Dear ITI Members, dear Colleagues, dear friends, ladies and gentlemen

With great pleasure we present the ‘Director General’s Report November 2014 to April 2017 to you. It covers the multitude of activities that Centres, Committees, Regional Councils and individual ITI members have organized or have participated in. The report covers the period from the last Congress in Yerevan until the Congress in Segovia.

Since the Congress in Yerevan, two and a half years have passed. For this publication 47 Centres, more than ever have sent in their reports, 4 Regional Councils and 14 Committees, Forums, Networks and Project Groups, also more than ever, have reported. The diverse richness of cultural activities is amazing.

The period since the last Congress has been intense. The headquarters of ITI, the “home” of the General Secretariat, relocated to Shanghai and continued to have an office at UNESCO in Paris. This meant a lot of changes, not only in the charge of personnel, but also in catching up with issues that should and will bring ITI into a better future.

Unfortunately, the political situation in Brazil has made it impossible to hold the Congress in Manaus. The government of Brazil blocked the finances that were budgeted for the ITI World Congress. Despite all the actions from the Mayor of Manaus and of the Executive Council Members, along with the eminent writer and playwright Marcio Souza, nothing could be changed. The Executive Board had one preparation meeting in Manaus, the General Secretariat members went twice to help the Manaus team to prepare for the Congress. The enthusiasm and dedication of the Manaus team was extremely strong.

Well, with the change of government in Brazil, it became even more difficult to get the funding. That is why the decision that the Executive Council had to take was necessary. With no budget, the needed security for the delegates and artists could not be guaranteed.

So that was the sad end of a promising development for a congress. The work of our friends in Manaus: the Mayor, Marcio Souza and his team is very appreciated. We would like to express our gratitude to all of them.

Immediately after the cancellation of the Congress in the Manaus, the new ITI Centre in Spain approached the Director General and the Executive Council. Alberto Garcia and Luis Llerena wanted to help and give new hope to the members of ITI. They proposed to hold the next Congress in the city of Segovia. After many discussions between the Spanish Centre and the Executive Council, the decision was made to hold the 35th ITI World Congress there. A Congress Task Force was created and together with the help of the General Secretariat, the Executive Council, the Spanish Centre and the Municipality of Segovia a culturally diverse Congress has been prepared.

The General Secretariat put the interim reports of the Centres and Committees on the new website and asked all the Regional Councils, Centres and Committees to update their report for this, the final publication.

Please browse through the report and read what is of interest to you. Even by just looking at the pictures, you will get the impression that ITI is developing, that ITI is going in the right direction and that ITI more and more is reaching its artistic, educational and humanistic goals.

If ITI can do what is written in the vision, mission and goals, then it is because of all the active ITI Members who are utilizing the values that the performing arts present to an individual, the essential values that are important for the artists, the audiences and the people.

UNESCO and ITI’s vision of mutual understanding and peace are needed today, more than ever. A world that is full of culture, of a diversity of cultures and of inspirational expressions of one’s own culture – this is what ITI and its members are striving for.

We would like to thank each and all of you for participating in ITI. We, all of us, are doing it for the benefit of the performing arts and the people. Your work is highly appreciated, now and in the future.

Let’s continue to work for these goals - even stronger.

With warm regards

Mohamed Saif Al-Afkham, President ITI
Tobias Biancone, Director General ITI
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Vision and Mission of ITI

Vision & Mission

The International Theatre Institute ITI envisions a world that puts strong value and importance on the Performing Arts. It is a world in which performing artists are able to work and present their creative ideas to audiences. It is a world in which local, regional and national authorities, sponsors and donors invest in the Performing Arts and fund organizations, institutions, and artists in the field of theatre, dance and music theatre in all their diverse forms. It is a world in which education in the techniques of the Performing Arts and related subjects are offered at all levels of education – from primary to high school and university. It is a world in which the Performing Arts – especially theatre – are used in communities, for development, for mutual understanding and for building peace in conflict zones all over the world. It is a world in which diverse cultures and expressions are safeguarded and innovation is promoted.

Mission

The International Theatre Institute ITI is the world’s largest performing arts organization. Founded in 1948 by theatre and dance experts and UNESCO, it strives for a society in which performing arts and their artists thrive and flourish. ITI advances UNESCO’s goals of mutual understanding and peace and advocates for the protection and promotion of cultural expressions, regardless of age, gender, creed or ethnicity. It works to these ends internationally and nationally in the areas of performing arts education, international exchange and collaboration, and youth training.

Goals

The purpose of the International Theatre Institute is to promote the international exchange of knowledge and practice in theatre arts in order to consolidate peace and friendship between peoples, to deepen mutual understanding and increase creative co-operation between all people in the theatre arts. To achieve this purpose, ITI shall:

• encourage activities and creation in the field of the live performing arts (Drama, Dance, Music Theatre);
• aim at an enlargement of the existing collaboration between performing arts disciplines and organizations, both national and international;
• establish international offices and foster the establishment of National Centres of the ITI in all countries;
• collect documents, disseminate all types of information and issue publications in the realm of the performing arts;
• co-operate actively in the development of the Theatre of Nations and encourage and co-ordinate the organization of theatrical congresses, workshops and meetings of experts, as well as festivals, exhibitions and competitions, both on regional and interregional levels, in co-operation with its members;
• defend the free development of the performing arts and contribute to the protection of the rights of performing arts professionals.

To achieve this within ITI, the member Centres of the organization shall be guided by the principles of mutual respect for the national traditions of each country. (Charter of ITI)

ITI Core Values

The Core Values of ITI are Inspiration, Inclusiveness, Collaboration and Transparency.

Inspiration

“Inspire” means: a) to make someone want to do something; b) to give someone an idea about what to do or create; c) to cause something to happen or be created.

Inclusiveness

“Inclusive” means: open to everyone, not limited to certain people.

Collaboration

The word “collaborate” means to work jointly with others, especially in an intellectual endeavour.

Transparency

“Transparent” means: a) free from pretence or deceit; b) easily detected or seen through; c) readily understood; d) characterized by visibility or accessibility of information especially concerning business practices.

Definitions taken from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.
Reports and General Assembly minutes that went to the BNF were copied and are to be found in the new headquarters for reference as well.

Provisory Office
From 8 April to the end of the year 2015, the headquarters were in a temporary office at 555 Haifang Road, in Jing’an District at the home of Modern Drama Valley, an organization whose purpose is to bring theatre to people. When we entered the office, everything was prepared by the Cultural Bureau of Jing’an District - the office space, the desks, the computers and printers, phones, a coffee machine and a meeting space. ITI could start to work immediately. ITI did start to work hard and organized together with the Shanghai Theatre Academy the main event of International Dance Day in Shanghai, on 29 April 2015 which included a Conference on Dance with panellists from France, Spain, Cyprus and China, at the Shanghai Theatre Academy.

Grand Opening of the New Building
On the occasion of the 141st Executive Council, on 4 November 2015, the new office at 1332 Xinzha Road was inaugurated with Chinese and international artists in the new building. The inauguration was scheduled in the empty building, as the renovation of the premises had not been started and the furniture was not ready. As an empty building is an ideal space for performances, exhibitions, presentations and the gathering of artists, colleagues and friends, the General Secretariat decided to use the space and celebrate with all Executive Council Members, young practitioners, performing artists, academics from all over the world, and with VIPs from Shanghai and all over China. Chinese dragons and lions, a bombastic ribbon cutting and a lot of smiling faces made that late afternoon a most memorable event. Thanks to the invitation of the Cultural Bureau of Jing’an District, all the ITI Members and guests were invited to a historic restaurant and treated to a delicious dinner.

The relocation of the “headquarters” of ITI from Paris to Shanghai was not easy. This was to be expected. Nevertheless, it proves that the Executive Council and the General Assembly approved a courageous and correct decision.

UNESCO
The address of ITI is still in Paris – 1 Rue Miollis, 75015 Paris, France. All the mail that is sent to this address is forwarded to the new headquarters in China – 1332 Xinzha Road, Jing’an, Shanghai, China 200040. To keep a small office at UNESCO and to work there during meetings with UNESCO officials and when ITI is organizing an international event in Paris - such as the International Dance Day, 29 April 2016 - is showing that this "pied-a-terre" (secondary “home”) is needed and essential to keep strong and good relations with UNESCO.

The office is no longer in the old provisory building of UNESCO but in the UNESCO Bonvin Building, on the 9th floor, room 9.44, Paris, France.

Relocation
At the end of March 2015, the old rooms and the archive were emptied. The archive of ITI has been donated to the prestigious “Bibliothèque Nationale de France BNF” where documents can be accessed by anyone who is interested in the history of ITI. Some of the books were donated to a Theatre Library in Paris and to the Burkina Faso Centre of ITI. The rest of the books were transported to Shanghai. Also, all the minutes of the Executive Council Sessions and all the reports and General Assembly minutes that went to the BNF were copied and are to be found in the new headquarters for reference as well.
Relocation

Above: Members of the Executive Council, the Jing'an District and Shanghai Municipality at the dinner invitation. Below: Guests in the new office.

Above: Speech of Mohamed Al-Afkham, President of ITI, at the dinner. Below: Performances in the new office space.
Communication & Visibility

Comments

Communication and visibility are key ingredients for making ITI strong and for making ITI known, both locally and internationally.

To bring information about ITI to performing arts professionals and everybody else is a never-ending task. It has to be done over and over. To strengthen the network, ITI needs to improve the communication and visibility within ITI (internally) and to all the professionals of the performing arts and people (externally).

Improving the communication externally

The task to improve the communication internally has suffered a bit due to change of staff, due to a lack of personnel and due to the time it took to relocate. Currently, ITI is undertaking strong efforts to inform all networks with important information through the "Newsletter for ITI Members", the ITI Website, the "ITI Congress Newsletter" and the ITI Congress Website. By the time of the Congress, there should be a new ITI Website and a new Congress Website.

Huge work has been undertaken to update the Directory of ITI. All Centres, Cooperating Members and Committees have been contacted to update their addresses, and the new Directory is now updated and online. The Directory is also included at the end of this Report.

More work will be done on the ITI email lists for Centres, Cooperating Members, Committees, and Partner Organizations.

Improving the communication internally

It is clear that ITI is mainly an organization for professionals. It is also clear that performing arts professionals are doing their performances, festivals, events, etc. for the audience, for persons of any age and any walk of life. World Theatre Day and International Dance Day are reaching millions of people with their respective messages. These messages act like wake-up calls for those who are not aware of the importance of the performing arts.

Visibility

To increase the visibility of ITI for everybody, the ITI Centres are playing a very important role. This is done by the multitude of actions that the Centres are undertaking for their events, conferences, festivals, World Theatre Day and International Dance Day celebrations. All kinds of events where the name ITI appears are assisting in increasing the popularity of ITI, and there are no limits to this: posters, flyers, banners, trailers, digital advertisements, films, and as the Mexican Centre has shown, also with the ITI logo on lottery tickets.

How the first World Theatre Ambassadors were selected

The World Theatre Ambassador project was started in 2008 at a meeting in Zagreb/Croatia where Valery Khasanov, Raija-Sinikka Rantala, Zrinka Turcinovic, Vidar Eggertsson and Tobias Biancone were present. There was a call to Centres for proposals. A Centre could only propose members of another country. This enabled the working group to get only internationally relevant personalities.

The goal behind the World Theatre Ambassadors

The main idea behind the nomination of these World Theatre Ambassadors was to attract extraordinary theatre personalities to ITI and get their assistance for the promotion of theatre globally, nationally and locally. Some of them are invited to international events.

New World Theatre Ambassadors

If you would like to nominate a distinguished theatre personality, please send the name, with biography and information about his/her achievements to the Director General ITI so that it can be discussed at an Executive Council Session.
Communication & Visibility

ITI Websites, Newsletters & Social Media

Websites:
- International Theatre Institute
- World Theatre Day
- International Dance Day
- ITI Congress

ITI on Facebook

ITI Worldwide:
www.iti-worldwide.org
www.iti-congress.org
www.world-theatre-day.org
www.international-dance-day.org

Facebook, Twitter, YouTube
www.facebook.com/InternationalTheatreInstitute
https://twitter.com/ITIworldwide
www.youtube.com/user/PerformingArtsITI

Visibility — Websites & Social Media

ITI Centres

Website & Social Media of ITI Centres
Websites & Social Media of ITI Centres, known to the General Secretariat

Argentina
www.itiargentina.com.ar

Austria
www.iti-arte.at

Belgium
www.iti-walloniebruxelles.be

Brazil
http://www.itibrasil.org.br/

Croatia
www.hcti.hr

Cyprus
www.cyprus-theatre-iti.org

Czech Republic
www.new.institutumeni.cz

Denmark
www.danskit.dk

Estonia
www.teater.ee

Facebook, Twitter, YouTube
www.facebook.com/InternationalTheatreInstitute
https://twitter.com/ITIworldwide
www.youtube.com/user/PerformingArtsITI

Finland
www.tinfo.fi

www.facebook.com/TheaterFederationFinland/pages/TINFO-Teatterin-tiedotuskeskus

www.twitter.com/TinfoTweets

Fujairah United Arab Emirates
www.fimf.ae

Germany
www.iti-germany.de

www.facebook.com/iti.germany

Greece
www.hellastheatre.gr

www.athensystem.gr

www.facebook.com/hellenscentre.iti

Iceland
www舞台.is

Ireland
www.irishtheatreinstitute.ie

www.facebook.com/pages/Irish-Theatre-Institute-ITI

www.twitter.com/Irishtheatreins

www.youtube.com/user/IrTheatreInstitute
Visibility – Websites & Social Media

ITI Centres, ITI Cooperating Members

Japan
www.green.dti.ne.jp/~iti

Jordan
www.pac.org.jo
www.facebook.com/HCCA.KHF

Luxembourg
www.theater.lu
www.facebook.com/TheaterFederaatioun

Macedonia
www.zuba.edu.mk

Mexico
www.cemexitimesco.org

Peru
www.itunescooperu.blogspot.fr

Russia
www.rusiti.ru
www.twitter.com/rusiti1

Slovenia
www.zdus.si

South Africa
www.pansa.org.za
www.facebook.com/pages/PANSA
www.twitter.com/PANSA-NATIONAL

Sweden
www.teaterunionen.se
www.facebook.com/teaterunionen
www.twitter.com/teaterunionen

Switzerland
www.itii-swiss.ch

USA
www.tcg.org
www.facebook.com/tcg.org
www.twitter.com/tcg

Vietnam
www.sankhau.com.vn
www.facebook.com/sankhau.com.vn

Visibility – Websites & Social Media

ITI Cooperating Members, ITI Project Groups

Cooperating Members

Websites & Social Media of ITI Cooperating Members, known to the General Secretariat

Chinese Opera Institute
www.coi.org.sg
www.facebook.com/singaporecoi
www.youtube.com/user/coiorgsg

Consejo Argentino de la Danza
www.consejoargentindeladananza.com
www.facebook.com/consejo-deladananza
CRT St Blaise
www.crt-saintblaise.com
www.facebook.com/crtblaise

Escola Superior de Teatro e Cinema
www.estc.ip.pt

Global Arts and Development Centre (GADEC)

International Theatre Festival of Small Laboratory Performances „Chelovek Theatre”
www.nht74.ru

Janakaraliya (Theatre of the People)
www.janakaraliya.org

Maison d’Europe et d’Orient
www.sildav.org
www.facebook.com/#/maisondeuropeetorient

National Institute of Dramatic Art NIDA
www.nida.edu.au

Professional Association of Canadian Theatres
www.pact.ca

Short+Sweet Theatre
www.shortandsweet.org

Youth and Children Centre for Arts Foundation
www.yccafoundation.wix.com/yccafoundation

Project Groups (Committees)

Websites & Social Media of ITI Project Groups, known to the General Secretariat

Action Committee for Artist’s Rights – ACAR
www.itii-artistsrights.iti-germany.de

International Playwrights’ Forum – IPF
www.playwrightsforum.com
www.facebook.com/pages/ITI-International-Playwrights-Forum

International Festival Forum – IFF
www.facebook.com/IFFcommittee

International Monodrama Forum – IMF
www.facebook.com/groups/282690435104833/

Music Theatre Committee - MTC
Music Theatre Now
www.mtnow.iti-germany.de
www.facebook.com/MusicTheatreNOW

AKT-ZENT
www.tltheatreculture.org
www.facebook.com/groups/347637728708374

Left: Finnish Centre of ITI Website
Right: Swiss Centre of ITI Website

Left: Fujairah Centre of ITI Website
Right: Russian Centre of ITI Website
Three language versions are available for the ITI Centres:

- English
- Français
- Español

Below samples of what a Centre’s or Committee’s logo can look like:

Comments by the DG

It might be unclear how ITI handles the branding and patronage of international, regional and national projects.

National and Regional Projects

If there are events such as festivals, conferences, round tables and workshops organised by a Centre, the Centre should use the ITI logo to promote it. If a national or significant event that is organised by a third party would like to have the patronage of the ITI, the event should request the logo from the respective Centre.

The same applies if a Regional Council organises an event: they can decide whether they want to use the ITI worldwide logo or not, and proceed to do so if they wish.

International Events

If a Centre would like to organize an international event, it is up to the Centre whether to use the Centre’s logo or the international logo. If an international event is organized by a party not connected to ITI (Centres, Committees, Forums or Networks), and wishes to have the patronage of ITI, it may apply to the General Secretariat for permission to use the logo. In such a case, the General Secretariat will inform the relevant Centre and the Executive Council of the request. International events can only receive patronage when the quality of the event is evident.

International Projects

International Projects that request the approval of the General Assembly may obtain such approval provided they are open to all ITI Centres and members. For example through an open call for participation. Sometimes, these requests are based on the fact that through the approval of the General Assembly, these international projects will get (better) funding. If an international project only requires ITI’s patronage for such purposes, there is no need for the approval of the General Assembly. The General Secretariat may grant such patronage on condition that the event does not compromise ITI’s vision, values and partnerships.

Patronage by ITI

Patronage by ITI worldwide – symbolised through the use of the ITI worldwide logo - does not mean that ITI is financially supporting an event.

Use of the ITI Logo

All Centres, Cooperating Members and Committees are entitled to use the ITI logo to promote their work. If it is not already available, Centres and Committees may request the logo for their Centre or for their Committee from the General Secretariat.
Publications
Comments / The World of Theatre

Two outstanding international printed publications have become a tradition within ITI. “The World of Theatre” is an initiative from the newly-named ITI Publications Committee (formerly, the Communication Committee). During the 35th ITI World Congress, the new edition will be presented by the Committee. The other publication is “ITI Info” - published and distributed by the Russian Centre of ITI – now available in a larger format, presenting national and international events.

Hopefully we will be able to give you more information about which Centres are publishing books. The best way to make sure that they are found in future DG Reports is to send us a copy to the Shanghai address.

As a side note: Despite the statements that the book and bookshops are to be extinct soon, the bookshops in some countries in Europe and even in Shanghai are flourishing and their sales statistics are up, while famous online sellers are experiencing a downward trend.

The Future of ITI Publications
Should ITI stop publishing books? Should ITI just start publishing ebooks? So far the driving force behind all the publications has come from the publishing Project Group called ITI Publications Committee (IPC). For me it is not a proposition of “either-or” but another “and”.

But following the tradition of such endeavours, it should be left to the members of this Project Group to decide the future of the publication. If they take into consideration a) for whom they are publishing it (the target groups) and b) what reading attitudes those target groups are showing, then I am sure that they will find the right way for the future worldwide publications of ITI.
Awards and Prizes

Comments

Awards and Prizes

Music Theatre NOW

Comments by the DG

Awards and prizes are good ways to stimulate the performing arts and performing arts practitioners. They are most welcomed by those who receive them. They are a good way of acknowledging the quality of a work, the achievement of a person, and even the innovative ideas that flourish in the field of the performing arts. They seem to covet an award that improves the popularity and status of the winner – a good example is the Prix Goncourt in France where the winner gets a monetary award of about 10 Euros, but due to the prestige of the prize, the winners find their books in the bestsellers’ lists which increases their income and celebrity.

The Music Theatre NOW Award and the Uchimura Prize are the best known competitions connected to ITI. In 2015, the Philippine Centre organized an international Playwriting Competition on the theme of “Climate Change” which made headlines all over the world. At the Yerevan ITI World Congress the General Assembly accepted the Ellen Stewart Award to be taken under the patronage of ITI.

On the following pages all the four awards are presented to you.


The Music Theatre NOW Network of the International Theatre Institute ITI announced the winners of their world-wide competition Music Theatre NOW today. The main goal of this unique event, which is produced by the German Centre of the world’s largest organization for the performing arts, is to promote exchange among artists and presenters of opera and music theatre.

14 first productions of new works, which were realized anywhere in the world since July 2012 were selected by a jury made up of internationally renowned theatre makers from five continents: Brett Bailey (South African playwright, designer and director), Guy Coolen (artistic director of the international opera festival ‘Operadagen’ in Rotterdam), Sara Joan Fang (music producer for Singapore’s national performing arts Centre ‘Esplanade’ - Theatres on the Bay), as well as Ana Lara (Mexican composer and founder of the festival ‘Música y Escena’) and Joseph V. Melillo (executive producer of the Brooklyn Academy of Music).

Operas and music theatre large and small, works made for large opera houses, or works created for tiny venues, which are aesthetically innovative and reflect new developments in this genre from the various corners of the world, have been chosen.

An additional four works were chosen for a special mention as their productions show a valuable approach for the work with music and theatre that should be acknowledged.

Music Theatre NOW welcomed 450 participants from 54 countries. The 18 artistic teams will be invited to a special meeting, which will be held at the Operadagen Rotterdam from May 22nd through May 26th 2016.

There the selected artists will have the opportunity to present their work in the form of lectures. Winners also have the chance to receive invitations for guest performances. Partner institutions, such as the Shanghai Dramatic Arts Centre, China’s largest theatre, or the Operadagen Rotterdam, plan to invite winning productions in the 2016/2017 theatre season. These winners will be announced during the meeting.

ITI welcomes curators, academics, artists and presenters to attend the Music Theatre NOW meeting. The presentations in Rotterdam are also open to the general public and the final program were announced in January.

This 3rd edition will coincide with Classical:NEXT - a global meeting for all art music innovators that will take place directly after MTN.

Contact: Christian Grammel (Coordinating Director of MTN) dergrammel@gmx.net

Website: www.mtnow.org
Awards and Prizes
Music Theatre NOW

List of winning productions and special mentions
The following works (in alphabetical order) were selected by the jury for presentation in Rotterdam Music Theatre NOW 2016.

Coup Fatal
Composer: Serge Kakudji (Democratic Republic of Congo)
Conductor: Rodriguez Vangana (Democratic Republic of Congo)
Artistic Direction: Alain Platel (Belgium)
Musical Direction: Fabrizio Cassol (Belgium)
Stage Design: Freddy Tsimba (Democratic Republic of Congo)
Costume: Dorine Demuynck (Belgium)
Light Design: Carlo Bourquinigon (Belgium)
Sound Design: Max Stuurman (Belgium)
Producing Organisation: les ballets C de la B & KVS

Il Ballo delle Ingrate
Concept / Stage Direction / Video / Audio Mix: Letizia Renzini (Italy)
Original Texts: Theodora Delavault (France / USA) / Norbert Niemann (Germany)
Antique repertoire selection after the baroque-restyling concert idea “Ninf La Lamento” by Sabina Tonietto (Italy) / Gudrun Hanke (Germany)

Invisible Cities
Composer: Christopher Cerrone (USA)
Stage Director: Yuval Sharon (USA)

L.I.T.: Lingua Imperii - violenta la forza del morso che la ammutoliva
L.I.T.: Lingua Imperii - so violent was the force that struck it dumb
Stage Director / Text / Video: Simone Dei (Italy)
Music / Performance: Paola Dallan (Italy) / Monica Torietto (Italy) / Gayane Movsisian (Armenia)
Music / Sound: Mauro Martinez (Italy)
Video / Performance: Moreno Calegari (Italy)
Costumes: Serena Bussolari (Italy)
Producing Organisation: Anagor (Italy)

Il Musichilfia
Composer: Steffen Wick (Germany)
Sound Design: Simon Detel (Germany)
Stage Director: Axel Tangerding (Germany)
Text: Oliver Sacks (USA) / Norbert Niemann (Germany)

Paradise Interrupted
Composer: Huwong Ruo (China)
Director / Visual Designer / Text: Jennifer Wen Ma (China)
Lead Role / Kunqu Performer / Text: Qian Yi (China)

Private View
Composer: Annelies Van Parys (Belgium)
Stage Director: Tom Creed (Ireland)
Text: Jen Hadfield (United Kingdom)
Musical Director: Etienne Siebens (Belgium)
Musical / Performance: Neue Vokalsolisten (Germany) / AskloSchönberg (The Netherlands)

Serie Opera III - Salomé
Stage Direction / Concept: Christian García-Gaucher (Switzerland)
Composition: Christian García-Gaucher (Switzerland) / Evelin Trouble (Switzerland)
Dramaturgy / Libretto: Evelin Trouble (Switzerland) / Sébastien Grosset (Switzerland)
Set design and lights: Sven Kieper (Brazil)
Costumes: Marion Motelf (France)
Sound: Raphael Raccua
Production of the BLOOM CIE, in co-production with Théâtre Arsenic in Lausanne. This project was supported by City of Lausanne, Loterie Romande, Pro Helvetia, Artphela, SIS

The Queen without a Country
Composer / Musical Director: Wim Henderiks (Belgium)
Stage Director / Video: Wouter Van Looy (Belgium)
Text: Paul Vreede (Belgium)
Stage Design: Freja Van Ebroeck (Belgium)
Costume: Johanna Trudhrsins (Germany)
Music / Performance: Silbersce (The Netherlands) / Bl!ndman (Belgium) and Muziektheater Transparant (B) in coproduction with Zomer van Antwerpen, Concertgebouw Brugge, Parktheater Eindhoven and Operadagen Rotterdam

Shift ing Ground
Concept / Performer / Sound / Video: Zoe Scoglio (Australia)
Sound Design: Nigel Brown (Australia)
Interaction Design: Chris Heywood (Australia)
Object Design: Zoe Stuart (Australia)
Outside Eye: Helen Herbertson (Australia)
Direction / Video: Nathalie Tenfriek (Belgium)
Music: An Pier (Belgium) / Fulco Ottevanger (Belgium)
Set Design: Ruimtevaarders (Belgium)
Technicians: Steven Bontinck (Belgium) / Peter Nys (Belgium)

A Zonzo Compagnie production in co-production with Rataplan Arts Centre, Vooruit Arts Centre and Jeugd &Muziek Vlaanderen. Co-funded by the Creati-ve Europe programme of the European Union

Shifting Ground
Composer / Musical Director: Wim Henderiks (Belgium)
Stage Director / Video: Wouter Van Looy (Belgium)
Text: Paul Vreede (Belgium)
Stage Design: Freja Van Ebroeck (Belgium)
Costume: Johanna Trudhrsins (Germany)
Music / Performance: Silbersce (The Netherlands) / Bl!ndman (Belgium) and Muziektheater Transparant (B) in coproduction with Zomer van Antwerpen, Concertgebouw Brugge, Parktheater Eindhoven and Operadagen Rotterdam
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The Source
Composer: Ted Hearne (USA)
Stage Direction / Video: Daniel Fish (USA)
Text: Mark Doten (USA)
Stage Design / Video: Jim Findlay (USA)
Lighting design: Chris Kuhl (USA)
Music director: Nathan Koci (USA)
Producing Organisation: Beth Morrison Projects

Two Acts
Composer / Stage Director: Vladimir Rannev (Vladimir Rannev, Russia)
Libretto: Дмитрий Пригов (Dmitry Prigov, Russia)
Producing Organisation: The State Hermitage Museum (Russia)
The opera „Two Acts” was written and staged by Vladimir Rannev to a libretto by Dmitry Prigov. It was commissioned by the Goethe-Institut (Germany) and the State Hermitage Museum (Russia).

Wide Slumber for Lepidopterists
Composer: Valgeir Sigurðsson (Iceland)
Text: a. rawlings (Iceland / Canada)
Stage Director / Adaptation for Stage: Sara Marti (Iceland)
Dramaturgy / Adaptation for Stage: Sigríður Sunna Reynisdóttir (Iceland)
Stage Design: Eva Signý Berger (Iceland)
Costume: Harpa Einarsdóttir (Iceland)
Light / Video: Ingi Bekk (Iceland)
Animation / Video Art: Pierre-Alain Giraud (France)

Comfort Ye
Composers: Catherine Milliken and Georg Friedrich Händel (Australia/ Germany)
Stage Direction / Libretto: Robert Lehmeier (Germany)
Arranger / Music Director: Warwick Stengards (Australia / Austria)
Conductor: Erik Dippenaar (South Africa)
Producing Organisation: Umculo

Ribald Flowersong
Composer / Text / Stage Director: Gabriel Pareyon (Mexico)
Musical Director: Music Theatre NOW 2015

You Are My Loneliness
Text: 馀荣军 (Nick Rongjun YU, China)
Director: 周小倩 (Xiaoqian Zhou, China)
Composer: 王洛宾 (Luobin Wang, China)
Musical Director / Keyboard: 余清华 (Yinghua Jiang, China)
Actors: 吕梁 (Lv Liang, China)
Actress: 田水 (Shui Tian, China)
Producing Organisation: Shanghai Dramatic Arts Center

Music Theatre Now Award Winner 2016:
Above left: Il Ballo delle Ingrate
Below left: Paradise Interrupted
Right: Coup Fatal

Music Theatre Now Award Winner 2016:
Above left: Cachafaz, tragedia bárbara
Above right: Comfort Ye
Below left: Serie Opera III - Salomé
Below right: Shifting Ground
Awards and Prizes

Ellen Stewart Award

On February 24, 2016 the Ellen Stewart International Award Executive Committee announced the selection of Colombian artists Bernardo Rey and Nube Sandoval as winners of the 2016 Ellen Stewart International Award. During the selection process, over 36,000 individuals from around the world voted for their preferred nominees and left hundreds of comments on the Award’s website www.ellenstewartaward.net.

Rey and Sandoval were in a remote rain forest in Colombia when they got the news. During the ceremony at La MaMa ETC in New York, they joined the celebration via live video feed from Colombia. They were in the process of working with a local community of young women, who performed a traditional song for audiences in both New York and Colombia. As result of the Award, Sandoval and Rey will be guests at the International Theatre Institute World Congress in Segovia in July 2017, receive an artistic residency at La MaMa Umbria in Italy to create a new artistic work in June, the financial and production support to present the new work at the Spoleto Festival of 2 Worlds in July, and subsequently at La MaMa Experimental Theatre Club in New York.

The work they propose to develop in Spoleto, “The Echo of Invisibles” focuses on the issue of migration and refugees in Europe and the Middle East. It advances the work of Sandoval and Rey around physical actions, poetic images and versatile scenery integrating multimedia with live singing and music. Sandoval and Rey directed the Theatrical Laboratory of psycho-social rehabilitation with refugee victims of torture in Rome and continue to work in Colombia in social contexts of high vulnerability. Their methodology, Theater as Bridge, is based on the rescue, stimulation and enhancement of artistic skills of participants who are mostly young refugees from Africa, Afghanistan and Iraq.

As part of the selection process 11 Finalists were shortlisted on the Ellen Stewart Award website: Anna Newell from Replay Theatre Company (Belfast – Northern Ireland), Berith Danse from Theatre Embassy International (Amsterdam – The Netherlands), Dynamis Theatre Company (Rome – Italy), Faisal Malik and Nouman Mehmood from Thespianz Theatre (Karachi – Pakistan), Mammalman Diving Reflex (Toronto – Canada), Marah Ensemble (Beirut – Lebanon), Nube Sandoval and Bernardo Rey (Bogôtà – Colombia), Ping Chong (New York – USA), Sanjoy Ganguly (Kolkata – India), Stephanie Ansin & Fernando Calzadilla (Miami – USA), Torange Yeghiazarian & Golden Thread Productions (San Francisco – USA). In approximately 40 days more than thirty six thousand people voted for their favourite artists and left comments on the website.

The artists that received most online votes were Faisal Malik and Nouman Mehmood of Thespianz Theatre, from Pakistan, with over fourteen thousands votes. The Ellen Stewart International Award Executive Committee made its final determination by considering the achievements of the artists, the project proposed for the residency and also the public votes and comments.

We are thrilled that so many people visited the website (www.teatrocenit.org) and learned about the Finalists’ extraordinary work with younger community members. This Award, we hope, will inspire others to follow in their footsteps. We want to build on Ellen’s determination to involve more young people in the transformative power of theatre, music, dance and the live performing arts.

Awards and Prizes

Uchimura Prize

The Uchimura Prize was inaugurated in 1992 on the initiative of the Japanese Centre of ITI in honour of its former president, Naoya Uchimura, the Japanese playwright who devoted his life to promoting mutual knowledge and understanding of theatre throughout the world. Since 2015 the prize has been awarded and funded by the Japanese Centre and has become a biannual award. It aims to stimulate and encourage initiatives taken by groups or individual artists outside Japan, leading to an action or project bearing some relation to Japanese theatre.

Five Modern No Plays, directed by Mateja Koležnik, Slovenia

The 21st Uchimura Prize has been awarded to the performance “Five Modern No Plays” (Kindai Nōgaku-Shu / Moderne Nō Dramen) by Yukio Mishima, directed by Mateja Koležnik, Slovenia.

Announcement of the 22nd Uchimura Prize

The 22nd Uchimura Prize will be promoted through the ITI Channels: Website, ITI Newsletter, etc.
Climate Change Playwriting Competition

The winner of the 2015 International Theatre Institute Global Playwriting Contest was “A Continental Divide” by Barbara Anderlič of Slovenia. The play was adjudged the best among 31 entries from 14 countries, namely, Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Fujairah, India, Iran, Malta, Nigeria, Philippines, Slovenia, UK, USA, and Vietnam.

Honourable mention was made of the play “Songs for Sandy: Reflections on a Super Storm,” by Bryan Boodhoo of Canada.

The other finalists were: “Angry Angels” by Ivan Dimitrov of Bulgaria, “Endless Summer: A Collection of Theatrical Outbursts” by EllaRose Chary of the USA, “Planet Hospice” by Daniel Kinch of the USA, and “When the Music Stops” by Chris Bush of the UK.

The Competition was created by the Earthsavers / UNESCO Artist for Peace, under the direction of Cecile Guidote Alvarez, and within the framework of the International Theatre Institute, as part of the worldwide celebration of the 70th anniversary of UNESCO.

The Competition was undertaken in partnership with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), headed by Margaretha Wahlstrom, the UN Special Representative of Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction.

UNISDR provided the Prize (5000 USD) awarded on 5 December 2015 at a side event of the 21st United Nations Conference of the Parties meeting in Paris i.e. the Tri-continental Intercultural, Interfaith, South-South Dialogue on Decarbonization for Defying Disasters.

The winning play, which dwells on the effects of floods and drought on human beings, has had a world premiere broadcast and global webcast on “Radyo Balintataw,” a program on Philippine radio station DZRH, broadcast on Dec. 6, 2015.

Barbara K. Anderlic

Barbara K. Anderlic was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and grew up in Austria where she studied translation studies (English, Spanish, Slovene, German).

She has worked on numerous theatre productions – be it on or off stage – as a producer, playwright, director, and actress. Her acting credits include “Talk to Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen” and “The Vagina Monologues.”

She performed in Nick Yu’s “Drift” at the Shanghai International Contemporary Theatre Festival in 2010 and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2011.

Interested in other fields of art, she served as an audience jury member at the Viennale ’12 film festival and worked as a volunteer at Chobi Mela VII International Photography Festival Dhaka in Bangladesh. Sticking to South Asia, she then conducted a workshop focusing on Spanish-language theatre for Thespo 15 in Mumbai, India.

In 2014 she was part of the theatre translation forum at the Wiesbaden Theaterbiennale and in 2015 she was invited to the theatre translation workshop Theatre Transfer in Avignon. In November 2014, she received the exil-DramatikerInnenpreis awarded by the Wiener Wortstätten for her play “Von Schablonen und Romanfiguren” in which two minor characters from Hemingways’ “A Farewell to Arms” get put centre stage.
Membership Overview Centres

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- Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan
- Bangladesh
- Belgium / Belgique (Flemish / Flamand)
- Belgium/Belgique (French / Français)
- Benin
- Bosnia-Herzegovina / Bosnie Herzégovine
- Botswana
- Brazil / Brésil
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon / Cameroun
- Central African Republic / Centrafrique
- Chad / Tchad
- China / Chine
- Chinese Taipei / Taipei Chinois
- Colombia / Colombie
- Congo Republic / Congo République
- Croatia / Croatie
- Cuba
- Cyprus / Chypre
- Czech Republic / Tchèque République
- Denmark / Danemark
- Dominican Republic / République Dominicaine
- Egypt / Égypte
- Estonia / Estonie
- Faroe Islands / Îles Féroé
- Finland / Finlande
- Fujairah / Fujairah (United Arab Emirates / États Arabes Unis)
- Georgia / Géorgie
- Germany / Allemagne
- Ghana
- Greece / Grèce
- Hungary / Hongrie
- Iceland / Islande
- India / Inde
- Indonesia / Indonésie
- Iran
- Iraq / Irak
- Ireland / Irlande
- Israel / Israël
- Italy / Italie
- Ivory Coast / Côte d’Ivoire
- Japan / Japon
- Jordan / Jordanie
- Korea Republic / République de Corée
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- Kuwait
- Latvia / Lettonie
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- Mali
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- Nepal / Népal
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- Niger
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Palestine
- Peru / Pérou
- Philippines
- Puerto Rico / Porto Rico
- Romania / Roumanie
- Russia / Russie
- Saudi Arabia / Arabie Saoudite
- Senegal / Sénégal
- Serbia / Serbie
- Sharjah (United Arab Emirates / Émirats Arabes Unis)
- Sierra Leone
- Slovakia / Slovaquie
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- South Africa / Afrique du Sud
- Spain / Espagne
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan / Soudan
- Sweden / Suède
- Switzerland / Suisse
- Togo
- Turkey / Turquie
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- Venezuela
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zimbabwe

Membership Overview Cooperating Members

ITI Cooperating Members
- Banga Naya Samhati, India
- Chinese Opera Institute, Singapore
- Consejo Argentino de la Danza, Argentina
- CRT St Blaise, France
- Escola Superior de Teatro e Cinema, Portugal
- Global Arts and Development Centre (GADEC), Ghana
- International Theatre Festival of Small Laboratory Performances Chelovek Theatre, Chelyabinsk, Russia
- Janakaraliya (Theatre of the People), Sri Lanka
- Maison d’Europe et d’Orient, France
- MY PHAT Centre for Professional Training and International Collaboration in Performance, Vietnam
- National Theater Institute, Sri Lanka
- Professional Association of Canadian Theatres, Canada
- Seoul International Dance Competition, Korea
- Short+Sweet Theatre, Australia
- Theatre Designer’s Institute, Bangladesh
- Theatre Institute Chattagram, Bangladesh
- Theatre of Young Spectator of the Sakha Republic (YAKUTIA), Russia
- Youth and Children Centre for Arts Foundation, Gambia

In Red: New Members since the Yerevan Congress in 2014
ITI Member Card

Membership

What is the ITI Member Card?

An ITI member card, as the name indicates, is a card individual or institutional members of ITI can benefit from as part of their membership in the organization.

What is the Card good for?

• Provides privileged access to venues: depending on the countries, the ITI member card allows its holder to access performing arts venues and festivals with a discount or for free, at the discretion of the venue/Festival.
• Increases ITI visibility: the card increases the attractiveness and visibility of ITI and allows theatre professionals, as well as students, to benefit from the ITI worldwide network.
• Fosters appreciation of the performing arts: the card gives an impetus to the performing arts by encouraging visits to performing arts venues and festivals in one’s own country and abroad.
• Promotes performing arts venues and festivals: the card further promotes those venues and festivals which allow the use of the card with a link on the Centre’s page and on the ITI website.

Who can obtain the Card?

• All board members and personnel of an ITI Centre or Cooperating Member
• All individual members of an ITI Centre
• All members belonging to an organizational or institutional member of an ITI Centre
• Donors and Sponsors of an ITI Centre or of the General Secretariat ITI
• Performing arts students in a Centre’s country
• Donors and Sponsors of an ITI Centre or of the General Secretariat ITI
• Leaders of ITI partner organizations
• In countries without a Centre or a Cooperating Member the General Secretariat or a Centre of a neighbouring country may give out the cards

Where can you already use it?

• Centres that have no individual or organizational membership structure may find a way to issue cards for performing arts professionals and students
• Leaders of ITI partner organizations
• In countries without a Centre or a Cooperating Member

Do venues and festivals accept the Card?

• The promotion of the card is the responsibility of the ITI Centres and the General Secretariat. ITI Centres are responsible for the acceptance of the card in their area or country.
• Each venue or festival is free to regulate the reduction of the price or free entrance. The “right” of ITI members to free or reduced entry to venues worldwide is not a given.
• This privilege depends on the goodwill of the institutions concerned as well as the successful promotion by the National Centres in the countries where the venues are located.
• Experience has shown that the card is accepted by many theatres, even if there is no ITI Centre in the country. Good advice to members will be to try to use the card at all times to raise public awareness.

Incentives for performing arts venues

• ITI Centres & Cooperating Members should continuously promote the card to performing arts venues and festivals to encourage acceptance of the card.
• To encourage acceptance, the ITI worldwide website will have a link to the ITI Centre where there will be a list of all venues and festivals accepting the card with links to their websites.

What if theatre/dance performances are free in my country?

• In countries where venues and festivals do not charge an entrance fee, the card is only of interest for those members who travel abroad.

When can I receive the Card?

