture Action Europe), advocacy for singing, especially with children in families, in schools and in informal education.**
- b) Continue collecting existing research on the effects of common singing (health effects, effects on social behaviour etc.), make it available to its membership in an online database, possibly starting our own research in addition**
- c) Europa Cantat mostly organises activities in the sense of production events (festivals for choirs and singers, training courses for conductors, composers, singers and cultural managers as well as conferences for experts) – see list below. The main activities in the coming years will be the EUROPA CANTAT junior festival in July 2011 in Pärnu, Estonia and the festival EUROPA CANTAT in July/August 2012 in Torino, Italy.**

Several events organised by Europa Cantat and some of its member organisations are part of the project **"Uniting Youth in Song"**, which has received support from the European Union Culture programme for activities between July 2009 (starting with the Conference on Singing and Music Education in Vilnius and the activities for children and young people at the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht) and June 2011. The project is coordinated by Länsmusiken in Örebro, Sweden, the cooperation partners are Europa Cantat (DE), KÓTA (HU), SCIC (ES), FENIARCO (IT) and EUROPA CANTAT UTRECHT (NL)



Culture Programme



Education and Culture DG

2010:

Europa Cantat – European Federation of Young Choirs

Europa Cantat is dedicated to education and cultural exchange among young people in the field of vocal music and organises activities for choirs, young singers, conductors, composers and managers on all levels from Europe and overseas.

2009 Europa Cantat Calendar

October
Hearts-in-Harmony for seeing-impaired children, Budapest (HU) 2-4/10/2009
World Youth Choir 25th Anniversary in Örebro (SE) 21-25/10/2009
Academy for Children's Choir Conductors, Örebro (SE) 21-24/10/2009

November
Workshops at Europa Cantat General Assembly in Sofia (BG) 13-15/11/2009

December
Meeting of Choral Experts of the Mediterranean, Barcelona (ES) 4-6/12/2009

2010

May
Hearts-in-Harmony concert with Children's Choirs, Barcelona (ES) 5/2010
Recommended: 31st Children's Choirs Festival, Halle (DE) 6-9/5/2010
Sister festival: 6th América Cantat Festival, Juiz de Fora (BR) 7-15/5/2010
Recommended: 7th European Festival of Youth Choirs, Basel (CH) 12-16/5/2010

June
Workshop with Lone Larsen, Concert with Voces Nordicae, Bonn (DE) 6-7/6/2010
Poverty Requiem at the CANTABonn Festival, Bonn (DE) 20/6/2010
Recommended: Nordklang 14, Aarhus (DK) 29/6/-3/7/2010

July
Recommended: 45th International Choral Days Barcelona (ES) 5-11/7/2010
World Youth Choir Summer Session, Canary Island and Spain 6/7-3/8/2010
Youth Choirs in Movement 2, Bonn (DE) 7-11/7/2010
Choir Academy on Orchestra Conducting
Choir Atelier for Singers, Pomáz (HU) 15-25/7/2010
Mediterranean Voices Conference, Girona, Catalonia (ES) 28-31/7/2010
European Seminar for Young Composers, Aosta (IT) 18-24/7/2010
International Singing Week Vic, Catalonia (ES) 19-26/7/2010

August
Sister festival: 20th Choralies, Vaison la Romaine (FR) 2-10/8/2010
Study Tour for Managers at Choralies 2-10/8/2010
Sister festival: 22nd Zimriya, Jerusalem (IL) 16-24/8/2010
8th International Youth Chamber Choir Meeting, Usedom (DE) 20-29/8/2010
Pécs Cantat 2010 (HU) 15-22/8/2010
International Singing Week Alpe Adria Cantat, Lignano (IT) 29/8/-5/9/2010

October
Euroscola, Strasbourg (FR) 20-25/10/2010
Academy for Children's Conductors, Örebro (SE) 10/2010
Study Tour for managers at Polyfolia festival, Saint Lô (FR) 27/10-2/11/2010

2011

Europa Cantat junior 6, Pärnu (EE) 9-17/7/2011
Recommended: World Symposium on Choral Music, Puerto Madryn (RA) 3-10/8/2011

2012

EUROPA CANTAT XVIII, Torino (IT) 27/7-5/8/2012



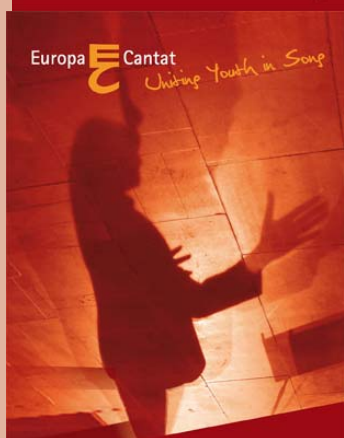
Uniting Youth in Song

2010 programme for

- choirs of all kinds
- groups of singers
- individual singers
- choral conductors
- choral composers
- cultural managers

www.EuropaCantat.org

Europa Cantat



Europa Cantat
Uniting Youth in Song

2010 training programme for

- young conductors
- young cultural managers
- young composers
- talented young singers

www.EuropaCantat.org

Europa Cantat is a network of member organisations, choirs, singers, conductors, composers and choral managers in 42 European countries, directly representing more than one million and reaching out to more than 20 million musicians.

For details please go to www.EuropaCantat.org -> current projects /
For the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVIII see www.ectorino2012.it

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PART II: YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN ACTIVITIES OF IMC AND ITS REGIONAL MUSIC COUNCILS

7. Did (will) your organisation send a representative to participate in events and conferences organised by IMC and its regional music councils?

World Forum on Music: 2007 2009

Meeting of the African Music Council (2008)

IMC/COMTA seminar (Porto Alegre, 2009)

EMC annual conferences: 2008 2009

EMC conference "Music on Troubled Soils" (Jerusalem, 2008)

IMC/EMC seminar (Pomaz, 2009)

other (please specify):

8. Use of IMC website facilities

Have you visited the new IMC website www.imc-cim.org?

YES () NO

Have you registered on the website in order to access the MEMBERS CORNER?

YES () NO

Have you used any of the features available for members (post event, post news)?

() YES **NO, I don't think so, not yet**

Have you used the forum facilities on the website?

YES, as Board member () NO

When did you last visit the website?

Probably some months ago due to our festival and holidays, before I visited it more regularly

Is there a link from your organisation's website to the website of

IMC **EMC**

9. IMC Reports to members

Do you receive the reports of the IMC President to members?

YES () NO

Do you find these reports helpful?

YES () NO

Do you share the information with your members?

