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親愛的朋友們，

我非常榮幸成為國際合唱聯盟的主席。

國際合唱聯盟自**1982**年成立至今，我們歷屆的主席，執行委員會及董事會成員，為發展全球的合唱教育與活動作出了卓越的貢獻。我深信：國際合唱聯盟的今天與未來在全球會繼續扮演重要的角色，大規模的展開合唱教育並為大家建立合唱音樂的平台，發展各種類型的有意義的合唱項目與活動，讓大家通過美妙的歌聲搭建起友誼的橋樑，共同唱響世界和平。

在此，我要感謝國際合唱聯盟的五個創始會員國，感謝全球合唱教育工作者，感謝國際合唱聯盟的志願者們和同仁們。

雖然我們來自於世界各國，有著不同的背景與經歷，因為熱愛合唱音樂讓我們團結在一起，我們是世界合唱的大家庭。

國際合唱聯盟主席 郭立明



# WELCOME

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Dear friends,

I am deeply honored to be the President of the International Federation for Choral Music.

Since the beginning in 1982 until today, our Past Presidents, the Executive Committee and the Board Members have done an outstanding job at promoting choral music worldwide.

I firmly believe that the IFCM will continue to play a very important role in the world, organizing large-scale events and developing projects related to choral music and education. the wonderful sound of choral music encourages us to build friendships and sing for World Peace.

I would like to express my gratitude to the five founding members of the IFCM. I also want to thank all choral musicians in the world, the network of volunteers and our colleagues.

Though we all hail from different backgrounds, experiences, and places in the world, our love for choral music unites us. We are a global choral family.

*Emily Kuo Vong*

President of the International Federation for Choral Music





# IFCM PAST PRESIDENTS

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1982-1985



**Royce Saltzman**  
1985-1993



**Claude Tagger**  
1993-1998



**Eskil Hemberg**  
1999-2004



**Maria Guinand**  
2004-2005



**Lupwishi Mbuyamba**  
2005-2010



**Michael Anderson**  
2011-2017



# WHO WE ARE



## IFCM MISSION

The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) was founded in 1982 for the purpose of facilitating communication and exchange between choral musicians throughout the world. Through its diverse range of projects and programs since that time, the IFCM is fulfilling its purpose.

In a world that develops more and more sophisticated weapons, that lives with the expansion of terrorism and fear, that disrespects and abuses the environment, choral singing can be one of the most powerful unifying forces between nations. Differences in culture, political ideology, race and language disappear when people sing together.

How can people who join together in song in harmony fight one another?

IFCM is member of IMC (International Music Council), official partner of UNESCO. The IMC recognizes that there are perhaps more people in the world participating in choral music than in any other group artistic activity. The IMC also acknowledges that choral musicians need an organization such as IFCM to encourage and facilitate international communication and cooperation.





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## IFCM FOUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

In order to advance the art of choral music throughout the world, the following organizations:

- A Coeur Joie International
- American Choral Directors Association
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft Europäische Chorverbände
- Asociación Interamericana de Directores de Coros
- Europa Cantat, Fédération Européenne des Jeunes Chorales
- Japan Choral Association
- Nordiska Körkommittén-Samnam-Nordisk Korforum (NKK)

joined together, as founding organizations, to invite all other members of the International Choral Community to take part in the creation of an international organization in Namur, Belgium, on 8-10 August 1982. The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) was born. In 2018, the following Founding Organizations, still exist:

- A Coeur Joie International
- American Choral Directors Association
- European Choral Association - Europa Cantat
- Japan Choral Association
- Nordisk Korforum

# IFCM HISTORY

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The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) works to strengthen cooperation between national and international organizations and individuals in all aspects of choral music.

The business of IFCM is run from offices established by the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the organization and approved by the Board of Directors.

The working language of IFCM is English.



## **IFCM WAS FOUNDED IN 1982 IN NAMUR (BELGIUM)...**

...and incorporated in Lawton (Oklahoma). The International Center for Choral Music (ICCM) was entrusted with assisting IFCM in its tasks.



