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NEWS FROM THE 11TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC: REGISTER NOW!

Registration Information:

Only online registration is possible through www.WSCM11.cat

It is possible to register for the **full Symposium (July 22-29)**, or a **half: the first half (July 22-25)**, or the **second half (July 26-29)**.

The registration fees for WSCM11 also vary according to three country groups, based on the United Nations' Human Development Index - HDI list.

Register as soon as possible! **Early bird registration before 1st October will benefit from a special price.** Regular registration fees (October-December) will increase after 1st January 2017.

Special rates for young people under age 27 (by 07/29/17). Groups of a minimum of 11 persons will also benefit from a special price.

What is included in the WSCM11 registration:

- Participation in the Symposium program (36 conferences and seminars, more than 25 presentations...)
- Master Classes (participation as active student, limited to selected participants)
- Access to the Choral Expo
- Access to all the concerts of the WSCM11 (11 official concerts and other special concerts in the city)
- Open singing songbook
- Program book

Look at the website for other kinds of registration.

Once you have completed your registration and the symposium information is available, you must decide which events you wish to participate in.

Do not miss this great Symposium!

- ✓ **Concerts**
- ✓ **Lectures**
- ✓ **Choral Expo**
- ✓ **Masterclasses**

... and much more is waiting for you!



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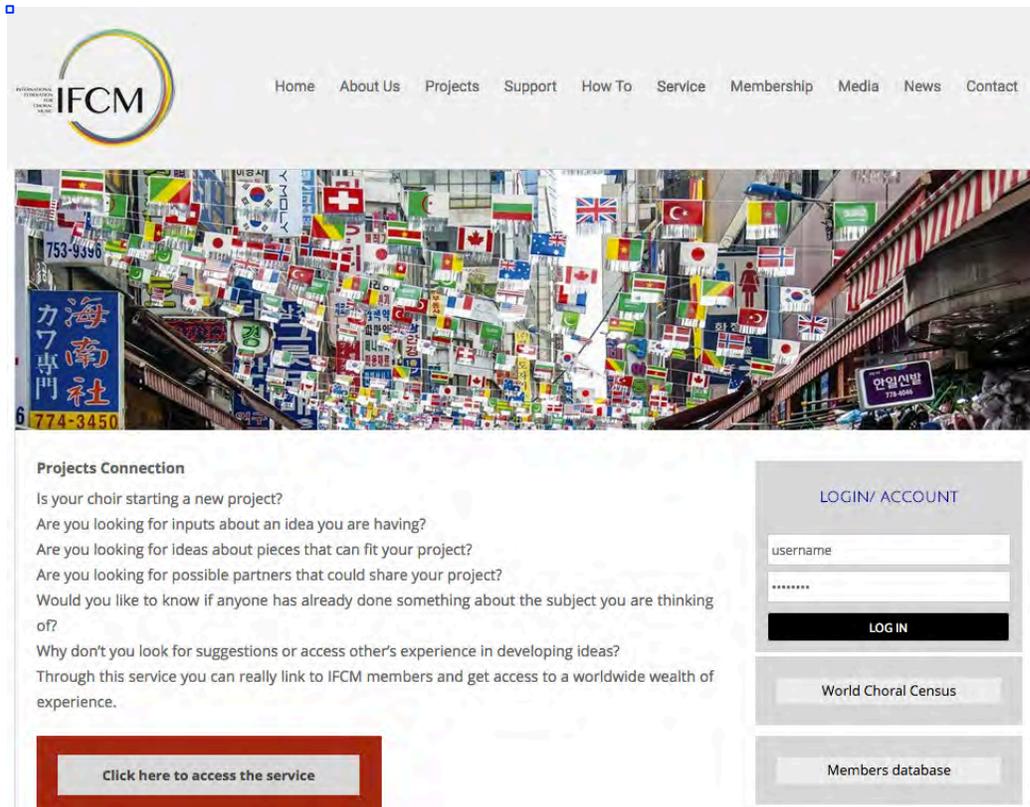
And on Twitter <https://twitter.com/simposibcn>

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HAVE YOU USED THE NEW SERVICES ON THE IFCM WEBSITE YET?

Among them you will find **Projects Connection** here: <http://ifcm.net/service-2/project-connection/>

Have a look!



