

newsletter winter 09

Including news from the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM), the European and International Music Council (EMC / IMC), CultureAction Europe (EFAH) and Musica International

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Office Closed for winter Holidays

After an intensive year with the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVII in Utrecht and our General Assembly with elections in Sofia we will close our office from 21/12/09 to 8/1/10. We will be back in the office on 11/1/10. We wish all our members and friends a peaceful and joyful New Year and hope to see you at one of our activities in 2010.

Notre bureau sera fermé du 21 décembre 09 au 8 janvier 10.

Bonnes Fêtes!

Unser Büro ist vom 21.12.09 bis 8.1.10 geschlossen.

Wir wünschen schöne Feiertage!



New Europa Cantat Website

On December 21st 2009 Europa Cantat has launched its new website with a new design and a new structure. You can view it under the usual URL www.EuropaCantat.org and you will find all important regular information, some new features and updates on different activities 2010. Europa Cantat also created a new Facebook page which you will find on www.facebook.com if you search for Europa Cantat – Please become a fan!

Europa Cantat a un nouveau site web avec une nouvelle structure. Vous le trouverez sous l'adresse habituelle www.EuropaCantat.org et nous y présentons les informations régulières, quelques nouveautés et les dernières nouvelles sur certains projets 2010. Nous avons aussi une nouvelle page sur Facebook.

Wir haben eine neue Website, mit neuer Struktur und neuem Design. Man findet sie unter der gleichen Adresse www.EuropaCantat.org und wir präsentieren dort unsere üblichen Informationen aber auch Neues zu unserem Jahresprogramm 2010. Außerdem gibt es eine neue Europa Cantat Seite auf Facebook.

New Board and President elected

On November 14th the Europa Cantat General Assembly met in Sofia, Bulgaria, and elected a new Board. Sante Fornasier from Italy was elected President of the federation as successor of Jeroen Schrijner whose mandate ended after a nine-year period on the Board. Sante Fornasier will be supported by 12 Board members from 11 European countries: Gábor Móczár (HU) – 1st Vice-President, Fred Sjöberg (SE) – 2nd Vice-President and Chair of the Music Commission, Jean Smeets (BE) – treasurer, Séverine Delforge (BE), Montserrat Gual (ES), Guido Helbling (CH), Mihela Jagodic (SI), Reijo Kekkonen (FI), Jan Schumacher (DE), Kaie Tanner (EE), Thierry Thiébaud (FR) and Daphne Wassink (NL). Further information is available in a detailed press release (in English, French and German) which can be found on our website where you can also download pictures.



Europa Cantat a un nouveau comité directeur et un nouveau président, Sante Fornasier d'Italie. Il succède ainsi à Jeroen Schrijner, arrivé au terme de son mandat. Dans le texte anglais vous trouverez les noms des 12 autres membres élus, et sur notre site vous pouvez télécharger un communiqué de presse détaillé en anglais, français et allemand ainsi que des photos.

Europa Cantat hat ein neues Präsidium und einen neuen Präsidenten, Sante Fornasier aus Italien. Er tritt die Nachfolge von Jeroen Schrijner an, dessen Mandat 2009 endete. Im englischen Text sind die Namen der weiteren 12 Präsidiums-Mitglieder aufgelistet und auf unserer Website finden Sie eine ausführliche Pressemeldung auf Englisch, Französisch und Deutsch sowie Bilder.

Members decide about merger with AGECE

The General Assembly also approved of the programme of activities for the coming years and decided on a merger of the two major European choral organisations Europa Cantat – European Federation of Young Choirs and AGECE (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Europäischer Chorverbände) into European Choral Association – Europa Cantat starting in 2011. With the fusion the two organisations wish to bring together the knowledge and experience of two important European organisations, offer the choral world the best possible service, form one major European Choir Federation in Europe and strengthen the position of choral music within Europe. Further information in the press release available on www.EuropaCantat.org.