() YES () NO

Not directly, though I shared the reports partly with the Board of our organisation and I did forward different messages from IMC about the rostra, about the World Forum etc. and I included news on EMC/IMC in the electronic newsletters and once or twice also in the News section of EC magazine

10. Did you disseminate information coming from IMC and Regional Music Council's to your constituency?

Newsflashes from IMC and Regional Music Councils

sometimes, not always

Newsletters from IMC and Regional Music Councils

sometimes, not always

IMC MUSIC WORLD NEWS – *though I forwarded the possibility to receive the IMC Music World News to my membership*

EMC Magazine *Sounds in Europe* – *I do not receive enough copies for this, though I sometimes take a copy along for our Board members or others*

Reports of the IMC President – *not completely, see above*

using other ways of disseminating information, e.g.: *...Electronic newsletter, news section in ECmagazine, messages forwarded to the member organisations (e.g. advocacy messages, invitations to conferences etc.)*

11. Do you indicate your membership in the IMC and/or a regional music council (RMC) in your communication tools?

Letterhead: IMC membership RMC membership - EMC

Website: IMC membership RMC membership - EMC

Email footer: IMC membership RMC membership – EMC

Publications: IMC membership RMC membership – EMC

(but not in all, e.g. not in the songbooks)

12. Have you participated in projects coordinated by the IMC or a regional music council? Please specify.

In EFMET coordinated by the EMC some years ago, but not since

13. Have you participated in cooperation projects with other IMC members? Please specify, both the projects and the partners.

In EFMET coordinated by the EMC some years ago, but not since

We also are patrons of the World Youth Choir together with Jeunesses Musicales and the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM)

In general we cooperate regularly with IFCM

14. Have you approached the IMC, or a regional music council or any IMC member for any assistance or cooperation? *Please specify.*
Yes, in advocacy matters I have approached the European Music Council
15. Which membership benefits have you valued the most during the past two years?
Please rank them in increasing order, (1) being the most valued benefit.
- (2) Be part of the peak body of music in the world***
 - (1) Networking opportunities with IMC members***
 - Receive informational email bulletins and newsflashes
 - (5) Opportunity to participate in initiatives of IMC and Regional Music Councils***
 - (4) Opportunity to receive support in own advocacy activities***
 - (3) Opportunity to take a part in guiding the direction of IMC advocacy and activities***
 - Visibility on the website of IMC and/or Regional Music Councils
 - Priority for contracts for cooperation projects with IMC and Regional Music Councils
 - Preferential rate for participation in events of IMC and Regional Music Councils
 - (6) Stand for election to Boards of IMC and Regional Music Councils***
 - Stand for election to IMC commissions
 - (7) Voting rights***

Attachment 1: Statistics 2008

Attachment 2: Statistics 2009

Attachment 3: Recent Newsletters

Countries represented among the EC membership				Number of members per country			Participants	
Country	EU-members	Other countries participating in the EU Culture programme	other European	non-European	Member organisations	Member choirs	Individual members	at 2008 Singing Weeks and other activities
	<u>27</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>3156</u>
Austria	1				AT 1	1	5	AT 5
Belgium	1				BE 2	14	10	BE 139
Bulgaria	1				BG 1	4	4	BG 48
Cyprus	1				CY 1	1		CY 61
Czech Republic	1				CZ 1	1		CZ 54
Denmark	1				DK 1	1	1	DK 2
Estonia	1				EE 1	2		EE 47
Finland	1				FI 1	1	1	
France	1				FR 3	23	34	FR 260
Germany	1				DE 3	44	74	DE 866
Greece	1				GR 1	3	4	GR 29
Hungary	1				HU 1	4	8	HU 179
Ireland	1				IE 1			
Italy	1				IT 2	8	63	IT 208
Latvia	1				LV 1		1	LV 90
Lithuania	1				LT 1	3	1	
Luxembourg	1				LU 1			
Malta	1				MT 1			
Netherlands	1				NL 1	1	13	NL 122
Poland	1				PL 1	5		PL 54
Portugal	1				PT 1	4	1	PT 56
Romania	1				RO 2	2	1	RO 4
Slovakia	1				SK 1	2		SK 35
Slovenia	1				SI 1	5	9	SI 33
Spain	1				ES 4	32	9	ES 416
Sweden	1				SE 3	1	3	SE 66
United Kingdom	1				UK 3	3	3	UK 4
	<u>27</u>				<u>35</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>2778</u>
					<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>
EU-countries	27				23	25	19	22
Albania		1			AL 1		1	
Bosnia-Herzegovina		1			BA 1		1	BA 33
Croatia		1			HR 1		1	
Iceland		1			IS 2			
Macedonia		1			MK 1			
Norway		1			NO 2	1	2	NO 25
Serbia		1			CS 1	4	2	CS 111
Turkey		1			TR 3		5	TR 1
					<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>170</u>
					<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>
EU-countries					2	5	6	4
					programme countries	programme countries	programme countries	programme countries
Armenia			1		AM 1			AM 1
Belorussia					GE 1			BY 2
Georgia			1					
Kazakhstan			1		KZ 2			
Russia			1		RU 1	8	1	RU 61
Switzerland			1		CH 1	6	34	CH 19
Ukraine			1		UA 4		1	
					<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>83</u>
					<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>
EU-countries					4	3	2	4
					European countries	other European countries	European countries	other European countries
Total EUROPE:					42	192	293	3031
					<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>
EU-countries					29	33	27	30
					countries	countries	countries	countries
Aruba				1	AW 1			RA 2
Argentina								BR 1
Brazil								CA 6
Canada			1		CA 1		2	CL 1
Chile								CN 2
China (Mainland)			1		CN 1		1	HK 2
China - Hong Kong					HK 1			TA 2
China - Taiwan					TA 1			CO 1
Columbia								CU 2
Cuba								EC 1
Ecuador								GH 1
Ghana								ID 2
Indonesia								IL 20
Israel			1		IL 1	2	3	JP 10
Japan			1		JP 1		1	KE 2
Kenya								MY 2
Malaysia								PH 1
Peru			1		PE 1		1	
Philippines								
Rep. Congo			1		CG 1			
Singapore			1		SG 2		2	
South Africa								ZA 5
Sout Korea								KR 1
Tanzania								TZ 14
Uruguay								UY 2
USA				1	US 1		4	US 11
Venezuela								VE 34
					<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>125</u>
					<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>
EU-countries					1	4	8	21
					non-European countries	non-European countries	non-European countries	non-European countries
TOTAL:					43	198	308	3156
					<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>in</u>
EU-countries					30	37	35	51
					countries	countries	countries	countries

