

newsletter winter 10

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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Don't forget to regularly check our website for news

From 2011: www.eca-ec.org or
www.europeanchoralassociation.org

Office closed for Winter Holidays

After another intensive year marked by the final preparations of the merger and the preparations for the project VOICE, we will close our office from 22/12/10 to 7/1/11. We will be back in the office on 10/1/11 under our new name „European Choral Association – Europa Cantat“ (see next news item). We wish all our members and friends happy holidays a peaceful and joyful New Year and hope to see you at one of our activities in 2011.

Notre bureau sera fermé du
22 décembre 10 au 7 janvier 11.
Bonnes Fêtes!

Unser Büro ist vom 22.12.10
bis 7.1.11 geschlossen.
Wir wünschen schöne Feiertage!



Europa Cantat and AGECE merging from 1.1.2011

One Voice for Choral Music in Europe

This is the last newsletter we are sending to you as Europa Cantat – European Federation of Young Choirs. On November 27th 2010 the members of Europa Cantat and AGECE completed the merger between the two organisations to the "European Choral Association – Europa Cantat" from January 2011. You will find the full Press Release on our **new website**:

www.eca-ec.org or
www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org
New mail: info@eca-ec.org and
info@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org

Ce sont les dernières nouvelles que vous recevez d'Europa Cantat – Fédération Européenne des Jeunes Chorales. Le 27 novembre 2010, les membres d'Europa Cantat et de la AGECE ont achevé le processus de fusion entre les deux organisations pour devenir la « European Choral Association – Europa Cantat » à partir du 1er janvier 2011. Vous trouverez le communiqué de presse complet sur notre site. Merci de noter la nouvelle adresse pour notre site et la nouvelle adresse mail en haut dans le texte anglais.

Dies ist der letzte Newsletter von Europa Cantat – Europäische Föderation Junger Chöre e.V. Am 27. November 2010 haben die Mitglieder von Europa Cantat und AGECE die Fusion zwischen den beiden Verbänden, ab Januar 2011, unter dem Namen "European Choral Association – Europa Cantat" besiegelt. Sie finden die ausführliche Pressemeldung auf unserer Homepage. Bitte beachten Sie auch unsere neue Homepage-Adresse und Email – siehe oben im englischen Text.

Board, Music Commission, Youth Committee, Consultants and Advisors 2011-12

The European Choral Association – Europa Cantat will be governed by a Board of 15 representatives from 13 European countries, including members of the Boards of both associations (new names in bold). The seat of the association will be in Bonn (Germany) with Secretary General Sonja Greiner and her team.

Board of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat 2011 – 2012

Sante Fornasier (IT) – President
Gábor Móczár (HU) – 1st Vice-President
Fred Sjöberg (SE) – 2nd Vice-President and Chair of Music Commission
Anneliese Zeh (AT) – 3rd Vice-President
Jean Smeets (BE) – Treasurer



Further Board members: Séverine Delforge (BE), Montserrat Gual (ES), Guido Helbling (CH), **Hans Hierck (NL/BE)**, Mihela Jagodic (SI), Reijo Kekkonen (FI), Jan Schumacher (DE), Kaie Tanner (EE), Thierry Thiébaud (FR) and Daphne Wassink (NL)

Comité Directeur à partir de 2011 / Präsidium ab 2011

Music Commission 2011 – 2012:

Fred Sjöberg (SE) – Chair, Jan Schumacher (DE) – Deputy Chair, Xavier Baulies (ES), Darina Chakarova (BG), **Rainer Held (CH)**, Pasi Hyökki (FI), Carlo Pavese (IT), Jonathan Rathbone (UK)

Commission Musicale / Musikkommission ab 2011

Festival Music Commission for the EUROPA CANTAT festival in Turin 2012:

Carlo Pavese, Chair (IT), Fred Sjöberg (SE), Nicola Campogrande (IT), Rainer Held (CH), Piero Monti (IT), Roberta Paraninfo (IT), Jan Schumacher (DE), Dario Tabbia (IT), Kaie Tanner (EE)

Commission Musicale pour le festival de Turin /
Musikkommission für das Festival in Turin