L'assemblée générale a en outre approuvé le programme d'activités, et a voté la fusion de deux organisations chorales européennes majeures : Europa Cantat et l'AGECE en une seule – fusion qui prendra effet début 2011. Voir le communiqué de presse sur www.EuropaCantat.org

Die Generalversammlung billigte auch das Programm für die kommenden Jahre und stimmte dem Zusammenschluss der beiden bedeutendsten europäischen Chorverbände Eurpa Cantat und AGECE zu, der Anfang 2011 vollzogen werden soll. Siehe auch Pressemeldung auf www.EuropaCantat.org

Research on Singing and Health

The General Assembly 2009 was combined with workshops around the subject of Singing and Health with Prof. Tores Theorell (Sweden), Laurier Fagnan (Canada) and Harjo Pasveer (Netherlands) as well as the Europa Cantat Youth Committee which had invited the professional choir of blind singers "Petko Staynov" and their conductor Peter Matev. Material from these workshops are available on the Europa Cantat website www.EuropaCantat.org

Dans le cadre de l'Assemblée Générale il y avait des ateliers et présentations autour du thème chant choral et santé – vous trouverez du matériel sur notre site web.

Im Rahmen der Generalversammlung gab es Vorträge zum Thema Singen und Gesundheit – Material dazu findet sich auf unserer Website.



The new Europa Cantat Board in Sofia after the election with President Sante Fornasier in the middle

General Assembly 2010 in Belgium

We have the pleasure to announce that the General Assembly 2010 will take place from November 26th to 28th 2010 in Namur, Belgium, on invitation of the Fédération Chorale Wallonie - Bruxelles - A Cœur Joie in the frame of their 20th anniversary. Further information will be printed in ECmagazine 2/2010.

L'assemblée générale 2010 aura lieu à Namur, en Belgique, du 26 au 28 novembre 2010 sur invitation de la Fédération Chorale Wallonie-Bruxelles A Cœur Joie.

Die Generalversammlung 2010 findet vom 26. bis 28. November 2010 auf Einladung des wallonischen Chorverbandes in Namur, Belgien statt.

Meeting of Mediterranean experts

On the first weekend in December the third meeting of choral experts from the Mediterranean area took place in Barcelona, organised by the Mediterranean Office for Choral Music. The experts talked about the situation of equal voice choirs, conductors training, contemporary compositions and scores in different countries, international cooperation projects and fundraising and they presented international projects in the Mediterranean area including the Mediterranean Voices Conference (Girona end of July 2010) and the Conference on Mediterranean Religious Vocal Music (Greece, October 2011). For further details see www.mcc.cat

En décembre le centre méditerranéen pour la musique chorale a organisé la troisième rencontre d'experts de la Méditerranée qui ont traité plusieurs sujets autour du chant choral dans la région - voir site web indiqué en haut

Im Dezember fand das dritte Treffen von Chorexpertern im Mittelmeer in Barcelona statt, bei dem über verschiedene Themen rund um die Chormusik in der Region gesprochen wurde - mehr Informationen auf oben genannter Website.

World Youth Choir Anniversary

Europa Cantat is one of the patrons of the World Youth Choir which celebrated its anniversary in Örebro, Sweden, in October 2009. The anniversary weekend which included several concerts with former singers of the World Youth Choir and with the World Chamber Choir also marked the opening of the Swedish International Centre for Choral Music - SWICCO. The final concert took place in the frame of the Award Ceremony for the Eric Ericson Award where several prestigious Swedish choral prizes were awarded: The Eric Ericson Award went to Kjetil Almanning (NO), the Choir of the Year Award went to the female ensemble Arctic Light, the Conductor of the Year Award went to Cecilia Rydinger-Alin and André de Quadros and his ensemble Global Voices received the Carpe Vitam Choir Travel Award.

A DVD of the Anniversary is available from info@swicco.se or iccm@ifcm.net

Le Choeur Mondial des Jeunes a fêté son 20ème anniversaire à Örebro en Suède fin octobre. Le Centre Suédois International pour la Musique Chorale de Örebro a été ouvert à l'occasion.