• Cards for new members can be requested from the General Secretariat on a continuous basis.
• Contact information of theatres accepting the membership card can be provided on a continuous basis.
• For further information write to: membercard@iti-worldwide.org

Comments by the DG

After some technical and postal problems, the machine that creates the Member Card is back in Europe and cards can be ordered by Centres and Cooperating Members – only – by sending the list of members to be awarded Member Cards (with) in an Excel spreadsheet to membercard@iti-worldwide.org.

Please do not order single Member Cards; rather, collect and submit a list of at least ten (insert a number that is preferred). The Cards and the Year Stickers will only be sent to the addresses of Centres and Cooperating Members, not to individual members. As it is a Card for professionals the following data should be sent:

First Name Last Name
Profession or Position in ITI
Name of ITI Centre

All the Centres and Cooperating Members will receive the sample Excel spreadsheet to be sent to the above address if it is not present, please ask for it over the above email.

The Member Card is used by some ITI Centres and Cooperating Members. It opens the doors to reduced ticket prices or free tickets at Festivals and venues. Some don’t use it. In some ITI Centres, the Card is given to people, in others it is sold. In some ITI Centres the Member Card is used as an identification for solidarity in the performing arts community. Should it continue? Here are answers to frequently asked questions concerning the Member Card, its meaning and its use:

Membership

ITI Member Card
Activities – ITI Days
World Theatre Day 2015

The Message
The message of Krzysztof Warlikowski from Poland was very well received by the theatre community all over the world. It was translated into numerous languages and the original version and its translations are available on the website www.world-theatre-day.org that ITI has created especially for this day.

Worldwide Celebrations
World Theatre Day was celebrated all over the world with events, message readings, award ceremonies, etc. by ITI Centres and other organizations.

World Theatre Day in Fujairah
The main event of World Theatre Day, with the message author Krzysztof Warlikowski, was held in Fujairah/United Arab Emirates. On invitation of Mohamed Saif Al-Afkham, President of ITI worldwide, theatre professional of the Gulf countries, the United Arab Emirates and from the world were attending the celebration in Dibba, the place where the Fujairah International Monodrama Festivals are held. After the introduction by the president and the DG a film was shown for the event about the message author and his work. The author read his message for World Theatre Day in English, followed by a local theatre play.

The event was well documented in the media in the United Arab Emirates and by an article about Krzysztof Warlikowski and the event in “The Stage” written by Nick Awde who attended the celebration in Fujairah.

Activities – ITI Days
World Theatre Day 2015 – Message

The true masters of theatre are most easily found far from the stage, and they generally have no interest in theatre as a machine for replicating conventions and reproducing clichés. They search out the pulsing source, the living currents that tend to bypass performance halls and the throngs of people bent on copying some world or another. We copy instead of create worlds that are focused or even reliant, on debate with an audience, on emotions that swell below the surface. And actually there is nothing that can reveal hidden passions better than the theatre.

Most often I turn to prose for guidance. Day in and day out I find myself thinking about writers who nearly one hundred years ago described prophetically but also restrainedly the decline of the European gods, the twilight that plunged our civilization into a darkness that has yet to be illumined. I am thinking of Franz Kafka, Thomas Mann and Marcel Proust. Today I would also count John Maxwell Coetzee among that group of prophets.

Their common sense of the inevitable end of the world – not of the planet but of the model of human relations – and of social order and upheaval, is poignantly current for us here and now. For us who live after the end of the world. Who live in the face of crimes and conflicts that daily flare in new places faster even than the ubiquitous media can keep up. These fires quickly grow boring and vanish from the press reports, never to return. And we feel helpless, horrified and hemmed in. We are no longer able to build towers, and the walls we stubbornly construct do not protect us from anything – on the contrary, they themselves demand protection and care that consumes a great part of our life energy. We no longer have the strength to try and glimpse what lies beyond the gate, behind the wall. And that’s exactly why theater should exist and where it should seek its strength. To peek inside where looking is forbidden.

"The legend seeks to explain what cannot be explained. Because it is grounded in truth, it must end in the inexplicable”—this is how Kafka described the transformation of the Prometheus legend. I feel strongly that the same words should describe the theatre. And it is that kind of theatre, one which is grounded in truth and which finds its end in the inexplicable that I wish for all its workers, those on the stage and those in the audience, and I wish that with all my heart.
Activities – ITI Days
World Theatre Day 2016

The Message
The message of Anatoli Vassiliev was very well received by the theatre community all over the world. It was translated into 46 languages and the original version and its translations are available on the website www.world-theatre-day.org, a website ITI has created especially for this day.

Worldwide Celebrations
World Theatre Day was celebrated all over the world with events, message readings, award ceremonies, etc. by ITI Centres and by other organizations.

World Theatre Day in Guangzhou
The main event, with the message author attending, was held in Guangzhou/China on 27 March 2016. The Chinese Centre of ITI / China Theatre Association, in collaboration with the Cultural Bureau of Guangzhou and the ITI General Secretariat were the driving forces behind the event. During three days the Chinese Centre organized the World Theatre Day event, a festival, the Regional Council for Asia/Pacific, a colloquium about Traditional Theatre in Asia and two workshops. International guests, the Chinese and local theatre community were attending the events. Anatoli Vassiliev participated and read his message during an impressive celebration – in Chinese style, very colourful, showing a medley of Chinese opera and theatre – including some astounding acrobats and the use of large Chinese gongs on stage. Part of the three day events were shows from Guangzhou, Beijing (The Merchant of Venice) and a special evening with excerpts of Cantonese opera.

The EC Members Fabio Tollèdi (Italy) and Apostolos Apostolidis gave workshops for Chinese theatre students on the last day of the event.

The colloquium about Traditional Theatre in Asia with a participation of about 50 persons showed that especially in Asia traditional theatre and performing arts are an important part of everyday life. That is where the roots of theatre, dance and music theatre from these countries are to be found. The different presentations from Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vietnam with impressive visuals showed how much the traditional forms are part and parcel of the culture in a country. The wish to create an Asia/Pacific festival that stresses the tradition were voiced and may take form in the near future. There is also a demand for a forum within ITI that deals with this issue.

The event was held under the patronage of UNESCO.
Do we need theatre?

That is the question thousands of professionals disappointed in theatre and millions of people who are tired of it are asking themselves.

What do we need it for?

In those years when the scene is so insignificant in comparison with the city squares and state lands, where the authentic tragedies of real life are being played.

What is it to us? Gold-plated galleries and balconies in the theatre halls, velvet armchairs, dirty stage wings, well-polished actors’ voices, - or vice versa, something that might look apparently different: black boxes, stained with mud and blood, with a bunch of rabid naked bodies inside.

What is it able to tell us?

Everything!

Theatre can tell us everything.

How the gods dwell in heaven, and how prisoners languish in forgotten caves underground, and how passion can elevate us, and how love can ruin, and how nobody needs a good person in this world, and how deception reigns, and how people live in apartments, while children wither in refugee camps, and how they all have to return back to the desert, and how day after day we are forced to part with our beloveds, - theatre can tell everything.

The theatre has always been and it will remain forever.

And now, in those last fifty or seventy years, it is particularly necessary. Because if you take a look at all the public arts, you can immediately see that only theatre is giving us - a word from mouth to mouth, a glance from eye to eye, a gesture from hand to hand, and from body to body. It does not need any intermediary to work among human beings - it constitutes the most transparent side of light, it does not belong to either south, or north, or east, or west - oh no, it is the essence of light itself, shining from all four corners of the world, immediately recognizable by any person, whether hostile or friendly towards it.

And we need theatre that always remains different, we need theatre of many different kinds.

Still, I think that among all possible forms and shapes of theatre its archaic forms will now prove to be mostly in demand. Theatre of ritual forms should not be artificially opposed to that of “civilized” nations. Secular culture is now being more and more emasculated, so-called cultural information gradually replaces and pushes out simple entities, as well as our hope of eventually meeting them one day.

But I can see it clearly now: theatre is opening its doors widely. Free admission for all and everybody.

To hell with gadgets and computers - just go to the theatre, occupy whole rows in the stalls and in the galleries, listen to the word and look at living images! – It is theatre in front of you, do not neglect it and do not miss a chance to participate in it - perhaps the most precious chance we share in our vain and hurried lives.

We need every kind of theatre.

There is only one theatre which is surely not needed by anyone - I mean a theatre of political games, a theatre of a political "mousetrap", a theatre of politicians, a futile theatre of politics. What we certainly do not need is a theatre of daily terror - whether individual or collective, what we do not need is the theatre of corpses and blood on the streets and squares, in the capitals or in the provinces, a phony theatre of clashes between religions or ethnic groups...

Anatoli Vassiliev
The Message
When the message of the French actress Isabelle Huppert finally arrived, it was very well received by the ITI Centres, by the theatre communities and theatre professionals all over the world. It was translated into 28 languages. The original version in French and the translations can be found on the World Theatre Day website of ITI – www.world-theatre-day.org

Thanks to an internationally acclaimed person writing the message World Theatre Day received media coverage, probably like never before. This resulted in an increased visibility of ITI, not only for the theatre professionals but also for the general audience.

We learn
What ITI started in 2016 by asking the Centres and Cooperating Members as well as the Committees to nominate possible message authors will be continued. But learning from getting the message at a late time which is non-optimum for ITI and the Centres, the General Secretariat and the Executive Council are putting together a strict schedule with a deadline for the chosen message author when he or she has to send in the message to the Headquarters of ITI.

Worldwide Celebrations
World Theatre Day was celebrated all over the world with events, message readings, award ceremonies, etc. by ITI Centres and by other organizations. These worldwide celebrations are an important action for the benefit of theatre. They underline the importance and value of the theatre all over the world. They are flagship events for Centres as can be perceived when reading the reports that were sent in by the ITI Centres. The World Theatre day events are in most cases when ITI becomes visible by the general public in a country. It is a pleasure to see persons who are not part of ITI not translating the message in their language and in one case, publishing all the messages in book form.

Digital Map on www.world-theatre-day.org
There is a map to be found on the World Theatre Day website. It shows where events have taken place all over the world. This map will be continued.

Messages on YouTube
What will be done in 2018 as well is asking Centre to send in a video with eminent theatre personalities, actresses, actors, etc. reading the message of the year’s message author in their own language. The message of Dario Fo that has been read in different languages can be found on YouTube. This is a successful action initiated by ITI that should be continued.

World Theatre Day at UNESCO
Thanks to a generous donation of Yang Chuanqiong of the HanHall Foundation from China, ITI was able to organize an event at UNESCO, on 27 March 2017. The main hall was rented (after being closed for a year for renovation). The General Secretariat put a culturally diverse performance programme together. Al Sidy, storyteller from Togo was the first to perform, telling the audience the story of a shoe maker (he performed once at the beginning of the Executive Council session, held in Burkina Faso). The second play was an excerpt of „The French”, a performance, directed by Krzysztof Warlikowski, message author 2015. Zhang Jun, UNESCO Artist for Peace, from China showed „I, Hamlet” in Kunqu Opera style. The DG was the master of ceremony of the event. The president of ITI, Mohamed Saif Al-Afkham informed the people about ITI, the DG of UNESCO, Irina Bokova wrote a message was sent to all Centres and published in the event brochure. Eric Falt, Assistance Director of UNESCO for Culture, honoured the event with a speech.

The planning, organizing and holding of the event was done under the leadership of Chen Zhongwen, assisted by Tang Yimeng and Malory Domecyn. Many ITI members from all over the world attended the event at UNESCO in Paris.
Activities – ITI Days
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Above: “The French”.
Below: Isabelle Huppert and Tobias Biancone

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Zhang Jun, UNESCO Artist for Peace, performing "I, Hamlet" in Kunqu Opera style. He is playing 8 different roles.
Below: After the event reception: Isabelle Huppert speaking with Anatoli Yakoleti and Natacha Issaeva, with EC Member Le Quy Duong, Mohamed Sali Al-Akhaim and Elmaze Nura; Alberto Garcia with the members of the Han Hall Foundation (to the right, the leader of Han Hall: Yang Chuandong)
So here we are once more. Gathered again in Spring, 55 years since our inaugural meeting, to celebrate World Theatre Day. Just one day, 24 hours, is dedicated to celebrating theatre around the world. And here we are in Paris, the premier city in the world for attracting international theatre groups, to venerate the art of theatre.

Paris is a world city, fit to contain the globes theatre traditions in a day of celebration, from here in France’s capital we can transport ourselves to Japan by experiencing Noh and Bunraku theatre, trace a line from here to thoughts and expressions as diverse as Peking Opera and Kathakali as we envelope ourselves in Arischyus and Eiron, Sophocles and Strindberg, it allows us to fit between Britain and Italy as we reverberate between Sarah Kane and Prasadello. Within these twenty-four hours we may be taken from France to Russia, from Racine and Molieres to Chekhov, we can even cross the Atlantic as a bolt of inspiration to serve on a Campus in California, enticing a young student there to reinvent and make their mark in their name in theatre.

Indeed, theatre has such a thriving life that it defies space and time; its most contemporary pieces are nourished by the achievements of past centuries, and even the most classical repertoire becomes living and vital each time they are played anew. Theatre is always reborn from its ashes, shedding only its previous conventions in its new-fangled forms; that is how it stays alive.

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World Theatre Day, established by the International Theatre Institute in 1986, celebrates one of the oldest and most vibrant forms of artistic expression of humanity. The history of theatre goes back to the beginning of language itself, and its various forms of expression reflect our common cultural diversity. UNESCO protects and values the dozens of theatrical forms inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, such as the Kumiöövö, the traditional musical theatre of Okinawa (Japan), the Mystery Olay of Elche (Spain) and the Mak Yong Theatre (Cambodia).

Theatre is much more than a form of entertainment. By its immediacy, by the comic or tragic relation that it alone builds between the stage and the public, theatre is a unique lever of expression, reflection and sharing. As a living art par excellence, the theatre depicts the truths, dramas and universal questions that structure human societies and allow them to represent themselves, even at decisive moments. In post-conflict situations, in particular, culture and theatre help communities to resume dialogue, accelerate reconciliation. We have seen this in Chad, for example, in 2014, on the occasion of a project led by ITI with the support of UNESCO’s International Fund for Culture Diversity.

The International Theatre Institute, founded in 1948 by UNESCO, is an essential partner in bringing the message to life and in promoting theatre. Together, we commemorate our commitment to support governments in adopting creative policies, development the activities of producers, artists and theatre groups, and, and them the entire family and the know-how of culture and entertainment, as a force for peace and development.
The message for International Dance Day 2015 was written by the Spanish choreographer and dancer Israel Galvan. It was translated into numerous languages and the original version and its translations are available on the website www.international-dance-day.org that ITI has created especially for this day.

Worldwide Celebrations
International Dance Day was celebrated all over the world with dance events, flash-mobs, award ceremonies and more by ITI Centres and by other organizations.

International Dance Day in Shanghai
The main event of International Dance Day 2015 was held at the Himalaya Centre in Shanghai. The General Secretariat created the event with the help of the International Dance Committee and the Shanghai Theatre Academy.

As Israel Galvan was not able to be at the event, his team created a video that premiered at the event on 29 April in Shanghai where the message was read in Chinese with English subtitles. The main event was created with five dance performances. Two local Chinese shows (one more traditional, the other ballet) were performed by the Dance Company of the Shanghai Theatre Academy. Two performances were invited through the help of the Spanish Centre of ITI, a flamenco ballet (Inés Hellín, David García) and a ballet (Óscar Tordera and María Cristina Álvarez). The show
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International Dance Day 2015 – Message

Israel Galván
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International Dance Day Message 2015
by Israel Galván
Dancer and choreographer, Spain

Carmen Amaya, Valeska Gert, Suzushi Hanayagi, Michael Jackson... I see them as energy-generating turbines and this makes me think about the importance of choreography on that energy of the dancer. The important thing is probably not the choreography, but specifically that energy, the whirlwind which it triggers.

I imagine a Tesla coil attracting them all and emitting a healing ray and causing a metamorphosis in their bodies. Pina Bausch as a praying mantis, Raimund Hoghe converted into a dung beetle, Vicente Escudero into a stick insect and even Bruce Lee into a centipede.

When I was small I didn’t like dance, but it was something that came out of me naturally and easily. Almost instinctively. Over time I realised that dance healed, it had an almost medicinal effect, it helped me to not be so introverted and opened me up to other people. I have seen the image of a child ill with ebola being healed through dance. I know it's a superstition, but might it be possible?

Afterwards, dance ended up becoming an obsession which filled my hours and which makes me dance, even when I remain still, immobile, thus separating me from the reality of things. I know this isn’t good, bad or necessary but... that’s the way it is. My daughter Milena, when I'm sitting still on the couch, thinking about my things, with my own murmur, says to me: dad, don’t dance. And the thing is that I see people moving when walking down the street, when calling a taxi, when moving in their different ways, styles and deformities. They're all dancing! They don't know it but they're all dancing! I would like to shout to them: there are people who still don't know! We’re all dancing! Those who don’t dance are unlucky, they are dead, they do not feel or suffer!

I like the word fusion, not as a marketing word, a confusion to sell a certain style, a brand. Better fission, an atomic mixture: a cocktail with the feet fixed to the ground of Juan Belmonte, the aerial arms of Isadora Duncan and the half swaying belly of Jeff Cohen in the Goonies. And with all these ingredients, to make a pleasant and intense...
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International Dance Day 2015 – Message

There is an old Chinese proverb which says: “the flutter of a butterfly’s wings can be felt across the world”. When a fly takes flight in Japan, a typhoon shakes up the waters of the Caribbean. Pedro G Romero, after a shattering sevillanas dance says: the same day the bomb fell on Hiroshima, Nijinsky repeated his great leap in a forest in Austria. And I continue imagining: a lash of Savion Glover makes Mikhail Baryshnikov turn. At that moment, Kazuo Ono stays still and triggers a certain electricity in María Muñoz, who thinks about Vonrad Veidt and forces Akram Khan to cause an earthquake in his dressing room; they move their rattles and the floor becomes covered with the tired drops of their sweat.

I would like to be able to dedicate this International Dance Day and these words to every person in the world who is dancing just at this moment. But, allow me a joke and a wish: dancers, musicians, producers, critics, schedulers, let’s have a party finale, let’s all dance, as Béjart did, let’s dance in style, let’s dance the Bolero by Ravel, let’s dance it together.

Israel Galván
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Message
The message of Lemi Ponifasio was very well received by the dance community all over the world. It was translated into 19 languages and the original version and its translations are available on the website www.international-dance-day.org that ITI has created especially for this day.

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International Dance Day at La Villette in Paris
The main celebration was held in Paris. Normally ITI would organize an event in Paris at UNESCO, but the biggest hall was under renovation in 2016. That is the reason International Dance Day was held at La Villette, a famous venue in Paris, where many world class dance events are presented. Thanks to the Chinese FOSUN Foundation which sponsored the event, it was possible to invite the message author with a performance from his group MAU. Lemi Ponifasio from Samoa and New Zealand can be considered not only as a choreographer, he is also a stage director who creates in his performances text, songs, music, stage design, multimedia, etc. The performance of his group MAU was rooted in the culture he lives in, visually and acoustically it is very impressive. Additionally the celebration included an excerpt of "Red" performed by the Dance Company of the Shanghai Theatre Academy and the "Solo" of Shantala Shivalingappa, an Indian born dancer who lives in Paris and has worked with Maurice Bejart, Peter Brook, Pina Bausch and others key figures in dance.

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All the performances were very well received by the audience (more than 1000 persons). The main sponsor, FOSUN Foundation, was represented by Henri de Giscard d’Estaing, PDG of ClubMed, and his wife. Part of the VIP guests were many members of ITI and from Shanghai Theatre Academy, the Chargé d’affaires of the Chinese Embassy, members of the Chinese Embassy, Ambassadors of UNESCO, former ITI staff members, etc.

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The event was organized by the team of the General Secretariat of ITI, under the excellent project leadership of Chen Zhongwen (Director of Collaboration and Assistant to the DG ITI) with the team members Atina Stathaki and Malory Domecyn (ITI headquarters).
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Performance by the Dance Company of Shanghai Theatre Academy.

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International Dance Day 2016 – Message

International Dance Day Message 2016 by Lemi Ponifasio
Choreographer, set designer, stage director, poet from Samoa & New Zealand

Message

Tatalo

Pa’i atu i le vânimonimo
Le tupu’aga o lo tatou pa’ia
la fa’asusuluina ai
Foliga o tatou tuaa
E mafai ai ona tatou i Io atu tatou fanau

Lala ga i luga
Talaane
Lalo
Ia fusia atoa i totonu o tatou a’ano
Ivi ma o tatou mānatunātuga

Ua fulisia le lalolagi
Ua sālii folau fa’ataasi tagata
Ua tapena ma potopoto i’a sa
Ae ua le gaga
Ua manu’a le fatu

Avea le sa’asa’a
E fai ma fa’atino’aga o le afofa
E fai ma fa’atino’aga o le amio tonu
Ma sulu o le mea moni

(Original Version in Samoan)

Karakia (Prayer)

touch the cosmos
the source of our divinity
illuminating
the face of the ancestors
so we can see our children

woven above
beside below
unite all within
our flesh and bones
and memory

the Earth is turning
humans in mass migration
turtles gather in silent preparation
the heart is injured

make dance
a movement of love
a movement of justice
the light of truth
International Dance Day Speech 2016
by Lemi Ponifasio

Speech held during the International Dance Day at La Villette, 29 April 2016

Your Majesties, Your Excellencies, dancers, dance teachers, choreographers, dance administrators, dance critics, ladies and gentlemen,

Talofa Kia ora - Good Evening. It is a magical honour to be here with you tonight.

Thank you to the International Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute of UNESCO - for inviting me to give this year’s International Dance Day message.

I was born and brought up in Samoa, a small island nation in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Dance is truly a borderless spiritual force, borderless in form and it brings people together everywhere in world. It is a demonstration of people in cooperation, people in search of beauty and celebration of our existence with all sentient beings.

A tree is always dancing towards the rays of the sunlight. A dancer’s work is to orient us towards the divine … that is within us. Therefore, we are born from Earth to change the world. Towards the world of light.

We are part of the Earth’s process. Like us Earth is also looking for its dance. Like us Earth is looking for its home. The birth of the universe was the birth of dance. So dance was born long before the first human. We are the flesh of the cosmos - we are the weave of everything.

The nature, the stars and all celestial life. Dance activates our connectedness.

Each moment you dance you ignite this energy. Each moment you dance you are gifting and sharing something beautiful from your heart to someone or with a community.

Our world is facing many challenges at the moment. Both the human nature and the non-human nature.

We mistreat our planet in the same way we mistreat our children. We send our children to die in deserts and swamps in wars. We make our children flee from their homes and drown in seas or suffocate in container trucks. We are using our children to feed the darkness of the human heart. We as a species are consuming our own children. Dance is an invitation to transform. And like dance, the transformation starts here with us.

Let’s share our dance. Take your dance to the children, to the river, to hospitals, to prisons, to refugee camps and into different communities, those with disabilities and the young and old. To all corners of the world.

Thank you.
International Dance Day 2017

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General Information
The International Dance Day Summit 2017 was held from 27 to 29 April in Shanghai. In the newly built Shanghai International Dance Center and the Fosun Art Center, a three-day event including a conference, about 40 dance workshops, two gala performances, and the main gala ceremony evening were held. 2017 IDD Summit was co-organized by the International Theatre Institute, Shanghai Theatre Academy and Fosun Foundation, with support from China Dancers Association and Shanghai International Dance Center Foundation. The Fosun Foundation has been the main sponsor for the International Dance Day in 2016 in Paris and now in Shanghai.

We, Dance Together!
Under the motto of “We, Dance Together”, the Summit in Shanghai aimed to promote the communication and exchanges of dancers, dance lovers, and artists all over the world, to let everyone enjoy dance for its own sake, and to discuss and reflect on the future development of dance. What is more, “We, Dance Together” is an inclusive statement chosen for the International Dance Day Summit. It is an invitation for dancers, choreographers, scholars and educators, everybody in fact, to build bridges over any kind of barriers – being from a different country or ethnicity, having a different age or gender, being professional or amateur, being differently abled and so on.

Patronage of UNESCO for 2017 IDD
The summit received the patronage of UNESCO. As it is stated on the paper from UNESCO, 2017 IDD Summit is an event which “responds to the aim of UNESCO to promote the art form dance”. (See the message of Irina Bokova, Director General UNESCO).

Message Author – Trisha Brown
The Executive Council and the Board of the International Dance Committee of ITI chose Trisha Brown, choreographer, dancer and founder and artistic director of the Trisha Brown Dance Company, to be the message author 2017. As Trisha Brown passed away in March 2017, the International Dance Day Summit was also considered to be a tribute to her and her work.

Summit Activities
Conference
More than 30 dance scholars from around 10 countries participated in the Conference on 27 April at the Fosun Art Center. Through keynote and panel speeches and a round table, dance scholars and practitioners exchanged ideas on the topic of how traditional dance cultures are preserved within the global dance scene. More than 100 persons (dance students, educators, dance professionals and dance admirers) attended the Conference.

Workshops
14 workshops were offered during the Summit, to encourage the transfer of knowledge. The workshop leaders came from Burkina Faso, China, France, India, Japan, Puerto Rico, Russia, Spain, UK and USA, offering a broad variety of techniques from different cultural backgrounds.

Performances
In the Grand Hall of Shanghai International Dance Center, three performance nights were presented to more than 2500 dance amateurs, students, academics and professionals.

Thursday evening, 20 April, the title of the event was Shanghai Night. Dance students from the Dance College of the Shanghai Theatre Academy and Shanghai Dance School presented their work. Shanghai Night was a colourful and joyful event. It showcased, in a positive light, the dance education situation and the development of the dance arts in Shanghai.

Friday, 28 April, the International Night took place, with Shantala Shivalingappa performing the traditional Indian dance form Kuchipudi, Mita Noriaki dancing the Japanese traditional Gagaku, Companie Mouvementes perpetuens from Burkina Faso presenting a performance dedicated to the issue of refugees, and the Dance Theatre Ljubljana Slovenia presenting modern dance. At the international performances were very authentic, genuine performances.

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The highlight of Summit was the Gala Night on Saturday, 29 April. The Gala Night expressed the essence of the Summit. Based on the theme “We, Dance Together”, the organizers implemented an initiative to get everyone dancing. Dance troupes with disabilities (Zhenzhou Normal University Disabled Art Troupe from China and DanceAbility International from USA) alongside internationally recognized dancers were invited to dance on the same stage. The event started with two shows from young, talented dance students. A duet from the Central Academy of Drama, Beijing and a solo by a student from Shanghai.

Leah Brown from the Trisha Brown’s Dance Company showed a stand-out work from the message author’s oeuvre, “If You Couldn’t See Me”, Machi Lindahl, president of ITI Dance Committee introduced Trisha Brown’s life and work, followed by the Message of Trisha Brown, read by her close collaborator, Susan Rosenberg. Tobias Biancone (DG ITI), Feng Shuangbai (Chairman China Dancers Association), Lou Wei (Chairman Shanghai Theatre Academy), and Li Haifeng (Vice-President Fosun Foundation) delivered speeches during the gala. UNESCO Artist for Peace, Cecile Guido Alvarez, read the message of Irina Bokova, DG UNESCO.

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by Trisha Brown
Dancer, Choreographer and Artistic Director, USA

Message

I became a dancer because of my desire to fly. The transcendence of gravity was always something that moved me. There is no secret meaning in my dances. They are a spiritual exercise in a physical form.

Dance communicates and expands the universal language of communication, giving birth to joy, beauty and the advancement of human knowledge. Dance is about creativity... again and again... in the thinking, in the making, in the doing, and in the performing. Our bodies are a tool for expression and not a medium for representation. This notion liberates our creativity, which is the essential lesson and gift of art-making.

The life of an artist does not end with age, as some critics believe. Dance is made of people, people and ideas. As an audience, you can take the creative impulse home with you and apply it to your daily life.

This message is for dance professionals and dance admirers all over the world. It is published also as a tribute to Trisha Brown who passed away on 18 March 2017. The message has been put together from her written works and statements by her close collaborator Susan Rosenberg, in collaboration with Andromachi Dimitriadou Lindahl. It shares her vision about her work and the values that it reflects.
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Impressions of the Summit 2017, held in the Shanghai International Dance Center

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Activities – Regional Councils

Comments

Comments by the DG

Regional Councils are important for the development of ITI. A meeting between the Centres of a Region strengthens the region and the centres in it. A Regional Council meeting serves a multitude of purposes:

• Ideas can be exchanged;
• Projects can be developed;
• Best practices of one Centre may help other Centres to do the same and become stronger;
• Bi-lateral collaboration (two Centres of the region) or multi-lateral collaboration (many Centres of the region) can be established;
• Awards for performing artists of a region can be given and be celebrated;
• Regional showcases (best of a region’s dance, theatre and music theatre) can be developed;
• Information can be exchanged in the regions and to the world
• Research in traditional and modern forms of the performing arts can be done;
• And many more things besides.

In the last two years, the African Centres, the Arab Centres and the Asia Pacific Centres have organized regional meetings. The Centres of Europe and the Americas are planning to have regional meetings after the congress; the Centres of Africa, the Arab Countries and the Asia Pacific region are continuing their collaboration.
Activities – Regional Councils
Regional Council „Africa“

Activities 2014 - 2017

After several meetings held at the last Congress with the participation of 8 African countries present in Yerevan (South Africa, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Egypt, Togo, Uganda, Sudan, Zimbabwe) it was decided that a General Assembly of the African Regional Council of ITI should be held in March 2015 in Khartoum, at the invitation of Mr Ali Mahdi.

As this meeting has been postponed, the African Centres and the African Regional Council have been actively involved in several areas since 2014.

Extensive activities of the African Centres:

• Creation of a new Centre of ITI in Ghana
• Creation of a Centre in Morocco
• Organization of a training course on directing and acting in Cameroon, directed by the Ivorian Sidiki Bakaba
• Organization of a stage directing training course (Central African Republic)
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• Theatre Publications by the Ugandan Centre
• Launch of the theatre writing contest (Algerian Centre)
• Circulation of performances in Africa and outside Africa.
• Organization of workshops on theatre writing in Chad and on copyright and neighbouring rights in Uganda.
• The African Regional Council of ITI proposed that Mr Hamadou Mandé, President of the ITI Centre of Burkina Faso and Vice-President of CRAIT Partnerships, sit on the Administration Board of CERAV/Afrique (Regional Centre for Live Arts in Africa) based in Bobo Dioulasso.
• The African Regional Council was also represented by Hamadou Mandé at the 3rd Summit of Cultural Institutions of Africa and the Diaspora (CERAV/Afrique (Regional Centre for Live Arts in Africa) based in Bobo Dioulasso).
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Submitted by Ambroise MBA, President of the African Regional Council of ITI

Regional Council, at his summit held from 27 to 30 November 2016 in Beijing, China.
• Organization by the Congolese Centre and the Association Pére de Ngojuel of the competition called “Ngojuel Prize for the criticism of a show”
• Organization of a workshop on "Cultural Animation" by the Beninese Centre.
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• Launch of the theatre writing contest (Algerian Centre)
• Circulation of performances in Africa and outside Africa.
• Organization of workshops on theatre writing in Chad and on copyright and neighbouring rights in Uganda.
• The African Regional Council of ITI proposed that Mr Hamadou Mandé, President of the ITI Centre of Burkina Faso and Vice-President of CRAIT Partnerships, sit on the Administration Board of CERAV/Afrique (Regional Centre for Live Arts in Africa) based in Bobo Dioulasso.
• The African Regional Council was also represented by Hamadou Mandé at the 3rd Summit of Cultural Institutions of Africa and the Diaspora (CERAV/Afrique (Regional Centre for Live Arts in Africa) based in Bobo Dioulasso).
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Submitted by Ambroise MBA, President of the African Regional Council of ITI

Regional Council, at his summit held from 27 to 30 November 2016 in Beijing, China.
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Activities – Regional Councils
Regional Council „Arab Countries“

ITI Arab Council Meeting in Fujairah
For the first time ever, a meeting bringing together all Arab ITI Centres was held in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates on Tuesday February 23, 2016 at Le Meridien Al Aqah Hotel on the sidelines of the 1st Fujairah International Arts Festival. The session was chaired by H.E. Mohamed Saif Al Afkham, President of ITI Worldwide and Director of Fujairah International Arts Festival.

New Arabic Centres
The meeting addressed several issues such as introducing the newly joined Arab centres and suggesting a mechanism for activating inactive centres. Al Afkham started the session by welcoming the attendees and asking them to introduce themselves, affirming that such gatherings are essential for the success of ITI in the Arab World and hoping that this meeting will be held on the sidelines of theatre festivals organized in member Arab countries. After that, representatives introduced themselves and their centres, and talked about their achievements, current projects and future ambitions and visions. They spoke about the issues they face and discussed with the attendees how to overcome them.

Arabic Regional Centre for ITI
It was also announced during the meeting that a new regional centre for ITI UNESCO is to be established to represent the Arab Countries and ensure Arab presence in international ITI events. This centre will be in Fujairah and Ibrahim Assiri will be appointed as coordinator between all Arab ITI Centres.

Introducing ITI to New Members
ITI Director General Tobias Biancone spoke about ITI, its objectives, current and future projects and about their embassadors and awards, hoping that soon there will be an Arab person among their ambassadors. Biancone expressed his appreciation for Fujairah and for the ITI President for inviting artists in Fujairah and the importance of Arab participation in ITI.

Arabic Newsletter
Georgette Gebara proposed that there be an Arabic newsletter for the Arab ITI Centres to publish news and information about the activities of centres. The proposal was met with approval from most attendees.

Attendees
The meeting was attended by Ali Mahdi Nouri, Secretary General of ITI, Alia Al Attia and Zhongwen Chen from ITI Secretariat and Mike Van Graan. The Arab centres were represented by Hessa Al Falasi (United Arab Emirates), Saleh Al Hamar (Kuwait), Shokri Mohamad (Yemen), Georgette Gebara (Lebanon), Dr. Nehad Selaiha (Egypt), Cheikh Akbaoui (Algeria), Sad Amel (Morocco), Fadlala Ahmad (Sudan), Sawan Darwaza (Jordan), Sami Al Zahrai (KSA), Asaad Fidha (Syria) and Ibrahim Assiri (on behalf of Mohammed Gharian Shaarhah / Palestine).

Activities of the Asia Pacific Regional Council
On 28 March 2016, the Asian-Pacific Regional Meeting was convened once again after years of inactivity. Delegates from 11 Centres of the Asia Pacific Region (China, Bangladesh, Japan, India, Iran, Mongolia, Nepal, Russia, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam) and three members of countries which do not as yet have an ITI Centre (Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia) participated in the meeting. Present at the meeting were Tobias Biancone, Chen Zhongwen and Aktna Mathak from ITI’s General Secretariat, as well as Apostolos Apostolidis and Fabio Tolledi from the Executive Council. The meeting centred on two topics: How to build up a mechanism to strengthen the cooperation ties in the region? and: Is there a need to set up a new committee within ITI better to preserve and develop traditional theatre in the world?

The meeting proceeded with discussions in which all the delegates participated. The delegates agreed to set up a new office for the region which will be based at the Chinese Centre of ITI. The Chinese Centre of ITI will serve as the regional secretariat and work on better communication, and planning more regional activities including the sharing of theatre information and publishing quarterly e-bulletins.

The second meeting was held in June 2017 in Yinchuan, China.
Activities – Regional Councils
„European“ Regional Council

The meeting happened on 15 and 16 October 2016.

The following persons and Centres were present:
• Belgium Wallonia Centre (Jean-Henri Dreze)
• Croatian Centre (Zeljka Turcinovic)
• Executive Council (Apostolos Apostolides, Cyprus)
• German Centre (Thomas Engel)
• Georgian Centre (Levan Khetaguri)
• Israeli Centre (Sad Kaynar)
• Italian Centre (Executive Council Member Fabio Tolledi, Roberta Quarta, Giorgio Zorcu, Ivano Gorgoni)
• Kosovo Centre (Elمزa Nura, Mentor Zymberaj)
• Macedonian / FYROM Centre (Ivanka Apostolova)
• Russian Centre (Alfira Arslanova)
• Slovenian Centre (Tatjana Armari)
• Spanish Centre (Alberto Garcia, Luis Llerena)
• Swedish Centre (Executive Council Member Ann Mari Engel)
• Swiss Centre SUITE THEATRE (Executive Council Member Daniel Bausch)
• As well as the DG of ITI (Tobias Biancone)

The participants discussed the following issues:
• The relationship between ITI and UNESCO, the use of the logo of UNESCO, projects of ITI with UNESCO.
• The budget restrictions of the Centre and the result of it.
• The showcases organized in Croatia and in Sweden.

In a second session the participants started to focus on what can be done for the European region and the ITI Centres of that region:
• Making the Centres work known to the national UNESCO Commission, thus deepening ties to UNESCO.
• Develop the strength of all Centres of ITI in Europe.
• Strengthen ties with other organizations with similar goals and academic institutions.
• Connect with research organizations.
• Create a publication.

Activities of the European Regional Council
After more than ten years in which there were no reunions between the European Centres, the Italian Centre took the initiative to create a European Regional Council of ITI, and invited the leaders of the Centre of Europe to Lecce (Puglia, Italy).

The meeting was made of two days, and it was a great success of the Italian and the European Theatre.

During the meetings of the second day, the participants were focusing on what to do together as a primary action. These are concrete projects the European Regional Council can focus on:
• Share information about the activities with all European Centres (proposals Thomas Engel, Ann Mari Engel, Levan Khetaguri)
• Create a closed Facebook page for the European Centres (done by Alfira Arslanova)
• Get in touch with the National UNESCO Commission of the countries of the European ITI Centres
• Distribute the emails from all European Centres (done by DG ITI)
• Distribute the new Toolkit for an ITI Centre to all European Centres (done by DG ITI)
• Exchange of best practices among each other
• Promote Artists Residencies in Europe (Daniel Bausch, Giorgio Zorcu and Gad Kaynar)
• Give Dance Scholarships (Spanish Centre)
• A list of Festivals that can provide residence and hosting for younger practitioners (Tatjana Armari)
• Connect with the Drama Colony of the Croatian Centre with residencies for one foreign playwright, staged readings, a translation of one play.
• Newsletter (Georgian Centre, Levan Khetaguri)

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Activities – Regional Councils
European Regional Council

The European ITI Centres becoming a strong pillar for ITI.
• Work with other European ITI Centre for the UNESCO Convention about Cultural Diversity.
• Create a kind of Research Centre as a committee of ITI.
• Focus on Intangible Heritage in Europe.
• Involve young practitioners.
• Create an ITI Think Tank.
• How to bring Theatre to people.

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Activities
2014 – 2016 Centres

Comments by the DG

The Centres are the main pillars of ITI. They represent ITI within their sphere of influence in their country or region. They are the main entrance gate for professionals that work in the performing arts. They are the main source for people being active in committees, forums, networks and project groups. The Centres deserve the main attention of the General Secretariat – this includes the attention that is given to the individual members that the Centres and thus ITI have.

There are 42 Reports in this publication. The General Secretariat is very happy about this – it is the largest amount of Reports published in an ITI Report. By reading the Centre’s Report the reader can discover the activities that make ITI strong, visible and valuable. It is with great appreciation that these reports are published. Maybe one day ITI will publish a Report with all the Centres…

Above: Uniter Gala of the Romanian Centre; Opening Ceremony of the Fujairah International Arts Festival. Below: Queue for the Encuentro Nacional de Los Amantes del Teatro, organized by the Mexican Centre of ITI-UNESCO.

Left: Children’s Play Treasure, photo by Saudi Arabian Centre.
Activities 2014-2015

After the participation of the Algerian Centre at the Congress in Armenia in November 2014, the Centre carried on its programme with participation in the National Festival of Amazigh theatre in Batna with the performance entitled „AZUZEN” written and directed by OKBAOUI Cheikh (Production from the Centre). Subsequently, the Centre created a programme for 2015 which is as follows:

- Launch of the KATEB YACINE Creative Award (Golden Nedjma), competition for best theatrical text with an international jury, more than 60 texts from different countries were received, awards were presented during the International Theatre Festival In Bejaia on 29 October 2015, the first prize was won by the playwright Metoli Ahmed of the Republic of Egypt with the text “Al-Hadjiz” the prize was set at 3,000 dollars.
- In February, the Centre translated the message of the World Theatre Day written by the Polish director Krzysztof Warlikowski, the translation was done by the playwright Ali Tamert.
- In March the Centre celebrated the World Theatre Day with a programme of theatrical performances and tributes given to Algerian theatre figures as well as the reading of the World Theatre Day Message.
- In April the Centre participated in the experimental theatre festival in Shanghai with an experimental performance.
- In June, the Algerian Centre celebrated the artist’s world day, which is held 8 June of each year, and also organized theatre performances and activities for the Children’s Day and the African Children’s Day.
- In October, the Algerian Centre organized an award ceremony of the KATEB YACINE Creation Competition (Goldene Neljima) at the Bejaia International Festival.
- In November, the Algerian Centre organized workshops which saw the participation of many young people who came from different locales across the country. Workshops were held over 10 days in Adrar, a provincial capital in the south of Algeria.

Activities 2016

- In January, members of the Centre took part in the Arab festival in Kuwait from 9 to 16 January, and the international festival Fadjr in Tehran, Iran.
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- Participation of the Centre at the ITI Arab Centres meeting at the Al-Fujairah Arts Festival in the United Arab Emirates.
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- Participation in the showcase in Zagreb organized by the Croatian Centre of ITI.
- In June, participation in the international theatre festival „BABEL“ in Targoviste Romania.
- In July, participation in the National Amateur Theatre Festival in Mostaganem - Algeria.
- In September, an award ceremony was organized for the KATEB YACINE competition Goldene Nedjima at the Adrar Festival.
- Participation in the play „The Tempest“ by William Shakespeare in Yerevan with The Armenian Centre of ITI.
- Production of the Shakespeare play „Julius Caesar“ on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death.
- In October, participation in the showcase in Stockholm -Sweden. Organized by the Swedish Centre of ITI.