The screenshot shows the IFCM website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: Home, About Us, Projects, Support, How To, Service, Membership, Media, News, Contact. Below the menu is a large banner image of a street filled with many national flags. Underneath the banner, there is a section titled 'Projects Connection' with several questions: 'Is your choir starting a new project?', 'Are you looking for inputs about an idea you are having?', 'Are you looking for ideas about pieces that can fit your project?', 'Are you looking for possible partners that could share your project?', 'Would you like to know if anyone has already done something about the subject you are thinking of?', and 'Why don't you look for suggestions or access other's experience in developing ideas?'. Below these questions is a red-bordered button that says 'Click here to access the service'. To the right of the 'Projects Connection' section is a 'LOGIN/ ACCOUNT' form with fields for 'username' and 'password', a 'LOGIN' button, and two other buttons: 'World Choral Census' and 'Members database'.

WORLD YOUTH CHOIR 2016 SESSION

The World Youth Choir Foundation (IFCM/ECA-EC/JMI) is happy to announce the 2016 World Youth Choir session! The session, conducted by Filippo Maria Bressan (Italy), is organized by Jeunesses Musicales International with the support of Jeunesses Musicales Germany, and by the World Youth Choir Foundation as well as the three patrons of the choir. The rehearsal camp will take place from July 13 to 24 in Weikersheim, Germany, followed by a concert tour in Germany and Belgium, starting with a concert on July 24 and ending on August 2 (exact concert dates to be confirmed).

<http://www.worldyouthchoir.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/worldyouthchoir>

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

NORDISK KORFORUM

NORDKLANG16 AUGUST 3-7, 2016 IN TURKU, FINLAND

The Nordklang Festival is organized under the umbrella of Nordisk Korforum every three years in one of the Nordic countries. The event brings together singers from all the Nordic countries to sing, learn and network.

Nordklang16 will offer a large variety of workshops for singers of all kinds of choirs.

Among others:

Conductors' Own Channel – Kari Turunen (level intermediate to advanced)

When Thomas Caplin unfortunately had to withdraw from Nordklang due to other pressing commitments, Kari Turunen immediately asked a couple of his Finnish colleagues if they would help him out with the workshop for conductors. Rita Varonen and Markus Yli-Jokipii both teach conducting at the Schools of Music at Universities for Applied Sciences in Jyväskylä and Tampere respectively. They are both people who think a great deal about conducting and teaching conducting. Fortunately, both accepted the invitation and will

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be joining Mr. Turunen in planning and realizing the workshop for conductors at Nordklang.

Here are some topics they will be leading the conductors into:

- Creating Choral Sound — Ten practical approaches (Kari Turunen)
- To Beat or not to Beat — Revisiting your conducting technique (Rita Varonen)
- Playing games — Phone apps as a support for the choir (Markus Yli-Jokipii)
- Group dynamics and choral psychology (Kari Turunen)

In addition, they will be attending different workshops and concerts and discussing these experiences. On the whole, the emphasis is on discussion, the sharing of ideas and experiences, and making new friends and connections.

Kari Turunen studied choral conducting at the University of Helsinki and at the Sibelius Academy with Matti Hyökki.

