

Bonn, June 2016

Invitation to the event “sing outside the box” Friday 6 to Sunday 8 October 2017 - Tallinn - Estonia

Dear members and friends of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 2017 ECA-EC annual event “sing outside the box”, hosted by the Estonian Choral Association with the support of the Cultural Commission of the Estonian Parliament.

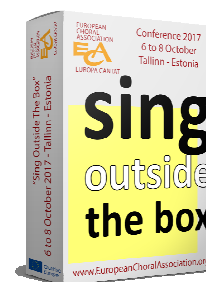


During three days, you will have a unique chance to interact, learn, sing and meet with your fellow choral enthusiasts around the themes of the event, and to contribute to the development of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat.

A public event

Public conference “sing outside the box” 6 and 7 October 2017 - open to all

Continuing the line of conferences discussing hot topics of the choral world, we are organising the public conference “sing outside the box”. We are setting up an exciting programme focusing on “different” ways to perform, to interact with (new and younger) audiences, and cooperation with other art forms. On Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, you will discover new ideas, exchange along practical sessions and maybe even sing (outside the box, of course...). The conference will end with a concert on Saturday evening.



*The public conference is part of the cooperation project **sing outside the box** coordinated by the Estonian Choral Association in cooperation with ZIMIHC, Sulasol and ECA-EC, and co-funded by the European Union Creative Europe programme. The project develops an in-depth cooperation between the Eurochoir sessions 2017 in Utrecht (NL) and 2018 in Helsinki (FI) and the EUROPA CANTAT Festival in Tallinn (EE).*

www.SingOutsideTheBox.eu

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Activities for members of ECA-EC

Membership Day / 6 October

Members of ECA-EC are invited to attend the 3rd edition of our "Membership Day" on Friday, October 6th in the morning and early afternoon. This is an exciting opportunity for our members to talk about the future of our association, bring in new ideas and develop new models with their peers, and to have a chance to present their own projects.

Members interested in participating must plan to arrive in Tallinn on Thursday, October 5th in the evening. The programme and the call for project presentations will be communicated to the members separately.

General Assembly 2017 / 7 October morning

The General Assembly will look back at the last year as usual, but mostly look ahead, presenting details of the activities planned within the project **Upgrade – Connect – Reach** out, which will run from September 2017 until August 2021 and will be co-funded by the European Union Creative Europe Programme. It shall also allow members to look ahead at the programme of 2018, especially the EUROPA CANTAT Festival 2018 in Tallinn and other interesting projects coming up.

(See Agenda on page 4).

Sunday Morning Market / 8 October morning

Upon proposal of the General Assembly 2016, we will offer a "Sunday Morning Market", a time-slot reserved for members wishing to meet others for bilateral or multilateral talks, for example about projects they can present during the "pitch session" on Friday afternoon.

*The activities for the members of ECA-EC are part of the project **Upgrade – Connect – Reach out: Raising Awareness for Collective Singing in Europe**, co-funded by the European Union Creative Europe Programme.*

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How to register? / Deadline 31 August 2017

To attend parts or all of the event, please fill in the online application form under www.bit.ly/ECAGA2017 before 31/08/2017.

The registration fees are below in this document.



Please note that we cannot guarantee a room in the official "conference hotel" to those registering after this date!

The detailed programme, the practical information for your stay, as well as the documents for the General Assembly will be sent out to registered delegates end of September and beginning of October 2017.

Please note that English will be the main working language of the General Assembly, Membership Day and Conference, but individual or group translation into French and German will be provided where needed.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the beautiful City of Tallinn which will host the EUROPA CANTAT Festival in 2018!

