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## NEWS FROM IFCM

## FROM THE IFCM PRESIDENT

President Emily Kuo Vong of the International Federation for Choral Music is happy to announce the following news:

- IFCM's Executive Committee conducted a very successful meeting this past October in Lisbon, Portugal, drawing up many important plans for IFCM events, programmes, and activities in 2018 and beyond.
- The IFCM Board of Directors will conduct its first official meeting of 2018 this coming January in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Congratulations to Mr. **Dominique Lecheval** (France), who was nominated by the ExCom and officially approved by the Board to hold the position of Treasurer for IFCM.
- Congratulations to Ms. **Sonja Greiner** (Germany), who was nominated by the ExCom and officially approved by the Board to hold the position of Legal Advisor for IFCM.
- Congratulations to Mr. **Liu Peng** (China), who was nominated by the President and officially approved by ExCom and the Board to join as the first IFCM Board member from China.



Dominique Lecheval



Sonja Greiner



Liu Peng

## 2017 WORLD CHORAL DAY, 10 DECEMBER 2017

Join millions of singers to celebrate the World Choral Day on or around December 10 and form a collective expression of solidarity with all the people who believes in peace, Integration and understanding. Choirs from all over the world have already registered their events. Join them! Download the Proclamation:

<http://www.worldchoralday.org/pdf/Proclamation.pdf>

Download the WCD logo: [HERE](#)

Register on: <http://www.worldchoralday.org/events/subscription>

Contact: [project.manager@worldchoralday.org](mailto:project.manager@worldchoralday.org)



**WORLD CHORAL DAY**  
10 December 2017

Share your passion with the world!  
Teilt eure Leidenschaft mit der ganzen Welt!  
Partagez votre passion avec tout le monde!

DECEMBER 2017

*Volunteers connecting  
our choral world*



# IFCMeNEWS



1400 Singers from Adolf Fredriks Music Classes and the Stockholms Musikgymnasium during a Lucia concert celebrated together with the World Choral Day

## 12th WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC (WSCM2020)

***Kia ora koutou***

**Greetings from Aotearoa New Zealand**

Pre-register now  
and be in the draw for an excursion to  
one of New Zealand's top experiences!  
Details at: [wscm2020.com](http://wscm2020.com)

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### WORLD YOUTH CHOIR SESSION 2018 – INNER MONGOLIA, CHINA

The auditions for the World Youth Choir (WYC) 2018 Session are now officially OPEN until February 15, 2018. We kindly ask you to join us again in our common efforts to reach and recruit as many great singers as possible around the globe!

The session will be organized in Inner Mongolia from July 4 to 25, 2018. The concert tour will take the singers to Inner Mongolia, Beijing and the Guizhou Province. The WYC will be performing Nordic and European choral music from the 20th Century under the direction of **Helene Stureborg** (Sweden) and Asian folk and popular music under the direction of **Jonathan Velasco** (Philippines).

Are you a passionate choral singer, with a basic or semi-professional music education, please apply here directly before February 15, 2018 or contact one of the national recruiters on

<https://www.worldyouthchoir.org/national-recruiters>

Would you like to become a national recruiter?

Please contact [info@worldyouthchoir.org](mailto:info@worldyouthchoir.org)

Or visit [www.worldyouthchoir.org](http://www.worldyouthchoir.org)

### CONDUCTOR WITHOUT BORDERS (CWB) IN AFRICA IN 2017

2017 has been an eventful year for the IFCM project 'Conductors Without Borders' (CWB) in Africa. Ten sessions were organized. Seven of them financially supported by the fund balance, a fund that was offered by Ms. Emily Kuo Vong four years ago.

Furthermore, several conductors from **Kenya** could benefit from a session organized in the USA.



Libreville, Gabon

Three sessions were organized in **Gabon** in January, June and November, during which the participants could get familiar with the musical analysis and theory, and the appropriate vocal technique for choirs.

Two sessions were organized in **Togo** (February and November). The participants focused on the choral conducting and the practice of a world repertoire. In Togo, regular sessions were organized between February and November to allow the trainees to improve faster.