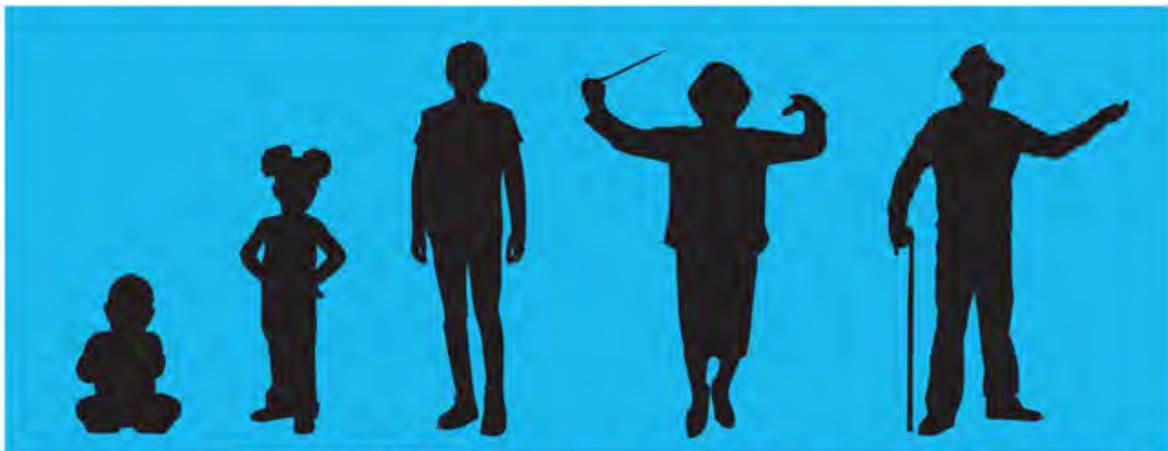
He holds a doctorate in early music performance practice from the University of the Arts in Helsinki. He is the artistic director of five choirs and ensembles: the male chorus *Akademiska Sångföreningen* since 2008, the Kampin Laulu chamber choir since 2011, the choir of the cantors of the Finnish Lutheran Church, *Chorus Cantorum Finlandiae* since 2011, the all-male Ensemble *Petraloysio* since 2011, and *Spira Ensemble* since 2012. He is also a member of *Lumen Valo*, a vocal ensemble that is one of the driving forces on the Finnish early music scene. Dr Turunen taught choral conducting at the Tampere University of Applied Sciences between 2001 and 2011 before concentrating on the roles of conductor and artist-scholar. He appears regularly as a choral teacher, adjudicator and clinician. Mr Turunen acts as chairman of the Finnish Choral Directors' Association (FCDA). He was awarded *Choral Conductor of the Year 2008* in Finland.

Register to Nordklang 16 at <http://www.nordklang.fi>



AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA

A LIFE OF SONG



ACDA2017 MINNEAPOLIS

MARCH 8-11, 2017 | #ACDA4LIFE

Join us for ACDA's 2017 National Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota March 8-11 and a Welcome to Minneapolis event on Tuesday, March 7th! Registration and Hotel booking begins in October. We hope to see you there!

Info: <http://acda.org/page.asp?page=national>



The America Cantat 8 International Choral Festival is coming up in August. We hope to see you in paradise at the Atlantis Paradise Island Resort in Nassau, Bahamas August 21-31!

Info: <http://america-cantat-8.org/>

THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC)

Europe is raising funds for choral music!



The European Choral Association - Europa Cantat is launching an **International Fundraising Campaign** to support its projects and activities in the field of education, cultural development and choral networking.

Of course, all friends of choral music can contribute through direct donations, but the aim of the campaign is to **involve choirs to set-up fundraising concerts and events**. Beyond the financial dimension and the fun factor for the singers involved, such events contribute to raise the awareness on the European dimension of collective singing among the general audience.

You can find more detail and take part to this effort under www.choralfriends.eu

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A COEUR JOIE INTERNATIONAL

22nd Chorales Festival in Vaison-la-Romaine (Provence, France), 3-11 August 2016

6000 singers will meet in Vaison-la-Romaine and sing from morning till evening.

Find all information, as well as the online registration form on the festival website: <http://www.chorales.fr/>

A brochure in English is available upon request. We are waiting for you!

Contact: inscriptions@chorales.fr — www.facebook.com/chorales.vaisonlaromaine

1st AFRICA CANTAT in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo), August 6-12, 2017

Initiated by the African Confederation of Choral Music -ACCM- with the support of the Congolese Federation of Choral Music and the partnership of IFCM, A Coeur Joie International and Europa Cantat, the festival will be an ideal crossroad to discover and exchange

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the rich authenticity of the African choral heritage.

Africa is eager to welcome in the heart of the continent choirs, choral conductors and lecturers from all around the world to share the warmth of its hospitality and its rhythms and colors. Registration soon available online.