Youth Committee 2011 – 2012:

Victoria Liedbergius, Chair (SE/NO), Maja Backlund (SE), Riccardo Bianchi (IT), Jenny Grant (UK), **Melanie Müller (DE)**, Jan Pöter (DE/AT), Marko Skorin (HR), Eva Svarcova (CZ)

Comité Jeunes / Jugendkomitee

Advisors 2011 – 2012:

Kjetil Aamann (NO), Kari Ala-Pöllänen (FI), Barbara Bieri-Klimek (DE), **Koenraad de Meulder (BE)**, Julien Dubois (FR/NL), Tomaž Faganel (SI), Lluís Gómez i Roldan (ES), Volker Hempfling (DE), Hansruedi Kämpfen (CH), Éva Kollár (HU), Christoph Kühlewein (DE), Harold Lenselink (NL), Monique Lesenne (BE), Erwin List (FR), Noël Minet (BE), Vic Nees (BE), Margaret O'Sullivan (IE), Andrew Parrott (UK), Theodora Pavlovitch (BG), Josep Prats (ES), Dolf Rabus (DE), Aarne Saluveer (EE), **Michael Scheck (BE)**, Jeroen Schrijner (NL/CH), Christopher Simmons (UK), Dan-Olof Stenlund (SE), **Urbain van Asch (BE)**, Erik van Nevel (BE), Alexander Vatsck (UA), **Alexander Vujic (RS)**

Conseillers / Berater

Music Consultants 2011 – 2012:

Musicians in countries in which Europa Cantat has no member organisations, yet, and experts in the fields in which Europa Cantat would like to intensify its work in future: Željka Andric (BA), Basilio Astulez Duque (ES), Yuval Ben-Ozer (IL), Vladimir Degtyarev (RU), Aleksandar Dimoski (MK), Burak Onur Erdem (TR), John Fitzpatrick (IE), Michal Hájek (CZ), Alexander Humala (BY/NL), Hilda Iacob (RO), Josip Jerkovic (HR), Jens Johansen (DK), Milan Kolena (SK), Pierre Nimax (LU), Johannes Prinz (AT), Myguel Santos y Castro (PT), Vahram Sargsyan (AM), Krzysztof Szydzisz (PL), Suzana Turku (AL), Marina Velázquez Barrera (ES), Gyntautas Venislovas (LT), Mstyslav Yurchenko (UA)

Conseillers musicaux / Musikalische Berater

General Assembly 2010 in Belgium

On November 27th and 28th Europa Cantat organised its General Assembly 2010 in Namur, Belgium. In addition to statutory issues and the final decision about the merger (see above), the programme included keynotes by Isabelle Durant and Blasko Smilevski, the presentation of innovative projects and initiatives, an overview on the history of AGECE and Europa Cantat and a look into the future of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat as well as two presentations on Voice Research. You will find many of the presentations on www.eca-ec.org or www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org

L'assemblée générale 2010 à Namur en novembre 2010 a traité un série de sujets: la fusion, la politique culturelle européenne et la recherche sur la voix. Vous trouverez une grande partie des présentations sur notre site sous www.eca-ec.org ou www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org.

Bei der Generalversammlung in Namur im November 2010 wurden verschiedene Themen behandelt: Die Fusion, europäische Kulturpolitik und Forschungsprojekte rund um die Stimme. Die meisten Präsentationen finden sich auf unserer Homepage unter www.eca-ec.org oder unter www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org

General Assemblies 2011 and 2012

We have the pleasure to announce that the General Assembly of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat 2011 will take place from November 11th to 13th 2011 in Turin, Italy, the host town of the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVIII in 2012. One of the subjects will be „Singing Across Generations“, further information will be printed in the European Choral Magazine 2/2011. The General Assembly 2012 will take place in Toulouse, France, on November 16th to 18th 2012.

L'assemblée générale 2011 aura lieu à Turin en Italie, la ville hôte du festival EUROPA CANTAT 2012, du 11 au 13 novembre 2011. L'assemblée générale 2012 aura s'organiserà à Toulouse en France, du 16 au 18/11/2012

Die Generalversammlung 2011 findet vom 11. bis 13. November 2011 in Turin, Italien, der Stadt des Festivals EUROPA CANTAT XVIII statt. Die Generalversammlung 2012 findet vom 16. bis 18. November 2012 in Toulouse, Frankreich statt.