Countries represented among the EC membership				Number of members per country			Participants	
Country	EU-members	Other countries participating in the EU Culture programme	other European	non-European	Member organisation	Member choirs	Individual members	at Festival EUROPA CANTAT Utrecht and other events in 2009
Austria	27	6	6	13	44	228	313	3124
Belgium	1				1	1	5	13
Bulgaria	1				2	13	11	60
Cyprus	1				1	5	3	19
Czech Republic	1				1	1	1	10
Denmark	1				1	2	1	20
Estonia	1				1	1	1	31
Finland	1				1	2	1	100
France	1				1	1	1	22
Germany	1				3	23	36	206
Greece	1				3	44	72	318
Hungary	1				1	6	4	57
Ireland	1				1	5	8	53
Italy	1				1	1	1	1
Latvia	1				2	17	51	308
Lithuania	1				1	3	1	4
Luxembourg	1				1	3	1	1
Malta	1				1	1	0	2
Netherlands	1				1	2	12	380
Poland	1				1	6	1	4
Portugal	1				1	4	1	65
Romania	1				1	3	1	25
Slovakia	1				1	2	1	1
Slovenia	1				1	5	12	51
Spain	1				5	35	12	246
Sweden	1				3	1	2	71
United Kingdom	1				1	2	3	4
	27				36	189	239	2072
					in	in	in	in
					24	26	21	26
					EU-countries	EU-countries	EU-countries	EU-countries
Croatia		1			HR	1	2	35
Iceland		1			IS	2		55
FYR of Macedonia		1			MK	1		0
Liechtenstein					LIE			1
Montenegro								0
Norway		1			NO	2	2	110
Serbia		1			CS	1	3	114
Turkey		1			TR		5	4
						3	12	319
						in	in	in
					2	5	4	6
					programme countries	programme countries	programme countries	programme countries
Albania					AL		1	0
Armenia			1		AM	1		2
Belorussia					BY			1
Bosnia-Herzegovina					BA		1	0
Georgia			1		GE	1	2	30
Kazakhstan			1		KZ		8	23
Russia			1		RU	1	8	228
Switzerland			1		CH	1	39	0
Ukraine			1		UA		1	284
						4	43	5
						in	in	in
					4	3	4	5
					other European countries	other European countries	other European countries	other European countries
					Total EUROPE:	Total EUROPE:	Total EUROPE:	Total EUROPE:
					43	216	294	2675
					in	in	in	in
					30	34	29	37
					countries	countries	countries	countries
Aruba				1	AW		1	0
Argentina								11
Australia								1
Benin								31
Brazil								7
Burundi								1
Canada				1	CA	1	2	43
Chile								0
China (Mainland)				1	CN		1	0
China - Hong Kong				1	HK	1	1	6
China - Taiwan				1	TA	2	1	84
Columbia								1
Congo				1			1	0
Cuba								0
Dominican Republic								1
Ecuador				1			1	1
Ghana								0
Indonesia								3
Israel				1	IL	1	3	180
Japan				1	JP	1	1	18
Kenya								1
Malaysia								0
Mexico								3
New Zealand								3
Peru				1	PE		1	2
Philippines								23
Rep. Congo				1	CG		1	0
Singapore				1	SG		2	0
South Africa								4
Sout Korea								1
Tanzania								0
Uruguay								2
USA				1	US		5	12
Venezuela								9
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Office closed for holidays

Our office will be closed from 20/12/08 to 5/1/09. Looking back on a year full of musical activities and looking forward to the year 2009 with our Festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht, we wish all our members and friends a peaceful and joyful New Year! We hope to see U singing in Utrecht!

Notre bureau sera fermé du 20 décembre 08 au 5 janvier 09.
Bonnes Fêtes!

Unser Büro ist vom 20.12.08 bis 5.1.09 geschlossen.
Wir wünschen schöne Feiertage!



EUROPA CANTAT Utrecht 2009

Well over 2000 singing enthusiasts have already subscribed for the festival. This is above expectation. Subscriptions are coming in faster than expected, so hurry up if you want to join! (For places in the ateliers and low-budget accommodation applicants who applied before the deadline will be given priority, then we will give priority according to the date of application.) 32 talented young singers from all over the world have been selected to join the EUROPA CANTAT Chamber Choir, which will work during the festival week with the Latvian choir conductor Kaspars Putnins.

For more news: www.ecu2009.nl -> news

Il y a déjà bien plus de 2000 inscrits! Il est encore possible de s'inscrire, mais il faut se dépêcher et ceux qui se sont inscrits avant la date limite auront la priorité pour les places dans les ateliers et les logements universitaires. Pour toutes les nouvelles voir www.ecu2009.nl -> français -> nouvelles
Inzwischen sind schon weit über 2000 Sängerinnen und Sänger eingeschrieben. Es ist auch jetzt noch möglich, sich anzumelden, aber man sollte sich beeilen und alle, die sich vor der Anmeldefrist eingeschrieben haben werden bei der Atelierzuteilung und bei der Vergabe der günstigen Unterkünfte bevorzugt. Mehr unter www.ecu2009.nl -> deutsch -> Neuigkeiten

Europa Cantat General Assembly 2009 in Sofia

We are happy to announce that the Bulgarian Choir Union has offered to host the Europa Cantat General Assembly 2009 in Sofia, Bulgaria, from November 13th to 15th 2009.

L'Assemblée Générale 2009 aura lieu à Sofia, en Bulgarie, du 13 au 15 novembre 2009.

Die Generalversammlung 2009 findet vom 13. bis 15. November in Sofia, Bulgarien statt.

2nd meeting of Mediterranean Choral Experts

The Europa Cantat regional office for the Mediterranean Area hosted a second expert meeting in Barcelona, December 5th to 7th 2008. There were participants from different parts of Spain (Catalonia, Basque Country, Canary Islands, Mallorca), Portugal, France, Italy, Turkey, Israel, Lebanon and Latin America as well as representatives of Europa Cantat, IFCM and A Coeur Joie International. The EC Youth Committee was also represented and called for a first meeting of a regional Mediterranean Youth Committee. The experts discussed issues such as "children's choirs in the region", "religious music in the region", "the role of choral music in conflict situations" and "ethnographic and traditional music in the region" with interesting project presentations. In addition they planned possible projects for the region, including a „Voices of the Mediterranean“ conference in cooperation with IFCM. The results of the conference will be presented on the website of the centre, see

www.xtec.cat/entitats/rmcc/ Further information from: movicoralcat@telefonica.net

La deuxième réunion des experts de musique chorale en région méditerranéenne s'est déroulée à Barcelone du 5 au 7 décembre 2008. Pour plus d'informations merci d'écrire à: movicoralcat@telefonica.net

Das zweite Expertentreffen für den Mittelmeer-Raum hat vom 5. bis 7. Dezember 2008 in Barcelona stattgefunden. Für weitere Informationen kontaktieren Sie bitte movicoralcat@telefonica.net

New Concept for ECmagazine

At the end of November all members should have received their copy of Europa Cantat magazine 4/08 in the new house style. At its last Board meeting in November 2008 the Board of Europa Cantat decided to change the rhythm of ECmagazine from 4 annual issues to 3 bigger annual issues, dedicating each issue to a specific theme: Issue 1/09 will reach our readers in April and will focus on the subject of Creativity and Innovation, issue 2/09 will be ready for the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht and the other summer activities and will focus on issues relevant for singers (this issue will be published online free of costs) and issue 3/09 will be ready for the General Assembly and will focus on issues interesting for conductors.