IN BRIEF – MEMBER NEWS

THE EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX (EGP) FOR CHORAL SINGING 2016 was held in Varna (Bulgaria) on May 14th in the frame of the 37th International May Choir Competition “Prof. Georgi Dimitrov”. Five choirs winners of the European competitions and members of the EGP competed: **The East Carolina University Chamber Singers from Greenville, State of North Carolina, USA, cond. James Franklin** (Grand Prix winner of the International Choral Competition ‘Jacobus Gallus’, Maribor, Slovenia in 2015), **Lautitia Mixed Youth Choir from Debrecen, Hungary, cond. Jozsef Nemes** (Grand Prix winner of Concorso Polifónico Guido d’Arezzo, Italy in 2015), **UT Insieme Vocale-Consonante, Italy, cond. Lorenzo Donati** (Grand Prix winner of the International May Choir Competition ‘Prof. G. Dimitrov’, Varna, Bulgaria in 2015), **Syracuse University Singers from Syracuse, State of New York, USA, cond. John F. Warren** (Grand Prix winner of Florilège Vocal de Tours, France in 2015) and **Amics de la Unió Children’s Choir, Granollers, Spain, cond. Josep Vila Jover** (First Prize winner of Certamen Coral de Tolosa, Basque Country, Spain in 2015).

And the winner is: UT Insieme Vocale-Consonante, Italy, cond. Lorenzo Donati.

The next competition for the European Grand Prix for choral singing 2017 will be hold in Tolosa, Spain.

THE BULGARIAN CHOIRS’ UNION has started a new initiative called ‘BULGARIA SINGS’. The event was held for the first time in April 2016 and 158 choirs from 33 Bulgarian cities and towns took part in it. The intention of the Union is to organize the event every year at springtime and to enlarge its size constantly.

TWO NEW INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN SOFIA (BULGARIA) THIS YEAR:

- The International Easter Choir Festival (under the umbrella of Classic FM Radio and the Bulgarian Choirs’ Union) in May, 2016;
- The International Choir Festival “Petko Staynov”, dedicated to the 120th Anniversary of the great Bulgarian composer, will be held in November. The event is organized by the Foundation “Petko Staynov” in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria and Sofia Municipality.

The Artistic Director of both international festivals is Prof. Theodora Pavlovitch, IFCM Board member.

In May 2016, Prof. Pavlovitch was awarded “The Golden Century” National Award bestowed by the Minister of Culture of Bulgaria. In June 2016, she was elected as Head of the Conducting Department at the National Academy of Music in Sofia.

SIMON CARRINGTON APPOINTED AS VISITING PROFESSOR OF CHORAL CONDUCTING AT UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Simon Carrington will join the choral staff to work alongside Simon Halsey CBE and Julian Wilkins. More info [HERE](#)

13TH CHINA INTERNATIONAL CHORUS FESTIVAL, 26 JULY - 4 AUGUST 2016, BEIJING, CHINA

Come to Beijing, Listen to the Songs of the World

Opening Ceremony and concert in the Great Hall of the People, IFCM Choral Education Conference, judging panel meeting, 5-day competition in 12 categories, choral exchange program, high level performances, new choral work concert, master classes, workshops, training camp, choral club, choral public and charitable events, concert tours, sightseeing (Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Palace Museum), Square performances, Closing and Award Ceremony.

Contact: cicbfj@163.com - More info [HERE](#)

ADVERTISE YOUR CHORAL EVENT TO THE WORLD on the ICB, the IFCMeNEWS, www.ifcm.net, <http://icb.ifcm.net/>

Advertisement spaces are now available on www.ifcm.net and [ICB.ifcm.net](http://icb.ifcm.net) as well as in the monthly IFCMeNEWS and in the quarterly ICB and eICB. Rates and dimensions are on the [Reserve A Space form](#)

Take advantage of the excellent usage statistics of our websites and media to promote your choral events!

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VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to join with others around the globe in volunteer work for the IFCM? The IFCM is currently compiling a database of people such as you who wish to have their name included for consideration for assistance in various choral projects throughout the world, as they are required. The process is simple. Just send a CV, a photo, and any suggestion of ways you might be able to help us

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to leonardifra@yahoo.it. Please write "Volunteer's database" in the subject line of your email, and preferably send your material in English.

Remember the IFCM slogan "Volunteers connecting our choral world" - come and join us in our work!