Der Weltjugendchor feierte Ende Oktober seinen 20. Geburtstag in Örebro Schweden im Rahmen einer Festwoche in der auch das Schwedische Internationale Zentrum für Chormusik von Örebro eröffnet wurde.

Order of Merit for Günter Graulich

Günter Graulich from the German publishing house Carus-Verlag received the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesverdienstkreuz) for his life-long work in the service of choral music. Congratulations!

Günter Graulich de la maison d'édition Carus a reçu l'Ordre pour la Mérite de la République Fédérale d'Allemagne pour son travail au service de la musique chorale.

Günter Graulich, Seniorchef des Carus-Verlages, ist mit dem Bundesverdienstkreuz ausgezeichnet worden. Günter Graulich wurde damit für seinen lebenslang unermüdeten Einsatz für die Chormusik geehrt.

† Ruth Klausner

Ruth, the widow of Henry Klausner, passed away on 24 November 2009 at the age of 90. All those who knew Henry know that she was a great help and support to him. Condolences can be sent to their daughter: Maya Rotem, 60972 Kibbutz Yakum, Israel

Ruth Klausner, veuve de Henry Klausner, est décédée le 24 novembre 2009 à l'âge de 90 ans.

Ruth Klausner, Witwe von Henry Klausner, ist am 24. November 2009 im Alter von 90 Jahren verstorben.

ACTIVITIES 2010

The European Union has declared the year 2010 the Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. We suggest to our members and partners to check if there are funding opportunities related to this at ministries of social affairs in their respective countries. (NB: 2011 will be the EU year of volunteer work) Several Europa Cantat Activities 2010 fit under this motto, especially the Hearts-in-Harmony events in Budapest and Barcelona and the Poverty Requiem in Bonn.

L'Union Européenne a déclaré 2010 l'année du combat contre la pauvreté et l'exclusion sociale. Plusieurs activités Europa Cantat 2010 entrent très bien dans ce sujet, comme par exemple la série de concerts Coeurs-en-choeurs et le Poverty Requiem. (2011 sera l'année du bénévolat.)

Die Europäische Union hat das Jahr 2010 zum Jahr für den Kampf gegen Armut und soziale Ausgrenzung deklariert. Mehrere Europa Cantat Aktivitäten wie die Serie von Hearts-in-Harmony Konzerten und das Poverty Requiem passen sehr gut zu diesem Motto. (2011 wird das EU Jahr des Ehrenamts).



World Youth Choir Anniversary Concert

in Stockholm with conductor Sidumo Jacobs

New Information on 2010 events

2010 will be a year full of exciting offers for choirs, singers, conductors, composers and young managers. You will find all the important information on our new website under www.EuropaCantat.org -> Events 2010. Please note that we have uploaded updated information and application forms for the Festival Youth Choirs in Movement in Bonn, for the Study Tour to the Polyfolia Festival and for the Euroscola in Strasbourg as well as for the 2010 session of the World Youth Choir.

2010 sera une année pleine d'activités intéressantes pour choeurs, choristes, chefs de choeur, compositeurs et jeunes managers. Vous trouverez des informations détaillées sur www.EuropaCantat.org -> Activités 2010 où nous avons aussi placé des nouvelles informations et des formulaires d'inscription pour le festival pour choeurs d'enfants et de jeunes à Bonn, pour le Study Tour pour managers au festival Polyfolia, pour l'Euroscola à Strasbourg et pour le Choeur Mondial des Jeunes.

2010 wird ein Jahr voll spannender Aktivitäten für Chöre, Sänger/innen, Chorleiter/innen, Komponist/innen und junge Manager/innen. Genauere Informationen gibt es auf www.EuropaCantat.org -> Aktivitäten 2010, wo auch neue Informationen und Anmeldeformulare für folgende Aktivitäten herunter geladen werden können: Festival Jugendchöre in Bewegung in Bonn, Study Tour für Manager/innen zu Polyfolia, Euroscola in Straßburg und Weltjugendchor 2010.