Le CA d'Europa Cantat a décidé de ne publier que 3 ECmagazine en 2009, chacun avec un thème spécifique. Der Vorstand von Europa Cantat hat beschlossen ab 2009 3 (umfangreichere) statt 4 Ausgaben von ECmagazine zu veröffentlichen, jede mit einem Thema.



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Europa Cantat Activities 2009

All updated details can be found on www.EuropaCantat.org -> current projects

Participants for the 5th International Competition for Young Conductors in Ljubljana (26 - 30/3/2009) have been chosen now, applications are no longer possible.

For the European Academy for Choral Conductors and Singers in Fano (6 - 13/9/2009), the conductor has now been decided: Fred Sjöberg (Sweden) will introduce conductors to the specificities of vocal pop together with pianist Stefan Berglund.

Detailed information and the programme for the European Academy for Young Conductors in Graz (20 - 27/9/2009) as well as information on the Conference on Singing and Music Education in the frame of the Lithuanian Song Festival can also be downloaded from our website.

The selection procedures for the World Youth Choir will take place in the different countries before the end of February 2009, the international jury will meet in March 2009. The 2009 summer session will take place in Gent, Belgium, with concerts in Belgium, the Netherlands (at the EUROPA CANTAT festival in Utrecht), France and Germany (with a concert in Bonn on July 29th, the death anniversary of Robert Schumann). In October 2009 the World Youth Choir will celebrate its 20th anniversary in Örebro, Sweden, with an alumni choir, a special concert and a conducting course for children's and youth choir conductors. The International Centre for Choral Music in Namur has produced a "Best-of" selection of the World Youth Choir with recordings from the past 20 years. You can order this unique collection of 6 CDS produced in time for the 20th anniversary of the choir. Further information from iccm@ifcm.net or www.worldyouthchoir.org

Pour les dernières nouvelles concernant nos activités, voir notre site web - > current projects. Les participants du concours de jeunes chefs de chœur ont été choisis, le programme pour l'Académie pour Jeunes Chefs de Chœur a été publié sur le site et nous annonçons que l'Académie de Fano en septembre 2009 se fera avec Fred Sjöberg et Stefan Berglund sur le pop vocal. Les choristes du chœur mondial seront choisis en février/mars 2009 et le chœur fêtera son 20ème anniversaire avec un événement spécial en octobre 2009 à Örebro, et finalement le chœur mondial a produit une collection de 6 CDs avec une sélection des 20 années. Pour plus d'informations voir www.worldyouthchoir.org ou iccm@ifcm.net

Für die neuesten Nachrichten zu den Aktivitäten von Europa Cantat siehe www.EuropaCantat.org -> current projects. Die Teilnehmer/innen des Wettbewerbs für junge Chorleiter/innen wurden bereits ausgewählt, das Programme für die Akademie für Junge Chorleiter/innen in Graz findet man auf unserer Website und wir kündigen an, das die Akademie in Fano im September 2009 über Vocal Pop mit Fred Sjöberg und Stefan Berglund stattfinden wird. Die Sänger/innen für den Weltjugendchor 2009 werden im Februar/März ausgewählt und der Chor feiert seinen 20. Geburtstag im Oktober 2009 mit einer besonderen Veranstaltung in Örebro, Schweden. Schließlich wurde eine Sammlung von 6 CDs mit den besten Aufnahmen des Chores produziert. Infos unter www.worldyouthchoir.org und iccm@ifcm.net



† Sad news on Dusan Maksimovic

Dusan Maksimovic from Serbia, born in 1932 and called Dumaks by his friends, passed away in December 2008. He was a conductor, composer and professor and played an important role in the Yugoslav-German relations and in the choral world. He won many awards at different choir competitions and received a medal of honour from the chancellor of Germany. *Rest in peace!*

Nous sommes désolées de vous informer que Dusan Maksimovic est décédé en décembre 2008.

Wir haben die traurige Nachricht erhalten, dass Dusan Maksimovic aus Serbien im Dezember verstorben ist.

News from our members

Jeroen Schrijner resigned from Kunstfactor (Netherlands) and will start working in Switzerland in 2009.

The Bulgarian Choir Union has elected a new Executive Board. The new President is Ms. Elianka Mihailova. We are looking forward to meeting her at the occasion of our next General Assembly.

Jeroen Schrijner a quitté Kunstfactor au Pays-Bas et commencera un nouveau travail en Suisse en 2009.

L'Union des chœurs de Bulgarie a élu un nouveau comité exécutif avec Elianka Mihailova comme présidente.

Jeroen Schrijner hat Kunstfactor in den Niederlanden verlassen und tritt 2009 eine neue Stelle in der Schweiz an. Der bulgarische Chorverband hat einen neuen Vorstand mit Präsidentin Elianka Mihailova gewählt.

Young@Heart

In autumn 2008 another great choir film came into the cinemas. The documentary tells the touching story of a choir with senior citizens in the USA who sing rock and pop songs and became so famous that they toured to Europe several times. The film shows how important singing in the choir is for its members.

See <http://www.youngatheartchorus.com>

Si vous n'avez pas encore vu Young@Heart, ne ratez pas l'occasion de voir ce documentaire touchant sur un chœur de personnes âgées aux Etas-Unis. Wer diesen berührenden Dokumentarfilm über einen Seniorenchor in den USA noch nicht gesehen hat, sollte das nachholen.