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN JULY AND AUGUST 2016

- 1-5 July : Musica Eterna Roma, Italy - www.meeting-music.com
- 3-9 July: Join Janet Galván in the Ireland Choir Festival Dublin & Belfast, Ireland - www.klconcerts.com
- 1-6 July : IFAS 2016 – 24th International Festival of Academic Choirs, Pardubice, Czech Republic - www.ifas.cz
- 1-6 July : 10th Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival, Vienna, Austria - www.sclfestival.org
- 1-7 July : 7th International Sacred Music Choir Festival & Competition Laudate Dominum, Vilnius, Lithuania - www.gratulationes.lt
- 2-7 July : Celtic Voices Anniversary of Hope with Doreen Rao, Dublin, Ireland - www.perform-international.com
- 3-7 July : Golden Voices of Barcelona, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net
- 4-10 July : 51st International Days of Choral Singing, Barcelona, Spain - www.fcec.cat
- 5-7 July : Antica Pompeii, Italy - www.meeting-music.com
- 5-9 July : International Choral Kathaumixw, Powell River, Canada - www.kathaumixw.org
- 6-11 July : Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, United Kingdom - <http://international-eisteddfod.co.uk/>
- 6-16 July : 9th World Choir Games, Sochi, Russian Federation - www.interkultur.com
- 7-9 July : SINGMIT! Festival in Vienna, Austria - www.encoretours.com/go/singmit.cfm
- 7-10 July : International Youth Music Festival I, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk
- 7-10 July : 27th Béla Bartók International Choir Competition and Folklore Festival, Debrecen, Hungary - www.bbccc.hu
- 7-10 July : 34th International Choir Festival of Preveza, 22nd International Competition of Sacred Music, Preveza, Greece - <http://prevezafest.blogspot.gr/>
- 7-11 July : Cantus Salisburgensis Festival, Salzburg, Austria - www.music-contact.com
- 7-10 July : Claudio Monteverdi Choral Festival and Competition, Venice, Italy - www.venicechoralcompetition.it
- 7-17 July : Rhapsody! International Music Festival, Vienna & Salzburg, Austria and Prague, Czech Republic - <http://classicalmovements.org/rhap.htm>
- 8-16 July : 50th Kurt Thomas Cursus for Choral Conducting, Utrecht, Netherlands - www.hku.nl
- 9-13 July : Laurea Mundi Budapest Festival of Choral Music, Hungary - www.meeting-music.com
- 9-23 July : Summer Choral Workshop Music and Mountain 2016, Les Diablerets, Switzerland - www.musique-montagne.com
- 10-31 July : 2016 Narnia Festival and International Summer Training Program, Narni, Italy - www.narniaartsacademy.com
- 10-20 July : Songs of Our World - Tour to Russia, Sochi, Russian Federation - www.interkultur.com
- 11-15 July : Choral Conductors Workshop with Rod Eichenberger, Alexandria, Virginia and Cannon Beach, Oregon, USA - www.choralconductorsworkshop.com
- 11-18 July : International Singing Week Flanders, Ghent, Belgium - www.koorenstem.be/singingweek
- 12-17 July : International Choir Festival Corearte Puerto Rico 2016, San Juan, Puerto Rico - www.corearte.es
- 13-16 July : International Choral Festival of Missoula, Montana, USA - www.choralfestival.org
- 14-17 July : Paris Rhythms, France - www.fiestalonia.net
- 14-18 July : 11th International Choir Competition, Miltenberg, Bavaria, Germany - www.chorwettbewerb-miltenberg.de
- 15-23 July : Westminster Summer Choral Festival, Princeton (NJ) & New York City, USA - <http://www.rider.edu/academics/colleges-schools/westminster-college-of-the-arts/westminster-continuing-education/summer-choral-festival>
- 16-23 July : Choralp 2016, Briançon, France - www.choralp.fr
- 17-24 July : European Seminar for Young Choral Composers, Aosta, Italy - www.feniarco.it
- 17-24 July : International Choral Music Camp-Retreat Sacred Music of Lithuanian Composers, Vilnius, Lithuania - www.gratulationes.lt
- 18-24 July : Capriccio Français Summer Academy, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain - www.academie.capricciofrançais.com
- 19-22 July : World Peace Choral Festival Vienna 2016, Austria - www.wpcf.at
- 19-24 July : Idaho International Choral Festival, Pocatello, USA - www.idahointerchoralfest.org
- 20-24 July : 9th Grand Prix Pattaya, Thailand - www.festamusicale.com
- 20-22 July : 5th Florence International Choir Festival, Florence, Italy - www.florencechoirfestival.com
- 21-25 July : Belgian Summer Sing, Ghent, Belgium - www.music-contact.com
- 21-25 July : 55th International Seghizzi Choral Competition and Festival, Gorizia, Italy - www.seghizzi.it
- 21-25 July : Istanbul International Chorus Competition and Festival, Istanbul, Turkey - www.istanbulchorus.com