Activities 2017

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President of the Centre
Cheikh Okbaoui
Activities 2015

Publication Ceremony of “Khanika”
February, 2015: Publication ceremony of “Khanika” in Bengali, translated from “Moments” - a book of poems by Tobias Biancone, Swiss Poet and Director General of ITI. The translation was done from English to Bengali by Prof. Shafi Ahmed, and it was published by Mofidul Hoque of Sahitya Prakash.

World Theatre Day Celebration
27 March This event was held in Dhaka City and was jointly organized by ITI Bangladesh Centre, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and Bangladesh Pathanatok Parishad. Theatre activists and theatre lovers participated in the World Theatre Day procession with colorful costumes, masks, placards, festoons, etc. The Day was also marked by a lecture programme and the reading of WTD message of Krzysztof Warlikowski in the National Theatre, Dhaka. Warlikowski’s message was distributed through flyers in the local national language and included information about ITI. There were theatre and dance performances as well as theatre songs and folk songs with 700 people in attendance. World Theatre Day was also celebrated in the other major cities of Bangladesh.

Dhaka International Theatre Festival
The “2nd Dhaka International Theatre Fest” took place in the National Theatre in Dhaka in March. The Festival comprised 26 theatre and dance drama performances from Bangladesh, China, United Kingdom and India. 10 special bulletins titled “Theatre Fest” were published daily during the festival. Open Forum – a platform to meet the directors of the plays - was organized during the Festival.

Exhibition
March: An exhibition of portraits of world renowned playwrights was organized in the Festival venue for the duration of the Festival.

Theatre Discourse: “Theatre against Violence” and “Art Reincarnated”
March: 150 theatre practitioners from Bangladesh and abroad participated in the discourse at the National Theatre.

International Dance Day 2015 Celebration
29 April, Dhaka City: Approximately 270 dancers and fans participated in the International Dance Day procession with colorful costumes and properties. Also to mark IDD, a seminar on dance and a Dance Festival were organized in April.

Theatre Discourse on “Digitization and the Future of Theatre”
June, National Theatre, Dhaka: Ratan Thiyam, a celebrated theatre director and former Director of the National School of Drama in Delhi, India, served as a resource person in this event attended by 75 persons.

Activities 2016

Planned Activities (till May)

World Theatre Day Celebration
27 March, in Dhaka City: This event took a similar form to the 2015 version.

World of Theatre
The next Edition of the World of Theatre, edited by Ramendra Majumdar and Mofidul Hoque, are planned to be completed and launched by the next Congress.

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Activities

Activities 2016

• 11-17 July – A IDEA (International Drama Education

Activities 2015

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Activities 2015

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The celebration of the International Dance Day was held in Ouagadougou, on 21 April 2015, in Burkina Faso and Togo. This edition made it possible to achieve the 2014 step in making the International Dance Day an official holiday in the country, a reinforced partnership with theatre schools in Africa and Europe.

Exchanges with other ITI Centres
The Burkina Faso Centre of ITI maintains very good relations with all ITI Centres. As its president is a Member of the ITI Executive Council, the Burkina Faso Centre of ITI has attended all the meetings of the Executive Council since its creation. This allowed it to maintain a permanent exchange with several ITI Centres. The Burkina Faso Centre of ITI is also working to bring African Centres closer together and make them more dynamic. During the year 2015, it had wished to organize a new meeting of the Regional Council of Africa but the national political situation marked by a popular insurrection, a failed coup and terrorist attacks made this meeting impossible.

Activities 2016

World Theatre Day 2016
For the celebration of WTD 2016, the Burkina Faso Centre of ITI has chosen the city of Ouagadougou. The activities of WTD 2016 included radio broadcasts, a panel discussion and performances.

Organization of the TRAJET festival from 21 to 24 April 2016
The Burkina Faso Centre of ITI co-organized with the Theatre Troupe Carnelle, the Festival Artistic Youth Festival in Ouagadougou (TRAJET). A festival dedicated to the promotion of arts education. The 2016 edition was held from 21 to 24 April.

International Dance Day 2016
The Burkina Faso Centre of ITI chose the city of Ouagadougou for the celebration of the IDD. But as every year, demonstrations are organized at the same time in several locations across the country.

Participation at the 4th SICADIA in Maputo, Mozambique
From 1 to 15 October 2016, the President of the Burkina Faso Centre of ITI participated in the 4th Summit of Cultural Institutions of Africa and African Diaspora (SICADIA), in which about thirty cultural institutions addressed "Strengthening the Role and operational capacity of civil society in the field of cultural development policy.

Activities 2017

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World Theatre Day 2017
The City of Bobo-Dioulasso has been selected by the Burkina Faso Centre of ITI for the commemorative festivities of WTD 2017, whose main articulations are: a conference-debate and a workshop.

International Dance Day 2017
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Activities 2018

Participation in the Board of CERAV/AFrique
The President of the Burkina Faso Centre of ITI took part in the Board of the Centre for Studies and Research in Live Arts (CERAV/Africa), a UNESCO category 2 centre opened to Bobo-Dioulasso in Burkina Faso in 2015. The Burkina Faso Centre is a member of the board on behalf of the ITI Regional Council of Africa.

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World Theatre Day 2019
The City of Bobo-Dioulasso has been selected by the Burkina Faso Centre of ITI for the commemorative festivities of WTD 2019, whose main articulations are: a general assembly of the Burkina Faso Centre of ITI, radio programmes, theatre performances and storytelling.

International Dance Day 2019
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Awards
During the year 2016, the Burkina Faso Centre of ITI and its managers received the following distinctions:
• Prize for the best theatre show for the Mahý play, directed by Hamadou Mandé from a text by Justin Stanislas Dabou.
• Prize for the best theatrical text played with the autobiography of Justin Stanislas Dabou in a staging of Hamadou Mandé.
• Award for best theatrical research awarded to Hamadou Mandé for his work on the theatre of social art.

Executive Board in March 2017
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past two years we have also created two gatherings along the following themes: the creation and diffusion of theatre and the status of theatre artists. These meetings have given theatre practitioners the chance to address issues and to offer solutions in the form of recommendations to Chad’s cultural authorities. This was also an opportunity for the theatre community not only to have a framework within which they can discuss their profession but also to meet up, get to know each other and initiate a synergy for solidarity.

Festivals
Along with the Théâtre Maoundôh-Culture, the Chadian Centre jointly organised the Festival International des Arts Dramatiques et Plastiques pour l’Union et la Paix (International Theatre Festival of Dramatic Arts and Plastics for Unity and Peace – FIADPUP), the 8th edition of which took place in N’Djamena from 3 to 10 November 2014. We welcome the fact that this biennial festival brought together so many theatre companies and artists. This latest edition also was part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the Théâtre Maoundôh-Culture. The next edition of FIADPUP will take place in November 2016.

World Days
For some years now, in Chad we have been annually celebrating World Theatre Day and International Dance Day. For World Theatre Day we celebrated it as we always do with the participation of the entire Chad theatre community. The content was supported by the Minister of Culture and in the media, conferences, debates, readings of the Messages, artistic parades and shows in the city, and these activities were also carried out for International Dance Day. These days are opportunities for us to talk about our profession and, especially, to create a lobbying platform for our art with partners and the community.

We would like to conclude by saying that, no matter the situation, the Chadian ITI Centre is committed to pursuing its activities with whatever resources it has to hand, despite the lack of partners, particularly theatre partners. We remain convinced that the evidence of our current activities in Chad’s cultural environment will bear fruit for the benefit of our cultural and artistic development.

We also remain convinced that in order to see the theatre regain its credentials as it had at the end of the previous century, it is imperative to create a strong synergy on a national, subregional and international level. Projects involving cooperation and exchanges of skills and especially advocacy work with the authorities and partners will allow us to develop the sector and to attract young people to the arts.
Activities
Chinese Centre of ITI (Asia/Pacific)

Activities 2015

Introducing Chinese Performances to Bangladesh
March: The Chinese Centre of ITI (China Theatre Association) introduced a traditional Caidiao (literally ‘melodious tune’) performance to the 2nd Dhaka International Theatre Festival in Bangladesh. Caidiao has a history of over 200 years. Popular in southwestern regions of China. It is listed as a national cultural heritage art form.

Visit to Hungary and Croatia
April: At the invitation of the Hungarian National Theatre and Croatian Centre, the Chinese Centre of ITI sent a delegation to visit the two countries and participated in the Madach International Theatre Meeting and Croatian Theatre Showcase respectively. Within the seven days’ visit, the delegation not only appreciated nearly 10 European contemporary theatre productions, but also established extensive contact with counterparts from all other countries via the platform of the two events.

Romanian Theatre Delegation in China
April: At the invitation of the Chinese Centre, Aura Corbeanu, executive vice president of the Romanian Association of Theatre Artists, and her assistant, visited China. During their stay, the delegation visited the National Centre for Performing Arts in Beijing, the Shanghai Theatre Academy and the Shanghai Dramatic Art Centre, where they conducted in-depth and extensive discussions with professionals of the Chinese theatre makers and artists.

The Chinese Centre of ITI Introduced Three Monks to Germany
May/June: At the invitation of Dusseldorf Theatre, the Chinese Centre sent a delegation to Germany where they observed the 31st Westwind Theatre Festival for Young Audiences, gave artistic instructions to the cast of Three Monks produced by China National Theatre for Children, and attended related exchange events.

Activities 2016

Swedish Theatre Artists Conducted Children’s Theatre Workshops in China
July: At the invitation of the Chinese Centre of ITI, four Swedish theatre artists from Stockholm City Theatre visited China. The experts conducted children’s theatre workshops and related theatre exchanges in Chengdu and Qingdao city.

Japanese Theatre Delegation in China
August: At the invitation of the Chinese Centre, a five-member Japanese theatre delegation headed by Masayachi Suzukiyoshi, director of the Japan China Cultural Exchange Association (JCCEA), board member of Senzenz Theatre Company and chair of the Japanese Drama Producers Association, visited China. During their visit, the delegation came to Beijing, Shanghai and Suzhou where they met with related theatre groups, watched theatre performances and conducted extensive and in-depth exchange with Chinese counterparts.

Hungarian Theatre Delegation in China
October: At the invitation of the China Theatre Association, a delegation headed by Attila Vidnyanszky, president of Hungary National Theatre, visited Suzhou and Chongqing, observed performances of the 14th China Theatre Festival, and conducted negotiations with the Sichuan Opera Theatre of Chongqing concerning future cooperation.

Executive Council of ITI at the China Theatre Festival
November: At the invitation of the China Theatre Association, members of the Executive Council observed the 14th China Theatre Festival in Suzhou at the end of the Opening Ceremony of the ITI Headquarters and the Executive Council Session of ITI in Shanghai.

Visits to Egypt and South Africa
November/December: At the invitation of Sameh H. Mahran, president of the Cairo International Contemporary Experimental Theatre Festival (CICETF), and Kurt Egholf, Secretary General of South African Centre of ITI, a delegation from the Chinese Centre of ITI conducted exchange and cooperation negotiations with CICETF, the South African Centre and the organizing committee of the National Art Festival of South Africa.

Activities 2017

Main World Theatre Day 2016 Celebration, with Anatoli Vassiliev, in Guangzhou
March: Together with ITI and the Culture, Radio, Film, TV and Press Administration of Guangzhou Municipality, the Chinese Centre organized the World Theatre Day Celebration 2016 in Guangzhou with the presence of World Theatre Ambassador and 2016 World Theatre Day Message Author Anatoli Vassiliev. The Centre invited 25 representatives from Asia as well as various Executive Council members of ITI. This event included World Theatre Day Celebration, Asian Traditional Theatre Forum, Asian Pacific Regional Council Meeting of ITI, Chinese theatre showcase and international theatre workshops.

The Chinese Centre Introduced an Art Troupe to Perform in Hungary and Romania
April: At the invitation of National Theatre of Hungary, Jókai Theatre of Budapest and Szeged Theatre Oradea, the Chinese Centre sent a 49-member art
Department of Sports, Recreation, Arts & Culture, the National Arts Festival of South Africa has been annually held in the small town of Grahamstown since 1974 and has become the largest arts festival in Africa.

The Chinese Centre introduced a Young Stage Director to the “Asian Directors Festival” August/September: At the invitation of the Japan Performing Arts Foundation, the Chinese Centre of ITI sent a team headed by young director Ni Guangjin to the 5th Asian Directors Festival at the Toga Art Centre. Teams from different countries and regions attended the event, putting the piece Chairs by Eugène Ionesco on stage in various styles. The Chinese team made a version with strong Kunqu opera features, warmly received by the local audience and juries.

JCCEA Delegation Visited China October: At the invitation of the Chinese Centre of ITI, Komaki Kurihara, Japanese performing artist and vice president of the Japan-China Cultural Exchange Association (JCCEA), headed a delegation to visit China. During their stay, this delegation presented a monologue drama Sumako Matsui at the Juyin Theatre of Beijing People’s Art Theatre (BPAT). Sun Jiazheng, president of CILAC, Guo Yunde, vice president of CILAC, Dong Wei, vice minister of the Chinese Ministry of Culture, as well as well-known directors, actors and playwrights from within the Chinese Theatre circle watched its premiere. CILAC particularly organized an exchange meeting for the cast of this play, where experts, directors and actors from many Theatre organizations such as ITI China, BPRM and the National Theatre of China conducted a warm and friendly exchange with Komaki Kurihara.

Artistic Directors of Theatre Festivals from 16 Countries in Central and Eastern Europe Visited China October: A delegation of artistic directors of theatre festivals from 16 countries in Central and Eastern Europe, sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Culture and organized by the Chinese Centre of ITI, visited China for a two-week exchange period. The delegation observed the 18th Shanghai International Arts Festival, the 4th Wuzhen International Theatre Festival, the 1st Guangdong (International) Theatre Exhibition and the 11th China Arts Festival in Shanxi Province. In addition they conducted effective exchanges with many performing arts organizations in China. This visit has established a new platform for Theatre festival cooperation and exchange between China and Central and Eastern European countries. During the visit, the Chinese Centre of ITI and the delegation jointly discussed and planned cooperation events for a 2017 China-Central-and-Eastern-European-Countries Culture Season.

Activities 2017

Chinese Centre of ITI hosted the 1st meeting of the ITI Traditional Performing Arts Forum From June 18 till 22, together with ITI and the Cultural bureau of Ningxia Autonomous Region, ITI China organized the 1st meeting of TPATF that attracted 30 representatives from around 20 countries and regions in the field of traditional performing arts. In addition to the first meeting, it also included international and Chinese traditional theatre workshops, and Asia-Pacific Regional Council Meeting of ITI, a Chinese theatre showcase, traditional theatre networking, and much else besides.

Activities

Chinese Centre of ITI (Asia/Pacific)
Activities
Colombian Centre of ITI (Americas)

Activities 2014 - 2017

Activities 2014 (after the Congress)
World Artists’ Forum for Peace
In Santa Marta, Colombia, the 2nd Foro de Artistas del Mundo por la Paz (World Artists’ Forum for Peace) took place between 15 and 19 September 2014, and included the attendance of national and international theatre figures. The event was held over three days at the Universities of Magdalena and Sergio Arboleda and was the setting for key artistic events and reflections on the themes of conflict and post conflict.

Activities 2015

Celebration of World Theatre Day
World Theatre Day was celebrated in Santa Marta, Colombia, through a series of artistic activities including performances by theatre companies, a reading of the national and international Messages, a parade of artists. The Message was supported and shared by the Ministry of Culture nationally and internationally.

Celebration of International Dance Day
April 29, 2015, on the occasion of International Dance Day in Santa Marta, Colombia, the Ministry of Culture and all the nation's dancers paid tribute to the memory of master composer José Barros. The Colombian Centre programmed 23 dance companies and schools in the Caribbean Region. The event was supported by the Ministry of Culture and the culture department of Santa Marta District.

Activities 2016

Cultural Entrepreneurship Management Diploma
The Colombian Centre, in a contract with the Colombian Ministry of Culture and the Corporación Unificada de Colombia from 5 March to 5 July 2016 set up this management diploma for 60 practitioners from the Caribbean Region.

Celebration of World Theatre Day
For the 2016 celebration of International Theatre Day, the Colombian Centre organized an artistic programme including theatre groups, with a reading of the national and international Messages made by the actor Carlos Rodríguez Cruz, shared on the Ministry of Culture website.

Celebration of International Dance Day
On 29 April, the Colombian Centre in partnership with...
Activities
Colombian Centre of ITI (Americas)

In Santa Marta Colombia, 10 to 20 September 2016, the XXVII Festival international de theatre of the Caribbean, held in partnership between the Corporation International Festival of Caribbean theatre, Centro Colombiano ITI, the Ministry of culture, the district mayor of Santa Marta, the governorate of Magdalena and other entities, took place. 11 countries and more than 250 artists were represented, including representatives from the national ITI centres of Argentina, Brazil and the United States. There were educational and academic activities ran by teachers affiliated with ITI, such as Peter Goldfarb, Zeca Ligeiro, Lisko Turle and rattan boy of the Brazilian Center of ITI.

The Colombian Centre of ITI, in agreement with the Ministry of culture of Colombia and the school of technique in arts of Fundam conducted during the months of March to July the second version of the diploma in integrated management of cultural enterprises, which aims to benefit 50 artists from the Caribbean region in the production and management of digital contents for cultural enterprises.

The Colombian ITI Centre, in agreement with the Ministry of Culture of Colombia, governorate of Magdalena, Fundam and Fundepalma, made the first showings of Kaku Serankua, to be held during the month of May in 4 municipalities of the Department of Magdalena, an initiative that seeks to enhance and protect our country’s intangible heritage through artistic presentations based on myths, legends and stories originating from the imagination of our regions.

Activities
Congo Republic Centre of ITI (Africa)

Introduction
Traditionally, almost everywhere in sub-Saharan Africa, the financial dependence on other institutions and the absence of subsidies from the State are the two major handicaps that justify the insufficient visibility of the Congolese Centre of the ITI on the national stage. Hence, since 2012, the Office of the Centre is involved, with the cultural association L’Arche de Ngoujel, in the implementation of an activity aimed at reducing, if not eradicating, this financial dependence. In this case, it is the competition called Ngoujel Prize for a Performance Critic, created in 2011, thanks to a UNESCO grant requested by the General Secretariat of ITI. These combined realities (financial dependence and the fixing of competitions) have meant that the Centre’s programme of activities are reduced to the essentials: participation in the celebration of World Theatre Day and the International Dance Day, the organization of the competition (all the editions of which remain „experimental“ and silent, because of the lack of sponsor(s) and delivery of a message during cultural events whenever this opportunity is offered at the Centre’s office (1). Political events (the constitutional referendum in October 2015, and the presidential elections in the second quarter of 2015) and the social unrest that followed them, put artists in general, and the theatre world in particular, on technical leave for more than six months.

The struggle for a stable financial resource
This is the least we can say about this game contest on which are placed all our hopes. The activity is carried out by the association L’Arche de Ngoujel, which organizes it within the framework of the TECEJ Festival (Time for cultural effusions for education and youth.) The fundamental principle of this competition for young people (aged 11 to 25) is the preliminary publication of a questionnaire on the content and form of a scheduled performance, in order to gauge their level of comprehension and see if they have understood the covert messages conveyed by said performance. The pedagogical aspect of the activity explains the very special interest that the organizers give to schools, besides that these organized circles offer the possibility to communicate at the least cost. For example, the partnership between ministries responsible for education and youth affairs is self-evident.

Curiously, in spite of the innumerable assets and the actual holding of the „experimental“ editions, the big companies and the Organizations had continued to reserve a traumatic silence to all the requests of sponsorship. Fortunately, for the morale of the bearers of the project, the reasons for this icy behaviour that strike almost all artists are known: 1. The adage “no one is a prophet at home” seems to find a particularly resounding reply in the Republic of the Congo. The projects conceived and presented by the artists operating in the country are almost systematically underestimated by the major sponsors, the public authorities and even the public. However, as “there is no law without exception”, there is still a minority of „lucky“ in this morose climate artists...
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Activities

Congo Rep. Centre of ITI (Africa)

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Activities 2014 - 2017

2015
Siete Dramas Croatas Contemporaneos
The Argentinian publishing house, Biblios, has published translations of seven Croatian plays in Spanish, entitled Siete Dramas Croatas Contemporaneos. The tome's translator and editor was Nikola Židek, winner of the prestigious Teatro del Mundo award in 2014. The compiler of the anthology was theatrologist Darko Luke, and it includes plays by the following authors: Ivor Martinić, Dubravko Mihanović, Nina Mitrović, Ivana Sajko, Tena Šišić, Tomislav Zajec and Darko Luke.

Festival of European Drama, Argentina
The Croatian Centre of ITI, with the financial support of Croatian House, participated at the Festival of European Drama in Buenos Aires in 2014, presenting the play My Son Just Walks A Bit Slower, written by Croatian playwright Ivor Martinić and directed by Guillermo Cacace. The play was made part of the repertoire of the Apacheta Sala/Estudio Theatre. After 20 performances, due to great public interest, the theatre requested the rights to perform the play for another two years, until June 2016. This makes My Son Just Walks A Bit Slower the only play at the festival which will continue to be performed in Buenos Aires.

Croatian Theatre Showcase, Zagreb, April 2015
The Croatian ITI Centre’s traditional programme, this manifestation is a showcase of specially selected Croatian theatre and dance performances, aimed at foreign selectors who arrive in Zagreb especially for this occasion. 17 theatre professionals from China, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Algeria, Turkey, Greece, Austria, Germany, Romania, Montenegro and Serbia visited the showcase, 10 theatre and dance performances were performed, and additional sideshow programs, as well as conversations with Croatian artists, were organized as well.

International Drama Colony, From text to Stage, Grožnjan, April 2015
The International Drama Colony was organized in August 2015, in the picturesque medieval town of Grožnjan. As a coproduction with the PlayDrama Independent theatre from Split, we performed a public reading of French playwright Frederic Sonntag’s play George Kaplan, translated by Dora Slakoper, as part of a special presentation of French culture in Croatia, the Festival Rendez-vous.

Salon of Theatre Books in Madrid, November 2015
At the Salon, the Croatian Center of ITI presented its books and publications in foreign languages, as well as the Teatro Croatia publication, published for this occasion, which contains five plays by Croatian playwrights translated into Spanish by Nikola Židek and an accompanying essay about the state of Croatian drama, penned by theatrologist Matko Botić. The tome contains plays by Tomislav Zajec, Nina Mitrović, Dino Pelul, Kristina Gavan and Ivor Martinić. Future collaborations were also arranged with Spanish partners regarding the publishing of new books in Croatian and Spanish.

Activities 2016 - 2017

2016
Croatian Theatre Showcase 2016
The 11th edition of the Croatian Dance and Theatre Showcase. Selection is based on theatre and dance performances which might be of interest to selectors from abroad, possible foreign partners, critics or theatrologists who might select or write about these performances, or establish a collaboration with the Croatian theatre scene and present it abroad.

International Drama Colony: From Text to Stage, Grožnjan
The International Drama Colony is considered among one of the most attractive programmes of the Croatian ITI Centre. It was launched in 1999 with the ambition of exploring and promoting foreign and domestic plays through staged readings. The country guest/ partner was Armenia. Croatian ITI Centre invited young Armenian director Nanc Petrossian and dramaturge HoVhannes Ishkhanyan.

Život/ Kroz Dramatizaciju/ The Life Through Drama
The workshops were intended for young people from children’s home. The main goal of project is creative education about theatre performances and theories. Drama workshops were based on the Forum Theatre of Augusto Boal and lead by producer Nina Križan.

Dance Symposium 2016
Symposium was about ballet dancer Mia Čorak Slavenska and her participation at the Berlin Dance Olympics in 1996.

Workshops “How to Write About Dance?”
The workshops were about critical writing about contemporary dance intended for young authors led by the dance critic, Iva Slunjčić.

Publishing Activities

Books
Šest Argentinskih Drama (Six Argentinian Plays), 2014. Selected by theatre director Robert Aquare and translated into Croatian by Nikola Židek, this tome includes a foreword by Mr. Aquare entitled Argentine Identity and Dramaturgy.
Francuska Nova Drame (The New French Drama), 2015. This presentation of contemporary French playwrights contains plays by Lucie Depauw, David Leosco, Laurent Mauvignier and Frederic Sonntag, translated into Croatian by Iva Kalogjera, Ana Prpić, Lada Kale Feldman and Dora Slakoper.
Lada Katić: Dva i dvadeset/ Projekcije (Two And Twenty/Projections), 2015. This play was the basis of director Zrinko Ogresta’s feature film Projections. The original text is accompanied by essays about the play and the movie by theatrologist Vjekoslav Sipek and Ivana Vuković.
Nina Mitrović: Dramal/Plays, 2016. The first published book of drama from Croatian theatre scene and present it abroad.

Activities 2016 - 2017

2017
Croatian Theatre Showcase, April
The programme of the 12th Croatian Theatre Showcase focuses on the theatrical and directorial works of Oliver Fl şić, but includes other representative performances which will give you a clearer image of and insight into contemporary Croatian dramatic and theatrical theatre. It happened in two towns: Rijeka and Zagreb. The participants were from Serbia, Macedonia, Austria, Poland, Israel, Bulgaria, Spain, Italy, Estonia, Hungary and France.

Dance Committee
National Dance Center In Paris, April 2015
Dance theorist Katja Šimunić made a guest appearance at a presentation of the Croatian dance scene, with an emphasis on the works of dance artist Barbara Matijević.

Dance Symposium 2015
A four-day dance symposium was held in Zagreb. Under the title From kinesco to stoppage or Theatre Workshop “Pozdravi”, 40 Years Later, it was dedicated to theatre director, dance pedagogue and university professor Ivica Boban.

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Activities
Croatian Centre of ITI (Europe)


Hrvoje Ivanković: Držić Na Igrama/ Držić at the Festival, 2016
The book about history of Dubrovnik Summer Festival through the comedies of Marin Držić who was born in Dubrovnik (16 century) the period of the Renaissance.

Mate Matišić: Ljudi Od Voska/ The People Of Vox. 2016
The trilogy about parenthood of affirmed Croatian playwright Mate Matišić.

Mario Kovač: Udahnuti Svjetla Pozornice, 2016
The book about history of Dubrovnik Summer Festival - The trilogy about parenthood of affirmed Croatian playwright Mate Matišić.

Snježana Banović, theatre director and university theoretician and a dance professor

Supervisory Board
Marko Bošić, playwright, theatologist
Tomislav Zajec, poet, dramatist, scriptwriter and a novelist
Darko Lučić, theatologist, dramaturg, drama writer and university professor
Maja Dunovinić, dance artist, choreographer, theoretician and a dance professor
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Activities 2014 (since November)

34th World Congress of the ITI
The Cyprus Centre of the International Theatre Institute (CCOITI) participated at the World Congress of the ITI in Yerevan, Armenia. Seven members of the Centre were elected to various Committees of the ITI and Apostolos Apostolides was elected as a member of the Executive Council and as Treasurer of the Board of the ITI.

Honouring Nikos Pantelides, a pioneer of theatre in Cyprus
On the occasion of the 30th anniversary since the death of Nikos Pantelides who is considered as the “father” of theatre in Cyprus, the CCOITI, the Actors Union and the director Alexis Kleanthous organized two screenings of the documentary “Our dear Nikos”, on November 1-2 at the Zena Palace Cinema, in Nicosia.

Presentation of the edition Two Voices
Four theatre plays of Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot playwrights, December, Goethe Institut / German Cultural Centre in Nicosia.
The CCOITI presented its new edition Δύο Φωνές/ Iki Ses (Two Voices) which includes two plays of contemporary Turkish Cypriot playwrights, İmmahim Atilok, My Murderer my Victim and Leyla Ullubatlı, Paris’ Choice, as well as two Greek Cypriot plays, by Adonis Florides, Yahani Tuhan and by Yannis Aplagiou, Kardash, My Brother. The edition has been sponsored by the Representation of the European Commission in Cyprus.

Publication:
Twelfth International Symposium on Ancient Greek Drama
The CCOITI published the practical elements and the papers of the speakers at the “Twelfth International Symposium on Ancient Greek Drama” which was held in Nicosia, July 6-8, 2012. The topic of the 12th Symposium was “Wisdom from suffering? Pain, frenzy and their treatment in Ancient Greek Drama”. The Symposium was been organized by the CCOITI and the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Activities 2015

Play On!
PLAY ON! is a continuation of PLAY, the successful collaboration between CCOITI and the Cyprus Theatre Organization (THOC), aimed at stirring up the waters of the playwriting field in Cyprus and achieving more staged productions of Cypriot contemporary plays. The two partner-bodies could not ignore the success of the first PLAY edition (2012-2013) and the much needed action in playwriting development voiced by all relative bodies. Thus, CCOITI and THOC continued with PLAY ON! The project succeeded in strengthening the bonds between Cyprus theatre production and Cypriot playwrights. The long-term goal is to see these plays, shown in staged readings under PLAY ON!, produced on Professional Cypriot theatre stages.

Within the framework of the project, the organizers addressed an open call receiving new Cypriot plays or playwriting samples. A team of coaches and trained professionals, studied the plays and gave comments to the playwrights, also undertaking coaching with selected plays.
On the February 14-15, the CCOITI and THOC presented staged readings of the four plays which were considered complete without needing a coaching procedure. The seven plays chosen to undergo a coaching procedure were presented as staged readings on May 9 and 10.

With the aim of stimulating further debate on the usual problems faced by playwrights the two partner bodies invited Chrysa Spielioti from Greece to lead the playwriting workshop “Contemporary Cypriot Dramaturgy: Keys for playwriting”. The workshop, which was attended by 40 participants, took place as a parallel event of PLAY ON! on May 8.

The project was extremely well-received and successful.
Activities
Cyprus Centre of ITI (Europe)

Celebration of World Theatre Day 2015
In the context of the celebrations honoring World Theatre Day 2015, the CCOITI organized a one-day conference under the title “On Reading Playwriting” on 28 March in Nicosia. The conference was part of a series of initiatives, meetings and workshops open to theatre and performing arts professionals, aiming to support the dialogue within the theatre community. The conference aimed to shed light to the scientific dimension of direction, which is based on methodology and to open a creative dialogue between theatre people.

International Dance Day 2015
The CCOITI translated the international message and widely publicized it to the performing arts’ community of Cyprus.

2015 International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama
July 1-30: The theatre map in Cyprus was enriched during July with performances of ancient Greek drama in open-air amphitheatres such as the Ancient Odeon in Paphos, the Kurium Ancient Theatre in Limassol and the “Skali” Amphitheatre in Nicosia. All foreign language performances were sur-titled in English and Greek and all Greek language performances had English surtitles.

The “International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama” has many performances of works of great importance, which is organized by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture – Pafos2017.

The 2015 International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama” was dedicated to the memory of the unforgettable Christakis Georgiou, a special man, writer and theatre critic, who served the CCOITI as a founding member and as the President of the Board of Directors since 1983 until 2011.

EFIE Label Ceremony
July 2, 2015 at the Paphos Ancient Odeon
The CCOITI, the Cyprus Hub of EFIE, organized a ceremony for the EFIE EFIE Label 2015/2016 recipients, in order to celebrate the nomination of eleven EFIE Festival projects. Mr. Hugo De Greet, EFIE Co-Director, honored the ceremony with his presence.

New Cypriot Theatre Voices
Staged Readings of Cypriot theatre plays in Athens
In cooperation with the Embassy of the Cyprus Republic and House of Cyprus in Athens, the CCOITI organized a series of staged readings of Cypriot theatre plays in Athens under the title “New Cypriot Theatre Voices”. The activity was launched on October 26 with the staged reading of Hungry by Chalarasimos Garios, which was awarded with the Greek National Award of Playwright 2014, and was one of the plays presented in the PLAY ON! project.

Conference “21st Century Theatre in Cyprus”
December 15, at the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in Athens
The CCOITI, the Embassy of the Cyprus Republic, House of Cyprus in Athens and the Faculty of Theatre Studies at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, with the support of The Greek Play Project platform and the Hellenic Theatre Studies Association, organized a conference entitled “21st Century Theatre in Cyprus”. At the conference, which was held at the House of Cyprus in Athens, academics and theatre practitioners discussed the Cyprus Theatre Play and the Cyprus Theatre in the 21st century. The conference was attended by academics, directors, actors, dramatists, playwrights, theatre scholars and others from Cyprus and Greece.

Publications:
Theater in Cyprus 2011-2012
The bilingual yearbook, in Greek and in English language, “Theater in Cyprus” is one of the most important publications of the CCOITI. The edition Theatre in Cyprus 2011-2012 includes the Cypriot professional theatre and dance performances, which were presented in Cyprus during the period 2011-2012.

Activities 2016
PLAY ON! – the third edition
With the conclusion of the PLAY ON! project in May 2015, the CCOITI spared no efforts to visualize, design and organize the next phase of PLAY ON! After the decision of THOC to depart from the collaboration, CCOITI decided to continue, develop and reinforce PLAY ON!, aiming at furthering the development of contemporary playwriting in Cyprus.

“New Cypriot Theatre Voices”: Staged Readings of Cypriot theatre plays in Athens
In the context of the series of staged readings of Cypriot theatre plays in Athens “New Cypriot Theatre Voices”, the CCOITI in cooperation with the Embassy of the Cyprus Republic in Athens, and the House of Cyprus in Athens, organized on January 25, 2016, at the House of Cyprus in Athens, the second staged reading of the play Nitsa by Giorgos Trillides, on March 21, 2016 the play Soulmann by Stepania Stavrides and on May 24th 2016 the play Antironikos or The Painter by Eurydice Penthikou-Papadopoulou. All the plays have participated in the PLAY ON! Project (2014-2015).

New Website www.ccoitio.com
The CCOITI has a new website that is being enriched on a regular basis with old and new material, concerning the activities of the CCOITI on national and international level.

theatreCY NETWORK (Connecting Creativity)
The CCOITI inaugurated the theatreCY NETWORK (CONNECTING CREATIVITY), an online network that will offer to theatre practitioners in Cyprus a shared space for discussion, exchange of ideas, presentation of proposals, seeking assistance and promoting their artistic work. The network is hosted in the new website of CCOITI.

Celebration of World Theatre Day 2016
To mark World Theatre Day 2016, the CCOITI and the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture organized a lecture on “Translational reading of Neo-Hellenic works – Greek contemporary theater approaches” by Professor Constantin Bamba, Head of Roman, Slavic and Oriental Studies of the University Lille 3. The lecture was held at the Kastelliotissa Hall in Nicosia, on March 29.

Celebration of International Dance Day 2016
The CCOITI translated the International Dance Day Message, KARARIA (A prayer), by Lemni Pontfasso into Greek and circulated it, together with his biography to the press, dance and theatre groups and to CCOITI’s members.

2016 International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama
A rich, diverse programme of performances, based on the original texts of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Aristophanes, was presented at the Paphos Ancient Odeon, the Kurium Ancient Theatre and the Makarios III Amphitheatre in Nicosia, from the 3 until the 30 of July 2016. Limassol Theatre Development Company (ETHAL) opened the festival, presenting their artistic work. The network is hosted in the new website of CCOITI.

The official opening night of the “2015 International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama” with Europides’ tragedy Medea (produced by Theatre ENIA in collaboration with VERSUS Theatre, Cyprus) at Paphos Ancient Odeon © Photo by Foto Lakou (Paphos)
to present Oresteia, based on Aeschylus. The Festival closed with Antigone by Sophocles, staged by the 5th Season Art from Greece, directed by Themis Mounoula.

The "International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama" is co-organized by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Cyprus Centre of the International Theatre Institute and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation and has been honoured with the EFFE Label 2015/2016, as one of the best Festivals in Europe. All performances were included in the official events programme of the Organisation ‘European Capital of Culture – Pafos2017’.

International Symposium on Ancient Greek Drama

The 14th International Symposium on Ancient Greek Drama was organized by the Cyprus Centre of the International Theatre Institute and the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture on the 11th and 12th July 2016, at the A.G. Leventis Gallery, Nicosia. The topic of the fourteenth edition of the Symposium was “The lament in ancient Greek drama”. The participants explored the structure, themes, expressive conventions and the aspects of lament in ancient Greek drama, both in the dramatic texts and in their scenic representations in antiquity and modern times.

The International Symposium on Ancient Greek Drama started in 1990 as an activity of the Committee of the Cultural Identity and Development of the I.T.I.

Week of Cypriot Theatre Play in Athens 2016

The "Week of Cypriot Theatre Play in Athens" aimed once more to present and promote Cypriot dramaturgy in Greece. In the context of this year’s edition, three selected Cypriot productions of Cypriot plays were presented.

The awarded playwright Giorgos Neophytou’s latest play BOOM!, a production of Paraplevros Productions, opened the Week on October 4th, 2016, directed by Evripides Oikakis. On October 6th, 2016, the Center of Performing Arts MTOIS presented its production I was Lystratra by the awarded writer Antonios Georgiou, directed by Loukasz Walowski. The “Week of Cypriot Theatre Play in Athens” was concluded with the winner of the Greek National Award of Playwriting 2014 play Hungry by Charalampos Gannou, a Limassol Theatre Development Company’s (ETHAL) production, directed by Marina Wondro.

Publications:

Theater in Cyprus 2012-2013

The bilingual edition, in Greek and English, Theatre in Cyprus 2012-2013 includes the Cypriot professional theatre and dance performances, which were presented in Cyprus at the theatrical period 2012-2013.

Thirteenth International Symposium on Ancient Greek Drama

The CCOITI published the proceedings of the “Thirteenth International Symposium on Ancient Greek Drama", which was held in Nicosia on July 7 and 8, 2014. The topic of the thirteenth Symposium was “Dramatic and Scenic Space in Ancient Greek Drama". The Symposium, organized by the CCOITI and the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture under the auspices of Mrs Androula Vaxiou, Member of the European Commission.

Activities 2017 (until July)

PLAY ON! – the third edition (staged readings)

Six new Cypriot plays were chosen to undergo a coaching procedure and presented in staged readings on February 11th, 2017 at the Apollon THOC (Cyprus Theatre Organisation), in Nicosia. The goal of this effort was to create a bridge between the Cypriot playwrights and the theatre groups in Cyprus, in order to reinforce the staging of Cypriot plays. Indeed, a new wave of productions is developing and the results have so far been very encouraging.

“New Cypriot Theatre Voices”: Staged Readings of Cypriot theatre plays in Athens

In the context of the series of staged reading of Cypriot theatre plays in Athens “New Cypriot Theatre Voices”, the CCOITI in cooperation with the Embassy of the Cyprus Republic in Athens, House of Cyprus in Athens continues presenting the dramaturgy of Cypriot playwrights to audiences in Greece. The first presentation of the second edition of the project (2017) was the staged reading of Eva Koursoumoupis’ play, Actus Reus, on January 31, 2017 at the House of Cyprus in Athens. The play had participated in the Play ON! Project (2014-2015).

Celebration of World Theatre Day 2017

The CCOITI translated the World Theatre Day Message and the biography of Isabelle Huppert into Greek and widely publicized it to the Media, the artistic community, the wider public and the members of the CCOITI.

Celebration of International Dance Day 2017

The CCOITI translated the International Dance Day Message and the biography of its author into Greek and widely publicized it to the Media, the dance community, the wider public and the members of the CCOITI.

Cyprus Digital Stage

The CCOITI will co-operate with the research team of the programme Cyprus Digital Stage of the Open University of Cyprus, Drama Department, as an associate organization. The aim of this effort is to begin the creation of a digitized archive of performances staged in Cyprus.

2017 International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama

Enriching Cyprus theatre life for twenty years now, presenting wonderful performances based on the original texts of the three tragedians (Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides) and the comedian Aristophanes, the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the CCOITI and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation will work on this year’s edition of the Festival. As always, the festival will take place during the whole month of July in open-air amphitheatres, such as the Ancient Odeon in Paphos, the Curium Ancient Theatre in Limassol and the “Skal" Amphitheatre in Nicosia.

International Participations and co-operations

EFFE - Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe Platform (www.effe.eu) Coordinating body: European Festivals Association (EFA)

The CCOITI participates in the project “EFFE – Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe”, a new European platform, a festival community that was created to function as a meeting space for festivals that are deeply committed to the arts, interact with their communities and act as a European and global actor. EFFE is a gateway into Europe’s festivals specialized in everything cultural, it intends to broaden awareness of what’s going on in the festival world and to promote excellence and innovation.

EFFE platform is a European Festival Guide that gives the opportunity to festivals active in the 28 Member States in Europe to be recognized on EU level. Launched by the European Festivals Association (EFA), the new pilot project of the European Commission is funded by the EU.

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The CCOITI was selected as a Festival Hub in Cyprus, acting as the contact point for artists, festivals, policy-makers and local audience and is participating in this ambitious effort again in the second phase of the programme for the EFFE Label 2017-2018.

The Greek Play Project (www.greek-theatre.gr)
The CCOITI joined forces with the Greek Play Project, a dynamic platform that was created with the aim to promote Greek theatre play to the wider public, in a cooperation that seeks to introduce Cypriot playwrights to the public of Greece.

Initially the Greek play project included in its website four Cypriot playwrights who represent different generations and trends of Cypriot dramaturgy: Giorgos Neophytou, Andreas Koukides, Charalampos Giannou and Melina Papageorou. Dr Andri Constantinou initiated the academic dimension of this effort, by presenting her theoretical text on contemporary Cypriot dramaturgy. This first group of playwrights will reinforce with three more: Rina Katselli, Antonis Elettheriou, Lea Maleni, Skevos Polycarpou, Maria MANNARIDOU-KARSERA, Philippos SOFIANOS. Members: Machi DIMITRIADOU-LINDAHL, Eleftherios Georgiou and Eurydice Penkoukos-Papadopoulou.

