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2017 CALL FOR IFCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The International Federation for Choral Music calls for candidates to fill positions on the IFCM Board of Directors and at the Presidency for terms beginning in August 2017. All candidate applications must be sent through these links before March 1, 2017:

- <http://ifcm.net/home-elections/>
- <http://ifcm.net/run-to-be-part-of-the-new-board/>
- <http://ifcm.net/run-to-be-the-new-president/>

NEWS FROM THE 11TH WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC



IFCM WORLD SYMPOSIUM
ON CHORAL MUSIC
Barcelona, July 22-29, 2017
Do not miss it! Register now! www.wscm11.cat

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- [All these and much more are waiting for you!](#)

THE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register before 31 December to receive a better price! It is possible to register for the full Symposium (July 22-29), or a half (July 22-25 or July 26-29).

Barcelona, a great Mediterranean city full of history and culture. A real open-air museum!

Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, is a Mediterranean and cosmopolitan city with Roman remains, medieval quarters and the most beautiful examples of 20th century Modernism and avant-garde. It is no surprise that emblematic buildings by Catalan architects Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner have been declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. The city's origins are Roman, and its long history and economic dynamism have made Barcelona a cultural city, which can be seen in the historic-artistic heritage and the promotion of the most innovative artistic trends.



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Thanks to the rich and varied heritage in Barcelona there are many routes round the city, so visitors will be able to discover everything the city has to offer.

Barcelona Metropolitan Region is one of Europe's most important centers. Barcelona is the economic, cultural and administrative capital of Catalonia and a cultural melting pot with something to offer everyone who visits. Alive with music, art, food, literature, architecture and a very rich cultural tradition, the city is alive 24 hours a day.

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REGISTER TO THE WSCM11 AND APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CIRCLE PROGRAM OF THE SYMPOSIUM

The Ponomaryov Children's Choir Vesna of Moscow just did it! They will participate in the **Circle Program** offered by the WSCM11 to registered choirs. Under the artistic direction of Doctor Nadezhda Averina, the Ponomaryov Children's Choir Vesna has won numerous prizes at international competitions. It will be a great opportunity to listen to them during the choral event parallel to the Symposium, the **WSCM11 Circle Program**. If you and your choir are interested, please visit <http://www.wscm11.cat/> or contact the Symposium Team at wscm11@fcec.cat

WORLD CHORAL DAY: 11 DECEMBER 2016

Choirs from all over the world are joining in the celebration of World Choral Day on or around the 2nd Sunday in December. Thousands of singers across the globe are involved in the World Choral Day concerts, festivals, sing-alongs, choral seminars, Days of Friendship and other events. If you are a singer, a director or a manager and are planning an event for this date or around it, please register it at www.ifcm.net or at www.worldchoralday.org. You will take part in a worldwide event and you will feel the sense of community with all the other participants all over the world.

WORLD CHORAL DAY FLASH MOBS WANTED!

Dear World Choral Day friends, we are working on the idea of using this very special day to develop a network of flash mobs dedicated to the WCD 2016 on December 11 and based on one single piece. All the videos would then be collected. IFCM thanks Miss Flannery Ryan and the friends of Revoice for their collaboration to this project. Are you interested in participating? Please contact project.manager@worldchoralday.org



BE PART OF IT! SHOW THAT YOU BELONG TO THE GREAT CHORAL COMMUNITY OF THE WORLD! REGISTER YOUR WCD EVENT!



CONDUCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Tim Sharp (ACDA) and Thierry Thiebaut (IFCM Board Member and A Coeur Joie International President) took "Conductors Without Borders" and the programs of ACDA to Kenya in October. Hosted by Kennedy Okeyo Wakia, Tim and Thierry worked with a variety of choirs and many conductors, introducing them to the work of IFCM.

NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

A COEUR JOIE FRANCE AND THE EUROPEAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - EUROPA CANTAT (ECA-EC) PRESENT:

8th Europa Cantat Junior Festival, Lyon, France – July 13-20, 2017

This famous festival for children and youth choirs will take place in Lyon, France for the first time. Lyon is the town where the French choral federation A Coeur Joie is based. Choral music has a special place in the cultural life of the city, with many children and adult choirs of all kinds. Concerts, ateliers and nice activities are waiting for you!

Registration deadline: January 31st, 2017

More information: <http://europacantatjunior.fr/en/>

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

The [conference "Cross the line"](#) and the General Assembly of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat took place in Utrecht (NL) from November 11 to 13 and was co-organised by ZIMIHC, one Dutch member organisation of ECA-EC.

The weekend started with the Membership Day, an occasion to collect members' and participants' feedbacks and outputs that will help structure the next conference and General Assembly that will take place in October 2017 in Tallinn, Estonia.

It continued with the opening of the conference with the keynote speech "[Cross the line and leave a trail](#)" by Nicolas Mansfield. On Saturday the General Assembly started with a Turkish touch on the notes of "[Utrecht Kasap Havasi](#)", and evolved around different issues, like the new project "[Sing me In](#)" and the upcoming events, including Europa Cantat Junior (See above) and the EUROPA CANTAT XX Festival in Tallinn (EE) in 2018 (<http://ectallinn2018.ee/>). The GA was followed by workshops and discussions.

The weekend ended with a musical wrap-up session with Merel Mertens and the inspiring concert "72 Angels" of the Netherlands Chamber Choir (NKK), conducted by Peter Dijkstra, together with the Raschèr Saxophone Quartet.