With best wishes

Gábor Móczár
President of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat



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Schedule of the event “sing outside the box”

Tallinn, Estonia - 5 to 8 October 2017

Wednesday, 4/10/2017

- *Arrival of the Board of ECA-EC*

Thursday, 5/10/2017

- *ECA-EC Board meeting all day / Meeting of the Youth Committee in the afternoon/evening*
- Arrival of members who wish to participate in the Membership Day (*Accommodation in Hotel Tallink Express*)
- No dinner arranged this evening for members – enjoy the Tallinn City Centre with its choice of restaurants

Friday, 6/10/2017

- **Membership Day** in Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel
 - 09.30 – 12.30: Membership to help shape the future of the association
 - 12.30: Lunch for members participating in the Membership Day
 - 13.30 – 15.30: Project Presentations from members (open to non-members)
Including a “pitch session” for presentation of projects for which members look for partners
- Arrival of participants of the Conference / members not attending the “Membership Day”
- Possibility to explore the historical City Centre of Tallinn individually
- 15.00 Registration opens in Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel
- 17.30: **Opening of the Conference “sing outside the box”** - keynote speech in Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel
- 19.00: Dinner with musical surprises (Children's Choir of the Estonian, conducted by Kaie Tanner) and time for informal talks in Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel

Saturday, 7/10/2017

- 08:40: Bus transfer to Estonian Parliament
- 09:00: Arrival at Estonian Parliament to pass Security Check and register
- 09.30 – 12.30: **General Assembly of ECA-EC** (only for members of ECA-EC) in Estonian Parliament
- 12:30 Lunch in Estonian Parliament
- 13.30 – 17.45: **Public Conference “sing outside the box”** – part 2 in Estonian Parliament
Short plenary with presentation of “sing outside the box” project and the 2017 Eurochoir session
Followed by parallel sessions and interactive (singing) workshops dealing with unusual “out of the box” projects, concert design, examples of “choral” audience development, the “sing outside the box” elements in the festival programme 2018 and improvisation, including a Panel Discussion under the motto “Get out of your box - **Interactions and exchanges between ‘choral’ and ‘a cappella’ practices.**”
The exact programme of the conference with the names of the speakers will be published on the website in September 2017
- 18:30 Dinner in Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel
- 20:30 **Concert** in Horse Mill with Collegium Musicale Chamber Choir conducted by Endrik Üksväära

Sunday, 8/10/2017

- 09.00 – 11.00: **“Fresh Ideas: Sunday Morning Market”** in Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel
time-slot reserved for members wishing to meet others for bilateral or multilateral talks
- 09:00 – 13:00: *Transnational Meeting for the project “Sing Me In” (Erasmus+)*
- 13:00 – 16:00: *Meeting of the festival Steering Committee*
- 14.30 – 17:30: *Steering Committee for the project “sing outside the box”*
The schedule is subject to changes! The exact programme of the conference with the names of the speakers and information about the choirs will be published on the website <http://www.EuropeanChoralAssociation.org/our-activities/conferences/2017/>

There will be the possibility to display information material on associations and projects on tables.



Participation fees

Price per participant for members / Non-members pay 20 € in addition.

The fee includes accommodation with breakfast and meals as described below, as well as all coffee breaks, the performance on Friday evening and the concert on Saturday evening, and participation in the different events. Parts of the programme are co-funded by the European Union Creative Europe programme through the **sing outside the box** project coordinated by the Estonian Choral Association, and through the network project **Upgrade - Connect - Reach Out** of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat.



For local conference-participants and others who don't need a hotel, separate fees will be communicated on demand.

To make your registration easier, we offer three options that you can combine.

- "Membership Day" package, with 1 night at the hotel from Thursday to Friday and lunch on Friday
- "General Assembly" package, with 1 night at the hotel from Friday to Saturday and dinner on Friday
- "Public Conference" package, with 1 night at the hotel from Saturday to Sunday, as well as lunch and dinner on Saturday

If you need another arrangement, please contact us directly so we can try and find a solution.