The platform will be gradually complemented with the inclusion of more Cypriot dramaturges. This is just the beginning of a cooperation that will strengthen the cultural, social and artistic bonds between the CCOITI and The Greek Play Project.

Cyprus Centre of ITI (Europe)

Other activities in Cyprus related to ITI
Monodrama Activities in Cyprus
International Monodrama Showcase, September 2015
Cyprus Monodrama Platform, May 2016
International Monodrama Paños2017 Festival
In 2015, the European Capital of Culture Paños 2017 presented for the first time in Cyprus the First International Monodrama Showcase with 5 important shows from abroad, at the Paños Ancient Odeon. This pilot program aimed at introducing the audience of Cyprus to this theatrical genre which is being rapidly developed abroad in recent decades.

After the culmination of the First Monodrama Showcase in 2015 and the positive response of the audience, the European Capital of Culture Paños2017 organized the first National Monodrama Showcase for Cypriots living in Cyprus or abroad and foreign creators residing in Cyprus, called as the Second Monodrama Showcase 2016.

In October 2017, this process will reach its goals with the aim to promote Greek theatre play to the wider public, in a cooperation that seeks to introduce Cypriot playwrights to the public of Greece.

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*Since November 2014, Giorgos NEOPHYTOU was President until 19.2.2016, Athina KASIOU was Member until 11.2.2016 and Nikos XDURDUS was member until 24.7.2015.

Czech Centre of ITI (Europe)

Activities 2014-2017
World Theatre Day Celebration 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017
Translation and publication of ITD message, distribution via the Arts and Theatre Institute’s address list (professional and independent theatres, cultural organizations, media, publishers, art schools), the ATI website, and the ATI’s domestic and foreign address list (ca. 10 000 readers).
Publication of message in the catalogue for the Thalia Awards (announced by the Czech Actors’ Association), or reading during the awards ceremony at the National Theatre (March, annually). Reading of World Theatre Day message before performances at numerous Czech theatres, publication in theatre-promotional materials, publication in the Czech media (annually).

International Dance Day Celebration 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017
Translation and publication of IDT message, distribution via the Arts and Theatre Institute’s address list (professional and independent theatres, cultural organizations, media, publishers, art schools), the ATI website, and the ATI’s domestic and foreign address list (ca. 10 000 readers), publication of accompanying materials related to the message (videos of works by the message’s authors). Distribution of message via Dance Vision. Help spread information on International Dance Day in the Czech Republic. Stand map, flashmob, teleconference with Czech Television, public events.

Activities 2014-2017
• Meetings of the Czech Council (usually 3x per year, also meetings of working groups).
• Nominations for Ministry of Culture Awards and participation on juries (ongoing).
• Membership on the Council of Professional Artists’ Associations and participation in the council’s activities (ongoing).
Activities
Czech Centre of ITI (Europe)

• Preparation of Czech submission to the ITI publication The World of Theatre (annually).
• Preparation of Czech submission to the Japan Yearbook (annually).
• Monitoring of grant issues in the area of art and culture in the Czech Republic, support for initiatives, proposals for change, evaluations.

2015
Comments on the proposed new State Culture Policy for the years 2015-2020 (with an outlook towards 2025), approved by the resolution of Government of the Czech Republic on 15 April 2015.

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Activities
Dutch Centre of ITI (Europe)

After the closure of Theater Instituut Nederland at the end of 2012, it took some time and research before the international tasks and the Centre of the ITI founded a new place in the Netherlands. By October 2014 the international activities for the promotion of Dutch performing arts were placed under the umbrella of the Performing Arts Fund NL. With it, the Centre of the ITI the Netherlands, was placed here as well, meaning that all activities of this Centre are those of Dutch Performing Arts, and vice versa.

Activities 2014-2017

2014
Visitors programme @ Operadagen Rotterdam
Within the context of this festival, we took part in the organization of ‘Operation Music Theatre’, with pitches of young Dutch music theatre makers, and international guests.

Visitors programme @ Spring Festival Utrecht
Within the context of this festival, we co-organized a programme about emerging theatre and dance makers, visited by international presenters.

Contribution to Prague Quadriennale
We supported the Dutch delegation of scenographers, winning the most important scenography price.

Contribution and side programme Ruhrtriennale
We supported the main programme of the Ruhrtriennale along with Dutch companies, and collaborated in the creation of a side programme of Dutch artists in the Refektorium in Bochum. This is part of a three year collaboration with the Ruhrtriennale.

Cultural mission to ACC, Gwangju, South Korea
We initiated a trip with six festival presenters and six young performing artists to South Korea to get acquainted with this festival and the South-East Asian performing arts scene.

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Visitors programme @ November Music 2014
In the context of the festival we had a visitors programme aimed at promoting new Dutch music, for 12 international guests.

2015
Visitors programme @ Cadance Festival/Korzo
Through the whole dance festival 46 international visitors saw the works of Dutch and foreign companies and choreographers.

Showcase and Visitors programme @ Classical: NEXT/De Doelen
We presented both a showcase and a visitors programme for international guests within the conference Classical: NEXT, held in Rotterdam. The aim was to promote classical music, attended by decision makers in the field of classical music.

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Moving Meetings Dance
We initiated and created a big showcase platform for dance in the context of the Dutch Dance Festival, aimed at the promotion of Dutch dance abroad.

November Music 2015
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Conferences
We sent delegations of Dutch artists and decision makers to conferences and showcase festivals like WOMEX, Mama, Jazzzahead, Reeperbahn, and the North Side Festival.

Visitors programmes
We invited international guests to several festivals, like Eurosonic Noorderslag, Gaudeforum, Dutch Theatre festival, Rotterdam Beats.

2016
Visitors programme @ PopArts festival
During PopArts festival, the international festival for puppet and object theatre, presented pitch sessions and a visitors programme for international guests.

Visitors programme @ Classical:NEXT in combination with Operadagen Rotterdam
Because Classical:NEXT and Music Theatre Now as part of Operadagen Rotterdam were happening in the same period, we presented both a showcase and a visitors programme for international guests within these events, as well as the opening programme of Classical:NEXT. The aim was to promote both Dutch classical music and music theatre. Besides the delegates of Classical:NEXT a group of about 35 decision makers attended both showcase and festival.

Visitors programme @ IETM Amsterdam
During the IETM-edition in Amsterdam we strongly supported the programme with a financial contribution for more than 400 international artists and guests.

Dutch focus @ Norfolk & Norwich Festival, UK
We collaborated with this festival in the presentation of music and theatre performances, and a side programme with international visitors.

Visitors programme @ Spring Festival Utrecht
In this festival we co-organized a programme about emerging theatre and dance makers, visited by international presenters.

Visitors programme and showcase @ Moving Meetings Dance
We initiated and created a showcase platform with broad side programme for dance in the context of Julidans festival in Amsterdam, aimed at the promotion of Dutch dance abroad.

Dutch focus @ Theater aan Zee Festival, Belgium
We collaborated in the field of promoting young and upcoming Dutch theatre and dance artists by supporting this festival Theater aan Zee with a more clear Dutch focus.

Contribution and side programme Ruhrtriennale
We supported the main programme of the Ruhrtriennale with the programming of Dutch companies, and collaborated in the creation of a side programme of Dutch artists in the Refektorium in Bochum.

Project in Brazil
Together with several other Dutch cultural funds and organizations we initiated and organized in the context of the Olympics games in Rio de Janeiro, an artist driven project, called HOBRA, in close collaboration with Tempo Festival.

Visitors programme and showcase @ Flemish theatre festival
Together with Flanders Institute for the Arts we organized Highlights from the Lowlands, an annual showcase and pitch programme about Flemish and Dutch theatre, meant for international presenters.

Showcase and visitors programme of children’s theatre with ASSITEJ NL
Together with ASSITEJ NL we created a showcase of theatre for young audiences, with the focus of cultural diversity, including a conference about this subject.

Visitors programme and showcase @ Dutch Delta Sounds
We created a showcase programme around World Music for international programmes.

Visitors programme and showcase @ October Music
We created a special focus on jazz together with Bimhuis Amsterdam and had more than 30 delegates from important international jazz venues and festivals.

Dutch Focus @ RomaEuropa festival
We supported a Dutch focus of 3 dance companies at the RomaEuropa festival, as part of a more-year Dutch collaboration.

Visitors programmes @ several Jazz festivals
We organized visitors programmes at important Jazz festivals, like Jazz International Rotterdam, North Sea Jazz, Zomerjazelfestestival.

November Music 2016
In the context of the festival we had a visitors programme aimed at promoting new Dutch music, for international guests.

Conferences
We sent delegations of Dutch artists and decision makers to conference and showcase festivals like WOMEX, BabelMed, Jazzzahead, Reeperbahn, and Puy.
Visitors programmes

We invited international guests to several festivals, like Gaudeamus, Noorderzon Festival, E-Moves, Eurosonic Noorderslag, ADE beats.

2017

Cultural mission to Platea of Santiago a Mil Festival, Chile

We initiated a trip with six festival presenters and two artists to Chile to get acquainted with this festival and the South-American performing arts scene.

Visitors programme @ Cadance Festival/Korzo

Through the whole dance festival 46 international visitors saw work of Dutch and foreign companies and choreographers.

Dutch focus @ Sick! Festival UK

In the context of this festival we supported, as part of a programme, the presentation of 6 artists from the Netherlands to perform in this festival.

Activities 2014-2016

Activities 2015

World Theatre Day 2015 Celebration

March 27: At the state theatre venue “El-Ayam” (floating theatre), the World Theatre Day message - translated to Arabic - was presented by the prominent playwright Lenin Farajly in the presence of the Egyptian minister of culture. Former secretary general of the Centre and prominent scenographer Hazem Shebl, extended his duties to establish a union for Arab scenographers.

Play Reading program

October 2015: At the Centre’s premises, a programme of play readings was created, with readings taking place on a monthly basis. The first event was a reading of a play by Yasser Allam which was introduced by the secretary general of the Centre, Nora Amin, and this was followed by a discussion with the audience. The success of the concept inspired several theatre venues to implement a similar program, including the National Theatre.

December 2015: The second play reading event was presented at the Centre’s premises by playwright Mohamed Abouelseoud, who was introduced by the prominent theatre critic and poet, Girgis Shoukry (a board member of Egypt’s ITI Centre).

Activities 2016

Theatre Criticism Workshop

February 9-18: “Oasis for Arts and Training” (a newly launched independent performing arts space in downtown Cairo), hosted a theatre criticism workshop which was conducted by board member and theatre critic Dr. Mohamed Samir Elkhatteeb.

Egyptian Participation at “Al-Fujairah Arts’ Festival”

February 2016: President of the centre, Prof. Dr. Nehad Selaha, along with board member and theatre critic Dr. Samaa Habib, attended and participated in numerous events related to the ITI and its Arab and African sections.

World Theatre Day 2016 Celebration

March 27: The World Theatre Day message was translated into Arabic and was presented by the prominent theatre critic, Professor Hoda Wasfi, at the Hanayer Arts Centre.

Egyptian Youth Festival: “The South’s Creativity”

Artistic support was given to the first edition of the Egyptian Youth festival “The South’s Creativity” held in Upper Egypt on 13 April 2016, with the guest of honor being Essam Elsayed, a prominent theatre director and Vice-President of the Centre.

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Facebook page

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Activities
Estonian Centre of ITI (Europe)

World Theatre Day celebration 2015. President of the Estonian Republic Toomas-Hendrik Ilves (left) is giving Best Production Annual Award to Lembit Peterson (right) who is director of Theatrum theatre company.

Photo Credit: Harri Rospu/ Estonian National Opera.

Activities 2014–2016

2014
The 2nd edition of the *draamamaa.weekend* showcase was held from 14-16 November. Guests from Finland, Sweden, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, Russia, Austria, Slovakia were shown performances at Theatre NO 99, Cabaret Rizome, Kanuti Saal and other Estonian theatres.

2015
27 March: *World Theatre Day* celebration took place in the National Opera building, and the national annual theatre awards were announced at the event.

29 April: *International Dance Day* was celebrated at the Viljandi Dance Week and in Tallinn. The next day, it was marked at the Theatre Vanemuine and on 3 May in the National Opera.

8 May: In association with the Estonian Architecture Centre, we hosted a conference on the theme of *theatre|space*

7 June: We welcomed international guests at the Tallinn Treff Festival which was held June 4-7.

September: The Baltic Theatre Forum was held in cooperation with Estonian Theatre Festival Draama, with new writing showcased for guests from Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Russia, Italy and the Czech Republic.

A conference on the subject of new writing in three Baltic countries was held on 11 September.

September: The Yearbook *Teatrielu 2014* was published in cooperation with the Estonian Theatre Union and was launched in Tartu.

September: Readings of new Estonian plays took place in Saint Petersburg (Russia) in collaboration with the Alexandra Theatre.

16 October: A conference on theme *theatre|text* was held on the premises of the Estonian Writer’s Union. After the conference, the winners of the national writing competition organized by Estonian ITI Centre, were announced.

November: The showcase festival *draamamaa.weekend* took place in Tallinn, in November 10 – 12. There were nine performances from eight Estonian theatres in the programme, for example NO99, Kanuti Saal, Tartu New Theatre, Theatrum and others.

2016
12 February: Readings of two new Estonian plays took place in Tampere Telakka theatre in Finland.

27 March: *World Theatre Day* celebration was held in the recently renovated and reopened theatre Ugala in Viljandi. The national annual theatre awards were announced.

Board of the Estonian ITI Centre:
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Activities
Estonian Centre of ITI (Europe)

27 March: *World Theatre Day* celebration was held in Theatre NO99 where the national annual theatre awards were announced.

September: Yearbook *Teatrielu 2015* was published in cooperation with the Estonian Theatre Union. International guests were welcomed at the festival *Draama 2016* in Tartu.

15 October: A conference *theatre|translation* was organized together with Estonian Writer’s Union and Estonian Drama Theatre.

November: The showcase festival *draamamaa.weekend* took place in Tallinn, in November 10 – 12. There were nine performances from eight Estonian theatres in the programme, for example NO99, Kanuti Saal, Tartu New Theatre, Theatrum and others.

2017
12 February: Readings of two new Estonian plays took place in Tampere Telakka theatre in Finland.

27 March: *World Theatre Day* celebration was held in the recently renovated and reopened theatre Ugala in Viljandi. The national annual theatre awards were announced.
Activities
Faroese Islands Centre of ITI (Europe)

Activities 2014–2016

The Faroe Islands received ITI membership in March 2014. This past year, our main focus has been to help prepare for the bi-annual “Nordic Performing Arts Days” festival (May 24-28, 2016), with the capital Torshavn as the host city. The festival is a diverse celebration of Nordic theatre, dance, workshops and seminars.

Even with a small theatre environment, as the Faroese, we undertook the great task of hosting this festival. This has been helped by some ITI board members participating in the management of the festival, while our closest ITI neighbours – the Nordic countries – are also supporters of the Festival.

See www.nordicperformingartsdays.fo for more information about the Festival.

To work closely together with all parties is the faroese way to do theatre; for ITI Føroyar, our main goal is to establish ITI as the obvious link between the Faroes and abroad.

Besides the Nordic Performing Arts Days, we are also working alongside the Faroese Actors’ Union with the Ministry of Culture to develop the professional circumstances for the arts in Faroe Islands in general. This work has been going on for a while, and we look forward to ITI as an external international organisation to assist us in this regard.
Activities

Finnish Centre of ITI (Europe)

Activities 2014–2016

The Centre is a Finnish theatre information centre acting on a national and international basis. TINFO cooperates with professional theatre artists, directors, producers and festival managers. TINFO facilitates artistic networks by organizing events, seminars, workshops, drama readings, and showcases in cooperation with different partners in Finland and abroad. TINFO publishes yearly Finnish theatre statistics. TINFO produces material and advice on international mobility, international networks, artist exchanges and Finnish theatres and artists. TINFO offers drama translation grants which are intended to support younger playwrights as well as translation of Finnish plays which have not been translated to any other languages. TINFO runs international and national projects and produces various publications on the Finnish performing arts. TINFO delivers electronic newsletters in Finnish, Swedish, English, and in German.

Selected Projects:
The Centre (together with the Theatre Museum) is responsible for the Finnish Theatre Database which collates all Finnish performances and maintains many other databases (New Plays from Finland, Drama Translation Database).

The Centre is responsible for statistical information regarding the Finnish performing arts. The Theatre Statistics include all the regularly operating professional theatres, which employ full-time professional staff throughout the year and have regular performance activities. The statistics include income and expenditure statistics, personnel statistics, performance and spectator statistics, statistics on theatres outside the financing law (free groups), dance and circus performance and audience statistics. TINFO has made several surveys on the status of freelance performing artists.

TINFO coordinated a Finnish-Russian theatre cooperation project “Zavod-Savotta” 2013–2015 supported by the Ministry of Education and Culture in Finland, Embassy of Finland in Moscow and the participating theatres in both countries. It consisted of two different forms of activity: Finnish partners meeting and organizing guest performances with independent theatre groups from St. Petersburg, Chekhov Moscow Art Theatre’s project “Finnish Theatre First Time in Russian” and the cooperation “Savotta-DvA” project started in the year 2016.

Celebration of the World Theatre Day. Drama reading The Maidan Diaries (by Natalia Vorozhbyt) and panel discussions around the situation in Ukraine were organized in collaboration with The Finnish National Theatre and Finnish PEN. The play reading and the discussion on the artists’ responsibility, ethics and freedom of expression was well received and got public attention. TINFO Awards 2014 ceremonies were held during the same occasion. The message was read on stage (both in Finnish and Swedish) all over Finland. Seminars and workshops on various themes:

Performance and Ecology – Case Finland (2015), Berlin
Organized by TINFO in cooperation with Theatre Academy of the University of Arts Helsinki; Performance Design on/at/the Edge workshop with European partners in Prague (PZ) and in Helsinki; The Revolution in the Theatre (seminar together with Lounaajottomat (Outlaw festival and Finnish Theatre Centre). The future of theatre work? (seminar together with other theatre organizations).

TINFO organized TINFO Encounter expert meetings, and mentoring clinics and networking sessions and expert study trips abroad with international performing artists and their Finnish colleagues. #ilyTheatre social media campaign which TINFO started to organize with other theatre organizations in spring 2016. Theatres, theatre groups and performing artists from across Finland joined audience members to celebrate #ilyTheatre on Twitter.

Publications 2015 (also available digitally)
TINFO News – Sustainability, Resilience and Performance Utopias
TINFO News – Bestandigkeit, Nachhaltigkeit und Performance-Utopien
Novosti TINFO – моя и ваши финского театра
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Activities

Finnish Centre of ITI (Europe)

World Theatre Day 2015. Drama reading of The Maidan Diaries (by Natalia Vorozhbyt) and the situation in Ukraine. In picture (from left to right): Johannes Holopainen, Pinta Penttinen, Ylenni Rajamaa, Niina Koponen, Antti Reini, Kaia Mattila.

Photo: Piia Volmar (TINFO)

World Theatre Day 2015. Panel discussion around The Maidan Diaries (by Natalia Vorozhbyt) and the situation in Ukraine. In picture (from left to right): Sirpa Räikkönen, author and the chairman of Finnish PEN, Juha Isokallio, playwright and director of The Maidan Diaries, Natalia Vorozhbyt, Eero Bäkk, translator.

Photo: Lotta Vaulo (CircusInfo Finland)

World Theatre Day 2015. DuuTeatern, the winners of the Thalia Award 2014 (by TINFO).

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Activities
Fujairah UAE Centre of ITI (Arab Countries)

Activities 2015

140th ITI Executive Council Session
Fujairah, 20-22 February 2015
Fujairah ITI Centre hosted the 140th ITI EC meeting and session in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates. The sessions were presided by President Mohamed Al Afkham and his Vice-Presidents, and were attended by all Executive Council members.

World Theatre Day 2015 Celebration
Fujairah ITI Centre celebrated World Theatre Day by inviting the author of the World Theatre Day message - Polish director Krzysztof Warlikowski - to visit Fujairah and celebrate the event with local artists and theatre experts. The event included a screening of a short film (8 minutes long) by Warlikowski that was followed by a welcoming address delivered by ITI President Mohammed Saif Al Afkham. Krzysztof Warlikowski read the World Theatre Day message in English, and Naji Al Hai read its Arabic translation. The event also included a theatrical performance entitled “Ghadan” (Tomorrow), produced by Hamad Bin Abdullah High School and featuring a number of its students.

7th Fujairah School Theatre Festival
19-23 April 2015
The 7th cycle of the annual Fujairah Schools Theatre Festival was held during April 2015 and sponsored by H.H. Sheikh Dr. Rashid bin Hamad Al Sharqi, FCMA’s Chairman. The festival was organized by Fujairah ITI Centre, Fujairah Culture and Media Authority and Fujairah Educational Zone with participation from all the government schools in Fujairah (both males and females schools). The plays were staged in both Dibba Al Fujairah theatre and the theatre of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Development in Fujairah with a Jury that comprised local and regional theatre experts. The festival ended with an awards ceremony attended by prominent Arab artist Naif Al Fihadi.

Maintenance works at Dibba Theatre and Monodrama House Theatre
Fujairah ITI Centre funded maintenance works at Dibba Theatre and Monodrama House Theatre in Dibba city. The two theatres were also provided with new lighting and sound systems and equipments.

Winners of the 5th Arab Playwriting Award Announced
Organized by Fujairah ITI Centre and FCMA with 167 entries, the 1st prize (USD 15,000) was won by Jordanian Mefleh Al Adwan for the text “Elegy for the Fifth String”, 2nd prize (USD 12,000) was won by Egyptian writer Abdul Momen Abdul Aal for the text “Pinocchio the Shepherd”, and 3rd prize (USD 8,000) was won by Syrian writer Hussam Hannouf for the text “Room on the Roof”. The 1st prize winning text was produced by FCMA and staged as the opening show of the 7th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival. Awards were distributed during the opening ceremony of the 1st Fujairah International Arts Festival.

Activities 2016

• New production in cooperation with Theatre Painted Bird Company “Rumination” – premiered 21/2/2016 as part of Fujairah International Arts Festival.
• New production "Elegy for the Fifth String” – premiered 23/2/2016 as part of Fujairah International Arts Festival.
• Fujairah International Arts Festival, February 19-29: The first edition of the Fujairah International Arts Festival was held during February 2016, and included the 7th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival. The festival began with a dance theatre show titled “Rise of Glory” and from 20-28 February fourteen monodrama shows from 11 countries were performed.
• Hosted the 142nd ITI EC meeting and the Joint Committees-EC meeting during the Fujairah International Arts Festival on 21/2/2016 and 22/2/2016.
• Hosted the first ITI Arab Council meeting on 23/2/2016 during which the Arab Regional Office of ITI was announced.
• The winner of the Fujairah “Valery Khazanov” Monodrama Award was Mr Pip Utton for his show “Playing Maggie” which was staged at the Dibba Theatre during the 7th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival. ITI President Mohamed Al Afkham and H.E. Thani bin Ahmad Al Zeyoudi, the UAE Minister of Environment, presented the award.

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Websites, info-platforms and project sites:
- www.iti-germany.de/theaterarchive
- www.musictreatment2015.iti-germany.de
- www.playservice.net
- www.tanzplattform.de
- www.iti-artistsrights.iti-germany.de
- www.szenenwechsel.org
- www.mimecentrum.de
- www.theaterderwelt.de
- www.facebook.com/iti.germany
- www.iti-germany.de

Activities
2014
- November-December: Europe for Festivals - Festivals for Europe (EFFE, EU-Projekt). ITI Germany served as the German hub and was forming and organizing the national jury to rate the German festivals applying for the European Festival Guide and the Festival competition (www.effe.org)

2015
- Whole year: Music Theatre Now competition
- March: World Theatre Day Prize was awarded to the theatre scholar, Joachim Fiebach
- May: Translators’ Workshop, Mülheim with 10 participants from Argentina, Taiwan, Serbia, Belarus, India, Ukraine, Poland, Russia, Portugal and Estonia
- June: ITI Germany decided on Hamburg as the host city of the Theater der Welt festival in 2017
- July: Members Annual Assembly, 3 – 5 July in Hanover; Open Space with ITI members on the future of the ITI work
- September: Launched ITI Yearbook “Verständigung – Verständigung”
- October: ITIGeethe-Institute Round Table at Kammerpresse Munich with more than 50 representatives of German theatres, theatre groups, funding bodies and city administrations about the possibilities and capacities of theatres to welcome refugees in Germany.
- November: Round table with EU-funded project representatives on European cultural funding programme “Creative Europe”. Structured feedback provided to the German federal government
- December: Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the German ITI centre, 26.11.2015, Berlin, Academy of Arts
- December: ITI Germany was the organizer of the first edition of the Federal German Theatre Prize

2016
- January–May: Music Theatre Now documentation of the competition and presentation of the winners, while also archiving the entries.
- March: World Theatre Day Prize awarded to Swiss director and author Willo Rau.
- April: Annual Members Meeting and board election
- May: 35th World Congress

Ongoing projects 2014–16
- The Role of the Independent Theatre in Contemporary European Theatre: Structural and Aesthetic Changes, Research project funded by the International Balzan Foundation Topic: Forms and structures of contemporary independent theatre developed in Europe since the 1960s.
- Touring Artists: Online information platform for touring artists in and to Germany “Touring artists info”, connected with a free consultancy for artists and groups.
- Szenenwechsel: Funding programme in cooperation with the Robert Bosch Foundation to stimulate and establish lasting international partnerships between theatres and groups in the German-speaking region and partners from North Africa or Eastern Europe.
- Mime Centrum Berlin: Studio for production, training, open place of cooperation and international exchange. A public media library offers access to extensive documentation on dance and theatre. The MCB is a permanent project of the German ITI centre
- Membership in European networks: ICTA, Culture Action Europe, ENICPA, On The Move
- Membership in national networks: German Cultural Council (Deutscher Kulturrat), nationwide Coalition for Cultural Diversity at German UNESCO Commission (Bundesweite Koalition Kulturelle Vielfalt)

Support for ITI Committees and Forums
- Executive Council (Joachim Lux)
- MTC (Poland: Quitt, Axel Tangerding, Christian Grammel), project Music Theatre Now
- CIDC (Matthias Gehrt, Alexander Stillmark)
- NPG (Günther Beelitz, Frank Düwel)
- Playwrights Forum (Andrea Zagorski)
- One Man Show Forum (Annette Dufrêne)
- IFF (Corinna Bethge)
- ACAR (Thomas Engler)
- UNESCO-Cultural Diversity (Dieter Welke)
- AkzEnt Research Centre of the ITI (Christine Schmalz, Jurij Alschütz)

Activities
German Centre of ITI (Europe)

The 60th Anniversary of German Centre of ITI

ITI member Christel Gbagoudi at the 60th Anniversary of German Centre of ITI
Photo by Anne John
Activities
Ghana Centre of ITI (Africa)

Activities 2014–2016
The National Theatre of Ghana is an agency mandated by Government to develop and promote the performing Arts in Ghana through cost-effective production of classical and contemporary live stage and televised performances which project positive national values and the African personality. The Ghana ITI operates in the domain of The National Theatre, operating with existing programs and creating new projects.

World Theatre Day 2014
As part of activities marking World Theatre Day, the National Theatre used the opportunity to launch the 2014 ‘Comedy Series’ in Accra. It is a program for young talented comedians to showcase their works on stage with a live audience on a monthly basis. (www.ghanainlifenews.com/the-ghanana-national-theatre-celebrates-world-theatre-daypress-release/)

Children’s Theatre Programme
Funworld is a theatrical programme with performances created and performed by children for children. Funworld was initiated in the 1990s to entertain and educate children through drama, music, dance, rap music, poetry recitals and quizzes, amongst others. It is presented on the last Sunday of each month, with selected themes that are prompted by the United Nations Day’s celebrations. The programme’s target groups are pupils in Basic and Junior High School between 5 and 16 years. The goals of the programme are to:
- discover young talent and nurture them into modern-day arts professionals
- entertain, educate and inform audiences on social issues through the arts
- grow an artistic pool for the entertainment industry
- teach young people to appreciate the arts industry.

Spoken Word Competition
TEEN SLAM GHANA is a spoken word competition for Junior and Senior High schools to encourage them to write and present insightful poetry, while inculcating a love for poetry and improving basic writing skills. The competition takes place during the schools’ academic calendar.

Indigenous Theatre CONCERT PARTY: our flagship programme for years, is a presentation of an indigenous theatre performance that employs music, dialogue, dance and comedy in a drama backed by live band music to educate, entertain and inform audiences. Local languages are employed with the Akan dialect as the major language used.

It was introduced as part of the Theatre’s programming to:
- promote the good cultural traits of the Ghanaian personality
- discover, nurture and promote raw talents to create a talent pool for theatre and the local movie industry
- grow an audience base for all live stage performances in our various local dialects.

World Poetry Day
The National Theatre celebrated this day, March 21, 2015 by organizing the finals of the Teen Slam Ghana Series. Three schools from two areas in Ghana (Accra & Tema) were selected to participate in this finale on the theme for this year’s world poetry day.

World Theatre Day
World Theatre Day 2015 was observed with students from New Horizon Special School, a school for children with autism. The idea behind this was to create the awareness that theatre can be used as therapy and to affirm the statement that “Disability is not Inability”. The National Drama Company and the National Dance Company performed a sketch from R.A. Cantey’s “Ghana Motsoy” which touches on patriotism and solidarity amongst the youth and it was chaired by the Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts.

International Dance Day
The National Dance Company with support from the National Theatre of Ghana organized traditional dance performances at Accra Psychiatric Hospital on April 29, 2015. In fulfilment of our social responsibility, a workshop was also organized for patients, doctors, nurses and workers of the hospital on the rudiments of dance in addition to the donation of clothes, sanitary ware, etc from the staff of the National Theatre of Ghana.

Musical heritage
Agboo Ye Fi Tri (Highlife Time Live Band Music) is a live band programme that partners the National Security Services Band under the Ministry of Interior and a highlife musician to showcase a live band musical performance in an Amphitheatre (open bar theatre setting). The aim of this programme is to re-introduce our old melodic musical genre back onto the music market by giving the old and prominent highlife musicians a platform to give the audience a taste of a cultural heritage that has placed Ghana on the global stage for many years.

Local to Global
The Ghana Centre came up with a plan to add some level of international appeal to our local content in terms of our staged performances. This led to the development of works like:
- NO RULES, an Afro contemporary dance piece based on Efo Kodjo Mawugbe’s “In the Chest of a Woman”, which was a collaboration between the National Theatre of Ghana, the French Embassy in Ghana and Institut Frances. This dance piece was choreographed by Joseph Aka and was performed by dancers from Ghana and Ivory Coast. It was staged on April 30, 2015.
- MOTHER’S TEARS: was a play written by the legendary Ghanaian writer Kwaw Ansaah, directed by Vivian Agbode Boating. This was a collaborative work between the National Theatre of Ghana, National Drama Company (Mbiigromma) and the United Artists to celebrate our mothers on Mother’s Day. It was performed on May 9-10, 2015.
- DIEMA was a collaborative work between the National Theatre of Ghana, the National Dance Company, the National Symphony Orchestra with choreographers from the University of Ohio and Azooguru to produce three nights of explosive live staged Ghanaian contemporary dance performances and music. This was staged from June 18-20, 2015. Workshops were also organized for dance choreographers and dancers by artists from the USA and China.
- Flagstaff House: The National Theatre collaborated with the Hycetal Multimedia and Nyansapor Productions to stage a satirical play that will give young comedians the opportunity to showcase their talent on a bigger and grander stage. This was staged on July 3, 2015.

Ghana Theatre Festival
Created by ITI Ghana, the 7-day festival (October 12-18, 2015) is supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts, with a three-fold programme:
- workshops for up-coming artists to develop their skills in the Creative Arts
- to educate creative artists on the importance of marketing works
- to showcase the best of works by professional artists in the area and at the same time.

Activities
Ghana Centre of ITI (Africa)
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Kiddafest (Accra International Kids Festival)

This annual festival has been in existence for the past 20 years and is supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Creative Arts and Ghana Education Service (GES). The programme is organized annually to help encourage new talents, nurture, motivate young talented kids and to also develop a young audience base that appreciates the creative arts. The 2015 Festival was held on 21st December 2014 at the Ghana Theatre Festival 2016 is scheduled from November 25-29. The purpose of this one-day conference was to present recent performing arts projects that took place in outdoor and public spaces; these projects were part of the Hellenic's National Participation at the 13th Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space.

Upcoming Events for 2016

- World Theatre Day (Akkaba), a play on teen pregnancy with the emphasis on taking care of the baby post-delivery, will be performed by the resident drama company in a deprived community on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016.
- Nana Ampadu's 50th anniversary in show business: the legendary highlife maestro Nana Kwame Ampadu will collaborate with the Theatre in celebrating this milestone on May 21, 2016.
- Ghana Theatre Festival 2016 is scheduled from September 26th to October 2nd. Auditions for participating groups are underway.

Board members

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Hon. Dafa Gomashie (Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts, Ebo Whyte (Playwright/Theatre Producer)

Activities
Hellenic Centre of ITI (Europe)

Second and Third “Ekfrasi Athina” Festivals

The City of Athens and the Cultural, Sports and Youth Organization promotes new creations through this annual festival which was held from September 3 – 11, 2014 in the open-air theatre of Koumovdakou Square, and in 2015 from September 30 – October 4 in the Stretis Hall open-air theatre. The Hellenic Centre of the ITI, in collaboration with the City of Athens and the Cultural, Sports and Youth Organisation in these festivals. This joint action opened an artistic dialogue with the residents of deprived areas of the city through the free public presentation of the works of young artists and theatre and dance ensembles. The “Ekfrasi Athina” Festival has acquired the EFFE Festival Label from the “Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe” programme, a new network which connects cultural networks and festivals through Europe.

Forum of Contemporary Dramaturgy

The Hellenic Centre of ITI organizes an annual Forum of Contemporary Dramaturgy in which the plays of international dramaturgy that have never been performed before in Greece, are presented as staged readings, in Greek with theatre professionals as the primary audience. The tenth Forum of Contemporary Dramaturgy is scheduled for spring 2016.

Post-Forum Student Festival

Following the Forum of Contemporary Dramaturgy, a Post-Forum Student Festival is held, and it includes new Greek plays. The second Post-Forum Student Festival was held on 21st December 2014 at the Michael Cacoyannis Foundation. Five new Greek plays were presented for first time in the form of staged readings by students of drama schools and theatrical workshops in Athens.

Hellenic ITI participates in the 13th Prague Quadrennial

The Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space is the most important global exhibition in the field of Performance Space, Scenography and Stage Architecture. The Quadrennial has been held every four years since 1967 and the Hellenic ITI Centre has collaborated with the exhibition since 1991. In 2015, the 6th Hellenic participation in the Prague Quadrennial was under the auspices of the Hellenic National Commission for Unesco, the Greek Theatre Designers Association and the Hellenic Theatre Studies Association. Between 18-28 June, Greece was represented by 20 artists participating in 27 projects, 240 students from 9 schools and three live performances.

National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF)


“From Practice to Theory of Performing Arts”

Athens System 2014, Hellenic Performing Arts Platform

The Athens System aims to promote Hellenic theatre and dance productions abroad. The 2014 platform (November 25-29) was the fourth time that it was staged since 2007. It was held under the auspices of EUNIC (European Union of National Institutes for Culture), and was attended by artistic directors and curators of international festivals, promotors and cultural organizations that have the ability to invite performances to their own countries.


This programme aimed to promote a fruitful scientific dialogue to strengthen the exchange of the international performing arts community through three actions:

Conference: New spatialities: design for outdoors/open performance space

November 1st, 2014, Michael Cacoyannis Foundation

The purpose of this one-day conference was to present recent performing arts projects that took place in outdoor and public spaces; these projects were part of the Hellenic’s National Participation at the 13th Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space.

Interdisciplinary Conference: The Performer in the 21st Century

March 30th, 2015, Michael Cacoyannis Foundation

The main theme of this conference was the presentation of structural correlations between performance, visual arts, new technologies, science, bio-art and choreographic research in order to explore the transformations and the shifting role of the Performer in the 21st century.

International Dance Conference: Cut and Paste: Dance advocacy in the age of austerity

Dates and venues: June 9-7, 2015, Michael Cacoyannis Foundation and “Teatron”, Hellenic Cosmos Cultural Centre

The Hellenic Centre of the ITI in collaboration with the organizations Society of Dance History Scholars (SDHS) and the Congress of Research in Dance (CORD), and under the auspices of the Association of Greek Choreographers, organized for the first annual International Dance Conference in Greece, with more than 350 academics, keynote speakers and teachers from Greece and abroad participating in the event.
Activities

Hellenic Centre of ITI (Europe)

The database of Performing Arts in Greece covers theatre performances, Dance, Performance, Opera, Music Theatre, Cabaret, Mime, Puppet, Shadow Theatre and Circus.

The aim of the database is the identification and utilization of already recorded material from the archive of the National Centre for Theatre and Dance till its abolition in 2010, and further to strengthen research, data collection, the continuous updating of public and related bodies in Greece and internationally on Hellenic Performing Arts. The database is addressed to professionals and researchers of performing arts in Greece and abroad, and will be constantly updated to include the subarchives: Artists, Institutions, Theatre Plays and Performances.

CHOROS: International Dance Journal

Vol 4, May 2015

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2014: Szeged, National Theatre of Szeged

Hevesi Sándor Prize

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Publication:

We compiled two English language newsletters in the last two years in which we promoted mostly the current performances of the member theatres, one from each theatre. Based on this principle, not only the member theatres but also other significant events or performances from the Hungarian theatre life will be featured in the newsletters.

The Hungarian Centre requested the help of the Dramaturgs’ Guild to prepare a list with short synopses of the plays submitted to our office and published in different magazines. This task was done voluntarily by some members of the Guild and the Hungarian ITI Centre disseminated it to the dramaturges.

Activities

Hungarian Centre of ITI (Europe)

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During the World Theatre Day celebration the Hevesi Sándor Prize-giving ceremony also takes place, and is awarded to three theatre personalities who contributed the most in the increase of international recognition of the Hungarian theatre. Following the decision of the Executive Committee of the Hungarian Centre, not only the member theatres are asked to suggest candidates but all Hungarian theatres and professional organizations are invited to submit nominations. We took this decision because the prize has been attaining more and more prestige during the past years and it is now a cause that engages the whole Hungarian theatre field. The theatres in these years proved to be willing to take a very active role in the nomination. The board, composed of delegates by the Ministry of Human Capacities and the ITI Hungarian Centre, reached a decision based on these suggestions. The prize winners’ names were widely publicized in the daily newspapers and many internet sites.

Publication:

We compiled two English language newsletters in the last two years in which we promoted mostly the current performances of the member theatres, one from each theatre. Based on this principle, not only the member theatres but also other significant events or performances from the Hungarian theatre life will be featured in the newsletters.

The Hungarian Centre requested the help of the Dramaturgs’ Guild to prepare a list with short synopses of the plays submitted to our office and published in different magazines. This task was done voluntarily by some members of the Guild and the Hungarian ITI Centre disseminated it to the dramaturges.

Other activities

On the request of the organizers of the National Festival of Theatres in Pécs (HOSZTI), we have made our suggestions for the international jury of the festival, also carrying out the organizing and communicational work which pertained to this.

Long-term project

Being vigilant of the changes in the Hungarian theatre life, especially seeing the spectacular recent developments in puppetry for youth and children’s theatre performances, we have initiated a project application to the European Union, together with the Hungarian Theatre Museum and Institute, as members of an international consortium. The aim of the project is to bring to life a virtual international puppet museum while also developing methods of theatre pedagogy. The Hungarian Centre of ITI decided to participate in the project because it was convinced that this project can be a long-term cooperation of great interest for Hungarian theatre life, in which the Hungarian Centre, with its broad international experiences, can enhance the success of the research, spreading our name and activities in much wider circles, among new, predominantly young audiences.

Executive Committee

President: Anna Lakos (dramaturge and Manager of Research at the Hungarian Theatre Museum and Institute)
Vice President: László Németh (manager of the Kőbánya Theatre)
Members: Tibor Csomadáda (director), Department Leader at the University of Theatre and Film), Zsuzsa Cserje (dramaturge, director), Bene Mátayás Györgyi (dramaturge, director), Tibor Zsoldos (dramaturge, theatre critic, editor) and Edit Zsoldos (set and costume designer).

The Hungarian Centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) operates as an organisation registered at the Budapest Court of Law. The president and the Executive Committee must organise a meeting of the general assembly each year and report about the work which had been done in the year bygone and the financial situation of the organisation. Required by the legal changes in 2014, new statutes were compiled for the Hungarian Centre, which were accepted by the Court of Law of the Capital on 25 March, 2015. The Committee has a mandate until 2018.

General Assembly:

May 12, 2014 about the activities of the year of 2013, place: 1033, Budapest Krisztina krt. 57.
May 22, 2015 about the activities of the year of 2014, place: 1033, Budapest Krisztina krt. 57.
Activities
Indian Centre of ITI (Asia/Pacific)

Activities 2014–2017

On 17th November 2014, the Executive Council of ITI unanimously accepted a new member – a new Indian Centre of ITI. This centre was initiated by the International Association for Performing Arts and Research, a Pune-based organization working in the performing arts. International Association for Performing Arts and Research (IAPAR) is a network of artists and art professionals seeking to exchange ideas, increase opportunity within the arts community and connect all within it. IAPAR encourages independence and openness for interdisciplinary thinking and action. It works as the Indian Centre of International Theatre Institute.