## **MOVING IN 1999 TO ALTEA (SPAIN)**

For the first time in its history, the Organization had offices of its own and a paid full-time Secretary General. In 2005 the international office was moved to Caen (France).



## **CURRENT INTERNATIONAL OFFICE IN LISBON (PORTUGAL)**

As of 2018 IFCM general headquarters are located in Lisbon (Portugal) inside the beautiful 'Palácio dos Condes de Monte Real'.



Songbridge in Hong-Kong, 2005



# IFCM MILESTONES

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1982: Creation of the IFCM in Namur, Belgium

**1987: First World Symposium in Vienna, Austria**

1988: First issue of the World Choral Census

1989: Opening of the International Center for Choral Music in Namur, Belgium

1989: First session of the World Youth Choir in Sweden

**1990: Second World Symposium in Stockholm, Sweden, Helsinki, Finland, Tallinn, Estonia**

1992: First issue of the International Choral Bulletin in four (4) languages

1992: First World Choral Day

**1993: Third World Symposium in Vancouver, BC, Canada**

1993: First IFCM master class in Namur, Belgium

1993: Publication of "Cantemus 1," Song Book and CD

1995: First Regional Symposium in Ljubljana, Slovenia

**1996: Fourth World Symposium in Sydney, Australia**

1996: ChoralNet becomes the IFCM official web site

1997: IFCM 15th Anniversary festival in Namur, Belgium

1998: IFCM creates Musica International with the CAPA in Strasbourg, France

**1999: Fifth World Symposium in Rotterdam, Netherlands**

1999: Opening of an International IFCM Headquarters in Altea, Spain

2000: First conference of the Commission of Choral Conductors in Altea, Spain

2000: First conference of the Commission on Ethnic Choral Music in Puerto Rico

**2002: Sixth World Symposium in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA**

2002: Publication of IFCM Cookbook!

2004: Opening of the IFCM Asia Pacific Regional Secretariat in Busan, South Korea

2004: "Songbridge" becomes a project of International Federation for Choral Music

**2005: Seventh World Symposium in Kyoto, Japan**

2006: First World Assembly for Choral Conductors Associations in Buenos Aires, Argentina

2007: First "Asia Pacific Cantat" in Taipei, Taiwan

2007: IFCM 25th Anniversary festival "Namur en Chœur", Belgium

**2008: Eighth World Symposium in Copenhagen, Denmark**

2008: First Forum "Youth, Art & Management" in Caen, France

2008: Creation of the project "African Children Sing!"

2008: Creation of the project "Choral Conductors Without Borders"

2009: Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the World Youth Choir in Örebro, Sweden

2010: First International Competition for Choral Composition "A Choral Work for Peace"

**2011: Ninth World Choral Symposium in Puerto Madryn, Argentina**

2012: First World Choral Summit, Beijing, China

2013: Asia Pacific Choral Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2013: America Cantat, Bogota, Columbia

2013: Voices Festival, Mediterranean, Barcelona, Spain

2013: Asia Pacific Choral Council established

**2014: Tenth World Symposium in Seoul, South Korea**

2015: Feeding Souls, Thanking for Food - Expo Milano 2015

2015: IFCM World Choral Expo Macau

2016: China International Chorus Festival & IFCM Choral Education Conference

**2017: 11<sup>th</sup> World Symposium on Choral Music, Barcelona, Spain**

2017: China (Qiandongnan) International Folk Song Choral Festival and IFCM World Voices Conference

2017: Belt & Road Choral Festival in Hohhot, China

2018: China International Chorus Festival & IFCM Choral Education Conference

2018: China (Qiandongnan) International Folk Song Choral Festival and IFCM World Voices Conference

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**2020: 12<sup>th</sup> World Symposium on Choral Music, Auckland, New Zealand**