Calendar of EC Activities 2009

Activities for choirs and singers

- Festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht, the Netherlands, 17 - 26/7/2009 see www.ecu2009.nl
- Europa Cantat Singing Week in Nevers, France, 5 - 12/7/2009
- Europa Cantat Singing Week in Lignano, Italy, 30/8 - 6/9/2009

Activities for talented young singers

- World Youth Choir Summer Session concerts in Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Germany, 8 - 31/7/2009
- World Youth Choir 20th anniversary with concerts and workshops in Örebro, Sweden, October 2009
- EUROPA CANTAT Chamber Choir at festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht, the Netherlands, 17 - 26/7/2009

For conductors and composers

- 5th International Competition for Young Conductors in Ljubljana, Slovenia, 26 - 30/3/2009
- Cantemus Open Weekend for conductors and music teachers in Nyiregyháza, Hungary, 23 - 26/4/2009
- Conference on Music Education and Singing in Vilnius, Lithuania, 2 - 7/7/2009
- European Academy for Singers and Conductors in Fano, Italy, 6-13/9/2009
- European Academy for Young Conductors in Graz, Austria, 20 - 27/9/2009
- Seminar for Children's and Youth Choir Conductors and music teachers in Yerevan, Armenia, 7 - 11/10/2009
- Conducting Course for children's choir conductors in Örebro, Sweden, October 09

For cultural managers

- Youth Event Management Programme in Utrecht, the Netherlands 11 - 27/7/2009

Events promoting the integration of handicapped children and young people

- Hearts in Harmony weekend with sight-impaired children in Budapest, Hungary, 2 - 4/10/2009

In addition Europa Cantat will organise one or two concerts in the frame of the festival "Bonner Schumannfest - Endenicher Herbst" in autumn 2009 in Bonn. Also, Europa Cantat will participate as one of the partners in the preparation and organisation of the festival Namur-en-choeurs in Namur, Belgium, November 5 - 8 2009.

Europa Cantat Statutory Meetings

- Meeting of Europa Cantat Music Commission in Utrecht (NL), 17 - 18/1/2009
- Meeting of Europa Cantat Board and Youth Committee in Bonn, 12 - 15/2/2009
- Board meeting during Festival in Utrecht between July 17th and 26th 2009
- Meeting of Europa Cantat Music Commission in Utrecht (NL), 26/7/2009
- Europa Cantat General Assembly in Sofia (BG), 11 - 13/11/2009



The IFCM Board of Directors has decided to entrust the responsibilities of the IFCM administration to the International Center for Choral Music (ICCM) in its **office in Namur**. IFCM is fortunate to have a vivacious and energetic group of employees in the form of Jean-Claude Wilkens, Véronique Bour, Nadine Robin, and Christina Kühlewein—all working together in the International Center for Choral Music in Namur—ready to help you, and preparing to take IFCM into its next 25 years.

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In October 2008 Jean-Claude Wilkens has presented his resignation from the position of **IFCM Secretary-General** for the middle of 2009 for personal reasons. The Executive Committee has accepted this resignation. Here you will find the official announcement made on this occasion by the ExCom.

The **9th World Symposium on Choral Music** will take place August 3rd to 10th 2011 in Puerto Madryn, Argentina. More information on www.ifcm.net

IFCM meetings calendar

WYC standing committee : Namur, 10/01/09
WYC international jury : Namur, 21-22/3/09
IFCM ExCom : Namur, 26-27/1/09
IFCM ExCom : Namur, 27/3/09
IFCM Board : Namur, 28-29/3/09
ICCM Board : Namur, 30/3/09
Musica General Assembly : Pomaz, 3-4/4/09
IFCM ExCom : Utrecht, 20-23/7/09
IFCM General Assembly: Yerevan, 7-11/10/09

IFCM activity calendar

Musica International Session:
Pomaz, Hungary, 30/3 – 4/4/09
Voices of South Africa (VoSA):
Stellenbosch, South Africa, 31/3-4/4/09
Training for Young Choral Managers,
Marktobendorf, Germany, 28/5-3/6/09
Music Education and Singing Conference:
Vilnius, Lithuania, 3-6/7/09
Training for Young Choral Managers
EUROPA CANTAT XVII, Utrecht,
The Netherlands, 10-27/7/09
World Youth Choir Summer Session:
Gent, Belgium, 8/7-1/8/09
Komitas Festival: Armenia, 7-11/10/09

News from
Musica International
www.musicanet.org



Like every year, Musica has launched a fund drive that was called this year „Christmas 2008 Fund drive“. A call to donate has been sent to the 45 000 emails that are known as login to access musicanet.org. You will find all the necessary information when going to the website.



Reach out, Open Up, Take In Developing your skills in advocacy, networking and international cooperation Pomáz, Hungary, 27/2 – 1/3/2009

The seminar “Reach out, Open Up, Take In” addresses national music organisations (e.g. national music councils) in North, Central and South Eastern Europe, from Albania to Slovakia and from Ukraine to Estonia. The seminar will provide an insight on how to be recognised as a cultural advocacy body in your country and how to put the 2005 UNESCO Convention on cultural diversity into practice. The seminar is organised jointly by the International and European Music Council (IMC/EMC), the Hungarian Music Council, Europa Cantat, the Europa Cantat Central Eastern European Centre (ECCEEC) and the Choral Castle Pomáz.

Further information and registration are available on www.emc-imc.org.

ExTra! Exchange Traditions – EMC Annual Conference and final event of the EU funded project, 23 – 26 April 2009, Athens, Greece

In 2009 the EMC Annual Conference will be the final event of the ExTra! project, which focuses on musical traditions of migrant and minority cultures in Europe and their interaction with cultures already existing in the European countries. The conference will discuss how music can serve as a tool for integration in education as well as in a political context. What role media can play to enhance inclusion of diverse cultures will be for debate. Speakers from the EU institutions, UNESCO, European and International NGOs as well as individual experts are invited to share their vision with the participants. The conference is open to everybody interested. It is organised by the European Music Council in co-operation with the Greek ExTra! partner EnChordais and will take place at the B&M Theocharakis Foundation in Athens, Greece. Registration and updated information will be available at www.extra-project.eu in January 2009.

New contact details for the International Music Council (IMC)

The email address, website and fax-number of the International Music Council have changed. New address:
New E-mail: info@imc-cim.org
New fax number: +33 1 45 68 48 66
New website: www.imc-cim.org

3rd IMC World Forum on Music

The 3rd IMC World Forum on Music and IMC General Assembly will take place in Tunis, Tunisia, October 17th to 22nd 2009



Rainbow Platform – An important milestone and clear expectations for the future:

On June 4th 2008 around 70 civil society organisation representatives from all over Europe gathered to consider and develop the results of the on-line consultation on Rainbow Paper II. The day centred on working group sessions with expert facilitators and rapporteurs and resulted in a sharpening of the text of Rainbow Paper II. The final paper was delivered at the closing event of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue.

Open Method of Coordination and Structured Dialogue – latest updates

The Member States working groups, on one hand, and of the cultural sector, on the other, have had their very first meetings since the pre-summer official launch of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) and of the the Structured Dialogue platforms. Even if the working themes of the OMC and those of civil society do not always match perfectly, the representatives of the chosen cultural organisations hope that the process will allow them over time to reinforce the voice of the cultural players in Europe and lead to a better recognition of the claims of these actors by European decision makers.