IAPAR is also the only Indian member institute of the ITI/UNESCO Network for Higher Education in Performing Arts.

The Indian Centre of ITI is hosted by International Association for Performing Arts and Research (IAPAR), Pune. The primary objectives of this centre are:

• To abide by the Charter of the ITI and the organization’s core values, namely inspiration, inclusiveness, collaboration and transparency

• To promote social development, creativity and cross-disciplinary thinking and action. It works as the Indian Centre of International Theatre Institute.

• To co-ordinate the activities of the centre with other international centres of ITI across the globe

• To share the UNESCO goals of mutual understanding and peace, and support the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

• To co-ordinate the activities of the centre with other international centres of ITI across the globe

The initiators of this centre are senior actress and theatre practitioner Ms. Sushama Deshpande, senior theatre critic Dr. Ajay Joshi and senior theatre practitioner and Founder Director of IAPAR Shri. Vidyanidhee Vanarase (Prasad).

The team is joined by senior playwright Shri. Abhiram Bhadakarik, senior theatre director and teacher Shri. Anuditha Khuswad, theatre practitioners Devendra Sarakar, Nikhil Gadgil, Anrutti Samak, Suvabhi Natu, Tanmayee Ambekar, Anushka Vaze, dancers Rashmi Pendse, Aditi Venkatshwaran, and painter Madhura Pendse.

Projects undertaken since the inception of the new Indian Centre of ITI

2015

World Theatre Day Celebration

The first World Theatre Day celebrations of the new ITI centre were held in Pune on 27 March 2015. The World Theatre Day message delivered by Anatoly Vasilev was translated into Marathi and Hindi for this occasion. The celebration included a book release of ‘Pen, People, Performance’, a compilation of articles, critiques, interviews, travel diaries written by senior theatre critic Dr. Ajay Joshi. A performance based on Marathi poetry was produced for the occasion.

Voice and Speech Workshop

The Indian Centre of ITI, in association with IAPAR, conducted a three-month workshop that provided a basic understanding of voice in order to significantly improve oratory abilities. The participants critically examined their own speeches and the speeches of their peers while the basic focus of the workshop was understanding voice, speech and approaching text. The workshop saw participation from more than 30 people from varied backgrounds, including working professionals, performers and students.

Anandrang-Theatre and Arts Workshop for Children (2015–present)

Anandrang is a project for the development of children. The programme was very well attended by several parents and teachers. The story revolved around a family and their efforts to incorporate wilderness in an urban setting. The programme was very well attended by several parents who brought their children, as well as story-loving adults.

Dramatic Book Reading of “Our Sanctuary”

A story-reading session of the book titled ‘Our Sanctuary’, written by Minalinee Vanarase, a young writer and environmentalist was organized for children, parents and teachers. The story revolved around a family and their efforts to incorporate wilderness in an urban setting. The programme was performed more than 35 performances.

2016

World Theatre Day Celebration

The first World Theatre Day was celebrated by performing the twenty-fifth show of the play DNA. The World Theatre Day message delivered by Anatoly Vasilev was translated into Marathi and Hindi for this occasion.

Performances of “DNA” a play written by Giorgos Neophytou, a veteran playwright from Cyprus. The play has been a part of this programme. It provides opportunities for extra-curricular social experiences and expressive activities.

The Balancing Act (2015–present)

Performed in India and Sri Lanka (Colombo International Theatre Festival)

“Balancing Act” is a play in shifts. This play looks at violence as seen and experienced by young children. The Balancing Act was premiered at Colombo international theatre Festival and is still performed at various artistic and social forums.

DNA (2015–present)

Performed in India, “DNA” a play written by Giorgos Neophytou, a veteran playwright from Cyprus. The play was translated in Marathi by Dr. Shyamala Varanase. In a break from the conventional practice that confines a play to a pre-determined venue, DNA is performed at intimate spaces, including in living rooms and several artistic recreational spaces. It is still being performed. The production has completed more than 35 performances.

Inner Voice, Outer Voice- Voice, Speech and Voice-Over Workshop

A workshop that focused upon the intricacies of the
element of voice in any presentation, along with the concept and how-to of voice over, was conducted and facilitated by Vidyanidhee Vanarase and Aditi Venkateshwaran. This workshop was attended by amateur performers, students as well as working professionals.

The Subtle Body - Workshop on Physical Theatre
A workshop covering several aspects of physical theatre was organized. It aimed to stimulate participants’ physical, emotional and imaginative abilities through a series of exercises and game structures. The workshop introduced the participants to the various levels of physical-muscular tension, dramatic structure, text and sub-text, which are essential for an actor-creator process. The workshop was facilitated by a young theatre maker, Abhishek Thapar.

Floating World - Movement Workshop
This was a workshop that provided introduction to contemporary movement for beginners, exploring elements of a wide variety of practices through movement, dance-making, readings, discussions and collaborative creation. The workshop focused upon conducting movement exercises which help individuals unmask themselves from their current role set and focus internally on the emotional, social and at times, spiritual movement. The workshop was facilitated by young dancer-actor performer Aditi Venkateshwaran.

Dramatic Book Reading of “Prateek”
A dramatic book reading session of “Prateek,” was organized for children, parents and teachers. It is a story of a little boy with who finds an old coin, which takes him places he never imagined. The tale also talks about environmental issues caused by developmental initiatives that harm villages more than they benefit them.

IAPAR International Theatre Festival
Along with the several on-going projects Indian Centre of ITI decided to support the first IAPAR International Theatre Festival in November 2016. The focus of the festival was to showcase original and stimulating theatre work from across the globe. From 18th to 22nd of November, we were joined by artists from Austria, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Russia, Sri Lanka and of course India. The festival saw more than three thousand people in the audience. Community members in Pune had the opportunity to participate in several workshops and master classes, as well as watch wonderful performances.

2017

In Transit
Performed in India and Sri Lanka (Colombo International Theatre Festival).

“In Transit” is a non-verbal performance that examines the representation of systemic and subjective movement in contemporary culture by looking at bodies in transit. The performance has been performed since November 2016. The performance was produced by IAPAR and supported by the Indian Centre of ITI.

World Theatre Day Celebration
27th March, the World Theatre Day, saw IAPAR performing three shows of their production, The Balancing Act.

The performance was followed by the reading of an international message from Isabelle Huppert, by the Secretary of the Indian Centre of ITI Mr Vidyanidhee Vanarase.

Online Presence
The Indian Centre of ITI is accessible online through various social networking platforms such as facebook, twitter etc. The online identity was created on 27th March 2017 during the World Theatre Day celebrations.

Other projects supported by the Indian Centre of ITI

Arts and Entrepreneurship
IAPAR has initiated a research project focusing on Arts and Entrepreneurship. It is also one of the founding projects of the UNESCO-UNITWIN Network for Higher Education in Performing Arts. The project tries to look at the artist’s education and possibilities of inculcating entrepreneurial attitude in the artists’ community.

Theatre in Education
A detailed theatre training programme for children across various schools from the 4th to 9th grade is supported by the Indian Centre of ITI. The programme offers the children an opportunity to explore several aspects of theatre and performance. More than 300 students are registered for this ongoing project.
Activities 2014–2017

Dramatic Arts Centre of Iran (DAC) holds and supports many annual and biennial national and international festivals and activities. These festivals consisted of different programmes such as: Conferences, Literature, round table critiques, discussions and meetings - each suitable and convenient to enable artists to exchange their experiences and new ideas.

The main activities in the international section are:

- 23rd International children and youth Theatre Festival–November 2016: 10 troupes, 6 workshops, 16 artistic directors of international theatre festivals and Directors of Theatre companies.
- 35th Fadjr International Theatre Festival–January 2017: 19 troupes, 3 workshops, 11 lectures, 53 artistic directors of international theatre festivals and Director of Theatre companies.
- 11th Street International Theatre Festival–September 2016: 3 troupes and 1 workshop.
- The first Meeting of West Asian Countries, General Directors of Performing Arts: 14 General Directors of Performing Arts from 12 countries participate in this prestigious event.
- The first International Seminar Potential of Independent Sector in Theatre Tehran: 13 directors of company and theatre experts from 11 countries participate in this prestigious event.
- The Dramatic Arts Centre of Iran supports more than 32 troupes to participate in many international theatre festivals around the world.
- The Dramatic Arts Centre of Iran dispatches many representatives to participate in many international theatre festivals to aid bilateral collaboration.

Dramatic Arts Centre of Iran - Activities 2015-2016

Dramatic Arts Centre of Iran (DAC) holds and supports many annual and biennial national and international festivals and activities.

- 22nd International Children and Youth Theatre Festival–October 2015: 10 troupes, 15 workshops, 13 artistic directors of international theatre festivals and directors of theatre companies.
- 34th Fadjr International Theatre Festival: 13 troupes, 7 workshops, 30 artistic directors of international theatre festivals and Directors of Theatre companies.
- 10th Street International Theatre Festival: 3 troupes and 3 workshops.
- 16th Ritual and Traditional International Theatre Festival: 1 troupe, 3 workshops and 3 seminars.
- Polish theatre week in Tehran -November 2015: 4 troupes, 13 workshops and 4 lectures.
- The Dramatic Arts Centre of Iran supports more than 20 troupes to participate in many international theatre festivals around the world.
- The Dramatic Arts Centre of Iran dispatches many representatives to participate in many international theatre festivals for making the bilateral collaboration.
- Provincial Festivals of Iran’s Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance in 31 provinces.
- World Theatre Day – Provincial Festivals of Iran’s Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance in 31 provinces.
- Number of theatre productions in Iran: 4,401 performances.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 5,764 performances.

Number of theatre festivals in Iran related to DAC or other departments: 87 festivals.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 4,500 performances.

Number of theatre festivals in Iran related to DAC or other departments: 88 festivals.

Theatre audiences in Iran: 2,781,391 persons.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 399.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 3,064 performances.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 399.

Number of theatre festivals in Iran related to DAC or other departments: 87 festivals.

Publication of theatre books: 12 books.

Publication of theatre books: 10 books.

Publication of theatre books: 8 books.

Publication of theatre books: 7 books.

Publication of theatre books: 6 books.

Publication of theatre books: 5 books.

Publication of theatre books: 4 books.

Publication of theatre books: 3 books.

Publication of theatre books: 2 books.

Publication of theatre books: 1 book.

Publication of theatre books: 0 books.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 4,000 performances.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 3,000 performances.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 2,000 performances.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 1,000 performances.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 500 performances.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 100 performances.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 1 performances.

Number of theatre productions in Iran: 0 performances.
Activities
Iraq Centre of ITI (Asia/Pacific)

The Iraq Centre of ITI held a festival for the theatre groups from outside the capital Baghdad in April 2015. We intend to hold another one in April 2017.

The Centre held two symposiums under the topic “The Future of the Iraqi Theatre”: the first was on 27 March 2014 and the second on 27 of March 2016.

Three members of the Centre participated in a workshop in Paris, rehearsing Sophocles’ Oreste with French and Belgian actors and actresses during July 2015.

The Centre published two versions of its periodical “Our Theatre”.

The Iraq celebrates World Day Theatre every year.

The Centre could not participate in the past meeting of Arab Regional Council in Fujairah due to visa problems.

The Board of the Iraq Centre of ITI

Sami ABDULHAMEED, President
Dr. Haithem ABDULRAZAK, Secretary
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Dr. Imad AL-KHAF AJ, Project Officer

Activities
Irish Centre of ITI (Europe)

2015 Activities

A Celebration of Irish Playwright Máiréad Ní Ghráda
Irish Theatre Institute and Project Arts Centre, Dublin, March 11, 2015 (Partners: Foras na Gaeilge)

To mark the 50th anniversary of the premiere production of the Irish language play An Triail (22nd September 1964) and its English language version On Trial (19th March 1965), Irish Theatre Institute celebrated the contribution of Irish playwright Máiréad Ní Ghráda to Irish theatre with a bilingual rehearsed reading of On Trial /An Triail, directed by BAFTA award-winning director Debrah Walsh, followed by a panel discussion examining the play and playwright in its theatrical and historical contexts. Irish Theatre Institute also launched a dedicated microsite featuring interesting details on the playwright’s life and plays across video interviews with number of artists involved in previous productions of Mairéad’s work.

url: Ócáid Chomórtha | A Celebration of Máiréad Ní Ghráda

World Theatre Day 2015 Celebration
Irish Theatre Institute, 17 Eustace Street, Temple Bar, Dublin, March 27, 2015

PRIME, continuing professional development

PRIME: Continuing Professional Development (CPD) was a new pilot programme introduced between May and September 2015 and designed to provide career supports and training opportunities for theatre practitioners aged 55 to 80 years.

The focus of the programme was on the following strands:
- Physical and Mental Well-being: comprising daily warm-up and exploration of other physical and mental practices e.g. Introduction to Pilates, yoga, mindfulness, voice workshops, Alexander Technique
- Entrepreneurial Skills / Managing Yourself and Sustaining Your Career: including advice and information on social welfare and pensions, financial planning, grant application writing, self-promotion in a technical age and networking.
- Coaching Sessions & Case Studies: designed to support professional theatre artists to discover new ways of working, collaborating and resourcing their practice.

Irish Theatre Institute invited colleagues to read the World Theatre Day message in Polish, French, Spanish & Catalan, German and Irish. Dublin-based Polish dramaturg, producer and journalist Joanna Crawley also recorded an introduction to Krzysztof Warlikowski for Irish audiences. Videos can be found on Irish Theatre Institute’s website: World Theatre Day 2015
22nd International Theatre eXchange (ITX) 2015 Dublin city, Dublin Theatre Festival, October 2-3, (Partners: Culture Ireland, Dublin Theatre Festival) Irish Theatre Institute’s programme of pitching, showcasing and networking brings together Irish theatre artists programmed as part of Dublin Theatre Festival and invited international presenters and producers from around the world. In advance of the 2016 commemorative year an emphasis was placed on extending invitation to centres of the Irish diaspora, notably Australia and the USA. Irish Theatre Institute identified organisations that have a genuine interest in Irish theatre and have the capacity and the resources to present Irish work in future. For the first time invitations were extended in partnership with Mid-America Arts Alliance and the New England Foundation for the Arts. url: www.stageandscreendesignireland.ie

Inaugural Phelim Donlon Playwright’s Bursary and Residency 2015/2016
Partners: The Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, Co Monaghan
Irish Theatre Institute (ITI) and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig announced Fiona Doyle as the recipient of the inaugural Phelim Donlon Playwright’s Bursary & Residency 2015/16. The award is named in honour of Phelim Donlon, former Drama Officer at the Arts Council and a dedicated member of the first Irish Theatre Institute PLAYOGRAPHYIreland Advisory Panel, in acknowledgement of his valued contribution to Irish theatre. The award was officially announced by Dr. Pat Donlon, former Director of National Library of Ireland and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig at a celebratory event attended by Phelim’s family, friends and former colleagues on 13 December 2015.

Stage & Screen Design Ireland
Founders & Partners: Year of Design 2015, Irish Film Board/Róid Scannáin na hÉireann, Culture Ireland On Tuesday December 8, Costume Designer and Emmy award-winner Joan Bergin launched the new book and website Stage & Screen Design Ireland (Highlights 2007 - 2014) The website and publication are devoted to the celebration of Irish stage and screen design and designers. The launch was accompanied by design installation at 17 Eustace Street including a costume room, photographic prints, costume set drawings, model boxes and a sound installation both internally and external to the building. url: www.stageandscreendesignireland.ie

European Network of Information Centres for the Performing Arts (ENICPA) Round Table Meeting Helsinki, October 21-23 and November 9-10, 2015
Irish Theatre Institute attended the ENICPA annual Round Table Meeting in Helsinki in October and again in early November at the EU Project planning meeting hosted by TINFO – Ireland on Performance Design at the Edge. Irish Theatre Institute is working towards partnering with other European organisations on an EU project around theatre designers, a project led by TINFO.

2016 Activities
Australian Performing Arts Market (APAM)
Partners: Culture Ireland
Irish Theatre Institute Co-Director Siobhán Bourke attended APAM 2016 (February 22-26) in Brisbane. Siobhán, together with Kris Nelson, Festival Director of Tiger Dublin Fringe Festival and Jen Coppinger, Producer hosted a Round Table session focusing on Irish Festivals and Programmes at the Australian Performing Arts Market.

Irish Playwright Commission
Partners: Dublin City Council, San Jose Stage California
This is a 1966 commemorative commission awarded under the Dublin City Council Public Art scheme. The recipient of this commission is writer, theatre-maker Donal O’Kelly. Irish Theatre Institute is working closely with its partners to support this project throughout 2016.

World Theatre Day Celebration
Following the success of the World Theatre Day celebration 2015, Irish Theatre Institute will once again host an event at the organisation’s offices at 17 Eustace Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2, on Thursday 24th March. This will be an opportunity for colleagues from the theatre sector to meet informally and read the World Theatre Day message together. A recording of this reading will be published alongside other videos on Irish Theatre Institute’s website following the event. url: www.iristheatreinstitute.ie

ITI World Congress
Partners: Arts Council Ireland
Following an open call to performing arts practitioners resident in Ireland (North and South) and with a set of criteria, the following practitioners have received support to attend the Congress for networking and professional development purposes: Elaine Donnelly, General Manager; Irish Theatre Institute and Irish Centre representation; Emma Jordan, Artistic Director, Prime Cut Productions; Owen McCaffrey, Playwright; Brian Irvine, Composer/Conductor/Producer, Máire Lee, Director; Aine Stapleton, Dance Artist; Sophie Molony, Co-Artistic Director, Wilfred Theatre

Other Significant Theatre Events 2015/2016
#WakingTheFeminists
Abbey Theatre, November 12, 2015 Following the launch in October, by the Abbey Theatre, Ireland National Theatre, of its programme to mark the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, there was an outpouring of testimonies from both women and men working in Irish theatre, highlighting the disenfranchisement and chronic under-representation of the work of women artists at the Abbey, and by extension in the Irish arts industry. Representatives of the movement have since begun to engage with all the major state-funded theatre organisations, to make gender equality a reality through their policies and programming. Irish Theatre Institute’s response to this was the generation of statistics through its Irish playography database website. Irish Theatre Institute will publish a Findings Report in March 2016 highlighting the number of produced plays.
Activities

Irish Centre of ITI (Europe)

by female playwrights and employment statistics on female directors and designers in professional theatre in Ireland across the timeframe 2000 – 2014. A public meeting was held at the Abbey Theatre on November 12, gathering many of those who became associated with the grassroots movement of #WakingTheFeminists.

url: http://www.irishplayography.com/

#WakingTheFeminists event – International Women’s Day 2016

Liberty Hall, Dublin; March 8, 2016

This special event continues the conversation since the public meeting held on 12th November 2015 at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin. The event will feature presentations and speeches from guest speakers, discussion on the issues facing women in the Irish theatre sector and an update on the work being undertaken by #WakingTheFeminists.

url: #WakingTheFeminists

Irish Centre Advisory Panel

Annabelle Comyn, Director, Hatch Productions
Grace Dyas, Director, THEATREclub
Mark Gallione, Lighting Designer & Production Manager
Aidenn Howard, Director, The Ark – Chairperson
Emma Jordan, Artistic Director, Prime Cut
Colm Maher, Lighting Designer
Gina Moxley, Actor, Director, Writer – Deputy Chair
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Mark O’Brien, Director, Axis Arts Centre
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Irish Theatre Institute’s websites:

www.irishtheatre.ie
www.irishplayography.com
www.stageandscreendesignireland.ie
www.irishtheatreinstitute.ie

Irish Centre of ITI is core-funded by the Arts Council Ireland

Activities Italian Centre of ITI (Europe)

Founded in 2012, ITI Italia’s partners include: Teatro Vascello (Roma), Accademia Amiata Mutamenti (Grosseto), La Mama Umbria International (Spoleto), Teatro Aenigmia (Pesarò), Astraqal Teatro-Euflonia società cooperativa (Lecce), along with sociologists, philosophers, experts in management and cultural communication.

The Italian Centre’s objectives include: internationalising the stage and building international partnerships for research, exchange, and co-production projects; aiming at fostering intercultural dialogue and peace, with work highly oriented towards relationship and exchange with the global network of National Centres.

Activities November-December 2014

1. ITI Italy took part as a partner in the international project “WALLS-Separate Worlds”, supported by the European Union Culture Program 2007-2013, with partners from Italy, France, Cyprus, Greece, Turkey.

The project featured also the involvement of the International Theatre Institute Directorate General and of the Cyprus Centre of ITI as partners, and the German Centre of ITI as associated partner. The project carried out activities in Sirince-Turkey, Zakynthos-Greece, Paris-France, Berlin-Germany, Lecce-Italy and Nicosia-Cyprus, and each locale included international theatre residencies, site-specific performances, meetings, conferences. The project dealt with the wound of walls that are still present in our societies and affect our lives in many forms.

2. We organized the National Assembly of Theatre Critics that was held in Lecce (Italy) in November and saw the involvement of the majority of Italian theatre critics, the implementation of an international meeting on the activities of ITI with the participation of the German Centre of ITI. Furthermore performances, seminars, and round-tables were made.

3. Participated in two international conferences on artistic residencies in Europe and in the world, organized by the member Accademia Amiata Mutamenti. The first within the frame of the Tuscania Festival, held in Castel del Piano. It featured the involvement of operators from the United States, Bangladesh, Germany, Greece, and Cyprus.

The second residence is organized by ITI Italy in Mesagne with the participation of Italian theatre residences networks.

4. We were involved in an international theatre residency held in Spoleto on the topic of ‘Theatre and Social Change’, organized by the member LaMama Umbria, that featured the implementation of international performances and meetings.

5. Supported, and continues to support, the artistic residency realized at Teatro Passiello in Lecce by Astraqal Teatro, a member of ITI Italy, hosting many relevant performances and artists from Italy and abroad.

Activities 2015

1. Supported the ROMA-PROJECT 2015-2016, promoted by Astraqal Teatro. A research and performing arts project on Roma culture. The performance realized within the project was played on 8 April in Lecce, to celebrate the “Day of Roma and Senti culture”.

2. Launched the first edition of the Metamorphosis Project, a project focusing on gender based conflicts and the tragic situation of migrations in the Euro-Mediterranean area.
Activities
Italian Centre of ITI (Europe)

2. World Theatre Day 2015 Celebration
Organized and coordinated the Celebration of the World Theatre Day in Italy (Markovits’s message) with many initiatives (performances, readings) all over the national territory, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture. Within the WTD initiatives it supports the 2nd National Day of Theatre in Prisons, promoted by Aenigma association (member of ITI Italy), with the support of the Ministry of Defence. It features performances and workshops for and with detained people, and played in prisons all over the Italian territory.

Provided the auspices to many artistic initiatives responding to the goals of ITI, among which the VI National Day of Commedia dell’Arte.

3. Was involved in the National Convention on Theatre and Social Change, organized by an Aenigma association member of ITI Italy, with the support of the Ministry of Culture, held in Urbino in December, which focused on theatre in prisons and theatre in conflict situations, ultimately exploring how theatre can promote social change.

4. Was a partner in METAMORPHOsis-PROJECT, in Tunis, Aug. / Sept. 2015, and in Astargali Teatro Lecce, (workshops, roundtables and special meetings about “Theatre in conflict zones”). The project was focused around gender-based conflicts and the tragic situation of migrations in the Euro-Mediterranean area.

5. Many presentations of the book “Theatre in conflict zones” by Fabio Tollei, President of ITI Italy, were made in order to raise awareness on theatre in conflict zones through the work of Astargali in Palestine, Iraq, Syria and other areas in conflict.

Activities 2016
Scrive re il teatro (Writing theatre)
Together with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture, the Italian Centre of ITI promoted the call for short plays “Scrive re il teatro” (Writing theatre), addressed to schools of all levels and degrees in Italy. The selected plays were rewarded in a ceremony related to World Theatre Day, held on 16 March at Teatro Vassellio in Rome, in the presence of Ministry of Education and Ministry of Culture representatives, ITI representatives, students and artists. The World Theatre Day message of Anatoli Vassiliev was read by a student. This initiative is made within the frame of the Ministry of Education Table on “School and Theatre” (a strategic asset in the new Italian educational system) of which the Italian Centre is a member.

Furthermore the message was sent to all the schools that responded to the Call (almost 150), as well as to the artists and theatres.

Within the World Theatre Day initiatives the Centre supports the 3rd National Day of Theatre in Prisons, promoted by Aenigma association (a member of the Italian Centre), with the support of Ministry of Defence.

We provided the auspices to many artistic initiatives related to the goals of ITI, among which was the VI National Day of Commedia dell’Arte.

Activities Italian Centre of ITI (Europe)

Ellen Stewart International Award
The Centre supported the Ellen Stewart International Award, an award given to an individual theatre artist or theatre company whose work promotes social change and community participation with a particular focus on the engagement of young people. Named for La MaMa founder Ellen Stewart, The International Award celebrates her remarkable lifetime achievements in the theatre and her dedication to creating a world theatre which embraces all traditions and cultural identities.

Roma-Project 2016
The Italian Centre supported the Roma-Project 2016, promoted by Astragali Teatro and Dilinò and Freimproductions. A research and performing arts project on Roma culture. The performance realised within the project was played on 8 April in Lecce, to celebrate the “Day of Roma and Sinti culture”. The activities on 6-10 April, made in Rome and Lecce, included a rich calendar with round tables, meetings, photo exhibitions, videos, and music concerts, made in collaboration with the Roma camp community of Panarea (Lecce). These activities were promoted in collaboration with the International Centre of Interdisciplinary Studies on Migrations – University of Salento; Dipartimento di Storia, Società e Studi sull’Orono – University of Salento and several cultural and Roma associations.

Artistic Residency
The Centre supported the artistic residency realized at Teatro Pacciotto in Lecce by Astragali Teatro, member of the Italian Centre, by hosting many relevant performances and artists from Italy and abroad.

Young People for the Social
The Centre collaborated on the project “Young people for the social”, with activities and a theatre workshops addressed to young people with disabilities.

Metamorphosis Project
We contributed to the Metamorphosis-Project, that featured, the presentation of the site-specific international and multilingual performance ‘Metamorphoses’ in several towns in the South of Italy, made by Astragali Teatro Lecce, with Tunisian, Bulgarian, Turkish, and Italian performers. The activities, made in collaboration with Tunisian cultural associations, included workshops, roundtables and special meetings about ‘Theatre in conflict zones’ as we aimed to raise awareness regarding the Tunisian situation, Euro-Mediterranean migration and gender issues.

First European Regional Council in Italy
The Centre organized the first European Regional Council Meeting in October 2016 in Lecce Italy.

Activities 2017
Alchemies - the Distillery Nicola De Giorgi
The Centre promotes the long-term community-based project Alchemies - the Distillery Nicola De Giorgi, aiming at the creation of an international artistic residency space (the space of a former distillery) in a small town in the South of Italy, for social empowerment and community care through performing arts. The project aims to realise an international residence for artists in this unique site. It features the implementation of theatre Summer Schools, workshops, performances, and community-based actions. Artistic residencies for performing arts is a core issue for the Centre. Amongst the projects: P.A.I.R. with partner residencies from Cyprus, Germany and Belgium, the current project: Alchimie with the recovery of a former distillery factory as an international artistic residency and new seat for the Italian Centre of ITI.

WorkTable
The Italian Centre of ITI is part of the WorkTable promoted by the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR), aimed at defining strategies and practices to promote theatre, music, and dance in Italian schools. Along with MIUR and the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism (MIBACT), it promotes the call for participation Scrivere il Teatro (Writing Theatre), addressed to all students of all
Italian schools (from primary to high school), for the creation of short theatre plays and the promotion of theatre culture in schools. From 2016-17 more than 200 schools took part in this initiative. In 2017 the educational project features also the involvement also of UNESCO Giovani (UNESCO for youth).

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Activities

Japanese Centre of ITI (Asia/Pacific)

Activities 2014 – 2016

2014
December
• Theatre Born in Conflict Zones, Series 6. This is an annual event for introducing plays from abroad through translation, staged readings and talks. This event is also related to the publication of the Theatre Yearbook.

2015
March
• Publication of Theatre Yearbook 2015
• The 2nd Grand Prix of Theatre Reviews by High School Students

June
• General Meeting of ITI Japanese Centre

July-October
• 9 lectures, in collaboration with Setagaya Public Theatre and Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre

August
• Reading Performance: These Children’s Summer 1945 Hiroshima, Nagasaki

December
• Theatre Born in Conflict Zones 8

2016
January
Distribution of ITI News Letter #126

February
Arranging a Hayachine Kagura Troupe production at Fujarah International Arts Festival to introduce Japanese traditional performing arts. Also arranged a Festival to introduce Japanese traditional performing arts.

March
Publications of Theatre Yearbook 2016
Participated in the Asian-Pacific Regional Meeting of ITI in Guangzhou, China

July

August
Reading Performance: These Children’s Summer 1945, Hiroshima Nagasaki

December
Theatre Born in Conflict Zones B

2017
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March
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Activities of the Italian Centre of ITI (Europe)

Left: Roma Project, a research and performing arts project on Roma culture

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Activities 2015 - 2016

Activities 2015
World Theatre Day 2015 Celebration
ITI, Jordan celebrated World Theatre Day at the Royal Cultural Centre and it was organized by “Ro’aa” Independent Theatre Company. The event featured a play produced by Ro’aa entitled “Wtubshar”, tackling the subject of the uncertain and unknown future of the region, Directed by Nadera Omran. The World Theater Day Message was read by Nadera Omran and translated to Arabic by Lina Aftel.

International Dance Day 2015 Celebration
Dance Exchange Workshop, National Centre for Culture and Arts, 7 March 2015
NCCA, in cooperation with King’s Academy and Amman National School, held a world dance exchange workshop in contemporary, partnering, and character dance for 70 dancers from high schools and the NCCA dance department. The workshop was conducted by Rania Kamhawi, Waseem Al-razaz, Seyella Talhaoui, and Ryuji Yamaguchi.

The Amman Contemporary Dance Festival (ACDF)
14 – 25 April 2015
The 7th Amman Contemporary Dance Festival organized by Rania Kamhawi from NCCA hosted five International Companies from Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Spain and Norway.

34th Annual International Arab Youth Congress
3 – 9 August 2015, Amman – Jordan
Under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein, NCCA in cooperation with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and UNFPA held the congress under the theme “Investing in Young People as Agents of Positive Change for Human Development”, 150 youth age (13-17) from UAE, Pakistan, Tunisia, Sudan, Serbia, Iraq, Palestine, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Holland and Jordan participated in Music, Dance and Drama workshops that culminated into a performance presented at the closing ceremony at the Palace of Culture in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein.

NCCA was appointed by UNFPA to act as Y-PEER International Center for Youth Development

Monday May 11th, 2015
The Y-PEER International Center for Youth Development is a product of a unique collaboration between UNFPA, Y-PEER and the National Centre for Culture and Arts in Amman Jordan. The Center aims to be a pillar in promoting youth development and leadership. The Center provides training in theatre arts accredited by ITI, intervention in humanitarian settings, project management and civic engagement. Participants selected and implemented projects on communities and use of creative arts. The project is funded by the Norwegian Embassy.

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The play promotes coexistence and social cohesion between Syrian refugees and local communities, performed by NCCA National Interactive Theatre Troupe and 2 Syrian actors. “Intersection” toured to 20 areas in Jordan as well as Lebanon and Sweden.

Empowering Young Jordanian Women
Effective Participation in the Workforce (phase 2)
Funded by the Norwegian Embassy
NCCA National Interactive Theatre Troupe performed 4 performances in November in different centers and universities.

Effective Participation in the Workforce (Phase 3)
Funded by the Norwegian Embassy
To raise awareness to protect and preserve Syrian cultural heritage amongst young generation

Our Culture... Our Identity
Funded by the European Union
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Activities 2016 – 2017
Arts for Active Citizens “Artivism” Phase 1 & 2
Funded by British Council

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• 6 projects selected and implemented by the participants.
• NCCA and British Council held an exhibition to showcase the local impact of the Social Action Projects (SAPs) on communities and use of creative arts in the region.

Dissemination of monologues to community centers and universities.

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Jordanian Centre of ITI (Arab Countries)

• 16 participants (8 females and 8 males) trained in interactive theatre techniques.
• Community Based Theatre Troupe (CBTT) to address women’s role in the workforce (Aqaba).

The 8th Annual Amman Contemporary Dance Festival
5 dance companies from USA, Spain, Tunisia, Switzerland and Jordan performed for an audience of 2,310 people at the Royal Cultural Centre. 14-23 April, 2016.

The Y-PEER International Centre for Youth Development
• Theatre experts are currently developing the Advanced Theatre-Based-Techniques Manual, Cydelle Berlin & Mr. Kenneth Hornbeck from U.S.A and NCCA Master Trainers.
• Devised and produced advanced level Theatre Based Techniques manual.
• NCCA, Y-PEER International Centre for Youth Development (ICYD) and the Y-PEER Network, held the “Y-PEER Global Advisory Board (GAB) Meeting” at the Dead Sea, Jordan from 2 to 5 June 2016, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

• Attended by 36 representatives from the Arab States, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia country networks to share good practices and develop a five-year Strategic Plan.
• NCCA held the 8th Regional Theatre Based Techniques (TBT) training course for 25 youth educators and activists from the Y-PEER Network who serve civil society organizations, cultural institutions and universities, representing 11 countries: Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Somalia, Sudan, Djibouti, and Jordan.
• 2 Theatre Based Training sessions for 25 participants in Luxor, Egypt from 19 – 30 November.
• Regional training of trainers on sexual and reproductive health in Humanitarian settings for 26 participants from 11 countries in the period between 27 and 30 November.

The 35th annual International Arab Youth Congress 8 to13 August 2016, Amman, Jordan
• 130 young participants aged 16 to 18 from United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, Tunisia, Kosovo, Iraq, Palestine, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Holland and Jordan, participated in the 35th International Arab Youth Congress, under the theme “Innovation and Leadership”. Mr.Khaled was held under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein in partnership with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the Ministry of Education. https://youtu.be/ Ggfg00W7CM4

• The IYC is a thematic event that utilizes creative activities to tackle global issues impacting the lives of youth. This year’s theme, “Innovation and Leadership” was selected in light of the prevailing transformations and challenges the world is facing politically, economically and socially and their impact on human life. Our aim through the activities of the congress is to enhance analytical thinking, decision making skills, respect of cultural diversity and to foster human values of love and cooperation.

• The delegates participated in creative workshops lead by professional artists including drama, dance, music and song, and visual Arts. https://youtu.be/ VZ6fU7D0qg
• Each delegation presented a performance for 5 minutes at the “International Artistic performances” representing their national heritage and culture at the National Centre for Culture and Arts Amphitheatre.
• (1000 Audience) https://youtu.be/77YGvKQDqP4
• The Interactive play “Interaction” about the Syrian refugee crisis in Jordan was performed to the delegations by the NCCA National Interactive Theatre Troupe.
• At the Closing Ceremony, attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaiah Bint Al Hassan at the Palace of Culture (2,000 Audience), the participants presented performances depicting the outcome of the sessions and the creative workshops which included a theatre peace entitled “The Future”. The event also featured a song by the guests of honor H.E. Mr. Muhamad Assaf UNRWA Goodwill Ambassador and the Jordanian Singer Ms. Farah Siraj.

Jordan Theater Festival 2016 – Ministry of Culture
From 14 to 24 November, at the Royal Cultural Center
• Featured 20 performance from 8 countries: Egypt, Iraq, Tunisia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Palestine, Oman and Jordan
• Sawan Danwaza, Jordan, ITI president was in the Higher Committee of the festival

Creativity Children Festival 2016 – Ministry of Culture
From 22 to 31 August at the Royal Cultural Center.
• Under the theme “Protection of Children from Violence and Extremism”
• Featured 5 performances from Jordan and 4 performances from Egypt, Tunisia, Iraq and Palestine
• Lina Attel, Jordan, ITI Secretary General was in the Higher Committee of the festival

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Activities
Jordanian Centre of ITI (Arab Countries)
Activities
Kosovo Centre of ITI (Europe)

Activities 2014-2017

To the present, ITI Kosovo has had a great deal of cooperation with a lot of artistic and cultural institutions in Kosovo, as well as with other institutions in the region and globally.

Activities 2014

World Theatre Day Celebration in Pristina, with:
• Media Conference, Message of Brett Bailey, translated and read in the Albanian language
• Radio and TV interviews
• Young theatre makers perform excerpts of plays from ancient to modern playwrights.
• Distributing flyers with the World Theatre Message
• Performance of the most successful play in Kosovo, "Where...What?!
• Party at Dodona Theatre.

Activities 2015

March
• Premiere of "Twin Clowns" in the National Theatre
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Activities 2015-2017

Mid April

Festival of Monodrama in Kosovo "MonoAKT" 6th edition, 17 to 22 April 2014
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General Remarks about the Kosovo Centre

The ITI Centre of Kosovo, over the past years, has collaborated with young artists from all over Kosovo, including minority communities (Roms, Ashkali, Egyptians, Serbs etc.) in the Drama Colony.

The Kosovo Centre has excellent cooperation with the club of artists “Cult Club” in collaboration with ITI. The involvement of minority communities as an added value of Kosovar society is the goal of the Centre of Kosovo, from many artists Fisnik Sykaj is distinguished and exceptional for participating in international festivals in countries like Colombia, Austria, Uganda and Rwanda; he forms a group of actors of minority communities and works in continuous cooperation and reserved support for ITI.

The club of artists “Cult Club” in collaboration with ITI is already creating the “Summer Cult” festival in which is promoted the street’s art and also other theater mediums. Unlike many other festivals Summer Cult is close to the public and engages them constantly in performance.

The Kosovo Centre has excellent cooperation with the Faculty of Arts in Prishtina and from this cooperation we highlight some of the activities briefly:

1) Theatre worker, presentation of “Periods and styles monodrama, among the artistic experiences there is inspiration for the regional cooperation where there were participants from countries such as Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia and Macedonia.


3) The Kosovo Centre realized cooperation with local organizations like: KIA, Pro Art’s Creative, Beyond the Wall, and Mitrix culture, together with these organizations the ITI realized a large number of activities such as:
   i) Music and Stand Up Night, in the cities of Skenderaj and Mitrovica, young artists including minority communities join every 14 days to promote their cultures by performing part of their culture, the activity is still ongoing and has marked a great success in achieving the objectives, ITI and Beyond the Wall intend to expand the activity in other municipalities as well.
   ii) Mitrix culture in support of ITI develops theatre forum with young actors in all municipalities of Kosovo. Marigona Belkendi-Ferati part of northern Mitrovica inhabited by Serbian community; through the forum theater has achieved to unite in one place all communities performing their individual and social experiences through the forum theater.
   iii) Pro Art’s Creative has a number of the 114 young artists who successfully create future generations under the constant care of ITI and Mehmeti Pretieri, who comes from the Bosnian community. Pretieri except plays organizes other drama workshop where young people get acquainted with writing a drama.

4) The Kosovo Centre supports young people who aim to travel with their performances around the world: through ITI’s support, young artists traveled to countries like Macedonia, Croatia, Belgium, Uganda, Rwanda, Norway, Bulgaria, etc.

5) Actem Geac, one of the ITI’s newcomers now living in Germany, has been involved in the community thanks to the ongoing cooperation with ITI Kosovo Center, with Geci activities continue in many directions including common performances.

6) In continuous support, ITI has also created cooperation with young artists who work individually as: Habib Hapner, Qendresa Qajazi, Edilir Gashi, Edmond Uka, Kreshnik Wukash, Beslidiye Bityosi, Flamin Ahmet – Actors, Fatbardha Shala, Scenographer, Nature Kallaba, Edina Mustafaj – Theatre Directors.

Activities Kosovo Centre of ITI (Europe)

Activities 2014-2017

Activities 2015

World Theatre Day 2015 Celebration

• Celebration of World Theatre Day with the reading of the translated message by Krysztof Warkiowski.

• A commemorative letter was sent to the Latvian theatres and media outlets.

• A ceremony of Special Theatre Awards was held at the Eduard Smilgis Theatre Museum in Riga on the 27th of March.

• World Theatre Day was celebrated by all Latvian theatres, featuring special performances and events.

International Dance Day 2015 Celebration

On the International Dance Day free and open workshops on contemporary dance were held at the I-Deja house in Riga, accompanied by events in Sigulda and other cities.

International Exchange

• Latvian ITI Centre delegation participated in the Vilnius International Theatre festival Sirenos, Lithuania, 24.09-04.10.2015

• Participation in VIII Edition of the International Theatre Festival Dialog in Wroclaw, Poland. 16.10-25.10.2015

• Participation in IV International Cultural Forum and masterclass by Anatol Vassilev. St. Petersburg, Russia. 13.12-17.12. 2015. The discussion programme of the Forum included plenary sessions and round table titled “Authors theatre as a phenomenon of the modern theatrical reality.” The boundaries of interpretation. The Forum is dedicated to the 70th anniversary of UNESCO.

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• International Theatre Festival Kontakt 2016, Torun, Poland.

• Participation in International Theatre festival, Sirenos, 2016 Vilnius, Lithuania.

• Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) and Silkbroad Theatre Festivals in China 11.10-Shanghai,

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Latvian Centre of ITI (Europe)

Planning
Preparations for the 1st Asian Festival in Riga 2018

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• The World Theatre Day was celebrated by all Latvian theatres, featuring special performances and events.

International Dance Day 2017 Celebration
Celebration of International Dance Day with the reading of the translated message by Trisha Brown.

International Exchange
• Recommended Latvian performances to be invited to 2017 International Festival of Ancient Greek Drama.
• Recommended Latvian performances to be invited to 2017 China CEEC Culture Season.