Costs for Single Rooms	Country Group 1	Country Group 2	Country Group 3
Membership Day package	120 EUR	100 EUR	80 EUR
General Assembly package	110 EUR	90 EUR	70 EUR
Conference package	120 EUR	100 EUR	80 EUR
Total all packages (= full event)	350 EUR	290 EUR	230 EUR
Costs for Double Rooms	Country Group 1	Country Group 2	Country Group 3
Membership Day package	85 EUR	75 EUR	65 EUR
General Assembly package	75 EUR	65 EUR	55 EUR
Conference package	85 EUR	75 EUR	65 EUR
Total all packages (= full event)	245 EUR	215 EUR	185 EUR
Countries by country group	AT, AW, BE, CA, CY, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, HK, IE, IL, IS, IT, JP, LU, NL, NO, SE, SG, UK, US	CG, CN, CZ, EE, GR, MT, PE, PT, SI, SK, TW and some other overseas countries, see below *	AL, AM, BA, BG, BY, GE, HR, HU, KZ, LT, LV, MD, ME, MK, PL, RO, RS, RU, TR, UA

* For countries outside Europe the rule is that countries belong to group 1 according to the HDI index used by IFCM - see <http://ifcm.net/membership-fees/> are in country group 1, countries belonging to HDI groups 2 and 3 are in country group 2 - country group 3 is only reserved for European countries.
If you are not sure which country group you belong to, write to info@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org

You will receive an invoice with payment modalities some time after your online registration.

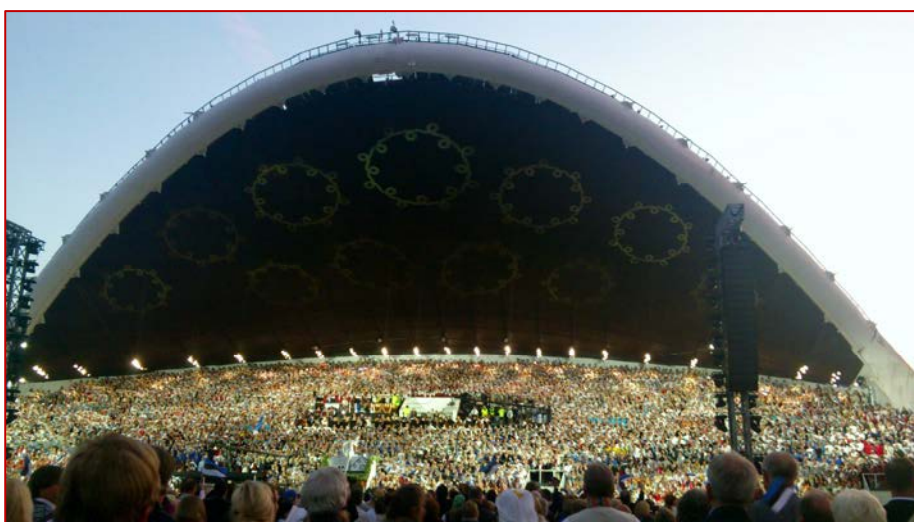
Special grant for organizations from Central-Eastern Europe

In order to increase the involvement of member organisations of ECA-EC in Central-Eastern Europe in the activities of the association, we have the opportunity, in the frame of our network project, **to offer grants for up to 5 representatives of 5 different member organisations**, to cover or contribute to travel expenses and participation fees. If you are interested in such a grant, please contact us before August 31st 2017

Agenda of the General Assembly 2017, Saturday, 7/10/2017, 9.30 – 12.30

0. Opening
1. Approval of the agenda
2. Minutes General Assembly 2017
3. Report of the President
4. Activities' reports 2017, including report from the Membership Day
5. Report of the Treasurer: Finances 2016 - 2017, Preliminary Budget for 2018
6. Discharge of the Board of Directors
7. Welcome to new members
8. Proposal for change of statutes
(reduction of size of the Board / remote voting for individuals and choirs)
9. "Friends of Choral Music in Europe"
10. A look into the future: Activities 2017 – 2018, including EUROPA CANTAT festival 2018, and other projects in cooperation with ECA-EC, Network Funding Project "Upgrade – Connect – Reach Out" as well as different European cooperation projects.
11. Presentation by the Youth Committee
12. Presentation of the European Agenda for Music of the European Music Council
13. Culture Action Europe - Advocating for Culture
14. Invitation to General Assembly 2018 in Turkey, 16-18/11/2018
15. Miscellaneous

Subject to changes



We look forward to seeing you in Tallinn in October 2017!

You will have the opportunity to get to know this city which will host the festival EUROPA CANTAT XX in 2018
www.ectallinn2018.ee