World Youth Choir, Chicago 2002





World Youth Choir, Chicago 2002





8<sup>th</sup> World Symposium of Choral Music, 2008, Copenhagen, Denmark









Calicantus Choir, Locarno, Switzerland



## **THROUGH THE WORK OF A VOLUNTEER TEAM OF LEADING CHORAL PROFESSIONALS, THE IFCM:**

- Aims to give every citizen of the world the opportunity to access choral music as an art form
- Helps preserve choral music and cultural diversity.
- Fosters development in choral music world-wide.
- Acts as a world-wide reference organization and advocate for choral music and its development
- Strengthens cooperation between national and international organizations and individuals interested in all aspects of choral music.
- Encourages the formation of choral organizations in countries and regions where none exist.
- Develops and promotes international exchange programs for choirs, conductors, composers, and students of choral music.
- Nurtures and encourages composers and other creative artists in the development of new artistic work.
- Creates, promotes, coordinates, and nurtures choral festivals, seminars, competitions, and meetings organized by its members.
- Facilitates the creation and dissemination of choral repertoire, research, recordings, and other appropriate materials.





11<sup>th</sup> World Symposium of Choral Music, 2017, Barcelona, Spain





Michael J. Anderson hands over IFCM Presidency to Emily Kuo Vong  
(General Assembly 2017 in Barcelona, Spain)







11<sup>th</sup> World Symposium of Choral Music, 2017: Concert at the Palau de la Musica



# OUR SERVICES

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## PROJECTS

China International Choral Festival, Composition Competition, World Youth Choir, World Choral Day...



## COMMUNICATION

International Choral Bulletin, Website, IFCM App, Social Media...



## EVENTS

Voices Conference, World Choral Expo, World Choral Summit...





# PROJECTS

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# Third IFCM International **Choral Composition Competition**