Planned Participation
• International Theatre Festival Varna, Bulgaria 2017
• Sibiu Performing Arts Market and Sibiu International Theatre Festival 2017, Sibiu, Romania.

Preparations for the 1st Asian Festival in Riga 2018

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Report Submitted by Brigita Silina (President)
Activities Macedonian FYROM Centre of ITI (Europe)

Activities 2015 -2016

Activities 2015

The Macedonian FYROM Center of ITI is still in its pioneering stage.

World Theatre Day 2015 Celebration

The Macedonian theatre artist of the year 2015 is the theatre director Nela Vitosovic, a young, talented, active, and outspoken person. She wrote the national message talking about the damages made by political parties and the resulting interference with the creation of art in theatre that favours the rise of the mediocre performances with symbolic self-censorship. It pushes away the audience by making the theatrical arts pointless.

The international message by Krysztof Warzisowski was translated into Macedonian by Macej Kazitrovski

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International Dance Day 2015 Celebration

Igor Kirov was the Macedonian dancer and choreographer who wrote the national message. His attitude toward the art of dance is that it must be full of life, full of breath, full of passion and honesty.

The international message by Israel Galvan was translated into Macedonian by Ivana Stojskivka

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Drama Colony / Theatre Workshop: Shakespeare Sonnets

In collaboration with the Croatian Centre of ITI and the National Theatre Bitola, 22 to 28 July 2015,

Workshop Shakespeare Sonnets

Lecturer: Randall Martin (Canada)

Participants/CoLectors

Biljana Krizinjovka, Dramaturgist, Macedonian Naional Theatre MNF Bitola

Jovan Ristovski, Theatre Director, MNT Bitola

Angelko Ilevski, Theatre Director, MNT Bitola

Mima Rustemovic, Playwright / Dramaturgist, Croatia

Ivana Stojskivka, Performer / Social Scientist

Actors / Actresses / Directors

每位: Jovan Ristovski, Theatre Director

Workshop Program

23 July 2015

Lecture by Prof Martin Randall (Academic)

Working with Mitchell Thomas (Actor and Director)

24 July 2015

Working with Ivan Ristovski (Theatre Director)

Working with Angelko Ilevski (Theatre Director)

25 July 2015

Performing in Ohrid with Antony and Cleopatra by John Blondell

Ohrid Summer Festival, 2015

26 July 2015

Working with Jeff Mills (Actor and Director)

Final Workshop

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Activities 2016

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Activities Macedonian International Dance Day message author 2015 Nela Vitosovic

Photo: Ana Lazarevska

Activities Mexican Centre ITI (Americas)

Activities 2015 -2016

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Activities Mexican Centre ITI (Americas)

Activities 2014

November

International Fair of Theatre (5-7 Nov): Presentation of the best companies from the National Meeting Lovers of Theatre in several cities in the state of Chapas.

The Mexican delegation participated in the 34th World Congress of ITI in Yerevan, Armenia, and included Master Isabel Quintanar, Sonia Enríquez, Ramón Verdugo and Raúl Quiñótero who contributed to different committees.

December

The General Convention of the Mexican Centre was held at the El Granero Theatre in Mexico City on 8 December, where Master José Solórzano was honored with the status of Honorary Member of ITI, as bestowed by the World Congress in Yerevan.

2015

January

XXVII National Meeting Lovers of Theatre (9-26 Jan): Theatre Julio Jiménez Rueda in Mexico City hosted presentations by 38 companies from around Mexico, with an overall attendance of 18,000.

March-April

World Season for Performing Arts, Quetzalcóatl 2015, including the celebration of the International Theatre Day for Children and Young People, the International Puppets Day, the World Theatre Day and the International Dance Day.

• 21 March: International Theatre Day for Children and Young People, ASSITEL, Mexico, where a Children’s Theatre Marathon took place in five scenic spaces of the Centro Cultural del Bosque del INBA, Mexico City.

• 21 March: International Puppet Day, with a Puppets’ Parade and presentation of artworks in public spaces in the historical centre of Mexico City.

• 21-28 March: Celebrations for the World Theatre Day occurred in several states of the Mexican Republic.

• The National Theatre Fair of Toluca was organized by the Mexican Centre of ITI in the state of Mexico.

• World Theatre Day, Mexican Centre ITI and UNESCO, Theatre El Galeón, Mexico City: included the presentation of the work “Hijos Picardías” by Mario Picachí, starring actress Tonina Selma; an award of the Medal “Mi Vida en el Teatro” (My Life in the Theatre) to the Venezuelan and Mexican actress Tonina Selma and readings of the Messages of the International Theatre Day for Children and Young People, the International Puppets Day, the World Theatre Day and the International Dance Day.

• 29 April: International Dance Day was celebrated in several states and venues across the country.

August

On 22 August, the XI Taller de Dramaturgia Comunitaria Mexicana (XI Dramatic Art Workshop Mexican Community), organized by CIDC, took place
Activities
Mexican Centre ITI (Americas)

and acknowledged the participation of playwrights in the workshop from 28 February to 8 August.

October to November
The 70th anniversary of UNESCO was celebrated and organised by the UNESCO representative in Mexico, placing special emphasis on the relation with the Mexican Centre of ITI. It took place in Fortress of Chapultepec Castle, Mexico City.

From 22-25 October, the XI Festival of Mexican Communal Dramatists took place on the theme “Homenaje a pueblos en extinción” (Tribute to villages toward extinction), organised by the CIDC. This took the form of the presentation of written works in the Dramatic Communal Mexican Art Workshop in Amecameca, Mexico State.

The Mexican ITI Centre visited the City of Cajeme, Sonora from 30 October to 2 November, and celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the career of Master Carlos Valenzuela in the theatre of Sonora.

2016

January
From 8-31 January, the XXVII National Meeting of Lovers of Theatre took place in Theatre Julio Jiménez Rueda, with 54 companies from across Mexico, and an audience of 22,000.

March
World Season for Performing Arts, Quetzalcóatl 2016
• 19 March: The official celebration of World Theatre Day was organised by the Mexican Centre of ITI and the National School of Theatrical Art in the National Centre of Arts, presenting several works from across the country in 5 public spaces simultaneously, including the best works from the National Meeting Lovers of Theatre 2016.
• The Children and Youth Theatre Marathon marked International Theatre Day for Children and Young People, organised by the Mexican Centre of ITI and ASSITLI in the Centro Cultural del Bosque.

April
World Season for the Performing Arts, Quetzalcóatl 2016
• 11 April: Gala Event, Theatre Julio Castillo from Cultural Centre del Bosque, Mexico City, including the presentation of “Rosalba y los Llavesos” from Emilio Carballido by the Compañía Trikale de la Universidad Veracruzana. This was a tribute to the 66 years of the 1st International Festival of Theatre of ITI UNESCO organised by the Mexican Centre in the Palace of Fine Arts in 1950, an event where our illustrious and great dramatist Emilio Carballido made a name for himself with this artwork.
• Awards of acknowledgement were made, including the Highest Award (Presale) “Pilar del Teatro en México” to University Veracruzana, and “Mi Vida en el Teatro” medals to distinguished persons of the different positions, guilds and associations composing the scenic arts of Mexico.

2017

January 2017
Created and organized the XXXIX National Encounter of Theatre Lovers at Jiménez Rueda theatre, January 7-31. With 37 companies from all over the country and an audience of approximately 25,000.

March 2017
As Part of the World Season of the Scenic Arts Quetzalcóatl 2017
• World Theatre Day For Children And Young Adults
• Marathon of 40 performances ON March 18th at Cultural Centre “Del Bosque”. We celebrate this day with its message.

International Puppet Day
On Sunday March 19 UNIMA Mexico headed a parade in celebration of the art of Puppetry at Azcapotzalco which is a traditional and ancient pre-Hispanic district of Mexico, as an intervention with artists to promote the union and peace between all the cultures of the world. Its message too was disseminated nationwide.

World Theatre Day
• On March 25 the Mexican Centre and the National School of Theatrical Art celebrate the WTD with many activities at the National Centre of Arts, conferences, performances and workshops.
• March 27 the Mexican Centre held the Gala for awarding various personalities with the medal “My Life in Theatre” and the Prize “Pilar de Theatre in Mexico” as well as a Posthumous Homage for
Activities
Mexican Centre ITI (Americas)

Mr. José Solé, at Julio Castillo Theatre in Mexico City. The message by Isabelle Huppert was disseminated nationwide.

International Dance Day
With the diffusion and mention of Trisha Brown and her message, we celebrated with many dance spectacles at different places to raise the profile of the event.

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Activities
Mongolian Centre ITI (Asia/Pacific)

ITI Mongolia Centre and “Saint Muse Academy” organized “Saint Muse 12” International Theatre Festival (May 17-23) - that awards the best theatrical works and artists - in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

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Besides the trainings, ITI Mongolia Centre and Saint Muse Academy organized an event to introduce the idea of ‘Ger Theatre’ to provide a glimpse into the Mongolian traditional art and culture. More information and photos of the previous festival can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/gegeenmuza/?fref=ts, https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003617073607&fref=ts.

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Activities 2014-2016
The Philippine Centre of ITI uniquely works in close coordination with all its committees for synergized national and international activities that are linked to the UNESCO family and other sector partners in its dynamic fields of theatre and its electronic off-springs to reach millions in an initiative to strengthen artistic activities while promoting a culture of social justice, peace and sustainable development. This has been possible because of the ITI Philippine President and Director of Earthsavers UNESCO DREAM Centre, Cecilia Guidote-Alvarez through her dynamic leadership of instituting Cultural Caregiving Services to vulnerable groups, performances and complementary broadcast and theatre repertoire.

Since Yerevan, all the proposals of the ITI Centre have been fulfilled or are in the process of execution. The Philippine Centre has highlighted International Theatre Institute in the global arena. Philippine ITI President has been personally invited by the UNESCO Director General, Dr. Irina Bokova to be a panelist in the 1st UNESCO ICT World Conference for Persons with Disabilities where she has suggested the fusion of technology and all art disciplines in a training module infused with content to confront climate change in Delhi, India in November. This was followed by an Interfaith, Intercultural South-South Dialogue on Protecting the Oceans to address the impacts of climate change with the Ocean Security International at the UNESCO Summit in Lima, Peru which was officially presented at the COP21 Media Centre showcasing music, paintings and poetry focusing on protection of the ocean as carbon sink.

The UNESCO prize of $5,000 was announced for a Global Playwriting Contest that was showcased at the COP21 Conference in Paris. The Philippine Centre through its Secretary General, Dr. Isagani Cruz, organized the competition with 31 entries from all the continents. Members of the jury included Dr. Cruz with International Theatre Institute Director-General, Tobias Biancone and IFP President, Andrea Zagorski.

The winner from Slovenia, Barbara Anderlič, came to Paris and was presented with the UNSOD prize. She was also interviewed at the official UN Media Centre.

Joining Mrs. Guidote-Alvarez was CIDC Social Change Network Vice-President, Viktor Sekob of Colombia, Pakistan CEO of Climate Institute, Noor Khattak, Kenya Presidential Adviser, Ali Mohamed; and Tao Chi Foundation Vice-President, Debra Bordeau. The international panel was chaired by Philippine Climate Change Commissioner Heherson T. Alvarez.

Throughout the year, the committees are active. CIDC Social Change Network with the Communications Committee runs our multi-awarded Radyo Balintataw site popularizes classical ballet and new ballet based on local themes and folklore. A nationwide workshop festival is held to celebrate the event. There is also a creative dance competition coordinated by Gigi Tobias Biancone and IPF President, Andrea Zagorski.

The Bambanti Festival in the province of Isabela city featuring their foremost industry or product.

Monodrama is planned in the mid-year.

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Philippine Centre ITI (Asia/Pacific)

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solidarity, taking into account that March 27 is the World Theatre Day. “Artists for Artists” was founded not only as a means of financial support, but also as a stimulator of artistic solidarity and as a signal for the theatre audience and the authorities.

The theatre solidarity component is ensured by the participation of artists in the creation of a charity show, which represents the top moment of the fundraising campaign, and also through the participation of theatre and artistic institutions in Romania, which collaborate with UNITER throughout the year.

Beyond the guild solidarity, UNITER also tried to attract donors, services and sponsorships, a component which managed to grow over the past few years, so as to make the “Artists for Artists” programme possible due to the already-established partnerships.

2015: Life Moments 3 at National Theatre Bucharest, attendance 1000 persons
2016: Magic Beings: The Actors at National Theatre Bucharest, attendance 1000 persons

Best Romanian Play
This is a permanent and annual project of UNITER aimed at the encouragement of autochthonous dramaturgy and to giving impetus to new texts for the theatre. Subsequently, the winning script is published in its own volume by UNITEXT Publishing House. The award is handed on the evening of The UNITER Gala Awards.

Fools’ Time by Stela Giurgeanu was selected as Best Romanian Play for 2014

The Uniter Awards Gala
The 23rd edition on May 25th at National Theatre Bucharest
The 24th edition on May 9th at “Regina Maria” Theatre in Oradea

THE UNITER awards Gala is one of the most important programmes of the Romanian Association of Theatre Artists. It is organized every year, starting in 1991, and it awards the distinctions for the previous calendar year. It is the unmatched theatrical event of the year. The awards are given according to the principle of nominations made by a selection jury. From these nominations, another jury decides, on the night of the Gala, by secret vote, the winner of each award. The excellent collaboration with the Romanian Television – National TV Theatre, the Department for Music and Entertainment, and the Romania Cultural Radio Station of the Romanian Broadcasting Company makes it possible for the Gala to be broadcast live on TV and radio.

The Romanian National Theatre Festival
The Romanian National Theatre Festival, a cultural event of national and international importance, is organized every year by the Romanian Association of Theatre Artists (UNITER) in partnership with the Ministry of Culture and the Municipality of Bucharest. Support is given – in varying degrees – through numerous public institutions, media and cultural institutes active in Bucharest.

The Romanian Theatre Festival is the most important showcase of Romanian theatre and brings together the most relevant productions of the previous season, aimed at the encouragement of newly-written theatre, and the development of written drama in anticipation of an international competition. It is aimed at the encouragement of newly-written theatre and the development of written drama in anticipation of an international competition.

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The House of Artists Programme
This unique programme offers social services to artists who experience difficult life situations due to old age, poverty or poor health. The programme aims, first of all, to satisfy the needs of the beneficiaries as soon as possible, and the creation of a social assistance and moral support framework. To fulfill its purpose, the partners in the project created a professional structure comprising specialized working instruments, specific human resources, a system of communication and collaboration relations and rules, skills, knowledge and a set of values adaptable to the particular needs of our beneficiaries.

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The UNITER publishing house
The only editorial structure in Romania focusing on theatre exclusively, was founded and registered as a UNITER publishing house in 1993, aimed at supporting the development of written drama in anticipation of the collapse of books, of and about theatre, given the economic context after 1989. Starting from the premise that it is important for Romanian theatre also to have a written cultural foundation through the coherent and scheduled publication of different titles, albums, etc., UNITER assured the role of supporting this important segment of national written culture – theatre books – and the UNITEXT publishing house is the instrument through which this provision is put into practice. The publishing house was conceived as a specifically distinct structure of the Romanian Association of Theatre Artists in Romania. It does not function as a legal entity of its own, it works as a department within UNITER, with its economic activity being carried out through the Association’s complex structure.
Activities
Russian Centre of ITI (Europe)

Activities 2014 – 2016

Activities 2014
• A visiting team of Russian ITI and the Guild of Theatre Managers of Russia went to Novosibirsk (May 20-28, 2014) for a presentation of ITI and to participate in the “New-Siberian Transit” Inter-Regional Festival.
• A visiting team of Russian ITI and the Guild of Theatre Managers of Russia went to Nazran (May 16, 2014) for a presentation of ITI and the opening of the Southern group of the Russian Centre of ITI.
• 6 publications of ITI-info magazine were produced for both Russian and foreign readers (Russian and English).
• A monthly newsletter was distributed to members of the Russian ITI Centre with inside and outside information.
• A Board meeting was held on March 28, 2014.

Activities 2015
• March 27: Celebration of the World Theatre Day. Russia ITI distributed publications, posters and flyers among theatre people, theatres and performing arts schools.
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• Russia ITI published “Four New Swedish Plays” in Russian as a joint project with Swedish ITI Centre.
• Participated in the International Cultural Forum, Saint Petersburg, December, 14-16.

Planned activities 2016 (until Congress)
• World Theatre Day celebration (as above).
• International Dance Day will be held with the premier show of the dance performance “Spanish Fantasies” at The Higher School of Performing Arts.

Board
President: Yury Solomin, Art Director, Maly Theatre
Vice-President: Anatoly Polyankin, Theatre Manager, Satirikon Theatre
Members: Tamara Mikhailova, Director General, Maly Theatre; Boris Lyubimov, Principal, Mikhail Schepkin Higher School; Irina Savenko, Director-General (Top-Union), Moscow; Pavel Tserempilov, Theatre Manager, Orenburg Maxim Gorky State Drama Theater; Mikael Bazorkin, Theatre Manager, Russian State Music Drama Theatre of Republic of Ingushetia.

Left: Award winning actor Konstantin Raikin in King Lear, 2016.
Activities
Saudi Arabia Centre of ITI (Arab Countries)

Activities 2015

1st Abha Theatre Festival
17 April 2015
Organized by King Khalid University in cooperation with Abha Arts and Culture Society, this festival comprised theatre performances from seven colleges: Education, Dental, Applied Medical Sciences, Business Administration, Social Sciences, Science, and Information Technology.

Urban Theatre Competition
15 July, 2015
Organized by Medina Municipality in cooperation with the Saudi Arabian Society for Culture and Arts (Medina branch), this event attracted competitors that included the Culture and Arts Society Theatre Group, Medina Stars Theatre Group, the Hall Culture and Arts Society Theatre Troupe, the Medina Theater Company, the Medina Knights Theatre Troupe, Farafish Al Madina Theatre Troupe, and Muhtarif Kaif Theatre Group from Jeddah.

Nine Theatre Productions at the Eid Festival
3-17 July, 2015
Organized by Riyadh Municipality, the Eid al-Fitr Festival included 9 new theatre plays; 3 of which were for men only and 2 for women only. The plays were performed by a number of TV and theatre celebrities from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf region, and were very well received by the local community of Riyadh.

3rd Youth Welfare and Theatre Groups Festival
13 October 2015
Under the patronage of HRH Prince Abdullah bin Musaid bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabia’s General President of Youth Welfare, the third edition of the Youth Welfare and Theatre Groups Festival started its activities at the King Fahad Cultural Centre on 13 October 2015. Eight theatre groups from Youth Welfare Centers around the Kingdom participated in the festival.

Hajr Theatre Nights for Youth
Held at Ahsa and organized by Saudi Arabian Society for Culture and Arts (Ahsa Branch) in collaboration with the King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture, four local plays were produced and performed by youth artists competing to win the grand prize.

Other activities
• The Saudi ITI Centre funded and supported 9 theatre productions all around the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. These productions were staged across the country in several national and cultural events. Some of these productions were: “Nostalgia” written by Saleh Zamman and directed by Sultan Al Ghamdi; “Will I see you?” which was produced especially to be staged during the Jeddah International Book Fair, and “The Treasure” a children’s play written by Fahad Al Asmar and directed by Sami Al Zahrani.
• Saudi ITI Centre represented the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in several international theatre events through a number of plays, such as “The Mask” in Cairo, Egypt; “Paranoia” in Kuwait; “Out of Control” in Sharjah; “Two in One” in Tunisia, and “Silence of the Brooms” in Cairo.

Activities
Saudi Arabia Centre of ITI (Arab Countries)

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Activities 2014-2016

2014

Internet magazine for theatre arts “MEĐUČIN” (Interlude)


2015

Internet magazine for theatre arts

Members of the Serbian center continue to work on publishing the internet magazine for theatre arts “MEĐUČIN” (Interlude), in cooperation with the Serbian National Theatre, Novi Sad, during 2015. For more information, kindly see the ITI’s International Festival Forum at the seminar and presented the IFF and its work together with other IFF Board members (for more information kindly see the IFF Report).

2016

Seventh Fujairah Monodrama International Festival

February 18-25, Fujairah UAE

Dulana Todorović participated in the Joint EC Committee Meeting that took place on February 22, 2016 in the frame of the Seventh Fujairah Monodrama International Festival, as an IFF representative.

World Theatre Day Celebration in 2015 and 2016

The WTD Message was translated by the Serbian ITI Center and forwarded to all the theatres in Serbia; it was read on March 27 prior to the performances on that day, and was published in the daily newspapers.

Activities 2014-2016

1. World Theatre Day Celebration 2016

Theatre Institute Bratislava 2016 / Photo Call for the 3rd Theatre Photography Biennale Competition

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Theatre Institute Bratislava / 10th anniversary of the IFF (Celebration in the Theatre Centre)

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In IFF the readers can find profiles of artists, local and international festivals’ reviews, information about international theatre scene, comments and remarks on cultural policy, studies from history and theory of theatre and drama, fragments or whole theatre texts and dramatisations.
It is also a place for the promotion of activities and projects of Theatre Institute and all professional theatres in Slovakia. kød is interesting not only because of its content, but also because of its trendy graphics and various and rich photographic material.

There are 10 issues published annually in a monthly circulation of 400 pieces. kød is available in theatres, bookshops and literary cafés throughout Slovakia.

4. Except this the Slovak ITI Centre is responsible for translation and promotion of the ITI message of the World Theatre Day, International World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People and the International Dance Day (2015 - 2017). The Centre is also responsible for providing the contribution to the World of Theatre series of publication (2016).

Board of the Slovak ITI Centre:

President: Mr. Martin Porubjak – till March 27th, 2015
Vice-President: Mrs. Darina Kárová
Secretary General: Ms. Diana Selecká

Activities Slovak Centre of ITI (Europe)

March
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6th Theatrological Dionysia

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Activities 2017
29 April, 2017
In the scope of the International Dance Day Summit in Shanghai, Duet 16, produced by the Dance Theatre Ljubljana, performed by Rosana Hribar and Gregor Luštek, was included in the international program, artists also presented their work in the scope of the workshop sessions.

General 2014 – 2017
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Activities
Slovenian Centre of ITI (Europe)

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Activities 2016
3-6 June 2016
Slovenian Centre ITI organized 143th Executive Council Meeting in Ljubljana. Besides the regular Session, EC members were attending several performances in Ljubljana theatres and meeting local performing artists.

20-29 October, 2016
In the scope of 52th Maribor Theatre Festival’s Focus Contemporary Swedish Drama (edited by Alja Predan) featuring translations of four contemporary plays selected by Edward Bromberg in collaboration with Alja Predan. Events included: the presentation of the book with an introductory lecture by Ulricha Johnson, the director of the Swedish ITI and several stage readings. Within the frame of the Swedish Focus two Swedish productions were featured. This is Not a Love Story produced by Gunilla Helbring and Emily Bronte’s Wuthering Heights produced by moment:theatre.

26-31 October, 2016
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Activities South African Centre of ITI (Africa)

National Consultations with South African State

Activities 2014 – 2016

• We participated in 6 national consultation sessions with the SA government’s Department of Higher Education initiative known as CATHSSETA (Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Education Training Authority), an apex state collective of funding and strategy advisors, whose limited knowledge of the various sectors required expertise from civil society to contribute to the effective redefining of the new models required for further success.

• The Department of Arts and Culture convened an elective conference to assign a task team to advise the Minister of Arts and Culture on remedies required to address the complexities in the Theatre and Dance sectors in South Africa. Our centre participated in this conference, and the National Chairperson was elected to this panel.

• In February 2015, The Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Arts and Culture consulted with the ITI Centre SA, as part of its investigations into the state of the sector, to accumulate information with which to advise the Department of Arts and Culture how to proceed with respect to the sector. Issues raised included deliberations on social security for artists, employment activation and taxation in particular.

National Arts Festival

The ITI Centre, SA (PANSA), in conjunction with Africalia, has sponsored an award at the National Arts Festival for the writer of the Best New Play, particularly of a debut work presented at the festival. 2015 was the second year of the award, with an associated value of cash and tuition for the winning writer. 2016 will be the last year of this Award.

Eastern Cape Youth Theatre Project: Theatre-making Handbook

An 8-month youth drama project was developed and executed from February to August 2014. In 2015 all the relevant documents, lectures, curricula, and work books were processed into a hands-on practical training manual for youth theatre groups to create productions from scratch, including all aspects of theatre-making. This manual is now available from PANSA for distribution throughout the world and especially in the SADC region. 5 complete plays were the outcome of this training project and the scripts exist for schools and professional companies to adapt as they wish.

Young Performer’s Project:

In 2015, PANSA acquired funding to implement a Young Performers Project aimed at school-going performers. The project was implemented in two of the country’s nine provinces in 2015 and 2016. One production was called Soldiers in the City, staged in Durban in 2015, and the other was Bat Boy, staged in Port Elizabeth in 2016.

The Mushol Festival

Mushol is an annual national festival that takes place in January in Durban. It runs for just over a week, hosting one-and-two hander shows. Performers participate from around the SADC region, with sponsorship from local government and private enterprise. The eleventh annual Mushol Theatre Festival was successfully staged in Durban from January 13-18, 2016. The event was hosted and organized by the Performing Arts Network of Southern Africa (PANSA), and made possible through generous sponsorship from the KZN Performing arts Trust, the KZN Department of Arts and Culture, The Daily News, Pro-Helveta and the Swiss Development Council, Twist Theatre Development Projects and the Catalina Theatre.

http://www.mushofestival.co.za/layouts/mushofestival/img/header2014.jpg

International Visitors

• Dori Feller – A Jewish artist activist for the Palestinian cause, visited Cape Town and held a workshop and presentation in the ITI SA centre (PANSA studios), on his work and the reach of an artist in the society he occupies. The workshop was attended by approximately 10 artists, musicians and poets. The aim was to promote the perception of an artist as a social change agent. The engagement took the form of a lecture, a workshop and a musical and performance art improvisation session. He was arrested soon after leaving Cape Town, on a protest Notlita off the coast of Israel.

• The Beijing-based Chinese ITI Centre, under the management of Mr Wang Ling, visited South Africa to experience firsthand the nature of the theatre sector here. A coproduction was discussed, and PANSA has elected to motivate a proposal for an exchange project between China and South Africa, for 2017, as an outcome of this very informative visit.

Cape Town Fringe Festival

In October 2015, the ITI centre provided a platform for unexposed and first-time artists to participate in the Cape Town Fringe Festival, who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to present their work. An open platform was used to select the best performers throughout the year, in 8 minute slots, and the selected performances were staged on a PANSA platform free of rental charge to the artists. The process was managed by the National Chairperson, Natalia Da Rocha, through the association between PANSA and her training initiative, https://www.facebook.com/275597964639/photos/a.1015674234399640.411528.275597964639/101539075229640/?type=3

Fujairah Monodrama Festival

The South African ITI centre was invited to the 2016 Fujairah Monodrama Festival. Much will have been published about this wonderful event in the Arabic and other media already. The SA Centre has independently recorded many hours of interviews with participating artists and guests, and is editing this footage into a video documentary for publication on various digital platforms before the congress in Brazil.

National Arts Festival 2016

In June of 2016, we hosted a delegation from Zimbabwe at the 2016 National Arts Festival in Grahamstown. Some of the delegates were attending this event for the first time, and were extremely excited to be a part of...
Activities

South African Centre of ITI (Africa)

Prepping scripts for the PANSA Festival of Reading of New Writing 2017, is PANSA National Administrator Michael Britton (right) and National Coordinator Kurt Egelhof (left).

of this event. We were also extremely pleased to have Lloyd Nykadzomo from ITI Zimbabwe in the group. The delegates attended about 3 productions per day, as well as the central event – the PANSA Director’s Indaba. The aim of this two-day symposium was to identify new theatre directors, as well as new ways to create opportunities for these new directors to enter the market.

Cape Town Fringe Festival 2016
In October of 2016, PANSA hosted two events at the Cape Town Fringe festival. One a Monodrama Workshop facilitated by our very own National Coordinator Kurt Egelhof. The three-day workshop resulted in the beginnings of four new individual plays based on the autobiographical stories of the actors who participated. We are hoping to facilitate the development of these plays into a mini Monodrama festival later in 2017. Included in the program was the Cape Town leg of the Director’s Indaba held at Grahamstown earlier that year, which developed a proposal for funding and execution of the project in the course of 2017.

Festival of Reading of New Writing 2017
PANSA is in the middle of rolling out another edition of the Festival of Reading of New Writing. This Festival is rolled out nationally, starting with a writer’s workshop to assist new writers with the genre of writing for theatre. Then a request for new scripts from the theatre community is put out. These scripts are judged by a panel, and actors and directors are contracted to read / perform this scripts on stage in a national final. The winning scripts is awarded a production budget and assisted in its development to become a fully-fledged production for performance at any viable theater center.

Activities

Sri Lanka Centre of ITI (Asia/Pacific)

Creating a Culture of Qualitative Dramas
• Drama & Theatre 3-day’s workshops for developing drama productions for Sinhala & Tamil Students and teachers in March, July & September of 2015 and July, September & November of 2016.
• Award ceremonies of Inter School Sinhala Drama Competition – 2014/15 and Tamil Medium Short Drama Competition – 2014/15 were held in April 2016 at Tower Hall, Colombo.
• An Inter School Sinhala Drama Competition – 2016 and Tamil Medium Short Drama Competition – 2016, Final Round will be held in March 2017 at Tower Hall, Colombo.
• In Sri Lanka, the excellent and wide spread National Art of Drama had it’s beginning with the creation of the Drama ‘Maname’ in 1956 by the renowned Dramatist late Professor Ediriweera Sarathchandra. The 60th anniversary of this marvellous creation was held on 3 November 2016 at the Lionel Wendel Theatre in Colombo.
• The Drama ‘Ramayayaya’ an epic of the past was recreated after 38 years by the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation in the month of January 2017.
• The Drama ‘Medea’ created by the world famous Dramatist Euripides was produced with the participation of the scholars attached to the Tower School of Drama and Theatre and it was staged in February 2016, at the Tower Hall. This Drama was a translated into Sinhala by Dr. Anyawansa Ranaweera and was directed by Saman Zoysa. This Drama has been selected in the Final Round of the National Drama Festival and for this purpose the Drama ‘Medea’ was staged on 18 February 2017.
• The Tower Drama and Theatre School gave its contribution to the National Drama Festival and Youth Drama Festival 2015 and 2016.
• Gampath Perera, Assistant Director participated in the seminar held by the World Theatre Forum, which was held in parallel to the Grand ‘Bharath Rangakala Mahotsav’ of the National School of Drama in India in the month of February 2016 in New Delhi.
• The Drama ‘Sakkaya Ditti’ produced by the Tower School of Drama and Theatre of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation participated in the ‘Spandan’ International Drama Festival held in Odessa, India, in 2014. This Drama which was written by Professor M.H. Gunathilake was directed by Douglas Sinwastane.
• The Drama ‘Muhudu Lihiniya’ adapted from the renowned Russian Dramatist Anton Chekhov’s ‘The Sea Gulf’ was produced by the Tower School of Drama and Theatre of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation and staged in March 2015. The Script by Drama was translated and written by Anyarathne Vithana and Directed by Sampath Perera.
• The Commemoration Festivals of Dr. Ariyawansa Ranaweera and Lawyar John de Silva – both renewed Dramatists were held in the months of January and February 2016.
• Three Workshops were conducted for the teachers who were involved with the production of drama for the Inter School Drama Competition in Sinhala.
Activities

Sri Lanka Centre of ITI (Asia/Pacific)

Commemoration of the Tower Hall

- 104th and 105th Commemoration Festivals of the Tower Hall, Whish was constructed on 16 December 1911 as the very first permanent theatre in Sri Lanka.
- The Commemoration ceremony in memory of the Late-President Ranasinghe Premadasa, the founder of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation was held on 1 June, 2016.

Other Activities

- A conference was held in March 2016 at Guanzhou, China, of the member ITI Centres of the Asia-Pacific Regional Council. A report of the Traditional Art of Drama in Sri Lanka was submitted at their conference by the participants from Sri Lanka.
- A workshop on the “Maintenance of Facilities for Drama and Theatre” was held in Beijing China, during the month of November and December 2015. A delegation consisting of 6 members from the Tower Hall Theatre foundation, participants at their workshop.
- The Bhathkande Examination for the awarding of the Degree in Music and Dance were held in December in the years 2015 and 2016.
- 215 old artists and eminent personalities of art of yesteryears were to given the monthly allowances being continued from the past several years together with medical aid, gratuity allowance new year gifts and also were taken an annual tour in the years 2015 and 2016 as well.
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- An Eye clinics for the Artistes were held on 15th March 2016, under the joint patronage of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation and Sri Lanka Eye Donation Society.
- A Directory commenting of the Names of Dramatists in Sri Lanka is being compiled.

Programmes which are being implemented at present

- Upgrading and modernizing of the Rukmani Devi Memorial Theatre in Negombo to commemorate the memory of the Late Drama and Cinemas Artiste, Rukmani Devi.
- Modernizing of the ‘Elephantine Theatre’ a premier Theatre in Sri Lanka, which is owned by the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation.
- Preliminary arrangements are underway for the production of the Drama ‘Romero and Juliet’ by the Scholars of the Tower Drama and Theatre School.
- Preliminary arrangements are being made for the conducting of the All Island Drama Competition 2017 in Sinhala and Tamil.
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and Tamil medium were held in the month of May 2015, May 2016 and February 2017.
- Thirty Dramas were produced by the scholars of the Dramatic and Theatre School belonging to the Academic Years 2014/15 and 2015/16 as part of the practical studies. These Drama was stage at the Tower Hall during the month of August 2015 and August 2016.
- Appointments as teachers awarded by the Minister of Education in the Month of November 2016, to 54 Scholars of the Tower School of Drama and Theatre, who has completed the Bachelor of Education Degree in Drama and Theatre.
- A two years Higher Diploma Course of study in Drama and Theatre is being conducted by the Tower School of Drama and Theatre and at present 68 scholars at both junior and senior level are following this course of study.
- The convocation ceremony to award diplomas to the scholars belonging the Academic years 2013/14 and 2012/13 were held on 3 June 2016 and 30 April 2015, respectively at the Auditorium of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation.
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Activities 2015 – 2016

World Theatre Day Celebration
March 27, 2015
An event to mark World Theatre Day was organized in cooperation with the Al Buggaa International Theatre Festival and ITI UNESCO, and was attended by Ali Mahdi Nouri – ITI Secretary - and a number of local and regional theatre artists and experts.

Al Buggaa International Theatre Festival
March 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017
The 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th editions of the Al Buggaa International Theatre Festival were held with participation from Arab, African and International theatre groups.

Sudanese folk dance in Rome, Italy
27 May 2015
Sudan Folklore Group performed Sudanese folk dances during the Africa Day celebration in Rome, Italy. The event was organized by the Sudanese Embassy in Rome and attended by all the ambassadors of all African countries. The Sudan Folklore Group also performed in the streets of Rome.

1st Sudan Contemporary Theatre Festival
10-15 December 2015
Contemporary theatre festival in collaboration with the College of Music and Drama and The ITI Centre of Sudan, theatrical performances, intellectual forums & Lectures were held on theatre and heritage.

Workshops and Training
Organized in cooperation with the College of Music and Drama, the National Theatre and Al Buggaa Theatre, training sessions were organized for Sudanese theatre groups, and trainers were invited from the USA and Holland.

Other activities
• Sudan ITI Centre sponsored Al Buggaa Theatre performances in Paris during the Annual Meeting of the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassadors, and another performance in the Arab World Institute, Paris.
• Sudan ITI Centre representatives participated in a number of regional theatre events, such as the Theatre Without Borders forum in Addis Ababa, the African Council meeting in Addis Ababa, and the Censorship and Theatre conference in Cairo, Egypt.
• Ali Mahdi Nouri was invited by the Japan ITI Centre to do a lecture and workshop about theatre in conflict zones. He also carried out a workshop on Theatre in Sudan and South Sudan in cooperation with the University of London.
• On February 23, 2016 Dr Fadalla Ahmad represented Sudan ITI Centre in the first ITI Arab Council meeting held in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, as part of the activities of the First Fujairah International Arts Festival.

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Swiss Centre of ITI (Europe)

Activities November 2014 – May 2016
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Teatrounionen has a council, which meets annually, a board, an education committee, a cultural policy committee and a number of working groups on various issues.

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Activities 2016
Continuation of the projects initiated in 2015.

Launch of ‘Macbeth’ in Burkina Faso, a project in which the ITI Centres of Switzerland, Italy and Burkina Faso are collaborating. The production will be staged in the ITI Centres of Switzerland, Italy and Burkina Faso for World Theatre Day at the Teatro Dimitri in Verscio, Tessin.

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Call for applications
Academic year 2016/17
Accademia Teatro Dimitri
Bachelor and Master of Arts in Theatre Physical Theatre

• 2nd Swiss Theatre Encounter
Theater Winterthur, from 28 May to 6 June 2015. SwissTHEATRE–ITI participated in this major theatre event, the only one to bring together Switzerland’s different linguistic groups. SwissTHEATRE–ITI organised a masterclass with Omar Perras, Swiss-Colombian director and winner of the Prix du Théâtre 2014. Students of the Bachelor and Master degree courses at Switzerland’s four Hautes Écoles de Théâtre participated in the event, and Master degree courses at Switzerland’s four Hautes Écoles de Théâtre participated in the event, and Master degree courses at Switzerland’s four Hautes Écoles de Théâtre participated in the event, and Master degree courses at Switzerland’s four Hautes Écoles de Théâtre participated in the event, and Master degree courses at Switzerland’s four Hautes Écoles de Théâtre participated in the event.

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Uganda Centre of ITI (Africa)

Acknowledgement
The Executive of the Uganda Centre for the International Theatre Institute acknowledges the support extended to them in the implementation of their vision, objectives and activities in the period 2014–2016.

First, we thank the Uganda National Culture Centre (UNCC) for their support throughout the different activities the election of the current executive, through the launch of the revitalized Uganda Centre for ITI, workshops, celebration of World Theatre Day and the staging of various ITI-supported performances. Special appreciation goes to the Department of Performing Arts and Film (PAF) of Makerere University who have continued to host our Centre and often have allowed us to use their teaching space to conduct training workshops for young theatre artists.

Our Centre’s collaboration with PAF has enhanced our activities by offering free publicity, coverage and reviews of our events.

Lastly, we would like to thank ITI Sudan (M Najil Mahal) and ITI Germany (Dr Thomas Engel) who relentlessly encouraged us to reinvigorate our then waning Centre. As a Centre we are truly grateful to these two Centres who shared their resources in mentoring the current leadership.

Jessica A. Kaahwa (PhD)
President
Activities 2014 – 2016
The Journey of the Uganda Centre of ITI
Uganda became an ITI member in 1976 but was deregistered in the same year following the alleged murder of the country’s best actor and playwright, Byron Kawadwa, by Idi Amin’s henchmen. The country was readmitted in 1986 under the leadership of Jackson Nnadwala who remained President until 15 January 2015 when he handed over the reins to Dr Jessica Arwooki Kaahwa.

This brief report covers events from the ITI World Congress at Yerevan, Armenia (November 2014) to the memorable re-launch of the Uganda Centre for ITI (UCfITI) on January 15, 2015 and the subsequent planning for World Theatre Day 2016 celebrations.

December 2014
Having completed the registration earlier in August, the Uganda Centre for ITI was a beehive of activities preparing for the re-launch of the Centre in Uganda. This included media campaigns, writing of invitation letters to theatre artists and supporters from allied fields of culture and communication.

January 15, 2015
The Uganda Centre for ITI was re-launched after decades of inactivity. The day brought to light many theatre enthusiasts’ profound expectations such as the need to promote international exchange of performing arts knowledge and practice, stimulate artistic creation and increase co-operation among thespians. Another priority identified was the need to streamline the systems that guide theatre artists in Uganda and to know practitioners within the sector and their competencies in order better to network and support one another. The launch also exposed the great yearning for professionalism in the performing arts industry.

Post-launch of the Uganda Centre for ITI
Since the re-launch, the Centre has been overwhelmed by the artistic and moral support extended by the veteran and new theatre artists. They have also expressed their expectations that the Centre must be steered by active theatre practitioners capable of translating the needs of the artists into tangible actions.

February 2015
This period at the Centre was marked by marathon planning for combined theatre activity. The Centre chose to sponsor the first-ever week of Theatre Festivities (March 23 – 27) leading up to World Theatre Day on March 27.

March 23 – 27, 2015
The Centre’s first outing was made possible by support from the Uganda National Cultural Centre, National Association of Book Trust, Department of Performing Arts & Film (Makerere University), Uganda Performing Groups Association, Young Theatre Practitioners, Uganda New Vision Group, Central Broadcasting Station, East African Newspaper, Theatre Factory, Foursquare Comedy Group, Bakajimbira Dramactors and the Ministry of Culture, Gender & Youth.

The programme included technical production training, dramaturgical training, workshops on copyright and publishing, the staging of plays by schools, Young Theatre Practitioners and professional theatre groups leading up to World Theatre Day, the celebration of which included marching, speeches, performances and exhibitions.

Other activities in 2015
• For the National Heroes Celebration in June, Young Theatre Practitioners took the lead at Bikoja Boma Ground.
• From August-October, we contributed to public awareness of political agendas and electioneering through the sponsorship of a play “Our Husband Has Gone Mad Again” by Ola R岩 that aired at provoking dialogue among the publics.
• PAF’s “Our Husband Has Gone Mad Again” was staged again on October 11-12 to great public appreciation, while it boosted the Department of Performing Arts & Film, which had been off the national stage for fifteen years.

World Theatre Day 2016
To mark this day, UCfITI has planned training workshops and encouraged partners to prepare productions that address social issues in our society.