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- 21-31 July : 12th Oratorio Choir Academy 2014, Pomáz, Hungary - www.choralcastle.hu
- 22-30 July : IHLOMBE South African Choral Festival, Cape Town, Pretoria, Johannesburg & Game Park, South Africa - http://classicalmovements.org/s_af.htm
- 23-31 July : Sarteano Chamber Choral Conducting Workshop, Italy - www.sarteanochoralworkshop.com
- 24-27 July : International Youth Music Festival II, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk
- 24-30 July : Conducting Academy with Frieder Bernius, Stuttgart, Germany - <http://www.musikpodium.de/index.php/conducting-academy/conducting-academy-with-frieder-bernius>
- 25-29 July : Choral Conductors Workshop with Rod Eichenberger, Cannon Beach, Oregon, USA - www.choralconductorsworkshop.com
- 25-31 July : 5th Bali International Choir Festival, Denpasar Bali, Indonesia - <http://bandungchoralsociety.com/>
- 26 July-1 Aug : 13th China International Chorus Festival Come to Beijing, Listen to the Songs of the World, Beijing, China - www.cicfbj.cn/en
- 29 July-7 Aug : EuroChoir 2016, San Vito al Tagliamento, Italy - www.feniarco.it
- 29-31 July : 5th International Campus Music Festival, Stuttgart, Germany - www.volkskultur-de.org
- 1-9 Aug : 1st Africa Symposium on Choral Music, Accra, Ghana - www.famuc.org
- 1-5 Aug : 2016 Lansum International Choir Competition, City of Claremont, Los Angeles, USA - www.lansummusicfestival.org/
- 3-7 Aug : Nordklang 16, Turku (Åbo), Finland - www.nordklang.fi
- 3-11 Aug : 22nd Chorales, Vaison-la-Romaine, France - www.chorales.fr
- 7-12 Aug : 37th Conducting Summer School, Limerick, Ireland - www.aaic.ie
- 7-11 Aug : The Opera Zimriya, Nights' Halls, Old Acre, Israel - www.zimriya.org.il
- 10-13 Aug : Singapore International Choral Festival, Singapore - www.sicf.sg
- 11-16 Aug : San Juan Canta International Choir Competition and Festival, Argentina - www.sanjuancoral.com.ar
- 11-14 Aug : Asia Kodály Symposium 2016, Kaohsiung, Taiwan – China - <http://kam.sg>
- 12-21 Aug : 11th International Youth Chamber Choir Meeting, Usedom Island (Baltic Sea), Germany - www.amj-musik.de
- 13-27 Aug : Berwang Holiday Music Course, Berwang, Austria - www.musicholiday.com
- 13-15 Aug : 19th International Choral Festival, Córdoba, Argentina - www.vsdeventos.com.ar/
- 14-19 Aug : Ludlow Summer School, United Kingdom - www.lacock.org
- 14-21 Aug : Norfolk Chamber Music Festival- Yale School of Music Chamber Choir and Choral Conducting Workshop, Norfolk, CT, USA - <http://norfolk.yale.edu/school/choral-about/>
- 15-31 Aug : IFCM Youth Arts Management Program, Nassau, Bahamas - <http://america-cantat-8.org/>
- 18-21 Aug : Bratislava Cantat I, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk
- 18-21 Aug : ON STAGE with Interkultur in Madrid, Spain - <http://onstage.interkultur.com/>
- 19-24 Aug : Conducting 21C, Stockholm, Sweden - www.conducting21c.com/
- 20-26 Aug : International Choir Festival Coralua, Trondheim, Norway - www.coralua.com
- 21-31 Aug : America Cantat 8, Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas - <http://america-cantat-8.org/>
- 24-28 Aug : International Festival of choirs and orchestras in Paris, France - <https://www.mrf-musicfestivals.com/international-festival-of-choirs-and-orchestras-in-paris-france.phtml>
- 24-29 Aug : Early Music Workshop, Utrecht, Netherlands - www.zimihc.nl/eng