América Cantat 7 - 15/5/2010

The América Cantat festival, a "sister-festival" of Europa Cantat, offers special rates for Europa Cantat members participating. Deadline for registrations has been postponed until February 28th 2010. For further information see <http://www.ufjf.br/americanacantat-en/event/>

Le festival América Cantat offre des prix réduits pour les membres d'Europa Cantat qui désirent participer. La date limite pour s'inscrire est le 28 février 2010. Pour plus de détails voir site du festival indiqué en haut.

Das Festival América Cantat bietet für Europa Cantat Mitglieder eine Ermäßigung auf die Teilnahmegebühr. Anmeldefrist ist der 28. Februar 2010. Weitere Informationen auf der im englischen Teil angegebenen Website.

Let the Peoples Sing

The Girls' choir of the Classical Diocesan Gymnasium Ljubljana (Slovenia), conducted by Helena Fojkar won the Let the Peoples Sing award 2009. Winners of the different categories included the Hamilton Children Choir conducted by Zimfira Poloz, Philomella conducted by Marjukka Riithimaeki and the Nova Chamber Choir conducted by Anne Karin Sundal. For the full results see http://www.ebu.ch/en/radio/competitions/ltps_index.php where you will later also find the call for the 2011 edition of this prestigious competition.

Dans le texte anglais vous trouvez les noms des chorales qui ont gagné le concours de radios Let the Peoples Sing. Sur le site web indiqué vous trouverez la liste entière et bientôt les conditions pour le prochain concours en 2011.

Im englischen Text sind die Preisträger des Rundfunk-Wettbewerbs Let the Peoples Sing aufgeführt. Auf der Website finden Sie die komplette Liste und bald die Bedingungen für den nächsten Wettbewerb 2011..

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



New Managing Editor for the ICB

The International Choral bulletin (ICB) has a new Managing Editor Andrea Angelini, Italy, aangelini@ifcm.net

IFCM General Assembly

The IFCM General Assembly met in the frame of the World Youth Choir Anniversary in Örebro. Members met in working groups and discussed the projects and the future development of the federation. The members also attended the World Youth Choir Anniversary programme – For this special occasion, the newly inaugurated Swedish International Choral Centre Örebro (SWICCO) welcomed in Örebro more than 170 World Youth Choir singers coming from 44 different countries for several performances with the World Chamber Choir Anniversary Ensemble. Thanks to Fred Sjöberg, Vice President of IFCM and Music Director of SWICCO, the World Chamber Choir Anniversary Ensemble were invited to a TV broadcast in Stockholm. Watch it on <http://tv4play.se/aktualitet/nyhetsmorgon?videoid=1.1279790>
Enjoy also the Jeunesses Musicales Internationales' presentation of the WYC 20th Anniversary: www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmzT8Saf0Ng

World Symposium on Choral Music

Preparations for the World Symposium on Choral Music in Puerto Madryn in August 2011 are well under way. The registration for invited choirs is closed and the Artistic Committee has made its first draft programme. Individual registration for participation will open in February 2010. More information on <http://www.wscm9.com>

Contact IFCM

Michael J. Anderson, first Vice-President of IFCM is currently also the Secretary General ad interim. He is supported by Nadine Robin from Belgium. The official address of IFCM continues to be at ICCM in Namur, Belgium.
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News from
Musica International
www.musicanet.org



The Musica General Assembly 2010 will be hosted by Carus-Verlag and will take place in Stuttgart on Saturday, March 20th 2010. An international workshop (session) will be organized in Strasbourg a week before or after these days. If you are interested in participating in such a workshop please contact office@musicanet.org

News from the European Music Council (EMC) www.emc-imc.org and the International Music Council (IMC) – www.imc-cim.org



The European Music Council is happy to inform us that the EMC Board has appointed Simone Dudit 'Secretary General Policy and Communication'. This means that the EMC will have from now on two Secretaries General who carry the responsibility for the EMC equally and who operate at the same level of hierarchy. Ruth Jakobi's task fields are 'Development and Finances'.