Achievements since the re-launch of ITI in Uganda
UCfITI has registered great trust from her partners especially the UNCC, Theatre Groups and PAF who are the trainers and custodians of the theatre edifice in Uganda. At the Centre, we are also enjoying the support and the networks of the former executive led by Mr Jackson Nnadwala. We have been able to rally most related institutions, offices and Young Theatre Practitioners (YTP), by so doing, we have increased
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public awareness of ITI and its local chapter’s role. On the whole, the Centre has achieved most of its annual projected activities such as organizing symposiums, festivals, workshops, training and supporting staged performances.

Notwithstanding these achievements, the Uganda Centre for ITI has much to do in terms of enhancing artistic collaboration synergies between Ugandan theatre practitioners and building relationships with the Ugandan public. We also have to find ways to move beyond the expressed challenges and create avenues and opportunities that will unleash the potential in Ugandan artists.

Future Plans
- Week of theatre activities and awareness, March 23-27
- General Assembly to elect the new executive to steer the Centre’s activities for 2016—2018 (July)
- The Centre in conjunction with UNCC is planning a conference to revisit the issue of the “Guild System” to enhance cohesion and fairness in execution of various theatre specializations (October).

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US Centre of ITI (Americas)

Activities 2014 – 2016
Since 1999, Theatre Communications Group (TCG) has served as the U.S. Centre of ITI, fully complementing TCG’s existing programming. Global Citizenship is one of TCG’s four core values (Artistry, Advocacy, Diversity and Global Citizenship), underscoring TCG’s belief that the future of the U.S. professional not-for-profit theatre requires a connection to the larger international network of theatres, artists and other cultural leaders.

Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for theatre, and the Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics (the Lab), based in Washington, DC, at Georgetown University, announced in February 2016 a partnership to establish the Global Theatre Initiative (GTI).

By combining the unique reach of TCG’s international programming with the Lab’s distinctive experience in humanizing global politics through the power of performance, GTI will strengthen, nurture, and promote global citizenship and international collaboration in the U.S. professional and educational theatre fields. Through the alignment of their programming and resources, the GTI partners will serve as a hub of global exchange with three core areas of focus: connecting practitioners with resources, knowledge, and partnerships to strengthen their work; promoting cultural collaboration as essential for international peace and mutual understanding; and innovating new strategies to maximize the global theatre field’s opportunities and impact.

GTI will also take on the collaborative leadership of the U.S. Centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI-U.S.), a role previously held by TCG alone.

Programmes and Activities Highlights
- ITI-U.S. has a long history of convening meetings to nurture, develop and share knowledge about international exchange. In June 2016, GTI’s first project was a Global Pre-Conference with performances at the 2016 TCG National Conference in Washington DC. Held on Wednesday, June 22 at the Davis Performing Arts Centre at Georgetown University, the Pre-Conference curated by GTI launched a stream of programming around global citizenship and exchange throughout the subsequent conference, June 23-25.

- ITI-U.S. regularly celebrates World Theatre Day and identifies a significant artist as the U.S. author. The 2014 U.S. address was given by Diane Rodriguez, noted theatre practitioner and President Obama appointee to the National Council on the Arts. In 2016 Ping Chong, veteran generative artist and recent recipient of the National Medal of the Arts (the highest award given to U.S. artists), delivered the address.

- The Global Connections grant programme was designed by TCG and is funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Recipients regularly post blogs on TCG’s Circle to share their learning with colleagues across the U.S. and globally. Go to http://www.tcgcircle.org/category/global-connections/ to see posts from recent grant recipients.

- TCG has a robust history of regularly facilitating delegations of U.S. theatre practitioners to travel...
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Global Theatre Initiative Board Committee
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Global Theatre Initiative Staff
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Activities 2014 to June 2016
Yahaira Salazar - President
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María Elena Lozano – Secretary

Activities 2014-2015
- Radio-theatre for all with the programme ‘Theatre Out Loud’.
- September 2015 - Course at the Theatre Estable de Villa de Cura, in Maracay.
- November 2015 – General Assembly of the Centre.

Activities 2016
March
- Celebration of International Women’s Day: performance of the play ‘Teresa de Calcuta’ (‘Mother Teresa of Calcutta’) by Yahaira Salazar in a production by Teatro Ángelus Company.
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Venezuela Centre of ITI (Americas)

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to other countries. This travel plays a significant role in strengthening theatre’s power and relevance as a universal art form and enhances TCG’s ability to unite theatre workers globally. Recent delegations include the Havana International Theatre Festival, Fujairah International Arts Festival, Festival Iberoamericano de Teatro de Bogotá, and the Santiago a MI Festival.

TCGI’s American Theatre magazine (print and online) features a regular “Global Spotlight” column, and the May/June 2014, 2015, and 2016 issues again previewed theatre festivals worldwide and featured articles by U.S. theatre artists abroad.

As a publisher of new plays and emerging playwrights, TCG Books, representing over 1,600 titles, has a dual objective: to bring new literary voices to public attention and to cultivate individual relationships with playwrights that nurture their careers. TCG serves as the exclusive U.S. distributor for Playwrights Canada Press of English-language translation of Chilean playwright Guillermo Calderon’s Neva was released in 2016 and featured articles by U.S. theatre artists abroad.

The Lab has just completed its two-year Myriad Voices: A Cross Cultural Performance Festival, a series which focused on increasing understanding of Islam and Muslim majority populations, supported in part by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Association of Performing Arts Presenters. As part of Myriad Voices, the Lab hosted work from the Syrian refugee crisis, presented a satirical comedy from Pakistan, curated timely panels, forums, and meetings, produced an innovative multi-media performance with Georgetown University students and youth from Egypt, Syria, Afghanistan, Sudan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Qatar, and Iraq, hosted a Portal on campus which linked people in Washington, DC and Herat, Afghanistan, and developed a new play with Heather Raffo.
Activities Vietnam Centre of ITI (Asia/Pacific)

In celebration of World Theatre Day, March 27, 2014, VSAA and the Vietnamese centre of ITI organized two activities at the National Puppet theatre:

- The scientific seminar: “Creating Puppet repertoires which convey conception value and bringing about highly artistic value in new phase”
- Traditional water puppet programme
- VSAA and the Vietnamese centre of ITI organized the “1st Capital Theatre Festival” in October 2014 in Ha Noi.

Le Tien Tho, President of VSAA, director of Vietnamese Centre of ITI and his assistant in Hue city (Vietnam), in April 12, 2014.

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VSAA and the Vietnamese Centre of ITI appointed Meritorious Artist Nguyen Bich Tan (from Vietnam Tuong Theatre) to take part in the inaugural China – ASEAN Traditional Theatre Gala, from December 2-5, 2015 at Nanning, China. In this event, Mrs Nguyen Thi Bich Tan performed an excerpt from “Ho Nguyet Co hoa cao”.

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Activities 2014 to June 2016

- The Centre established an African scholarship fellowship with Dell’Arte International School of Physical Theatre in the United States, which provides a professional educational opportunity for Zimbabwean theatre practitioners to study in the United States of America for a year and develop their theatre skills.
- Established in 2012, the African Fellowship exists to promote the development of Physical Theatre and collaborative theatre making in Zimbabwe.

African Fellowship Grants: Recipients were Tafadzwa Bob Mutumbi (2016); Nuarabo Nhongonhema (2015) and Teddy Mangawa (2016).

World Theatre Day has been celebrated with performances and discussions.

The Centre established and conducted a train-the-trainer workshop in partnership with Girls High School in Harare, for teachers of drama. The workshop was a preparation for creating plays in 13 schools from the Harare Province.

We also piloted and facilitated a drama training workshop and mentorship project for actors in Harare with over 40 students from 15 different schools.

Planned Activities:

The Zimbabwe Centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) will host World Theatre Day Celebrations on March 24, 2016. We intend to celebrate the occasion with performances and a national seminar that ensures that artists’ rights are promoted inline with the UNESCO Recommendation on the rights and status of artists, and to facilitate access to information and opportunities and promote dialogue on issues that contribute to the development of Zimbabwean Culture.

There will be a series of discussions where theatre professionals and experts will present papers under the title: “Is the prevailing environment paving the way for the creation and sustainable of classical work that can be celebrated beyond their times”?

Journalists, theatre professionals, representatives of government departments and bodies as well as members of the public will be invited to attend and participate in the discussion. The presentations and responses will be recorded and published on the ITI Zimbabwe blog and MelAmbo Newsletter.

International Dance Day

IDD 2016 will be hosted at the National Dance Trust of Zimbabwe and will feature 10-minute dance presentations by 15 dance groups from a diverse range of backgrounds.

Training

From April 20-May 2 2016, we will host Ronlin Foreman, a former director of the Dell’ Arte International School of Physical Theater, long time director of pedagogy and training and partner in the devising of the MFA program in Ensemble Based Physical Theatre. Ronlin will meet with creative practitioners to discuss theatre in Zimbabwe, and how to create relevant and thought-provoking work in our time and environment.

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Activities 1994 to June 1996

Zimbabwe Centre of ITI (Africa)
Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks

Comments

ITI Committees (Networks, Forums, Groups, etc.) are doing international projects in their field of interest. Their activities are bringing value and visibility to ITI. Their goals are mainly artistic, educational or humanistic, but even if they are concentrating on one of the goals, for example artistic goals, the other goals – educational and humanistic – are integrated in their activities. Recently, ITI Committees changed their name to Network, Forum, and Project Group to indicate that they are more open and freer in their choice of structure.

But no matter how a Committee, Network, Forum, or Project Group calls itself, it is a group of people. A group can be defined as two or more people who interact with one another, share similar characteristics, and collectively have a sense of unity. The sense of unity may come about through the goals the group pursues together and the short- and long-term activities and projects they are initiating and creating together. An important part of the group in itself is that each group member considers himself or herself to be a member of the group and is actively participating in the group. A true group has members that communicate with each other so that each of the members knows what is going on.

Those ITI Committees, Networks, Forums and Project Groups that are result-oriented, that are doing projects and activities together in their field of interest and that are following the vision, mission and goals that were formulated for their group, are working well. They are in communication with each other. Those that lack one or the other important ingredient are not as successful as they could be and should introduce the missing points.

At the moment there is an increasing number of Committees, Networks, Forums and Project Groups within ITI. With an increasing number of Centres there is nothing wrong with increasing the number of such groups. If each of them is following the spirit of a good group, the humanistic, artistic and educational value of ITI is increased.
Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks
Action Committee for Artists Rights ACAR

Activities 2014 – 2016

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2014

October-December
Implementation of new Word-Press based website and implementation of a professional mailing system for the newsletter (12 ACAR members, 42 subscribers, plus forwardings by members and the General secretariat). Both systems are hosted and maintained by the German ITI Centre. 2 newsletters with the recent entries of the ACAR news, calls for action and cases from the website were produced and mailed on 10 November and 4 December respectively.

2015

January, Brussels (Belgium)
Ann Mari Engel and Thomas Engel attended the ‘Winter Camp’ of the Artists Rights Justice (ARJ) international working group. ACAR became a member of ARJ. ARJ has presently 20 international member organizations, 3 alliances and 5 individual members. ARJ is an independent cross-sector working group (arts and human rights) set up in 2012 under the framework of the European civil society dialogue platform, “Access to Culture” (see http://cultureactioneurope.org/milestone/arj-arts-rights-justice).

Our committee ARJ became a valuable source for information exchange on violation of artist rights and for exchange of experiences in the field.

May, Cairo (Egypt)
ACAR was invited for a conference on Theatre and Censorship in Cairo (Egypt). Thomas Engel attended and gave a lecture on the work of international organizations for freedom of expression (‘Attacks and Defences: The Public Space of Theatre”)

September, Brussels (Belgium)
Members meeting of ARJ. Ann Marie Engel and Thomas attended and added an ACAR board meeting.

October, Berlin (Germany)
Thomas Engel introduced to members of the German Parliament the growing problems in worldwide artists mobility and the unsatisfying visa issuing practice in Europe as a failure in fulfilling Article 16 of the UNESCO Convention on Cultural Diversity.

5 newsletters were produced and mailed
6 January, 16 February, 3 March, 24 November, 21 December

2016

February, Dibba (Fujairah, UAE)
Ann Mari Engel and Thomas Engel attended the ITI Joint Committee Meeting.

April
Ann Mari Engel compiled the March-April 2016 ARJ Internal Newsletter with information and cases

7 September, Berlin (Germany)
Thomas Engel represented ACAR at the first consultation with the German Foreign Office on Visa questions and artist’s mobility with the cultural sector. The consultation was initiated by the German UNESCO commission.

6-9 October, Beirut (Lebanon)
Thomas Engel represented ACAR at the IETM Satellite Meeting on “Freedom of Expression” and was guest speaker at the opening panel.

5 November, Valencia (Spain)
Bettina Suzalek, board member of ITI Germany, attended the ARJ meeting at the IETM summit.

6 newsletters were produced and mailed
5 February, 11 March, 15 May, 4 July, 23 September, 20 December

2017

January
ACAR has sent out a call to all European ITI centres for submission of cases of artist’s rights violations in Europe with an emphasis on Poland, the Netherlands and Spain for the United Nations Special Rapporteur and UN Committee on economic, social and cultural rights.

February
ACAR has sent a letter to the Turkish government expressing ITI’s deep concern about the dismissals of colleagues – professors of the theatre department of the Ankara University as well as all the many Turkish artists and intellectuals being suspected and threatened within the past months.

1 newsletter has been sent out on 17 March.

ACAR cases:

• Tania Bruguera (visual artist and performer, Cuba), was arrested on December 30, 2014 for staging Tatlin’s Whisper #6. (Letter of support)
• Miha Turšič (director and co-founder of the Cultural Space Technologies (KSEVT) in Vitanje, Slovenia), went on hunger strike on 1st of October 2015 for better financing of culture. Report.
• Mariam Diarra (dancer and choreographer, Mali), was refused on 18 December 2015 an entry visa on the French territory for a concert and a masterclass at the Afirecolor festival (Seine-Saint-Denis). Report.
• Mohammed Abu Sakhra (Palestinian), performer and trainer was arrested by Israeli military and sentenced by a military court to administrative detention, without any charges. (Report, petition, follow up until 2017).
• Jelili Atiku (performer from Lagos, Nigeria) was arrested on Monday 18 January 2016 and arraigned on criminal charges of “constituting public disturbance, and inciting the public with his performance”. (Report).
• Alfonso Lázaro and Raúl García from the group Threens-desde Abajo (Puppets from Below), Granada (Spain), have been imprisoned for a street theatre show on February 6th, 2016. Both were released from jail on February 10, but are still under indictment. (Report, petition).
• Pyotr Pavlensky, performance artist from Russia, was charged in Moscow with vandalism for setting fire to the main doors of the headquarters of the Federal Security Service on 9 November 2015. On 26 January 2016 he was detained in a psychiatric hospital in Moscow and is being denied access to his lawyer and the outside world. Pavlensky was released on June 8, 2016 (Report).
• Silvano Mudzvova, theatre actor and producer from Zimbabwe, was arrested in Harare on April 11, 2016 for staging his new one man play “Missing Diamonds, I Need My Share” in front of the Parliament building. Before, on 13 September 2015 he was abducted from his home and tortured. (Report).

Cases and information on violation of artist’s rights have been reported partly by ACAR members, partly ARJ and by other information sources. All published information has been double checked for available original sources.

Report submitted by Thomas ENGEL, Germany (Coordinator)

www.artistsrights.iti-germany.de
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Activities 2014
No activities, conference or board meeting were held.

Activities 2015
No conference or board meeting was held.

The intended and announced project “PAIR” (by Giorgio Zorcu) was cancelled due to lack of support and funding.

Activities 2016
No conference or board meeting has been held at the time of writing.

The intended and announced project “Prospero” (by Hakob Ghazanchyan) was realized at Yerevan and should travel to the ITI World Congress in Segovia, if funds are available for travel for the artists.

Remark: In recognition of the continuous increase of war and violence thus leading to millions of refugees around the world, the DTC should pick up the stimulation of the Director General, Tobias Bancrone, and make the theme “Peace by/through Theatre” as a central subject of one of its future projects.

DTC is presented on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/476719391014681/?fref=ts

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Activities 2015
Chekhov International School (Melikhovo, Russia):
Master Classes
The project was facilitated by Viktor Melnikov, Russia.
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La MaMa Umbria - International Master Classes 2015: Creative Residency Workshop
The project was facilitated by Andrea Pacotto, Italy.
The Piazza project: June 17-29 (La MaMA Umbria, Italy)
A two-week creative residency on site-specific performance with veteran directors/choreographers/site artist Stephan Koplowitz and award winning composer and sound designer for theatre/film/dance Quentin Chappetta.

La MaMa Umbria - International Symposium for Directors
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First session: 27 June -11 July; Second session 13 – 27 July (La MA Mama Umbria, Italy)
A training program for professional directors, choreographers, actors and others where internationally renowned theatre artists conducted workshops and lecture/demonstrations.
http://lamama.org/programs/la-mama-umbria/international-symposium-for-directors/

The Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space
The project was facilitated by ITI Belgian FR Centre and ATPS (Association of Techniciens Professionnels du Spectacle), Prague
The largest scenography event in the world that explores a wide range of scenographic practices – from stage design and costume design to lighting design, sound design and new scenographic practices such as site-specific, applied scenography, urban performance, costume as performance, and much more.

The Gold Medal PQ 2015 for the Best Exhibition Design went to the Belgian national exposition, MovingLab, which took a fresh and stimulating approach to presenting the creation and realization of a scenographic project in a collaborative environment.

How to Bring theatre to People
December 2015 in Shanghai
The project was facilitated by Apostolos Apostolides, Jean-Henri Detz, Boris Pastor, Tobias Bancrone (DG ITI), Chen Zhongwen (Director for Collaborations ITI), theatre representatives from the Jingtian District and the Shanghai Theatre Academy.

An event on exchanging thoughts and ideas between specialists from different countries for establishing an annual conference on how to involve people from different target groups in community theatre as participants of the performance. The experts in the specific field presented their experiences from different projects with videos, presentations, speeches, surveys, open dialogues. The whole event enhanced the mutual understanding and the best ways of cooperation for achieving the goals of how to bring theatre to people within the dynamics and possibilities of the cultures of the East and the West.

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Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks
International Dance Committee IDC

Activities 2014 – 2017

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Activities 2014 – 2015

• The selection of the candidates for the International Dance Day message author 2016
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• Invitation of the Shanghai Theatre Academy to the president of IDC to present the honored artist for 2015 Israel Galvan during the celebrations of the IDD in Shanghai and to participate in a Conference.

Activities 2016

• Meeting of the IDC board member’s working group for the 5th International Dance Symposium. Present: Andromachi Dimitriadou-Lindahl (Cyprus), Marcia de la Garza (USA), Nicolle Vieira (Brazil), Luis Llerena (Spain), Alberto Garcia (Spain), Georgette Gerbara (Lebanon) in Fujairah during the 1st Fujairah International Arts Festival and the 7th Fujairah International Monodrama, on the invitation of Mohamed Al-Afkham, president ITI worldwide and the Fujairah/UAE Centre of ITI. The board of the IDC started working on the 5th International Dance Symposium by sending out an open call for participations. We created a program of three days events of contemporary dance performances, workshops, lectures and round table discussion. The selected participants were from Brazil, Poland, Cyprus, Sweden, Israel, France, Spain, Lebanon, Greece, USA/Mexico.

To promote the Symposium but also to have a newsletter, Vice President Marcia De la Garza designed and created the aDvANCE Insider, as well as the new logo of IDC, which differentiate us from the CID -UNESCO organization, which still competes and undermines IDC(ITI) in many levels.

• IDC did an open call to all its members, to propose names for the pre selection of the candidate authors of the IDD message. We created a list of names, and all members of IDC voted to select three names. We presented the names of our candidates to the Executive Council of ITI for the final decision. Lemi Ponifasio was the selected author of the message for 2016.

• The president of IDC Andromachi Dimitriadou-Lindahl was invited to the International Day of Dance Gala celebration at the Cite de la Dance et la Musique in La Villette in Paris to be present and deliver a speech for the honored choreographer Lemi Ponifasio.

• We followed the same procedure for the pre selection of the candidate authors for the IDD 2017 (through a voting system between all our members). We presented our list to the Executive Council of ITI for the final decision. For the first time the board of IDC voted at the final selection. Mrs. Trisha Brown (USA), IDC’s first choice, has been selected by the EXC to write the message for the IDD 2017.

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For the board of the IDC Andromachi Dimitriadou-Lindahl
Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks
International Festival Forum IFF

Activities 2014 – 2016

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Corinna BETTHGE (Germany), Vice-President

Members
Corinna Bethge, Tatjana Altmann, Le Quy Duong and Dušana Todorović were present alongside the Executive Council meeting that took place. The IFF presented its past work and future plans with the focus on the artistic research project “I-WE-HERE-NOW: Memories and Visions”. IFF expresses its deep thanks to Susanne Danig for her contribution to IFF's work during her presidency from 2013 - 2016.

Joint EC Meeting
With International Festival Forum and International Monodrama Forum, February 17-22, 2015, Fujairah
Susanne Danig, Corinna Bethge, Tatjana Altmann and Le Quy Duong represented the IFF and Mohamed Al Afkham and Olga Pozeli participated on behalf of IMF to discuss the creation of a joint artistic research project called “I-WE-HERE-NOW: Memories and Visions”. Corinna and Olga were mandated to develop the artistic frame based on interviews about cultural identity with local people at different places of the world. The aim is to present these in a public art project focusing on civil society and people's dreams for the future, with the role of theatre and festivals in promoting these dreams as a supplementary aim. This project will be developed as a tool that IFF and/or IMF can present at festivals attended by IIT members, thereby integrating festival professionals, international artists and local communities. The project is closely connected to the spirit of IIT and the cultural diversity it is aiming at. The different editions of the project will be collected and presented digitally in collaboration with the Fujairah Culture and Media Authority.

Joint IFF/IMF Meeting
At the Prague Quadrennial, June 19-23, 2015
Corinna Bethge of IFF and Olga Pozeli of IMF met at the Prague Quadrennial to develop the planned joint project “I-WE-HERE-NOW: Memories and Visions”. The conclusions and proposals were sent out to IFF and IMF members as well as some IIT Centres to solicit feedback and further improve the project. We especially thank Ursula Werdenberg (Switzerland), Tatjana Altmann (Slovenia), Mascha Poeggen, Eberhard Wagner and Annette Doffin (Germany) for their detailed feedback.

Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks
International Monodrama Forum IMF

Activities 2014 – 2016

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Activities

• The Ammonia monodrama festival took place in Kiev, May 2015, under the artistic direction of Nina Mazur, the Uzbekistan festival took place in Tashkent, October 2015. The Armmono monodrama festival took place in Armenia, mid-November 2016. As in its last edition the festival was comprised of lectures and discussions in the format of a symposium. The 2014 edition of the festival had a section of monodrama for children and youth (Young Thespis), a field that offers great possibilities for development. (More information is available from Olga Pozeli).

• In Paphos (Cyprus), in the framework of European Capital of Culture, a monodrama festival under the artistic direction of Alexandra Rubinskas.

• Saint Muse 12 International Theatre Festival organized Mono Days, an event dedicated to monodrama, as an integral part of the festival that included two separate trainings for the professional artists, conducted by Nina Mazur and Mentor Zymberaj.

• Special mention should be made of the workshops and other activities of Fray Paolo Maria Diosdado Casurao of the Philippines. With great commitment and under often difficult conditions, Fray Paolo - in the framework of the Manila Cultural Programme - travels to distant parts of the country to give workshops to women and people in detention centres.

• In February 2016, this report was presented at the 7th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival, embedded in the 1st Fujairah International Arts Festival.

• Thespis, the German biennial monodrama festival, happened, mid-November 2016. As in its last edition the festival was comprised of lectures and discussions in the format of a symposium. The 2014 edition of the festival had a section of monodrama for children and youth (Young Thespis), a field that offers great possibilities for development. (More information is available from Olga Pozeli).

• In Paphos (Cyprus), in the framework of European Capital of Culture, a monodrama festival under the artistic direction of Nina Mazur is scheduled for mid-September 2017.

Fujairah International Monodrama Festival’s Digital Library of Monodrama project – to collect and house an online archive of mono dramas is in the process of further development.
Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks

ITI Publication Committee IPC

Activities 2014 – 2016

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Activities 2014
A board meeting was held on 20 November 2014 in Yerevan, Armenia, and was presided over by Alfira Arslanova. At this meeting, the name of the “Communication Committee” was changed to “Publication Committee”.

The ITI Publication Committee established an Editorial Board to drive the publication of the “World of Theatre” in English. It comprises Alfira Arslanova (Russia) who will coordinate the project together with Ramendu Majumdar (Bangladesh); Mofidul Hoque (Bangladesh); Yahya Ayed Alqaissi (Fujairah/UAE); Merce Saumell Verges (Spain); Yulia Ardashnikova (Russia) and Babul Biswas (Bangladesh)

Activities 2015
The 2014 edition of “World of Theatre” was translated and published in Russian.

Four issues of ITI-Info Magazine were published, including reports on the 34th ITI World Congress.

Activities 2016
A board meeting was held on 22 February 2016 in Fujairah/UAE and was presided over by Alfira Arslanova. At this meeting, the key decisions made were:

• The Dhaka seminar will be held in July-August 2016 during the Monodrama Festival to be organized by Bangladesh Center of ITI.
• The website and database on publications will be completed March.
• The ITI Publication Committee meeting to be held in Moscow in April will centre on publications devoted to the social role of theatre as well as the theme of the 35th ITI World Congress “The Nature is Our Stage”.
• To urge national ITI Centres to speed up the process of submitting articles to ensure that the World of Theatre publication may be launched on time.

Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks

International Playwrights´ Forum IPF

Activities 2014 – 2016

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Activities 2015

Playwriting and Dramaturgy Workshops
The playwriting and dramaturgy workshops are an important project line of the IPF, in order to reach out to various countries in the world, and to educate and train playwrights and young practitioners in the basics of dramaturgy, playwriting, and theatre arts. Members of IFP have conducted workshops in Bangladesh, India, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia and the Philippines.

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The Dramaturgy Education Programme in the Philippines
Long-term Project
After the pilot project in 2009 started by Jasen Boko, the workshop series on Dramaturgy in the Philippines has taken place every year since 2012. Facilitators include Jasen Boko (Croatia), Andrea Zagorski (Germany), Ursula Werdenerg (Switzerland), Magdalena Zira (Cyprus), August Melody Andong (Philippines), Dag Thalander (Sweden), Talia Pura (Canada), Svetislav Jovanov (Serbia), Gim Chang-hwa and Gim Yena (both Korea Republic).

Philippine Dramaturgy Caravan (February)
Dramaturgy Symposium in Metro Manila: This gathering of international dramaturges of various disciplines, playwrights and theatre artists focused their discussions on "Dramaturgy as a Profession" and "Textual Dramaturgy in relation to Production and Reception Dramaturgy".

Dramaturgy Workshop 1 in the City of Dumaguete: A 2-day workshop hosted at the University of Dumaguete, focused on the basic skills of Textual and Production & Reception Dramaturgy, with the target participants being at least 30 young theatre practitioners.

Dramaturgy Workshop 2 in the City of Bacolod: This 2-day workshop held at the University of St. La Salle focused on the basic skills of Textual Production & Reception Dramaturgy.
The facilitators were Gim Chang-hwa and Malou Jacob (Philippines)
Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks
International Playwrights’ Forum IPF

Playwriting Competition 2016
Since the Congress in China, IPF has concentrated on dramaturgy workshops but is still engaged in competitions. Ursula Werdenberg, Secretary General, advised the Philippine Centre of ITI to launch a “Global Playwriting Competition on Climate Change” 2015 in collaboration with UN organizations and IPF. Members of the jury were Hagen R. Cruz of the Philippine ITI Centre, Tobias Biancone DGI, ITI, and Andrea Zagorski, President IPF. The winner - Barbara Anderle of Slovenia – won 5000 US Dollars for her play, “A Continental Divide” and was awarded in Paris.

IPF Meeting of the Office Bearers June 2015, Berlin
On the occasion of the “Autorentheatertage Berlin” at the Deutsches Theater Berlin, Andrea Zagorski and Ursula Werdenberg met at the German ITI Centre to prepare activities for the Congress 2016 and the IPF Board Meeting in Seoul.

IPF Board Meeting, October 2015, Seoul
Participants in this board meeting included Andrea Zagorski, Gim Chang-hwa, Ursula Werdenberg and August Melody Andong (Chair/ Director of the Korean Duo Theatre Festival). The two main focuses of the meeting were the future of IPF and its activities 2016. The Congress 2016 will include performances from West Visayas Theatre Groups with special participation from International Theatre Artists, ITI 5th International Playwright's Forum, Dramaturgy Workshop and Women Playwright’s International 2nd Regional Readathon & Script Development Workshop. The meeting was held in the City of Capiz, focused on the basic skills for playwriting and dramaturgy for young theatre practitioners.

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Activities 2016

Joint Committee and Executive Board Session, February 2016, Fujairah
Andrea Zagorski, President IPF, attended the meeting and informed about the planned projects for the Congress.

Philippine Dramaturgy Caravan
March 1-11, 2016, Dramaturgy Symposium in Metro Manila This activity gathered international dramaturges and Filipino playwrights and theatre artists.

Music Theatre NOW Competition
Music Theatre NOW Competition 2016 in Bacolod will include performances from West Visayas Theatre Groups with special participation from International Theatre Artists, ITI 5th International Playwright’s Forum, Dramaturgy Workshop and Women Playwright’s International 2nd Regional Readathon & Script Development Workshop. The meeting was held in the City of Capiz, focused on the basic skills for playwriting and dramaturgy for young theatre practitioners.

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Activities 2014 – 2016

Vision
At the 34th ITI World Congress in Yerevan it was communicated that Music Theatre NOW Committee functions as a network; the idea is to have a less formal structure and to expand the Network by attracting more artists and active members. The Music Theatre NOW Network seeks to initiate or coordinate activities in the world of music theatre and is conducting a worldwide competition called Music Theatre NOW for creators of new opera and music theatre, in collaboration with the German Centre of ITI. Prize winners are invited to present their work at international meetings of Music Theatre NOW.

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Music Theatre NOW Competition
Music Theatre NOW Competition 2014 – 2015 held its first meeting in 2008 at Radialsystem V in Berlin where 18 productions were presented. In 2013, the winners of the 2012 competition met in Jönköping Sweden at the Scenkonstbiennalen. Music Theatre NOW for creators of new opera and music theatre, in collaboration with the German Centre of ITI. Prize winners are invited to present their work at international meetings of Music Theatre NOW.

Next Music Theatre NOW Meeting
The next Music Theatre NOW Meeting will take place in 2019. Productions that have premiered between July 2015 and June 2018 can be entered for the 2019 edition. Festival presenters and international music theatre promoters are encouraged to host the next Music Theatre NOW meeting in 2019. For more information about the competition, hosting a MTN meeting or further MTN activities, please contact the MTN project manager, Christian Grammel mtnow@iti-germany.de or through www.mtnow.org
Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks
Music Theatre NOW Network MTNN

January 2015 – December 2015
Third International Music Theatre NOW Competition MTN 2015
• Worldwide call for applications and announcement of winners
• Received 450 applications from 54 different countries
• Internationally acclaimed jury (Brett Bailey, South Africa / Guy Coolen, Belgium / Sara Joan Fang, Singapore / Ana Lara, Mexico / Joe Melillo, USA)
• Various online jury meetings and in person meeting November 23/24 November, in New York, USA at the Brooklyn Academy of Music
• Announcement of 14 winning projects and 4 special mentions including invitations to the MTN meeting May 2016 in Rotterdam, Netherlands
• Official publication documenting the MTN 2015 competition

Board Meeting
25/26 May 2015 Operadagen Rotterdam
With Berman, Coolen, Morrison, Tangerding, Quitt and Yu – election of the new president Guy Coolen (Nico Schaalma stepped down due to work related conflicts of interest)
• Reporting of progress in competition
• Plans for MTN Meeting 2016 in Rotterdam
• Layout of strategy for expanding MTN Internationally
• Meeting of the 18 winning projects of MTN 2015
• Public presentation of all works, conference, keynote speaker and round table discussions
• 180 registered visitors
• Live presentation of four winning projects (facilitated by Operadagen Rotterdam and Fonds Podium Kunstzien)

Board Meeting
24 May 2016 Operadagen Rotterdam
With Berman, Coolen, Morrison, Tangerding, Quitt
• Agreement of next MTN competition 2018 / 2019
• Planning of second meeting 2019 in Shanghai
• Discussion on partners for future MTN events

March 2016 – November 2016
MTN Archive
Deutsches Zentrum des Internationalen Theaterinstituts, Berlin / Mame Centre
• Editing of the MTN 2015 submissions for integration into Mame Centre archive
• Development of structure for online accessible archive

December 2016
Board Meeting
Deutsches Zentrum des Internationalen Theaterinstituts, Berlin
Berman, Coolen, Morrison, Tangerding, Quitt
• Evaluation of MTN 2015
• Preparations for MTN 2018
• Discussion of financial resources for upcoming MTN activities

Activities 2017
Online Board Meeting
18 January 2017
With Berman, Coolen, Morrison, Tangerding, Quitt
• Scheduling regular online and in person meetings in 2017
• Discussion on schedule for MTN 2018 including second meeting in Shanghai

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Activities – Network Heritage, Indigenous Cultures & Migration N-HIM

Activities 2014 – 2016
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No official board meeting has been held since November 2014 when the Cultural Identity and Development Committee (CIDC) was officially divided into three networks, of which this is one. Members have been working with collaborators and on their own. We seek to work actively with other committee members and each other.

Network – Heritage, Identity and Migration will be changed to “Indigenous Cultures”

Activities
Reports of individual members and their activities in relation to this network

Christos Georgiou (Cyprus)
• Participated in the annual Festival of Ancient Greek Drama with the Ministry of Education and Culture.
• Attended the 14th International Symposium on Ancient Greek Drama (held biannually), 1/12 July 2016, Nicosia, on the topic “Lament in Ancient Greek Drama” (More information to be found in the Report of the Cyprus Centre)

Zeca Ligiero (Brazil)
• Conducted research about an indigenous sacred clown called in Krah language “hotxua” (Western name Ismael).
• Attended the 2015 Amerindian festival meeting in Central Brazil
• Staged a play about Koch Grunberg, a German ethnographer who searched for Amerindian languages. The piece was a collection of myths gathered by Grunberg, among them the famous myth of Makuanaima
• Staged a play in Besançon, France. “Mariana, princesse turque d’Amazonie” based on research in afro-americand culture from the Amazon area.
• Book: Theatre of the Oppressed at Universidade do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). Portuguese Language: Teatro do Oprimido e Universidade
• Video: Diaspora and Performance Afro-Americana
• Video: Ritual to Performance (this is a long work video about my research, including some rituals from Tobigu, Mozambique, Turquia, China (ITI congress) and Turkey
• Performance Afro-Latina– filmed in Colombia, is in Spanish
• My current work: indigenous art and play (indo arte e jogo) Art of Amerindian Play and Ritual
• Art, Politics and Pedagogy: an international
Academic event for dissemination of research, artistic exchange and improvement in pedagogical practices that use the methodology of the Theater of the Oppressed.

(Videos can be found either on YouTube or Vimeo (search with name or title).

Carlos During (Mexico)

During moved to his native Argentina to work with indigenous tribes on the Argentine/Paraguay border. Summary of the 1st year of Theatre Indigenous Community in Argentina

- The first intercultural meeting between the Teatro Tiro de Bolívia and the Eraxai’pi group of Argentina. A meeting between indigenous Aymara, Qom, Quechua and Wichis.
- Pampa del Indio, a town located to the northeast of the province of Chaco in Argentina. Half of its population, estimated at 18,000 inhabitants, belongs to peoples Qom, which maintain their language and culture. Pampa del Indio is one of the largest agglomerates of indigenous population of Argentina which has survived a permanent attempt at genocide. Pampa del Indio has a long history of struggles as well as a large number of heroes, testimonies, legends, traditions, stories and narratives that reveal the wealth of indigenous cultures that are part and parcel of the identity and the cultural diversity of the region. Numerous indigenous organizations, struggling by the cultural rescue, others by land, or by the production of the field, others such as La Asociación Nam Qompi, devoted to the work of setting up the indigenous community of Pampa del Indio.

Matthias Gehrt (Germany)

Since 2004 Matthias Gehrt has been a member of the German Centre of TFI. He took over the Schauspiel- Direktion at the Theater Krefeld-Mönchengladbach at the beginning of the season 2010/11. He worked abroad, often in collaboration with the Goethe Institute. Between 1995 and 1999, he staged performances in Lagos / Nigeria and between 2000 and 2003 in Guadalajara / Mexico. Further productions led him to England, Canada, Sri Lanka, Ghana, and Israel.

List of events and activities:
- February / March 2016: Oedipus by Sophokles; at the National-Theater of Ghana, in co-direction with Mawul Soembo (Artistic director of the National Theatre Ordipus Rev.); and the Ghanaian culture is woven intrinsically into the otherwise global theme of the original play.
- July 2016: Orestia, invitation of Theater Krefeld-Mönchengladbach at „International Festival for Ancient Greek Drama“, Cyprus.

The Archive of Theaters. This project started in 2015 to help Syrian directors to escape the war and give them a chance to work in German theatre. This project is now successfully terminated.

- March 2017: Outside the Door. At the invitation of the Israeli Goethe Institute, Matthias Gehrt is a guest at the Trüna Theatre in Tel Aviv.
- Agamenmon, the Libation Bearers by Aeschylus, Theater Krefeld-Mönchengladbach, Germany.
- February 2017. Hensslemieg Schauspieldirektor Matthias Gehrt develops an overall concept to take up the debate about refugees in the Krefeld citizenship, and how we face the challenges of the theatre. The occasion for the invitation is the new project of the Schauspielhaus.
- Ongoing project „Theatre outside of Europe“ to present other cultures at the City Theatre Krefeld (TI) and (TI) Germany cooperation. In 2016, a play by Wolfgang Borchert will be presented in Trüna Theatre (Israel) and in 2017, a play by Israeli playwright, David Grossmann, will be presented in Krefeld.
- Guest participant in the Ancient Greek Drama Festival 2016 in Cyprus with the play Oreste.

Jesus Quintero and Ramón Verduco (Mexico)

- Created and presented three new pieces dealing with cultural change, guerilla violence and migration for young audiences.
- Building student audiences with city and state agencies of Tijuana and San Diego, USA.
- Staged an 8th Festival in conjunction with ITI World Theatre Day in March 2015.
- Keen to explore themes such as: How do artists/companies living at international borders relate to each other? What are the possibilities of interaction / collaboration between artists / companies living at international borders, specifically in countries with significant social and cultural differences? Theatre from the border? Theatre about the border? Differences and similarities.
- Annette (in progress / opening May 2017) Exploring stories from individuals who coexist in two territories, as well as family and social relationships at the Mexican-USA border.
- Ancestrales. Vanessa’s grandmother just passed away, but in her loss, she discovers a door that will keep them close. With her airplane models to fly, the help of her friends and the courage to fight her fears, she will travel a path full of dreams, inventions, changes and friendship that will reveal to her the true meaning of flying.
- Quien le teme a Esfapalampas? Esfapalampas (Scarecrows), a child soldier since he was taken from his family, faces his own conscience and fears embodied in Victor, his ultimate enemy, to cope with life as a fighter. Only the memories and love of his mother can help him survive.
- Los niños de Morelia. Playwright Víctor Hugo Rascón Banda. Directed by Ramón Verduco. The voices of 456 children that arrived to Mexico during Spain’s civil war make themselves present to tell us the story of their displacement, their identity crisis, the separation from their families and the cultural differences.
- Programs with audiences (Binationale School for Audiences THT). Each year, 20 applicants are selected and awarded with complimentary tickets to a selection of theatrical shows, provided by city, state and federal arts and culture organizations from Tijuana and San Diego.
- Festival THT. Regional theatre festival with participation of 9 theatre companies. A unique event that stands out from other theatre festivals in the city by featuring mainly local companies in its artistic program.
- Festival Muestra Interperpasa. A three-day experience consisting in workshops, master classes, socialization activities, student exchanges, and staging a play in the city’s second largest professional stage. Artistic and technical achievements are recognized by locally renowned artists.

Jorge Ortiz (USA)

- The company I serve as Executive Director, Ma-Yi Theater, produced 4 new pieces dealing with the lack of diversity in casting choices in US theatres; a children’s piece with specifically Asian American pre-teen hero and heroine, monodrama/comedy about Inesita Marcos, a drama about US Muslim soldier fighting in Iraq, and a comedy.
- Since Oct. 2014, we have been preparing for the 5th CACTA Conference/ Festival (Consortium of Asian American Theatres and Artists, I am a founder and serve on the Board). The fifth edition will be hosted by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (October 2016 Ashland), to elevate national awareness of existing excellence of Asian American theatre artists.
- Ma-Yi is actively involved with AAPPAC (Asian American Performing Artists Coalition), which addresses the ongoing casting injustices on U.S. stages where the demographic of the stage actors has no semblance to the demographic realities of the ethnic make-up of the nation.

Philipp Jamba, Uganda

(Information to be found in the Report of the Centre of Uganda)

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The Wong Kids in the Secret of the Space Chupacabra Go!, by Lloyd Safi, Ma-Yi Theater Co., on tour at Emerson Arts, Boston, USA.
### Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks

#### Network Theatre in Conflict Zones NTCZ

**Activities 2014 – 2017**

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The decision of the EC of ITI in Yerevan to confirm the proposal of the members of CIDC to divide the committee into three independent parts has proven to be a success. Since Yerevan, we piloted the new structure. It is NGPs goal to have the most visible and profited, and the cooperation with other ITI committees easier. We continue to keep each other informed of our projects, always seeking cooperation between us, so that in practice, we continue the spirit of CIDC.