As we move **from one European Year to the next**, and public attention shifts from Intercultural Dialogue to Creativity & Innovation, the truly committed will separate from the temporarily interested. Constructive engagement with cultural diversity clearly remains a key challenge for our societies; and the arguments of the arts about their contribution to Intercultural Dialogue leave scope for refinement.

Committee on Culture and Education Sessions of the 5-6 November 2008

The Parliamentary Committee meeting had four highlights: an exchange of views within the framework of the Arab Week, and another one in the context of the Youth; the adoption of several reports on education, media and youth; the examination of four draft reports, and finally a public hearing entitled ‘A bridge between culture and European regions’.

What is the European Commission planning for 2009?

The European Commission has published its work programme for 2009. The document outlines the main priorities and strategic initiatives including the Lisbon Strategy for Growth and Jobs, a European framework for recovery from the current crisis and a concomitant package of regulatory and supervision measures for financial markets. Climate change is obviously high on the agenda too and among other interesting initiatives the European Commission will publish a communication on the first five years of an enlarged EU and a statement on what the EU has achieved to build a European Union of the 21st century.

More on www.cultureactioneurope.org

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Office Closed for Summer Holidays

After an intensive spring and summer with the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht we will close our office from 8/8/09 to 31/8/09. We wish you all a great remaining summer and will be in touch with you in September, hoping to see you at our General Assembly in Sofia in November.

Notre bureau sera fermé du
8 août au 31 août 2009.

Nous vous souhaitons un bel été!

Unser Büro ist vom 8. August

bis 31. August 2009 geschlossen

Wir wünschen einen schönen Sommer!



EUROPA CANTAT Utrecht 2009

We are happy to report that the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht was a great success. More than 2.600 singers and conductors from 50 countries worldwide participated in the festival with over 80 concerts and 119 ateliers and seminars. There were 800 one-day visits of people from the Netherlands and from abroad who wanted to get a taste of the festival and more than 30.000 visits to the concerts. More than half the participants were under 27, though the oldest were well over 80. And for the first time Europa Cantat offered a training programme for young event managers in the field of choral music.

For more go to www.ecu2009.nl -> pictures and -> news and visit our own festival youtubechannel on <http://www.youtube.com/user/EuropaCantatUtrecht>

Le festival était un succès avec plus de 2.600 participants de 50 pays du monde, plus de 80 concerts et 119 ateliers et séminaires. Plus de 50% des participants avaient moins de 27 ans et pour la première fois le festival a offert un programme pour jeunes managers. Vor www.ecu2009.nl -> français -> nouvelles
Das Festival war ein großer Erfolg mit über 2.600 Teilnehmenden aus 50 Ländern der Welt, mit über 80 Konzerten und 119 Ateliers und Seminaren. Mehr als die Hälfte der Teilnehmenden war unter 27 und zum ersten Mal wurde ein Fortbildungsprogramm für Junge Chormanager/innen angeboten. Mehr unter www.ecu2009.nl -> deutsch -> Neuigkeiten



Opening Ceremony

Deputy Mayor of Utrecht, Floris de Gelder, gives award to Jeroen Schrijner



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City of Utrecht Gives Award to EUROPA CANTAT

The City of Utrecht awarded a 'Golden Dom Tower' to Europa Cantat President, Jeroen Schrijner, at the closing ceremony of EUROPA CANTAT XVII festival in Utrecht on 25 July. The Dom Tower award is given to those who have made a significant contribution to change in the City. The City wished to express its gratitude for 'bringing this spectacular event to Utrecht'. EUROPA CANTAT XVII has left lasting traces in the City: choral events with children, integration choirs in socially deprived areas, and even a large choir made up entirely of City staff and politicians. In addition, the festival had kept its promise and turned Utrecht into a friendly, singing city for more than a week. Schrijner thanked the City for an award he said he regarded as a fine token of appreciation for all those who had worked to make the festival a success and for the thousands of singers, conductors and others who had taken part of the event.

La ville de Utrecht a donné la décoration „tour de la cathédrale en or“ au président d'Europa Cantat à l'occasion de la clôture du festival à Utrecht. Cette décoration est donnée aux personnes qui ont contribué à un changement important dans la ville. Die Stadt Utrecht hat Jeroen Schrijner, dem Präsidenten von Europa Cantat, im Rahmen der Abschlussveranstaltung des Festivals in Utrecht den „goldenen Domturm“ verliehen, der von der Stadt an Personen vergeben wird, die einen bedeutenden Beitrag zur Entwicklung der Stadt geleistet haben.

Europa Cantat General Assembly 2009 in Sofia

We would like to remind our members that the Europa Cantat General Assembly 2009 with Board election will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, November 13th to 15th 2009. The General Assembly will be connected with workshops on Singing and Health as well as Bulgarian Repertoire. A detailed programme and information on how to submit a candidature can be found in ECmagazine 2/09 and on www.EuropaCantat.org

Nous vous rappelons que l'assemblée générale 09 avec élection du nouveau CA aura lieu à Sofia, en Bulgarie, du 13 au 15 novembre 2009. Plus d'information dans EC magazine 2/09 et sur notre site.

Wir erinnern daran dass die Generalversammlung 2009 mit Vorstandswahlen, vom 13. bis 15. November in Sofia, Bulgarien stattfindet. Weitere Informationen in ECmagazine und auf unserer Website.

Memorandum from Conference on Singing and Music Education

The Conference on Singing and Music Education which took place in Vilnius, Lithuania at the beginning of July was the first activity in the frame of the EU-funded project „Uniting Youth in Song“ (see below). At the end of the conference the experts formulated a „memorandum“ with a set of recommendations to governments (ministries of education, health, social affairs and culture) and to national and international music organisations. You will find the memorandum as well as a number of interesting lectures and presentations under www.EuropaCantat.org -> current projects -> Conferences and Workshops

A la fin de la conférence sur le chant et l'éducation musicale à Vilnius en Lituanie, première activité dans le cadre du projet „Uniting Youth in Song“, les experts ont formulé une série de recommandations que nous avons publié sur notre site web.

Am Ende der Konferenz über Singen und Musikerziehung in Vilnius, Litauen, erste Aktivität im Rahmen des Projekts „Uniting Youth in Song“, haben Experten eine Serie von Empfehlungen formuliert, die wir auf unsere website publiziert haben.