First European Forum on Music. Musical Diversity. Looking back, looking forward

The next Annual Meeting of the EMC members will take place in Vienna from 15 to 18 April 2010, next to the European Forum on Music. The conference will take place in the venues of the University of Vienna, and will be organised jointly with the Austrian Music Council. Its main focus will be "Musical Diversity. Looking back, looking forward". It will include discussions about the possible actions to implement the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, as well as about overall discussions on the role of the UNESCO commissions in this implementation process. As an effective promotion of cultural diversity cannot elude actions taken on the citizen level, an interactive discussion will tackle these issues including inputs by personalities from European Capitals of Culture and from the City of Vienna.
Registration will be open as of December 2010 – keep an eye on the EMC Website for update!

Working Group Youth

The Working Group Youth is working on three main interesting issues:

- The creation of a European Agenda for Youth and Music
- The organisation of a very special youth event: Access! In 2010 in the European Youth Capital Torino (in cooperation with FENIARCO, the Torino festival association and the Europa Cantat Youth Committee)
- Making youth projects and initiative more visible for the EMC organisations in order to increase the youth participation

News from the World Forum on Music and General Assembly of the International Music Council

The International Music Council (IMC) introduced a new award called IMC Musical Rights Award and presented the first winners in the frame of the World Forum on Music in Tunis in October 2009.
The winners of this first edition of the award are: Freemuse (www.freemuse.org) – The world forum on music & censorship Musical Programme of the "Cnetro Andino para la Educación y la Cultura" (CAPEC) Argentina – further information on <http://www.capec-tilcara.org/>
Revival of Music Education in Afghanistan – more on <http://www.roamproject.org/VocationalSchoolMusic.htm>
In addition to the winners, the jury recommended further projects – for details see www.imc-cim.org.

IMC membership elects new Board and President

At its 33rd General Assembly the IMC membership elected a new President and some members of the IMC Executive Boards (since members are elected for 6-year-terms, some did not need to be re-elected). The new IMC Executive Board is composed of:
Frans de Ruiter (The Netherlands), President / Beata Schanda (Hungary), Executive Vice President / Liane Hentschke (Brazil), Vice President / Fethi Zghonda (Tunisia), Vice President / Lars Grunth (Denmark), Treasurer / Fernando Condon (Uruguay) / Sonja Greiner (Germany, Secretary General of Europa Cantat) / Gary Ingle (USA) / Timo Klemettinen (Finland) / Lupwishi Mbuyamba (DR of Congo) / Henrik Melius (Sweden) / Blasko Smilevski (Macedonia/Belgium)
Congratulatinos to the newly elected President Frans de Ruiter as well as the newly elected Board members Fernando Condon, Henrik Melius, Blasko Smilevski and Fethi Zghonda. For his outstanding engagement over the past few years for the IMC and the world of music, Richard Letts was elected Honorary Member of the IMC with standing ovations from all delegates present.
Meeting of Youth Delegates
As a response to the call from the outgoing IMC President, Richard Letts, the invited youth delegates formed the International Music Council Youth Advisory Group.

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



www.culturactioneurope.org

A new Commissioner for Culture and a new portfolio

On 27 November José Manuel Barroso announced the composition and portfolios of the next Commission. Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth has been attributed to Androulla Vassiliou, in charge of Health in the last Commission, and former Member of the Cyprus House of Representatives. The new Commission will take office after being approved by the European Parliament (hearings in mid-January 2010).

DG Education and Culture under new direction from May 2010

Next spring Jan Trzuszczynski will replace Odile Quintin as Director-General of the Education and Culture DG.

The review of the EU financial regulation, a much awaited exercise...

The EC will initiate a review of its financial regulations by mid-2010. The review is preceded by a public consultation that has already raised a lot of interest in the NGO scene, as EU financial regulations are generally ill fitted to the specific structures and functioning of civil society organisations. Culture Action Europe prepared its own contribution and coordinated contributions to the Consultation of the European Commission on the Review of the Financial Regulation, collecting items from its membership and circulating a text to all members for them to add points and send out their own contribution to the consultation process. The European Music Council, member of Culture Action Europe, also participated and passed its own contribution on to its respective membership.