**First prize: \$ 5,000**

**Second prize: \$ 2,500**

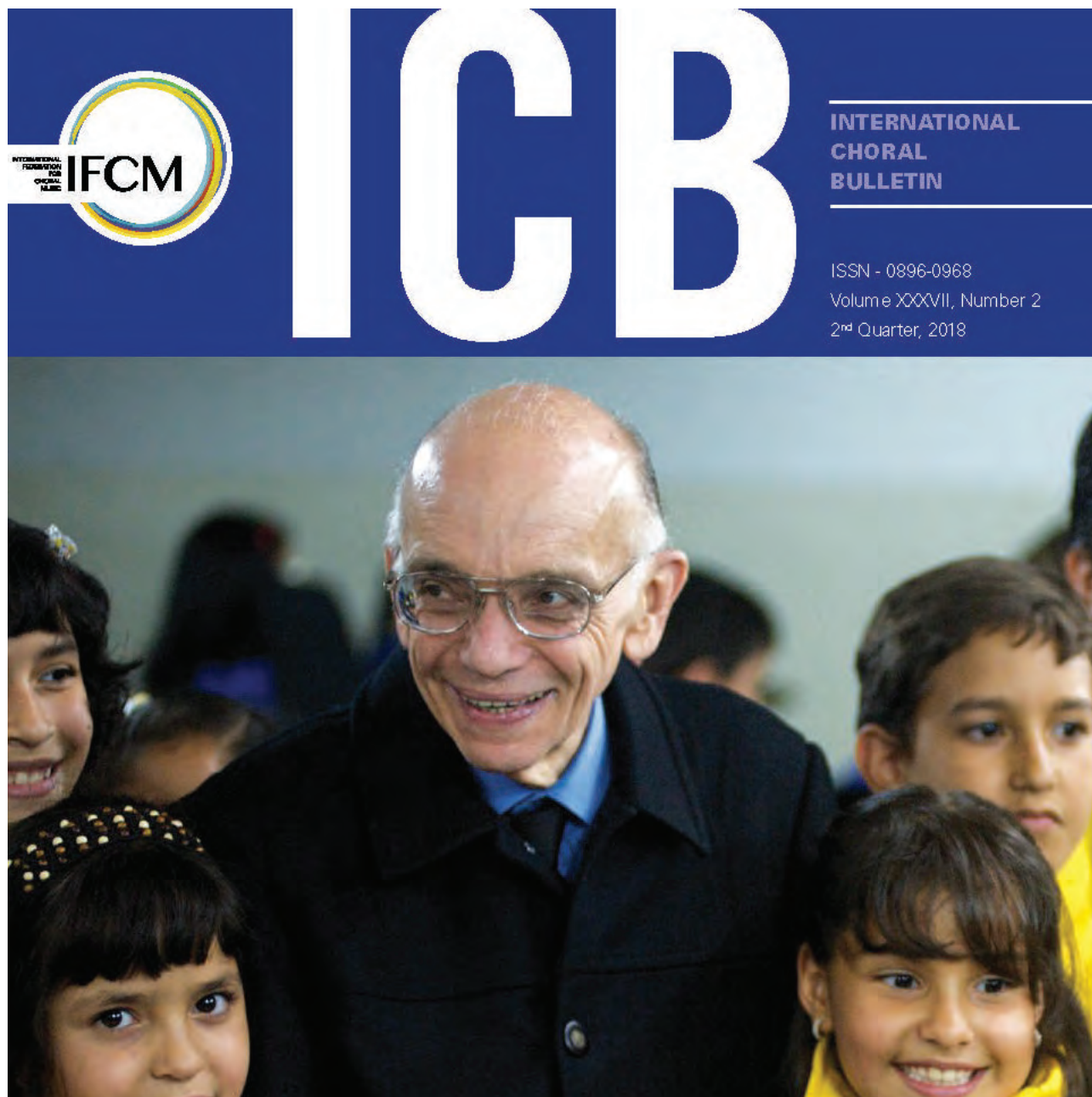
**Third prize: \$ 1,000**

IFCM Composition Competition 2017





The winners: Juan Manuel Conejo Gonzalez, Jakub Szafranski, Benediky Brydern



ICB, 02-2018 - in the cover: José Antonio Abreu, founder of 'El Sistema'



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## Final Agreements

After lengthy discussion of the committee recommendations by the whole group, the following general agreements were reached.

1.) An inexpensive newsletter or bulletin should be established immediately. It should be those present at this meeting receiving the international American Choral Directors Association take responsibility for such a newsletter. Materials for publication should be provided.

2.) An international music should be developed.

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## INTRODUCTION

On March 8 and 9, 1981, a group of 23 persons in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, followed the Convention of the American Choral Directors Association.

Their meeting was to continue begun several years earlier on cooperation in choral music, with the goal of creating an international network for such cooperation.

Conferences had taken place in Lucerne—during Europa Cantata and the European Federation of Young Choirs—in March, 1980. Represented at these meetings were the European Federation of Young Choirs, the Interamerican

Accademia D'Arte Lyrica E Corale (Italy)  
The British Broadcasting Corporation Singers (England)  
The Deutscher Sängerbund (Germany)  
The Federation of Catalan Choirs (Spain)  
Stockholm University Chorus (Sweden)  
Fundación Schola Cantorum de Caracas (Venezuela)  
Swiss Federation of Young Choirs (Switzerland)  
(A complete list of representatives appears at the end of this BULLETIN.)

## THE NEW ORLEANS MEETINGS

The New Orleans meetings opened with the introduction of delegates, descriptions of the various organizations represented, and preliminary agreements on the topics to be dealt with during the succeeding two days.

## Editor's Note

If this BULLETIN is to be successful, materials of international interest must be sent to the Editor promptly and regularly. The following items are requested:

1. Notices of festivals, seminars, workshops, activities, and performance opportunities.
2. Opportunities for international exchange of choral conductors, and students, including fellowship and scholarship information.
3. Names and addresses of organizations and persons to whom the questionnaire and newsletter should be sent.
4. News items of organizational activities.
5. Information about publications of important choral music and books.
6. Announcements of sources of importance for choral conductors.
7. Proposals for choral activities.

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9<sup>th</sup> World Symposium of Choral Music



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Mediterranean Voices Conference, 2013, Girona, Spain



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1<sup>st</sup> International Forum 'Voice, Youth and Arts Management', 2008, Caen (France)



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