Our Magazine 2011

Europa Cantat magazine will become the European Choral Magazine in 2011. The themes of the coming issues will be:

Magazine 1/2011: Transformation (we will present the results of the merger of EC + AGECE)
Magazine 2/2011: The EU Year of Volunteering
Magazine 3/2011: Issue for conductors
Magazine 1/2012: The EU Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity
Members who want to present projects which fit the subject of the magazine are welcome to send us texts and articles to info@eca-ec.org.

Europa Cantat magazine deviendra „The European Choral Magazine“ à partir de 2011. Voici les sujets des prochaines éditions. Si vous avez des projets intéressants à présenter sous ces sujets, merci de nous les envoyer.

Das Europa Cantat Magazin wird ab 2011 zu „The European Choral Magazine“. Das sind die Themen der nächsten Ausgaben. Wer interessante Projekte hat, die zu den Themen passen, kann sie uns gerne schicken.

This was 2010

Europa Cantat is looking back on another intensive and important year, the year of the federation's 50th anniversary (informal foundation in Geneva in May 1960) and the last year before the merger with AGECE. Altogether well over 3.100 participants (singers, conductors, teachers, composers and cultural managers) from 54 countries worldwide attended our events. In cooperation with our member organisations we offered different International Singing Weeks (in Usedom, Vic and Lignano) and the city of Pécs (Hungary) as one of the Cultural Capitals of Europe organised a "Pécs Cantat". In Bonn the Secretariat organised the 2nd version of "Youth Choirs in Movement" with nearly 800 participants and the federation was able to offer several seminars and training workshops for conductors and singers (in Pomáz, Hungary and Örebro, Sweden), for composers (in Aosta, Italy) and for managers (International Study Tours to the Choralies and Polyfolia festivals, France) and the World Youth Choir on the Canary Islands, the Iberian Peninsula and the Balear Islands.

2010 a été une année spéciale avec le 50ème anniversaire d'Europa Cantat et les préparations de la fusion. Environ 3.100 personnes de 54 pays ont participé à nos activités variées dans plusieurs pays européens.

2010 war mit dem 50. Geburtstag von Europa Cantat und den Vorbereitungen für die Fusion ein besonderes Jahr. Ca. 3.100 Personen aus 54 Ländern nahmen an Veranstaltungen des abwechslungsreichen Programms teil.



Activities 2011

The programme of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat for the coming years includes the EUROPA CANTAT festival in Torino (IT) in July/August 2012, EUROPA CANTAT junior in Pärnu (EE) in July 2011, annual sessions of the EuroChoir (2011 in Italy and 2012 in the Czech Republic) and the World Youth Choir, a number of International Singing Weeks in different European countries, seminars, courses and study tours for conductors, composers and choral managers, a regular composition competition and conferences. Below you will find the programme 2011 – more on www.eca-ec.org or www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org.

Le programme de l'association à partir de 2011 combine les activités traditionnelles d'Europa Cantat et de l'AGECE: Festivals, EUROPA CANTAT junior, Eurochoir, Choeur Mondial des Jeunes, semaines chantantes, cours de formation pour chefs de chœur, compositeurs et managers et conférences. En bas vous trouverez le programme 2011.

Das Programm der European Choral Association ab 2011 vereint traditionelle Aktivitäten von Europa Cantat und AGECE: die EUROPA CANTAT festivals und ECjunior, Eurochor, Weltjugendchor, Internationale Singwochen, Fortbildungsangebote für Chorleiter/innen, Komponist/innen und Manager, sowie Konferenzen. Siehe unten für das Programm 2011.