Two sessions organized in **Ivory Coast** (February and September) marked the end of a series of six and the outcome is that two local tutors will now be able to lead the next training sessions.



Armel Minto'o, Gabon

Two sessions were organized in Kinshasa, **DR Congo** in March and September. Fifty participants are now divided in groups of different levels (beginner, intermediate and advanced) Four tutors are now about to teach on their own, with the presence of an external supervisor who will guide the lessons and monitor the program and its progress.

One choral conducting session in **Senegal** in October was organized in the frame of the Festival Cal'U and gathered ten participants. Half of them had already participated in previous CWB sessions. The instructor is confident that some of them could become local tutors after a series of two or three more sessions and take over the training leadership. This October session focused on score analysis and conducting patterns.

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<http://ifcm.net/cwb-2/>



Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire



Lomé, Togo

## INTERNATIONAL CHINA CHORUS FESTIVAL AND IFCM WORLD CHORAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The 14th China International Chorus Festival and IFCM World Choral Education Conference will be held in Beijing from 19 July to 25 July 2018.

More information:

<http://en.cicfbj.cn/> English

<http://www.cicfbj.cn/> Chinese

## NEWS FROM IFCM FOUNDING MEMBERS

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

Where will you sing this summer? Join us at the **EUROPA CANTAT Festival XX!**

The Festival will take place in Tallinn (Estonia) from 27. July until 5. August and will gather over 3000 participants coming from all over Europe and the world to share their passion for singing and discover one another's cultures by attending ateliers and workshops, perform in final concerts, listen to invited choirs and have fun together.

Check the [programme](#), choose one of the 45 ateliers for singers and [register!](#)

Deadline for applications: 31 December 2017

Contact: [info@ectallinn2018.ee](mailto:info@ectallinn2018.ee) — <http://www.ectallinn2018.ee/>



### AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION – ACDA

Children & Community Youth Choir Conductors' Retreat

January 13-14, 2018

Houston, Texas USA

This event is tailored for those who conduct children and youth choirs in schools, the community, or places of worship, and will include presentations, reading sessions, and a concert.

Registration & additional information:

[https://acda.org/ACDA/Conference/Boychoir\\_Biennial\\_Symposium.aspx](https://acda.org/ACDA/Conference/Boychoir_Biennial_Symposium.aspx)



## 2018 Symposium on Research in Choral Singing

September 14-15, 2018

Evanston, Illinois, USA

The intent of this event is to advance knowledge and practice with respect to choral singing, choir sound, choral pedagogy, and related areas such as equity and inclusion. The Call for Proposals is currently open. Additional information: [https://acda.org/ACDA/Conference/Special Event/Symposium on Research in Choral Singing.aspx](https://acda.org/ACDA/Conference/Special%20Event/Symposium%20on%20Research%20in%20Choral%20Singing.aspx)

**American Choral Directors Association** is now gearing up for our **2018 regional conferences**, which will take place across the country in February and March of the coming year. Performing choir auditions and interest session applications are active for many of those events now. • Feb. 14-15, 2018 - Central & North Central Region (Chicago, Illinois) • Feb. 21-24, 2018 - Southern Region (Louisville, Kentucky) • Mar. 7-11, 2018 - Eastern Region (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) • Mar. 7-11, 2018 - Southwestern Region (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) • Mar. 7-10, 2018 - Northwestern Region (Portland, Oregon) • Mar. 14-17, 2018 - Western Region (Pasadena, California) More info [HERE](#)

Save the date: **Next ACDA National Conference is February 27 - March 2, 2019, in Kansas City, Missouri, USA.**



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### NEWS FROM CHORAL CANADA

You are invited!!! Join us for PODIUM on the EDGE: Singing from Sea to Sea to Sea, Canada's biennial choral conference & festival taking place June 29 - July 3 2018 in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador.