Uniting Youth in Song started

The project “Uniting Youth in Song”, a project coordinated by Länsmusiken in Örebro (Sweden) in cooperation with FENIARCO (Italy), SCIC (Catalonia, Spain), the KÓTA (Hungary), the festival EUROPA CANTAT Utrecht (the Netherlands) and Europa Cantat in Bonn (Germany) has been selected under the European Union programme “Culture 2007 – 2013”. The Conference on Singing and Music Education at the beginning of July (see above) was the official „kick-off“ event for the project. It was followed by a series of activities for children's and youth choirs in the frame of the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht in July 2009 where the steering committee with representatives of all project partners also met. The next activities in 2009 are the European Academy for Young Conductors in Fano, Italy (specialized in Vocal Pop, applications still possible, see www.feniarco.it), a seminar for children's choir conductors in Örebro, Sweden (see www.swicco.se) and the Hearts-in-Harmony weekend in Budapest, Hungary, in October 2009 (see www.europacantat.org/ecceec). Further projects will follow in 2010 and 2011.

Le projet „Uniting Youth in Song“ qui a reçu le support du programme Culture de l'Union Européenne, a commencé avec la conférences à Vilnius, suivie par des activités pour chœurs d'enfants et de jeunes dans le cadre du festival EUROPA CANTAT à Utrecht. Les prochaines activités en 2009 sont des cours de direction en Italie et en Suède et un weekend „Hearts-in-Harmony“ en Hongrie.

Das EU-geförderte Projekt „Uniting Youth in Song“ hat Anfang Juli mit der Konferenz in Vilnius begonnen und wurde im Rahmen des Festivals in Utrecht mit verschiedenen Aktivitäten für Kinder- und Jugendchöre fortgesetzt. Weitere Aktivitäten 2009 sind Chorleitungskurse in Italien und Schweden sowie ein „Hearts-in-Harmony“ Wochenende in Ungarn.



Meeting of Hearts-in-Harmony



The organisers of past and future „Hearts-in-Harmony“ events (in France, Norway, Hungary, Catalonia - Spain and Sweden) met in the frame of the festival EUROPA CANTAT Utrecht in Europe, together with Thierry Thiébaud, one of the founders of the original initiative „chœurs-en-chœurs“ on behalf of A Cœur Joie. They exchanged information about their respective events and decided to inform each other about future developments and invite each other to the different events. The next event will be the Hearts-in-Harmony weekend for visually impaired and blind young singers in Budapest, Hungary, October 2nd to 4th 2009, an activity in the frame of Uniting Youth in Song.

Les représentants des différentes activités coeurs-en-chœurs (passées et futures) se sont rencontrés dans le cadre du festival EUROPA CANTAT à Utrecht. Représentants der verschiedenen vergangenen und zukünftigen „Hearts-in-Harmony“ Aktivitäten haben sich in Utrecht im Rahmen des Festivals EUROPA CANTAT getroffen und ausgetauscht.

Mediterranean Voices Conference July 2010

The Mediterranean Office for Choral Singing in Barcelona in cooperation with the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) and Europa Cantat will organise a Mediterranean Voices Conference in Girona, Catalunya (Spain), July 28th to 31st 2010. The conference wants to show the rich diversity of vocal and choral music in the Mediterranean context. It will offer lectures, workshops, presentations and concerts on „Old Traditions - New Concepts“, „Vocal Traditions of the Mediterranean“ and „Tradition, Conservation and Dissemination“. Proposals for lectures and presentations can be sent to movicoralcat@gmail.com until November 10th 2009. Deadline for applications for participation in the conference is March 31st 2010 (with early bird reduction) and May 31st 2010 (with a higher participation fee). Information on www.xtec.es/entitas/mcc or from movicoralcat@gmail.com

Le centre régional d'Europa Cantat à Barcelone organisera en coopération avec la FIMC et Europa cantat une conférence sur les traditions de la musique vocale et chorale de la Méditerranée. Date limite pour envoi de propositions: 10 novembre 09, pour inscriptions 31 mars (prix réduit) et 31 mai 2010.

Das Regionalzentrum von EC in Barcelona organisiert in Kooperation mit der IFCM und Europa Cantat eine Konferenz über Vokalmusik und Chormusik im Mittelmeerraum. Frist für die Einreichung von Vorschlägen ist der 10. November 2009, Anmeldefrist ist der 31. März (vergünstigte Gebühr) bzw. der 31. Mai 2010.

International Competition for Young Conductors

The 5th International Competition for Young Conductors in Ljubljana, Slovenia, was organised by Republic of Slovenia Public Fund for Cultural Activities (JSKD) and its local office in Ljubljana, in cooperation with AGEC, Europa Cantat, the Europa Cantat Central-Eastern European Centre and the Academy of Music Ljubljana. The overall winner of the competition, Dani Juris from Finland, born in 1985, won the first prize (2.000 €), the AGEC special prize as the youngest finalist, as well as the Europa Cantat special prize, the (assistant) conductorship at the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVIII in 2012. The second prize (1.000 €), went to Andreas Felber, Switzerland, the third prize (500 €), to Jerica Gregor Bukovec, Slovenia, and Stefan Vanselow from Germany won a number of special prizes. Maud Hamon from France was awarded an additional special prize from Europa Cantat in the way of a recommendation (the Arbeitskreis Musik in der Jugend, AMJ, in Germany was the first organisation to take up this recommendation and invite her to conduct a workshop at the Youth Chamber Choir Week in Usedom in 2010). The Noël Minet Scholarship went to Aleksandra Samokhvalova from Moscow, Russia. You will find the full results on www.EuropaCantat.org -> news.

Europa Cantat would like to recommend to all organisers of International Singing Weeks and other similar events to involve the prize-winning talented young conductors mentioned above to their activities. Address material is available at the Europa Cantat General Secretariat.

Dans le texte anglais vous trouverez les résultats du Concours International pour Jeunes Chefs de Chœur de Ljubljana. Nous recommandons à tous les organisateurs de semaines chantantes et d'autres activités de ce genre d'inviter les jeunes chefs gagnants pour diriger des ateliers. Le AMJ a déjà donné un bon exemple en invitant Maud Hamon, qui a reçu un prix spécial d'Europa Cantat sous forme d'une recommandation.

Im englischen Text finden Sie die Ergebnisse des Internationalen Wettbewerbs für Junge Chorleiter/innen in Ljubljana. Wir empfehlen allen Organisatoren von Singwochen und ähnlichen Veranstaltungen die Preisträger dieses Wettbewerbs als Atelierleiter/innen einzubinden. Der deutsche Arbeitskreis Musik in der Jugend ist mit leuchtendem Vorbild voran gegangen und hat Maude Hamon aus Frankreich, die einen Sonderpreis von Europa Cantat in Form einer Empfehlung erhalten hat, bereits zur Jugendkammerchor-Woche in Usedom eingeladen.

EC magazine and Brochure 2010

ECmagazine 2/09 has been mailed to our members and is available for free for everybody to download on www.europacantat.org -> news since it is a special issue for singers.

The programme for 2010 will be mailed around the world during the month of August and was distributed in Utrecht.