Programme 2011

- Hearts in Harmony, Örebro (SE)
- International Singing Week, Holstebro (DK) 3-9/7/2011
- EUROPA CANTAT junior 6, Pärnu (EE) 9-17/7/2011 – with International Study Tour
- World Youth Choir Summer Session, Argentina, Uruguay 13/7-10/8/2011
- 8th International Summer Choir Academy on Orchestra Conducting for Choral Conductors and Choir Atelier for Singers, Pomáz (HU) 14-24/7/2011
- International Singing Week, Tarragona, Catalonia (ES) 16-24/7/2011
- International Singing Week, Briançon (FR) 24-31/7/2011 with International Study Tour
- EuroChoir, Riva del Garda, Trentino (IT) 5-14/8/2011
- International Singing Week Novi Sad (RS) 22-28/8/2011
- International Singing Week Alpe Adria Cantat, Lignano (IT) 28/8-4/9/2011 with Study Tour
- European Academy for Choral Conductors and Singers, Fano (IT) 4-11/9/2011
- 6th International Competition for Young Choral Conductors, Budapest (HU) 14-18/9/2011 combined with Music Pedagogy Conference on Liszt Ferenc" 16-21/9/2011 and "In the Footsteps of Liszt Ferenc" 16-21/9/2011
- Conference on Religious Vocal Music of the Mediterranean Countries, Volos (GR) 7-9/10/2011

Programme 2012

- European Academy for Choral Conductors, Graz (AT) 9-15/9/2012
- EUROPA CANTAT XVIII, Turin (IT) 27/7-5/8/2012 – www.ectorino2012.it
- EuroChoir (CZ)
- World Youth Choir
- European Seminar for Young Composers, Aosta (IT)
- International Singing Week, Briançon (FR)
- Young Event Management Programme at the festival EUROPA CANTAT XVIII in Turin (IT)
- Study Tour for Managers to Polyfolia and much more ... the concrete programme will be published in summer 2011.

World Youth Choir 2011

On www.worldyouthchoir.org information on the World Youth Choir Session 2011 is available now. Recruitment material has been sent to organisations and conductors around the world and local, regional and national auditions will start soon. Singers from countries where no auditions are being organised can also audition directly with the international jury by sending recordings. A new foundation has been set up in The Hague, the Netherlands, under the name „Stichting World Youth Choir“ and you can contact the choir under info@worldyouthchoir.org or manager@worldyouthchoir.org. The address iccm@ifcm.net is no longer valid.

Les informations sur la session 2011 du Choeur Mondial des Jeunes se trouvent sur www.worldyouthchoir.org. Une nouvelle fondation a été fondée au Pays Bas et vous pouvez contacter le choeur sous info@worldyouthchoir.org ou manager@worldyouthchoir.org. L'adresse iccm@ifcm.net ne fonctionne plus..

Informationen zur Arbeitsphase 2011 des Weltjugendchores finden sich auf www.worldyouthchoir.org. Eine neue Stiftung wurde in den Niederlanden gegründet und Sie können den Chor unter folgenden Adressen kontaktieren: info@worldyouthchoir.org / manager@worldyouthchoir.org. Die Adresse iccm@ifcm.net ist nicht mehr gültig.

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



World Choral Day celebrated on 14/12/2010

Thank you for your participation in the World Choral Day! Don't forget to send your filmed recordings of the event to WorldChoralDay@ifcm.net. We'll upload them on Youtube for you! Watch your own and your colleagues' contribution on www.youtube.com/WorldChoralDay

Update on IFCM

In May 2010 the International Federation for Choral Music took significant action to ensure the continuation of its leadership in the world of choral Music. Lupwishi Mbuyamba resigned because of other obligations that kept him from fulfilling his responsibilities as President. Michael J. Anderson (USA) became Interim President and Daniel Garavano (Argentina), First Vice-President.

On 26 March 2010, the International Centre for Choral Music, in Namur, Belgium was closed after 20 years of producing remarkable choral music activities. Ultimately, it succumbed to the same financial crisis affecting the world's economies. The Board of Directors has been very active in the re-building process. They prioritized the various projects and programs to make sure that those of utmost importance remain solvent. Those include the International Choral Bulletin, the World Symposia on Choral Music, the World Youth Choir, choral-repertoire publications, and IFCM's partnership with Musica International and ChoralNet. Other emergent programs have been placed on hold for the time being. With all these good people working on rebuilding it, the Board looks forward to continuing IFCM's position of leadership in the world of choral music.