More info on: <http://www.podiumconference.ca>

Contact: [podium@choralcanada.org](mailto:podium@choralcanada.org)

**NEWS FROM THE CORK INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL****Inspiring!**

As part of the Glow Cork and World Choral Day celebrations, this association, member of IFCM, invites you and your choir to sing with them and fill Grand Parade with Christmas Carols on Sunday, December 10. If you want to get involved, contact [sinead@corkchoral.ie](mailto:sinead@corkchoral.ie)

Inspired by the Cork International Choral Festival organisers? Create your own World Choral Day event or link it to the ones you've already planned around December 10!

**AMERICA CANTAT 9****Panama, 12-21 April 2019**

A 10 day program with singers, directors and choirs from all over the world for the 1st time on the shores of the Pacific Ocean in the beautiful city of Panama, 2019 Ibero American Cultural Capital of the World in celebration of its 500 year foundation anniversary.

More info at [info@america-cantat9.org](mailto:info@america-cantat9.org)

**ADVERTISE YOUR CHORAL EVENT TO THE WORLD on the ICB, the IFCMeNEWS and on our websites**

Advertisement spaces are now available on <http://ifcm.net/> and <http://icb.ifcm.net/> as well as 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!

**WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD IN DECEMBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018**

30 Nov-4 Dec : Advent in Weimar directed by Colin Durrant, Germany -

[www.runbysingers.org](http://www.runbysingers.org)

1-2 Dec : 27th International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music with Petr Eben Prize, Prague, Czech Republic - [www.or-fea.cz](http://www.or-fea.cz)

1-3 Dec : 3rd Warsaw Advent and Christmas Choir Festival, Poland -

<http://warsaw.christmasfestival.pl/>

2-6 Dec : International Festival Chorus Inside Advent, Rome, Italy - [www.chorusinside.com](http://www.chorusinside.com)

3-6 Dec : International Festival of Advent and Christmas Music, Bratislava, Slovak Republic - [www.choral-music.sk](http://www.choral-music.sk)

- 3-6 Dec : International Festival/Contest Gran Fiesta, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)
- 3-6 Dec : Vocal Competition Voices of Costa Brava, Lloret de Mar, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)
- 5-8 Dec : International Festival/Competition Talents de Paris, France - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)
- 8-10 Dec : 8th Krakow Advent and Christmas Choir Festival, Poland - <http://krakow.christmasfestival.pl/>
- 10 Dec : World Choral Day 2017, around the world - <http://ifcm.net/>
- 14-17 Dec : 25th International Sacred, Advent & Christmas Music Festival and Choir Competition Cantate Domino Kaunas, Lithuania - [www.kaunascantat.lt](http://www.kaunascantat.lt)
- 14-18 Dec : International Festival Chorus Inside Advent, Budapest, Hungary - [www.chorusinside.com](http://www.chorusinside.com)
- 26 Dec 2017-2 Jan 2018 : Join Simon Carrington to sing in Barcelona in 2017/2018, Barcelona, Spain - [www.klconcerts.com](http://www.klconcerts.com)
- 28 Dec 2017-2 Jan 2018 : Ambleside Winter School, United Kingdom - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)
- 7-10 Jan: Vocal Competition Voices of Costa Brava, Lloret de Mar, Spain - [www.fiestalonia.net](http://www.fiestalonia.net)
- 8-12 Jan: The Harold Rosenbaum Choral Conducting Institute Workshop, New York, USA - <http://www.haroldrosenbaum.com/institute.shtml>
- 12-15 Jan: The Complete Conductor, orchestral conducting for the choral director, New York, USA - [www.DCINY.org](http://www.DCINY.org)
- 15 Jan: The Music of Sir Karl Jenkins: A DCINY Tenth Anniversary Celebration, Carnegie Hall, New York USA - <https://www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar/2018/1/15/0700/PM/The-Music-of-Sir-Karl-Jenkins/>
- 15 Jan: Women's Voices Chorus Commission Competition, Chapel Hill NC, USA - <http://womensvoiceschorus.org/2019-commission-competition/>
- 25-29 Jan: Sing'n'Pray Kobe, Japan - [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com)
- 28 Jan-2 Feb: Singing in Castara, Trinidad and Tobago - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)
- 31 Jan-4 Feb: 3rd Misatango Choir Festival Vienna, Austria - [www.misatango.com/](http://www.misatango.com/)

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