

## In Memoriam



### **Márcio Souza, Brazil (1946 – 2024)**

“It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing away of the ITI member and friend, Brazilian and Amazonian writer, playwright, essayist Márcio Souza, who died on 12 August, at the age of 78.

Márcio Souza leaves behind a significant literary legacy - and what many don't know, he was a New York Times Bestseller author with his novel “Galvez – The Emperor of Amazon”, a most captive book that is worth reading. The book was written in Portuguese and was translated into many languages such English, French, Spanish, German to state a few. Those who want to read an authentic story in an avant-guard form will enjoy this novel and also other novels such as Mad Maria.



Marcio Souza was extremely enthusiastic of having the 2017 Congress in Manaus, in Brazil. The preparation went very well. The major and the governor of Manaus were determined to have the Congress in their city. A whole team of theatre makers, theatre enthusiasts and members of the indigenous people of the Amazon were ready for having the Congress in Manaus. But due to the change of the Government in Brazil the allocated funds were blocked and made it impossible to hold the Congress.

Marcio Souza has served as the President of the Brazilian Centre of ITI and was awarded the Honorary Membership of ITI. Those who worked with him appreciated his love and dedication for theatre and for the indigenous culture of the amazon people. For this and for his immense sense of humour he has gained admiration and friendship near and far. On behalf ITI, I am sending you a heartfelt farewell, my dear friend.

I hope that the re-established Brazilian Centre with Jefferson Fagundes and its members will make your dream true for having a Congress in Brazil in the future.” Tobias Biancone, DG ITI