News from Musica International – www.musicanet.org



Annual Fund Drive is underway

Musica International needs financial support so that the project can continue, and the annual fund drive to collect donations has now started – check it out on www.musicanet.org/en.

New features of Musica

MusicaWiki is now on-line and anybody can contribute for the pleasure and benefit of all. To do so, just connect to www.musicanet.org, search for a title in the database, call up the detailed record and click on the MusicaWiki button to make your comments or any other contribution.

Musica is now also ready to make it possible for you to input data directly in the Musica database itself (a feature especially interesting for composers, publishers, conductors, librarians ...). To be part of the pioneer group for this new feature, send an email to office@musicanet.org.

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



Access! – European Youth Forum on Music

The Working Group Youth of the European Music Council held a highly successful European Forum on Music entitled Access! in Turin, Italy from 15th-17th October 2010. The more than sixty participants from all corners of Europe, mostly in their twenties, agreed that this was an invaluable opportunity to network and learn from one another. They shared their concerns and ideas for the future of the European music sector in a series of interactive workshops and worked together towards producing a European Agenda for Youth and Music. Europa Cantat and FENIARCO were partners for this project in Turin, the host town of the Festival EUROPA CANTAT XVIII in 2012.

IMC 4th World Forum: Save the date! 26/9 – 2/10/2011, Tallinn, Estonia

The 4th edition of the IMC World Forum on Music and 34th General Assembly of the IMC will take place in Tallinn, Estonia, from September 26 until October 2 2011. It will be organised jointly by the International Music Council and the Estonian Music Council. You should plan to arrive, at the latest, by the morning of September 26 so as to be able to attend the meetings of the Regional Music Councils that afternoon, before the official opening of the Forum in the evening. We would like to draw your attention to the fact that in the afternoon and evening of October 1, participants are invited to attend a wide and diverse range of concerts organised by the Estonian Music Council and its members and partners throughout the city of Tallinn in celebration of International Music Day on October 1.

The World Forum is also open to members, of members, thus also to members of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat.

First IMC Executive Board meeting in Africa

The Executive Board of the International Music Council (IMC) held its first ever meeting in Africa in Douala, Cameroon, on November 14th and 15th 2010 in connection with the Kola-tier festival "Marché des Musiques d'Afrique" (African Music Market) which took place from November 17th to 20th 2010. At the occasion the IMC Executive Board also met with the Minister of Culture of Cameroon and organised a joint meeting with the General Assembly of the African Music Council. Board members participated in a symposium and in the jury of an African Music Rostrum. Sonja Greiner, Secretary General of Europa Cantat and member of the Executive Board of IMC gave a workshop for choral conductors and managers, together with René Esso and Michel Ndoh from Cameroon.



News from CultureAction Europe –



www.culturactioneurope.org

We are more Campaign

We are more is a Europe-wide arts advocacy campaign set up by Culture Action Europe in strategic partnership with the European Cultural Foundation that aims to influence the political negotiations on the next EU budget 2014-2020. The speeches and interviews from the campaign launch, that took place at BOZAR in Brussels on October 7th, are available on the campaign website <http://www.wearemore.eu/2010/11/campaign-launch-speeches-and-interviews-now-online/>. The campaign launch has been followed by a busy autumn with campaign presentations in Berlin, Vienna, Glasgow and Stockholm, as well as in Namur, in the frame of the Europa Cantat General Assembly. The newly launched Facebook page now has more than 1200 friends, and the website statistics show that people from Croatia to Ireland are already helping to give visibility to the campaign. Help spread the campaign message by using the simple tools in the Join!-section and get ready to act when Culture Action Europe will launch the campaign manifesto (coming soon).

Public Consultation

In the frame of the we are more campaign Culture Action Europe also presented its demands for the next Culture Programme in the frame of the Public Consultation of the European Commission which ran until December 15th. Europa Cantat also submitted a contribution to the consultation, based on the position paper of Culture Action Europe. As a follow-up to the public consultation, the DG Education and Culture will organise, a public stakeholder meeting, in the framework of the Culture in Motion conference on February 15th and 16th 2011.