Read more about the conference [here](#). Find more on our [website](#). Follow us on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#).



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AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION — ACDA

ACDA's 2017 National Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA — March 8-11, 2017

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>

IN BRIEF – MEMBER NEWS

1ST ASIAN PACIFIC CHILDREN'S CHOIR ASSEMBLY IN OKINAWA

Okinawa Children Chorus, in Opera "Acha-akinu



The Asian Pacific Children's Choir Assembly in Okinawa will be held for the first time thanks to the support of the Japan Choral Foundation. The aim of this choral event is to gather children living in the Asia Pacific area so that they can learn about each other's culture through choral exchange.

Schedule and Venue details:

Saturday, December 10: Workshop for Children's Choir, Seminar for teachers at the Urasoe Community Center, Urasoe-City.

Sunday, December 11: Symposium on *Traditional Culture and Singing Voice* at the Ameku Elementary School, Naha-City.

Guest Lecturers: Susanna Saw (Malaysia), Maria Theresa V. Roldan (Philippines), Tommyanto Kandisaputra (Indonesia) and Saeko Hasegawa (Japan)

Executive Committee of Asian Pacific Children's Choir Assembly in Okinawa: Toru Nakamura, Executive Chairman of the committee.

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ACCADEMIA PIERGIOGIO RIGHELE, A BETTER PRACTICE IN CHORAL CONDUCTING EDUCATION

Four years ago in Verona, Italy, the regional choral association ASAC with the support of FENIARCO started a new Academy for Choral Conductors. Since then, 60 conductors have been trained through an intensive program of master classes, regular courses and seminars. The Academy offers three different levels of training: beginners level (15 conductors), intermediate level (15 conductors) and master level (8 conductors). Every course includes one or two training weekends per month during 8 months.

Some of the conductors trained here are already active with their own choir. No doubt that you'll see them on stage soon!

More info on: <https://it-it.facebook.com/AccademiaPiergiorgioRighele/>



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LEBANESE INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL (LICF)



The Lebanese International Choir Festival was organized for the first time in 2015 by Fayha Choir and Polyfollia in collaboration with Azm Cultural Center, Beit el Fann. It aims to promote choir singing and introduce different cultures through the participation of Lebanese and foreign choirs. More than 12 Lebanese and international choirs participated performing in different Lebanese cities and regions including Beirut, Byblos, Dannieh, Anjar and Tripoli, April 20-26, 2015.

The second edition will take place from May 15 to 21, 2017. It will bring together around 15 Lebanese choirs, and 6 regional and international choirs to perform a series of concerts in various cities and venues across Lebanon. The 6th Mediterranean Choral Forum will be organized by the Mediterranean Office for Choral Singing during the last three days of LICF and will be attended by all the participants in the concerts, workshops, conferences, and gala concerts in Tripoli.

LICF II will further develop and improve the achievements of LICF I. It will be the choral event of 2017 in Lebanon and will demonstrate nationally and internationally the vitality, the richness and variety of the Lebanese choral scene and the Arab choral music. It will be an international meeting point for the main Mediterranean actors of the choral sector.

More info: <http://licfestival.org/>

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 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!

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 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 DECEMBER 2016 AND JANUARY 2017

1-4 Dec : International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - www.choral-music.sk

2-4 Dec : 7th Krakow Advent & Christmas Choir Festival, Poland - www.christmasfestival.pl

4-7 Dec : International Festival/Contest Gran Fiesta, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net

6-9 Dec : International Festival/Competition Talents de Paris, France www.fiestalonia.net

8-11 Dec : 6th International Festival of choirs and orchestras in Baden, Germany - www.mrf-musicfestivals.com

8-11 Dec : Gozo (Malta) International Choir Festival, Malta - www.euroartproduction.it

8-11 Dec : Choral Festival Magic Christmas, Barcelona, Spain - www.choralfestbarcelona.com

9-12 Dec : 2nd International Festival and Competition In Anticipation of Christmas, St. Petersburg, Russia - www.interfestplus.ru

11 Dec : World Choral Day 2016, All around the World - www.ifcm.net

15-18 Dec : 24th Int'l Sacred, Advent & Christmas Music Festival & Competition Cantate Domino, Kaunas, Lithuania - www.kaunascantat.lt

15-18 Dec : International Choir Festival of Advent & Christmas Music Mundus Cantat, Sopot, Poland - www.munduscantat.pl

26 Dec 2016-2 Jan 2017 : Sing in the New Year 2016-2017 with Karen Kennedy , Greece - www.klconcerts.com

27-31 Dec : 3rd International Christmas Music Festival Cantate Angeli, Vilnius, Lithuania - www.gratulationes.lt

28 Dec 2016-2 Jan 2017 : Corsham Winter School, United Kingdom - www.lacock.org

8-11 Jan : International Festival/Contest Gran Fiesta, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net

8-11 Jan : Vocal Competition Voices of Costa Brava, Lloret de Mar, Spain - www.fiestalonia.net

13-15 Jan : 12th International Festival of Sacred Music Silver Bells, Daugavpils, Latvia - www.silverbells.narod.lv

20-21 Jan : 4th International Youth and Children's Choral Festival IUVENTUS IN PRAGA CANTAT, Prague, Czech Republic - www.or-fea.cz