ECmagazine a été envoyé et est peut être téléchargé gratuitement sur www.europacantat.org car il s'agit d'une édition pour choristes. La brochure 2010 sera envoyée pendant le mois d'août.

ECmagazine 2/09 wurde bereits verschickt und steht im Internet für alle Interessierten zum kostenlosen Download zur Verfügung, da es sich um eine spezielle Ausgabe für Sänger/innen handelt. Das Programm für 2010 wird im Monat August verschickt.

† Sad news

The choral world is mourning the loss of a number of men who also played an important role in the history of Europa Cantat:

- Henry Klausner from Israel who brought many Israeli choirs to Europa Cantat
 - Gábor Baross, former Board member of Europa Cantat and AGECE and former President of KÓTA
 - Erkki Pohjola, founder of the Tapiola Choir and of Songbridge
 - Dusan Maksimovic, initiator of German-Yugoslav Singing Weeks
 - Marcel Hubeaux, former treasurer of IFCM and Europa Cantat Namur asbl
 - François Jaeger, one of the founders of the European Federation of Young Choirs
- Obituaries were published in ECmagazine 1/09 and 2/09.

Le monde choral a perdu un nombre de personnages importants qui ont aussi joué un rôle dans l'histoire d'Europa Cantat. Nous avons publié des textes sur ces hommes dans ECmagazine 1/09 et 2/09.

Die Chorwelt trauert um mehrere wichtiger Persönlichkeiten, die auch in der Geschichte von Europa Cantat eine Rolle gespielt haben. Wir haben Nachrufe in ECmagazine 1/09 und 2/09 veröffentlicht.

News from our members

The Basque choir federation EAE (Eushal-Herriko Abesbatzen Alkartea - Confederación de Coros del País Vasco) has a new secretary general and a new address:
Secretary General: Paula García Segura
New address: EAE, Plaza Zaharra, 1-2° (Palacio Idiaketz), apartado de correos 234 20400 Tolosa, Spain

Tel + Fax: +34 943 670013
Web: www.koralakeae.com

La fédération basque EAE a une nouvelle secrétaire générale et une nouvelle Adresse - voir en haut.

Der baskische Chorverband EAE hat eine neue Generalsekretärin und eine neue Adresse - siehe oben.

The Norwegian choir organisation Norges Korforbund has a new President, Svend-Ola Hådi, and a new Secretary General, Catharine Schuman. Thomas Caplin is their new music director.

Mail: cathrine@korforbundet.no

La fédération norvégienne Norges Korforbund a aussi une nouvelle secrétaire générale ainsi qu'un nouveau président et un nouveau directeur musical.

Der norwegische Chorverband Norges Korforbund hat ebenfalls eine neue Generalsekretärin sowie einen neuen Präsidenten und einen Musikdirektor - siehe oben.

News from the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) - www.ifcm.net



After the move of the IFCM General Secretariat to Namur and the resignation of Secretary General Jean-Claude Wilkens in 2008, in January 2009, the process for the recruitment of a new Secretary General was launched; a decision will be made in the coming months. Meanwhile, the Secretary General's position having been vacant since 31 March, the First Vice-President has been requested to take over this role in cooperation with the secretariat in Belgium.

The new statutes adopted in Copenhagen call for the holding of intra-symposia general assemblies, the first of which will take place this year. Thanks to our colleague, Fred Sjöberg, the City and the Governor of Örebro (Sweden), this will happen on October 23 and 24 2009, within the framework of the World Youth Choir's 20th anniversary celebration.

Puerto Madryn is actively preparing this symposium, and the deadline for choirs to register is 1 October 2009. CANTANDO EL MUNDO (Singing the World), the theme of the choral world gathering in Argentina in 2011, will be our slogan for the next two years.

News from Musica International www.musicanet.org



Organized by the Congolese Federation for Choral Music (FCMC), a Musica International workshop took place in central Africa for the first time in April 2009.

The Musica International Trophy has been awarded during the International Cork Festival to the German Choir Camerata Vocalis Tübingen, conducted by Tobias Hiller.

News from the European Music Council (EMC) www.emc-imc.org



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International Music Council (IMC) - www.imc-cim.org



The 2008 Annual Conference of the European Music Council (EMC) was at the same time the final event of the three year EU cooperation project "ExTra! Exchange Traditions", presenting different topics concerning the musical dimension of immigration and multiculturalism. It took place in the Theocharakis Foundation in Athens, Greece and was co-organised with the Greek ExTra! partner En Chordais. More on www.extra-project.eu

Attachment 3

The International Music Council (IMC) invites all interested musicians and music organisations to attend its 3rd IMC World Forum on Music and 33rd General Assembly to be held in Tunis, October 17-22, 2009 under the title "Access to Musical Diversity". It will be organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage Preservation of the Tunisian Republic. The 2009 World Forum on Music will focus on five areas which IMC considers being of crucial importance to the world of music:

- Cultural diversity: where do we stand?
- Music as a vector for dialogue
- Creativity and innovation in music distribution
- New approaches to music education
- Changing audiences: challenges for art music around the world

Registration for the is now open.

Deadline for registrations is August 31, 2009. All Forum-related information, including the registration form, is and will be available for download on the IMC website, in the Forum section.

News from CultureAction Europe - European Forum for the Arts and Heritage (former EFAH)



www.cultureactioneurope.org

European Elections - European citizens have voted (at least 43% of them) and the newly elected MEPs are currently negotiating the repartition of power in the new Parliament. With a clear right-wing majority but also the possibility of seeing the Education and Culture Committee chaired by a representative of the Green group, perspectives for the cultural sector are contrasted.

Swedish Presidency- Presidencies of the European Council follow each other with different styles and ambitions. After the overactive French and rather chaotic Czech, Sweden is taking over the presidency of the European Council for six months from 1st July. In addition to the global (economic and social crisis, sustainable development) and European (Lisbon Treaty, new Commission) dossiers, culture will certainly not feature very highly on the Swedish agenda, even if some limited actions have already been announced. Save the date! Culture Action Europe and Intercult are planning a conference on „The architecture of cultural politics“ on 3-4 December 2009 in Stockholm. More info soon.

New Culture Committee for the European Parliament session 2009-2014. Veteran MEP Doris Pack (EPP - Germany) has been nominated as the committee chair. Helga Trupel (Greens - Germany) is returned as vice-chair and continues as a member of the Budgets committee. Otherwise the committee currently comprises 32 full members of which only 5 were present on the committee in the last mandate. In addition there are 30 substitute members. The committee will meet for the first time on September 2/3 2009 in Brussels. More info at: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/members/expert/committees/search.do?committee=2872&language=EN>

More on www.cultureactioneurope.org