**Vision**

Our answer to the challenge of the double face of globalization is: “The destiny of man is the man” (Brecht)

**Mission**

Our goal is to create a network of theatre artists that work in conflicts zones, especially in the European Mediterranean area and the closest region of Near East and Africa, and we’re looking for partners worldwide.

**Activities 2015**

**The Arc Of Theatre**

Started a cooperation between ITI Germany and Italy.

**ACAR** and “Theatre in Conflict Zones Network”. This project should support theatre people from refugee countries. In January 2015, we organized the work of 2 directors from Syria in Germany.

**Metamorphosis-Project**

In Tunis, Aug / Sept. 2015: ITI Italy (workshops, round tables and special meetings about theatre in conflict zones). The project is focused on gender-based conflicts and the tragic situation of migrations in the Euro-Mediterranean area.

**Roma-Project**

2015 - 2017, ITI Italy – The performance was played on 8 April in Lecce (Italy), which is the “Day of Roma and Sinti culture” and was played again until 2017. Presentations of the book Walls - Theatre and War by Fabio Tolledi, were made in order to raise awareness on theatre in conflict zones through the work of Astargal Theatre in Palestine, Iraq, Syria and other areas in conflict.

Round Table about Theatre in conflict zones at the 25th Romanian Theatre Festival, Nov. 2015 in Bucharest with Alexander Stillmark and Fabio Tolledi.

**Activities 2016**

**Oedipus by Sophocles**

ITI Germany, Matthias Gehrt, artistic director of Theater Krefeld-Mönchengladbach, at the National-Theater GiAnna in co-direction with Mawuli Semuvo (Artistic Director of the National Theatre Ghana (February – March)

**Orestia**

ITI Germany - Matthias Gehrt, “ORESTIA”, Invitation of Theater Krefeld-Mönchengladbach at International Festival for Ancient Greek Drama, Cyprus (July)

**Ellen Stewart International Award**

Spoleto (Italy) – ITI Italy – ITI U.S. Award Ceremony of Ellen Stewart Award (July)

**Metamorphosis-Project**

Site-specific interventions in open spaces in Southern Italy and in Brazil with actresses and actors from 5 countries (May - September)

**Activities 2017**

**Women! Echo, Daphne, Io and the Others**

ITI Italy – a project supported by Anna Lindh Foundation with artists from Tunisia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso and Italy promoting the resistance of women against the violence

**Planned Activities after ITI World Congress 2017:**

**Ongoing projects:**

Metamorphosis-Project

In Lecce (Italy) in Autumn 2017 with actors from Tunisia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Burkina Faso and Italy.

**My Unknown Enemy**

(Germany) to bring actors from countries in conflict together.

Centre Of Theatre In Conflict Zones

ITI Sudan (Khartoum, Sudan).

**Upcoming Projects:**

Sirens – A Female Myth To Overcome Conflict

ITI Burkina Faso and ITI Italy – October November

**Board meetings:**

November 2015 in Bucharest: Stillmark and Tolledi

February 2016 in Fujairah: Stillmark, Tolledi, Orsell, Ninelra

Alexander Stillmark (President) and Fabio Tolledi (Secretary), March, 2017

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### Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks

#### New Project Group NPG

**Activities 2014 – 2016**

**Mission**

New Project Group (NPG) is a laboratory for artists to work internationally, while retaining their individual identities. The goal of NPG is to create art that can be seen in both the context of the current trends and artistic contexts and the creative process, rather than the end result, by retaining intercultural dialogue and emphasizing cultural diversity. The purpose of the NPG project is to intercultural exchange and the exchange of ideas during the creative process. Unlike other committees, the primary goal and function of the NPG is to create a work or theatres that are presented at the World Congress, and to create pathways for participation into ITI’s activities and programming. Both NPG and YPC are committed to developing opportunities to identify, nurture and showcase some of the most promising young practitioners who wish to share with other young practitioners.

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Round Table about Theatre in conflict zones at the 25th Romanian Theatre Festival, Nov. 2015 in Bucharest with Alexander Stillmark and Fabio Tolledi.

**Activities 2016**

**Oedipus by Sophocles**

ITI Germany, Matthias Gehrt, artistic director of Theater Krefeld-Mönchengladbach, at the National-Theater GiAnna in co-direction with Mawuli Semuvo (Artistic Director of the National Theatre Ghana (February – March)

**Orestia**

ITI Germany - Matthias Gehrt, “ORESTIA”, Invitation of Theater Krefeld-Mönchengladbach at International Festival for Ancient Greek Drama, Cyprus (July)

**Ellen Stewart International Award**

Spoleto (Italy) – ITI Italy – ITI U.S. Award Ceremony of Ellen Stewart Award (July)

**Metamorphosis-Project**

Site-specific interventions in open spaces in Southern Italy and in Brazil with actresses and actors from 5 countries (May - September)

**Activities 2017**

**Women! Echo, Daphne, Io and the Others**

ITI Italy – a project supported by Anna Lindh Foundation with artists from Tunisia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso and Italy promoting the resistance of women against the violence

**Planned Activities after ITI World Congress 2017:**

**Ongoing projects:**

Metamorphosis-Project

In Lecce (Italy) in Autumn 2017 with actors from Tunisia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Burkina Faso and Italy.

**My Unknown Enemy**

(Germany) to bring actors from countries in conflict together.

Centre Of Theatre In Conflict Zones

ITI Sudan (Khartoum, Sudan).

**Upcoming Projects:**

Sirens – A Female Myth To Overcome Conflict

ITI Burkina Faso and ITI Italy – October November

**Board meetings:**

November 2015 in Bucharest: Stillmark and Tolledi

February 2016 in Fujairah: Stillmark, Tolledi, Orsell, Ninelra

Alexander Stillmark (President) and Fabio Tolledi (Secretary), March, 2017

**Note:** Regular email exchanges continued throughout this period, but the listing below includes only in-person and Skype meetings. One of the most important outcomes from the Yerevan World Congress has been the development of a partnership between the NPG and Young Practitioners Committee (YPC). This has been a natural and organic process - YPC was created at the World Congress in Mexico City when young practitioners involved in NPG joined with young delegates attending the Congress to create pathways for participation into ITI’s activities and programming. Both NPG and YPC are committed to developing opportunities to identify, nurture and showcase some of the most promising young practitioners who wish to share their work with other young practitioners.

**Summation**

The NPG was originally created 20 years ago as a way to reimagine the then existing New Theatre Committee – to insert artmaking and the creative process into the Congress programming and to provide an outlet for artists to create new work within the ITI framework. NPG serves three distinct audiences:

- Practitioners. A globally diverse and intergenerational group who are interested in actively participating in the collaborative creation of new work. There is a particular focus on the inclusion of talented young practitioners who wish to share their work with other young practitioners.

- Congress Attendees. The work is shared with delegates with the intention of showcasing new ways of working. NPG believes that artmaking is an essential component of Congress programming. Also, a case study detailing the development and planning of the project is presented at an open meeting during the Congress.

- Host Community. Community engagement is built into the structure of each project and has included involving local students actively in the project, offering acting and technique workshops for students and open dress rehearsals with time for the audience to interact with the artists.

Note: NPG has not submitted a project for the Segovia Congress. It’s future existence will depend on the decision of its members.
Activities – Committees, Forums, Networks
Theatre for Social Change Network SCN

Activities 2014 – 2016

Members
President: Cecile GUIDOTE ALVAREZ (Philippines)
Assigned as Secretary: Parakrama NIRELLA (Sri Lanka)

Activities 2014

December
Organized the ‘Paravesi Balaya’ (Power of Citizens) Movement and drew together artists of all formats in Sri Lanka subjected to oppression by the political hierarchy that was in power at that time, on a single platform.

Activities 2015

January
Initial steps were taken to form an organization of Theatre Artists who committed themselves to change the oppressive political powers.

February
Established the National Federation of Theatre Artists, Sri Lanka. The organization consists of Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim artists including artists residing in the provinces adversely affected by 30 years of communal conflicts and war.

April
Supported Inter Act Art (IAA) to organize the 4th International Theatre Festival in Colombo through the Theatre of the Oppressed (TO) using network represented by Alexander Stillmark NTCZ, Jorge Ortoll N-HIM and Parakrama Niriella SCN.

May
Initiated networking of all artists living across the country through Janakaraliya Theatre Of the People.

July & August

1. Visited Kolkata to participate at the Biyapajun 4th International Theatre Festival and during that period visited Sanjoy Ganguli of “Jana Sanaskriti” and Ashish Ghoswami of “Natya Chethana” who are working with theatre activities for social change.

2. The Annual Journey of Janakaraliya with the Mobile Theatre started on 25 July at Chilaw and continued theatre activities in the district till 22 October. Performances were followed by Forum discussions with people gathered to watch dramas. A day was devoted for the Tamil and Muslim artists who are living in the district to perform during the festival.

Activities 2016

January

Started rehearsals of the new play, „The Travelling Circus of Refugees“; a collaborative production of Janakaraliya and Mind Adventures Theatre Group of Colombo. The drama discusses the need for conflict-free social environments for personal development. It could be performed in both interior and exterior performing spaces. The play will be produced in Sinhala, Tamil and English. We are planning to perform the drama in Sri Lanka as well as in India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh with the intention of congregating several different Asian Drama Groups working towards positive social changes through drama and theatre.

February

Joint Meeting in Fujairah/UAE, of Theatre in Conflict Zone Network, the Network – Heritage, Indigenous Cultures & Migration and Theatre for Social Change Network represented by Alexander Stiftermark NTCZ, Jorge Ortoll N-HIM and Parakrama Niriella SCN. It was decided that all these 3 networks should communicate and interact with each other constantly. Since Janakaraliya (Theatre Of the People) is already lined up to the Theatre of the Oppressed (TO) using Applied/Forum Theatre for transformative effects on society, it was decided to connect and develop contacts through SCN network for ITI.

This report has been submitted by Parakrama Niriella and does not include the activities Cecile Guadorte Alvarez which can be found in the Philippine Report.

Activities 2014 – 2016

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We are in the process of building an internet website to provide a platform for exchanging and exposing ideas about styles, practices and functions of the arts, and to facilitate online performance creation.

We are in conversation with different ITI committees, national centres and EC members about future collaborative projects.

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Comments

The International Theatre Institute ITI is open for new initiatives and collaborations. It has to be aware of what it represents and what potential it has. At its core, ITI is an artistic organization based on the values inherent to the performing arts – theatre, dance and music theatre in all their forms.

To be strong, ITI has to associate itself with other organizations to form strong alliances, but not just through a Memorandum of Understanding. The alliance should result in projects that benefit the performing arts community and the audience.

At the moment, the General Secretariat is evaluating the possibility of reviving Theatre of Nations. But such a revival cannot just mean taking up the festival that once existed; it has to bring something new. This is the essential point that is being taken up at the moment, parallel to exploring the collaboration of a sponsor.

Two new initiatives are announced here: the creation of a network within ITI for stage directors and the development of a forum that deals with traditional forms in the performing arts. One is not quite ready to be launched at the Congress, but they will be developed further.

The International Stage Art Network is a collaboration between ITI and the Central Academy of Drama in Beijing. Its main aims are to inspire the different professions and disciplines of the Stage Arts through competitions, exhibitions, conferences and publications with the accent placed on the innovative aspects of these disciplines.
Goals of the Stage Directors’ Network

The goals of this Network are educational, artistic and humanistic and include the following proposals:

• To create a project group within ITI that takes care of the needs of stage directors. The project group attracts high profile stage directors and focuses on the quality of directing.

• To exchange knowledge and know-how between stage directors.

• To impart knowledge and technical expertise to newcomers and students through workshops and internships.

• To deliver workshops for young directors and students in stage directing.

• To invite stage directors to work at a theatre in another city or country and stage a play with the actors of that location.

• To create international projects with different stage directors, actresses, actors, dancers, choreographers and stage these at ITI Congresses, Theatre of Nations Festivals, Conferences or other international occasions.

• To create conferences with documentary presentations of the work of the members of the network (video, multimedia, small scenes, etc.) and host discussions (question & answer periods) about the work.

• To give beginner and professional stage directors the opportunity to observe how a stage director employs cultural identity to create a play.

• To develop stage directors in community theatre who can work with non-professional participants and use their art in conflict zones.

New Artistic Projects

Stage Directors’ Network SDN (in development)

Preamble

At the final press conference of the Xiamen Congress, then President Manfred Belharz asked the Director General: “Why is there no Stage Director Committee in ITI? If the playwrights have their forum, why not the stage directors?” Then the Swedish stage director Mathias LaFolie approached the DG with the same question. After that many more persons approached the General Secretariat after that meeting about this idea. For this reason, the Director General surveyed numerous ITI members about such a forum or network. He found an enthusiastic response in Fabio Tolledi and Giorgio Zorcu from Italy, Mathias LaFolie from Sweden, as well as from Wang Xiaoying and Wu Xiaoxiang, two stage directors of China. Vice President for Asia Pacif, Ji Guoping, voiced a strong interest in supporting such an initiative.

First Meeting

The first meeting of an interested group took place in December 2015 in the new ITI headquarters in Shanghai. The participants were Fabio Tolledi and Giorgio Zorcu (both ITI Italy), Wang Xiaoying and Wu Xiaoxiang (both from China), Hakob Ghazanchyan and Sona Machtchyan (both from Armenia) as well as the General Secretariat members Chen Zhongwen, Aktina Stathaki, Tang Yiming and the DG. They discussed the goals and possible first events and actions. Hakob Ghazanchyan, president of the Dramatic Theatre Committee DTC, stated that he will continue to work for the development of the DTC but believes that a network for stage directors is something that should be developed.

First Event in Italy

On the initiative of Fabio Tolledi, president of the Italian Centre of ITI, Wu Xiaoxiang (stage director of the National Theatre in Beijing) has stayed for two weeks in Lecce giving workshops to three different target audiences. They introduced theatre people to the Chinese way of acting.

Second Event in China

• A second, small and high quality event will be held in China. The idea is to host six international and local directors whose works will be presented with videos, photographs, etc. Each director will be introduced by someone, followed by the presentation of his/his work, after which there is a question and answer period with the audience.

• The presentations with each director should last 1 ½ hours with the project running over two afternoons.

• There will be a performance of a work by one Chinese director and one director from abroad.

• Another director from abroad can lead a workshop for a week before or after the presentations.

• The audience would consist of professionals who have an interest in knowing how other colleagues work as well as theatre students.

• There should be ample time for discussion between the stage directors, and also between the stage directors and audience members.

• The event is planned for the second half of 2016, with further events at other locations in the future.

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New Artistic Projects

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Traditional Performing Arts Forum TPAF

On 27 March, World Theatre Day, the Chinese Centre of ITI / China Theatre Association organized the first Forum for Traditional Theatre / Performing Arts. The title of the conference was “Asian Traditional Theatre Forum”.

Theatre came into existence from religious rituals. The celebration of World Theatre Day is a ritual, but it is also a great occasion for theatre exchange. This edition of World Theatre Day is themed on traditional theatres, therefore, all artistic events are centred on this particular field. The forum attracted 19 scholars and experts from Asian countries and regions. Each of them presented their papers introducing the traditional theatre forms in their countries. Most of the experts used multimedia to illustrate their theatres, which was very informative and impressive. During the intensive presentations by 17 speakers, a colourful collage of the great diversity of Asian traditional theatres was shown to the participants.

The papers submitted by the experts were compiled into a voluminous book, which is a valuable asset of this forum.

The participants of the Forum from Asia voiced a strong interest in forming a committee or forum to take care of the traditional performing arts forms, especially in Asia where they are still very popular and are shown in villages. It was evident to the participants that there is such a need in their region, so the idea will be developed further by the participants, the General Secretariat ITI and by the Chinese Centre of ITI.

During the Asian Traditional Theatre Forum
Above: Xiju presentation; presentation by Ji Guoping, Vice President ITI.
Below: LE TIEN Tho, director of the Vietnamese Centre of ITI demonstrating with his wife traditional theatre technique of Vietnam; KIM Jeong-Ok, Honorary President of ITI, lecturing.

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Inauguration group photo of the founders.
Below: DONG Wei, former President of the Chinese Centre, now Vice Minister of Culture of China; Vice President iSTAN, ZHANG Quingshan addressing the audience.

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New Artistic Projects: International Stage Art Network iSTAN – Collaboration

Opening Ceremony
The Opening Ceremony of the event was held on 27 October in the Experimental Theatre of the Central Academy of Drama. The ceremony was moderated by Tobias Biancone. He introduced Mohamed Al-Afkham (president ITI) and Xu Xian (president CAD) delivered speeches during the ceremony. Both of them expressed their congratulations on holding this inaugural iSTAN event.

iSTAN Board Meeting and Specialist Meeting
Board members of iSTAN from five different regions (South America, Africa, Arab, Europe, and Asia-Pacific) and China, plus the president and the vice-president of iSTAN, attended the board meeting. One of the most important issues of the meeting was the way of how to promote the Network in the different regions of the world and how to attract more stage artists, specialists, and students to join in the Network. The specialists meeting offered all the stage art specialists from China and aboard a chance to get acquainted with each other.

Workshops and Lectures
12 workshops or lectures were held during the 3-day event. Specialists from nine countries shared their ideas with the audiences, mostly stage art students, covering almost all the fields of the stage arts: stage design, make-up, sound design, light design, multimedia, set design, stage technique, cultural heritage, etc. More than 500 students participated into the workshops or lectures.

iSTAN Lifetime Achievement Award
The annual Academy Award held by Central Academy of Drama is the top theatre award in China. This year, the 6th Academy Award adds one special part to it: the iSTAN Lifetime Achievement Award, to highlight the importance of stage art within the performing arts. iSTAN Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Gunilla Palmstierna-Weiss, a Swedish stage artist who has dedicated her life to the stage arts and influenced the performing arts through her extraordinary achievements with her designs for the stage.

The vice-president of ITI, Ann Mari ENGEL, made a presentation on Gunilla Palmstierna-Weiss’ achievements during the Summit. The President of ITI presented the iSTAN Lifetime Achievement Award. Mathias Lafolie, Cultural Counselor of the Swedish Embassy in Beijing, accepted the Award on behalf of Gunilla Palmstierna-Weiss.

Future Projects of iSTAN
The General Secretariat of iSTAN has decided to launch the 1st iSTAN Competition in 2017. It is agreed that the first Competition will concentrate on two categories of stage design: make-up and costume design. Contact: CHEN Zhongwen, chen.zhongwen@ti-worldwide.org
In the past two years, the educational activities of ITI have increased. While the members of FTTE (Forum for Theatre Training & Education) are continuing their work, and while AKT-ZENT The Research Centre of ITI is progressing in creating a “World Theatre Training Library” and doing work on a global level, two new initiatives are beginning new educational actions under the ITI umbrella:

• The ITI / UNESCO Network for Higher Education(s) in the Performing Arts and
• a series of Conferences under the heading of “How to Bring Theatre to People”

Information about the newly named Forum for Theatre Training & Education can be found on page 133, in the section of the Committees, Forums, Networks and Groups. The information about the other activities may be found in this chapter.
ITI/UNESCO Network for Higher Education in the Performing Arts

After ending the partnership with the ITI/UNESCO Chair, the new Network was launched and approved by UNESCO’s Educational Sector and by the UNITWIN Programme for Networks and Chairs.

After an event at ARTA in Paris, organized by AKT-ZENT Research Centre of ITI and a conference and workshops conducted by the ITI Network for Higher Education in the Performing Arts at the last Congress in Yerevan, the members of the Network met in Shanghai in December 2015 for their first General Assembly. The event was organized and hosted by the Shanghai Theatre Academy STA, assisted by the General Secretariat of the International Theatre Institute ITI.

The members decided on charter changes, the procedure for accepting new members, the leadership, the membership fee ($100 RMB = 68 Euros = $77 US Dollars), the strategy and priorities and the acceptance of three new members: The Yerevan State Institute ITI. All members were invited to attend the next ITI World Congress in Xiamen 2015, AKT-ZENT – ITI Research Centre to conduct the project “The World Theatre Training Library”.

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Most of the time was dedicated to the projects for the Network:

- Vidyanidhee Varanase, India, is leading a project about art and entrepreneurship.
- Geoffrey Hyland, South Africa, is interested in how we can get the students together and how we can share the work of the students e.g. a theatre festival in Cape Town, South Africa.
- Israeef Shaeheen, Bangladesh, proposes to develop a project with his students; they will run small companies of five persons for a year around the country and want to cooperate with more schools from and connect students to other countries.
- Anatoly Polyankin and Dmitry Trubotchkin, Russia, propose to create a register of acting schools in the world, a project of moving seminars, and a new information centre on the internet. The Information Centre will gather and publish information from all the other networks, this way we will get attention from all the other networks.

- Hartmut Wickert, Switzerland, Learning Europe, will submit a project that is not based on dramatic literature, but of a topic that may be interpreted by theatre students in their own way based on their experience and culture.
- William Sun, China, proposes to continue the Intercultural Performance Studies, like summer and winter schools at Shanghai Theatre Academy.
- Gong Baorong, China, is leading a programme for an Evaluation and Assessment System for Theatre Schools in China and worldwide.

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Activities

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2017 online start of https://hybrid-theatre-training.org

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Teatro Escola Macunaima, Sao Paolo, Brazil
Estonian Academy of Music & Theatre Tallinn
Various European theatre centres and organizations

http://theatreculture.org
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Main Cooperating Institutions

National ITI Centres
Russian Theatre Union STD
Galiassar Kamal Tatar National Academic Theatre, Russia

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Educational Projects of ITI

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4. Brazilian Postgraduate Programme for Theatre Teachers São Paulo
The first semester was held 11 January to 6 February 2016. The second took place from the 4-23 July 2016. Projected / in development: Brazilian Institute for post-education for teaching professional theatre.

5. Seminars for Teachers and Directors
International Directors’ and Teachers’ Colloquium
Art. dir. J. Alschitz
3rd – 8 of January 2015, Berlin, Germany: “The actor on the post-dramatic stage”

“Education Plus for Acting Teachers”
International seminars: Artistic Director: J. Alschitz
17 – 22 of March 2015 Berlin, Germany: “Theatre of the 4th dimension”
31 of October - 6 of November 2015 Berlin, Germany: “Homo Creativus - Turning the Tide on Teaching Theatre Practice”

6. Laboratories for Actors
Development and practice of new exercises for the World Theatre Training Library
9 - 17 of November 2016, Berlin, Germany: “The View of the Shaman”
18 - 25 of April + 5 - 12 of May 2017 Berlin: “The Vertical of the Role” practical part of the first hybrid education programme.

7. Methodika, International Festival for Theatre Training Methods
Established 2001 under the patronage of ITI-TECOM / FTTE

8. Acting and Directing Seminars in cooperation with various institutions (selection)
Feb/March 2015
• Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts, Baku Seminar “Ensemble and Personality”
• April + Oct. 2015 Pescara, Italy: “Hortus Conclusus. The Art of destruction for the creation” Part 1 + 2
• Centro di Pedagogie e Formazione Teatrale, Pescara, Italy
• Didactic teatrale, educational project in 5 parts, 2015/2016

Feb 2017
Workshop and lecture by Dr. Jurij Alschitz at the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation / ITI Sri Lanka

9. Publications
Jurij Alschitz: 45 Questions of one Role, in Russian, GITIS press, 2015
Jurij Alschitz: Training per sempre, Dino Audino, 2015

Summary and Overview of the Scientific Research
The World Theatre Training Institute, AKT-ZENT / ITI works exclusively for the innovation of theatre training methods. All seminars, master-classes, or lectures in any country of the world are considered as part of the permanent World Theatre Training Laboratory.

Over the past two years, the artistic director Dr. Jurij Alschitz and his team have spent time researching and exploring through practical case studies how the development of theatrical education in a new era of global information revolution should be determined, in order to comply with our rapidly evolving society and the emergence of a new type of artist. Conventional teaching methods and curricula are becoming obsolete and need total reconsideration. With the curriculum development for an M.A. degree for theatre teachers the ITI research centre is working now on the practical exploration and evaluation. With the “Exercise 40/40” Dr. Jurij Alschitz proposes a completely new approach to theatre education in general.

The subject of ‘Spherical Education’ gains more and more importance. In the times of hypertext and with the notion of the fractal, wave and resonance theory, new methodologies for acting and directing are developed, specifically for the training of a different psychophysical condition of the artist. Training on time and space with the “Theatre of the 4th dimension”, changing the actor’s perception with the “Haiku-Method”, training units according to fractal geometry a.o. are providing completely new tools for the profession.

All research laboratories are giving birth to the exercises and methods to be published in the World Theatre Training Library.

With the hybrid platform for theatre the AKT-ZENT opens a new format of training and worldwide distribution of methodology.
How to Bring Theatre to the People


This basic question: “How to bring theatre to people?” came about in a discussion with Apostolos Apostolidis, Hamadou Mandé and Tobias Biancone, in São Paulo. As the Jing’an District of Shanghai where ITI is located is engaged in initiatives of “How to bring Theatre to People”, the General Secretariat initiated a meeting with ITI members, with members of the Shanghai Theatre Academy and with members of the Jing’an District who are actively working in the field – Latin America, Europe, Asia, Arab Countries and Africa are to be included. Visual presentations would be important to demonstrate the impact of ITI and also that it was ITI that created International Dance Day.

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This first event should serve as a pilot project for other congresses on the same subject to be held wherever the need and possibility exists.

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UNESCO and ITI

ITI / UNESCO World Performing Arts Capital

The Basic Goal

The idea to create a World Performing Arts Capital is based on the UNESCO World Book Capital. Ljubljana was the World Book Capital in 2011 and Tatjana Azman, the President of Slovenian Centre of ITI and Executive Council member, communicated the idea of creating such a Capital during an Executive Council Session in 2011. Thereafter, the General Secretariat with the assistance of Cecile Guidote Alvarez campaigned at UNESCO and achieved the unanimous approval of the project during the General Assembly in 2013.

It was stipulated in the UNESCO resolution that the administration of procedure for the call, selection and evaluation the Capital is done by ITI, meaning that the World Performing Arts Capital is a title bestowed by both UNESCO and ITI to a city in recognition of the quality of its programmes to support and promote the performing arts and education in the performing arts as well as the humanistic factor for bridge-building and developing character in this sector.

Experts Meeting

An experts’ meeting was held on 9 and 10 November 2015 in Shanghai to discuss the criteria for choosing the Capital: time schedule, launching the call, jury work, accompanying activities of the Capital, etc.

The experts present were Danny Yung (Hong Kong, honorary president of the Music Theatre NOW Network of ITI), Kim Kun-Cheol (South Korea, honorary president of the Critics Association), the ITI Executive Council Members Tatjana Azman (Slovenia) and Apostolos Apostolides (Cyprus). From the General Secretariat Tobias Biancone, Chen Zhongwen and Aktina Stathaki participated in the meeting.

A member of UNESCO who was invited to Shanghai could not attend due to the General Assembly that happened at the same time at UNESCO in Paris. Cecile Guidote Alvarez (Philippines, ITI Executive Council Member), Wolfgang Schneider (Germany, honorary president of ASSITEJ), Hans-Georg Knopp (former leader of Goethe Institute international and of the Haus der Kulturen, Berlin) were not able to attend and will be consulted in the process of creating the call.

Meeting with Francesco Bandarin, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture

In December 2015, the Director General ITI and Chen Zhongwen, Assistant of the DG and Director for Collaborations, met Francesco Bandarin to discuss different issues. One of them was the World Performing Arts Capital. He underlined that we should include a member of his team in the creation of the criteria and the call to cities over the world. Having UNESCO in the name confirms that the project is following the UNESCO goals and programmes. The DG stressed that this was the idea of the collaboration in the first place and that ITI will follow his advice. The Capital will be mainly of benefit for the performing arts and its artists.

Next Steps

The experts’ group and the General Secretariat are preparing a proposal for the criteria for the call. After that they will meet with UNESCO and include their ideas before the call will be launched.

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Seoul is one of the cities that showed interest in becoming a World Performing Arts Capital.

UNESCO and ITI

UNESCO Artists for Peace

ITI is proud to have two UNESCO Artists for Peace.

The Earthsavers

Cecile Guidote Alvarez from the Philippines is showing with her activities and project on how theatre and the arts in general can be used to allivate poverty, to care for the climate and to create a bridge with the arts for mutual understanding and peace.

Ali Mahdi Nouri from Sudan is a strong voice for promoting the arts in the Arab world and is using the arts to bring mutual understanding in conflict zones. He is leading workshops all over the world, for example in the US, in the Netherlands and in Japan.

Cecile Guidote Alvarez and Ali Mahdi Nouri are well connected with UNESCO and with Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO as can be seen in the pictures here.

Left column: Irina Bokova and Cecile Guidote Alvarez on the river Seine in Paris. Below: Cecile on one of her many cultural missions.


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Comments

After the Yerevan Congress, the main focus of the General Secretariat was to relocate the office to Shanghai. In Paris the costs were increasing due to ending the contracts with all the staff, and for paying indemnities according to the law of France. From January 1st UNESCO did not offer the space for free to most of the NGOs in the “Batiment ONG” at 1 Rue Miollis. ITI had to be pay rent (2000 Euros/month). As it was clear that ITI had moved the management to Shanghai, it was decided that ITI would rent a smaller room in the better-equipped Bonvin Building, thus reducing the monthly rent to 500 Euros.

Thanks to the Shanghai Municipality ITI was able to relocate to Shanghai. The authorities are covering mainly the salaries, the operational costs and the rent. The Shanghai Theatre Academy is assisting ITI in matters of employment, resident and work permit and in all legal aspects that concern finance, contracts and the related procedures. The system of handling contracts, employment, health insurance, other insurance, taxes and other administrative issues is similar to the one of France.

In addition to the financial assistance that ITI received through the Shanghai authorities, there was a budget for relocation that covered one-time costs, i.e. moving the material of staff to Shanghai, moving the essential office material of ITI to Shanghai, the renovation for the new office, office furniture, and office machines and material.

Shanghai Theatre Academy staff from different departments (administration, legal affairs, financial bureau and international relations) were of great assistance for the procedures in China. From ITI General Secretariat, Chen Zhongwen and Guo Ping and in Paris, Renaud Mesini dealt with the accounts, budgets, etc.

With a bigger budget for the headquarters, ITI will be able to advance well into the future and increase the short- and long-term efforts to strengthen and enlarge the organization of ITI for the benefit of the Centres, Regional Councils, Committees, Forums, Networks, Project Groups and all ITI members, performing artists, the performing arts, for UNESCO and society.

Finances

Great Gratitude

ITI is greatly indebted to the Shanghai authorities for funding ITI. The thanks are going especially to the leaders of the Shanghai Theatre Academy STA that have relentlessly supported ITI. Thanks to the leaders of STA the International Theatre Institute ITI and the members of the Headquarters feel home in Shanghai and can work well for the international organization. The great gratitude go to Lou Wei, Chairman; Hu Min, Vice-Chairman; Huang Changyong, President; Gong Baorong, Vice-President STA and co-director of the Network for Higher Education in the Performing Arts; Guo Yu, Vice President; Zhang Welling, Vice President and their teams.

Great Gratitude is also expressed to the leaders of Shanghai Municipality and of the Jing’an District Municipality who sponsored the opening of the office and invited the Executive Council for dinner.

Gratitude

Gratitude goes as well to the following members for their financial support, their in-kind support, their material support and their pro-bono assistance:

- François L. Meynot, France
- Futura Communications, Switzerland
- Alba Inforamtique, Switzerland
- Central Academy of Drama, China
- My Phat Academy, Vietnam
- ATEC Asia Theatre Education Centre, China

And the following ITI Centres for hosting members of the General Secretariat, paying hotel and many times also the travel:

- Chinese Centre
- Fujairah UAE Centre (two Executive Council Sessions)
- Manaus Municipality / Brazilian Centre
- Italian Centre (Regional Council Session)
- Mongolian Centre
- Russian Centre (Executive Council Session)
- Slovenian Centre (Executive Council Session)
- US Centre (Preconference and TIC Conference)

Events

- For International Dance Day 2015 in: Shanghai Theatre Academy
- For International Dance Day 2016 in: La Villette, Paris: Shanghai Theatre Academy, China; Fosun Foundation, China
- For International Dance Day 2017 in: Shanghai: Shanghai Theatre Academy, China; Fosun Foundation, China; Shanghai International Dance Center Development Foundation and Shanghai International Dance Center, China; China Dancer Association. Shanghai Dance School
- For World Theatre Day 2015: Fujairah Culture and Media Authority and Fujairah UAE Centre
- For World Theatre Day 2016: Cultural Bureau of Guangzhou, China Theatre Association / Chinese Centre
- For World Theatre Day 2017 in Paris at UNESCO: HanHall Foundation, China
- For ITAN Event 2016 in Beijing: Central Academy of Drama and HanHall Foundation, China

And many more unnamed sponsors, supporters and sponsors.
In the 140th Executive Council Session the members discussed the further development of the Charter of ITI. It was decided that the Charter should be modernized and adapted to the needs of the Performing Arts of today, step by step. The Working Group consisted of Ann Mari Engel (Sweden) – Vice President for Europe and of Apostolos Apostolides (Cyprus) – Treasurer of ITI, as well as the Director-General of ITI. The main changes consisted in:

1. Putting accent on the fact that ITI is an organization for the Performing Arts – as already mentioned in the Charter since its beginning;
2. Clarifying the difference between the terms “Congress” and “General Assembly”; and
3. (in) changing the definition of what is a Cooperating Member in formulating the text in alignment with the UNESCO Convention for Cultural Diversity.

In the 143rd Executive Council Session the changes of the charter were discussed, the input was integrated and the proposal for the changes was finalized.

At the beginning of September 2016 the Charter with the changes that were approved by the EC will be sent in English and French to all Centres for discussion and input. The final proposal will be submitted at next ITI World Congress for approval by the General Assembly.
The Structure of the Organization

For quite a long time the structure of the organization did not change. The Charter of ITI was overhauled once in the late nineties but since then it has been changed only when it was needed due to legal demands or to demands from its members. More information about it in the chapter “Legal Aspects of ITI”, page 130.

The structure of ITI:

- General Assembly (with Centre as the sole voting member, assembled during the ITI World Congress)
- Centres (with own Charters in alignment with the goals of ITI)
- Cooperating Members (internationally working in alignment with the goals of ITI)
- Project Groups (Committees, Forums and Groups, with an own structure, office bearers, president, chairperson, spokesperson, general secretary, etc.)
- Working Groups (mainly short term working groups organized with members of the Executive Council and experts)
- Executive Council EC
- Executive Board EB (elected by the Executive Council with a president, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer and other members of the Executive Council)
- General Secretariat (the General Secretariat is the headquarters of ITI)
- Executive Board EE (ex-officio)

ITI also has Honorary Presidents, Honorary Members and the World Theatre Ambassadors that are using their position to promote ITI on a voluntary basis.

Executive Council 2014-2017

(In alphabetical order)

Mohamed AL-AFKHAM, Fujairah/United Arab Emirates - President
Apostolos APOTOLIDIES, Cyprus - Treasurer (until Spring 2017)
Ann-Mari ENGEL, Sweden – Vice President Europe
Ali MAHDI NOURI, Sudan – Secretary
Ann Mari ENGEL, Sweden – Vice President Europe
Santiago GARCIA, Colombia

Executive Board 2014-2017

Muhammed AL-AFKHAM, Fujairah/United Arab Emirates - President
Emilya CACHAPERO, USA - Treasurer (until Spring 2017)
Tobias BIANCONE, Switzerland - Director General, ex-officio
Ann Mari ENGEL, Sweden – Vice President Europe

General Secretariat

UNESCO Office Paris (personnel until 31 March 2016):
Tobias BIANCONE, Switzerland – Director General
Petra HRISTOVA, Bulgaria/France – Director for Communication and Events (until 31 March 2015)
Barbara STEINBACH, Germany – Director for Administration (with maternity leave until late 2014, in the office until 31 March 2015)
Renaud MESNIL, France (replacement for Barbara STEINBACH)
María MOSKINA, Russia – intern until 31 December 2015

Headquarters Shanghai (from 1 April 2015):
Tobias BIANCONE, Switzerland – Director General
CHEN Zhongwen, China – Director for Administration

ITI/UNESCO Office Paris (personnel until 31 March 2016):
Tobias BIANCONE, Switzerland – Director General
Barbara STEINBACH, Germany – Director for Administration

Regional Councils

Office bearers (to be found in the Reports of the Regional Councils, page 46 to page 49)

Pearl GUO Ping, China – Accountant and Purchasing Officer (April 2015 to June 2017)
Renaud MESNIL, France – Accountant France (mandate, since 1 April 2015)
Nancy CHEN Smin, China – Project Officer (since June 2017)
Angel CONG Yan, China – Project Officer (29 Nov. 2016 to 30 March 2017)
Akina SATTHAI, Germany – Event Manager (1 October 2015 to 31 May 2016)
Mike VAN GRAAN, South Africa – Consultant for International Development (mandate, mid-March 2016 to June 2016)
Susanne PLATZNER, Australia/Switzerland – Human Resources (mandate, May 2015 to July 2015)
Andrea PACCIOTTO, Italy – (mandate, November 2015 to June 2016)
Sara NOURI, Intern (October 2016 to January 2017)
FENG Min, CHEN Yangxi, China – Interns (July 2016 to August 2016)
Mirja MAETZENER, Switzerland – Intern (May 2016 to July 2016)

International Theatre Ambassadors

IGOR Stravinsky, France (1909-1971)
Vigdis FINNBOGADOTTIR, Iceland (1926-2011)

Regional Councils

Headquarters Shanghai (from 1 April 2015):
Tobias BIANCONE, Switzerland – President

ITI/UNESCO Office Paris (personnel until 31 March 2016):
Tobias BIANCONE, Switzerland – Director General

World Theatre Ambassadors

Bhupen KHAKHAR, India (1935-2003)

Around the world. The members of ITI follow the goals of ITI, enter into the new building.

Many More Movers

Together with many unnamed members of ITI these persons were the main ‘movers’ of the organization in the last three years.

Open to the Performing Arts Community

ITI is and should be an open organization that includes people from the performing arts communities all over the world. The members of ITI follow the goals of the organisation and they select their leaders, coordinators, chairperson, etc. in a democratic way – locally and globally.

Next Election

The next election of the Executive Council and of the Office Bearers of the Project Groups (Committees) is scheduled for the 35th ITI World Congress.
Organization of ITI
Executive Council & Executive Board Sessions

140th Executive Council Session
20-22 February 2015, Fujaisah/UAE

Present:
Mohamed Saff Al-AFKHAM
Ann Mari ENGEL
Emilya CACHAPERO
Joachim LUX

Guest:
Betlsario ARCE, Manaus/Brazil, member of the Congress Task Force

Main topics of the session:
• Brief account on the activities since 140th EC session
• Relocation registration
• Finances: ITI French staff payment, budget 2015
• ITI programme 2014-2016
• ITI development: new centres, regional councils
• WTD and IDD: activities 2015, selection procedure 2016
• Proposal of a Theatre of Nations Festival in Shanghai
• Projects in China in collaboration with Shanghai Theatre Academy and Central Academy of Drama, Beijing
• ITI’s patronage and support on Fuja Perpetua and Inconts
• 35th ITI World Congress Manaus/Brazil, date, theme, accommodation, flights, visa issue

141st Executive Council Session
5/6 November 2015, Shanghai/China

Present:
Mohamed Saff Al-AFKHAM
Ann Mari ENGEL
Hamadou MANDE
Ali MAHDI NOURI
Apostolos APOTOLIDES
Ali MAHDI NOURI

Guest:
Beltsario ARCE, Manaus/Brazil, member of the Congress Task Force

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• ITI development: Centres, Regional Councils, Project Groups/Committees
• WTD, and IDD 2015
• Communication within ITI and with the performing arts communities on a local and global level
• Relocation

140-1 Executive Board Session
11/12 June 2015, Manaus/Brazil

Present:
Mohamed Saf Al-AFKHAM
Marcio SOUZA
Hamadou MANDE
Apostolos APOTOLIDES
Ali MAHDI NOURI

Tobias BIANCONE
CHEN ZHONGYUEN

Guests:
Edluardo MACAMBIRA, Brazil, representative of the Municipality of Manaus
Ramendu MAJUMDAR, Bangladesh, Honorary President
Andrea PACOETTO, Italy
Shemir MALLIL, Israel, Young Practitioners’ Committee
Taiwo AFOLABI, Nigeria, Young Practitioners’ Committee

Main topics of the session:
• Brief account of activities since last EC session
• Strategic Planning/Management: Employee handbook, plans for the GS team, charter changes
• Artistic and educational projects: WTD/IDD 2016
• ITI Outstanding Achievement Award, Theatre of Nations, Stage Directors Network Event, Stage Art Competition/Network, Conference “How to Bring Theatre to People” in Shanghai
• ITI/UNESCO: ITI office in Paris and relationship with UNESCO, ITI/UNESCO Network for Higher Education in Performing Arts, ITI/UNESCO World Performing Arts Capital
• ITI development: Centres, Regional Councils, Project Groups/Committees
• 35th ITI World Congress in Manaus, Brazil: direction, location, activities, etc.

142nd Executive Council Session
21 February 2016, Fujaisah/UAE

Present:
Mohamed Saff Al-AFKHAM
Ann Mari ENGEL
Emilya CACHAPERO
Hamadou MANDE
Apostolos APOTOLIDES
Tobias BIANCONE

Guests:
Alfira ARSLANOVA
Antonia Mercedes VERGARA FERNANDEZ for Carlos CELDRAN
Fray Paolo CASURAIO for Cecile GUIDOTE ALVAREZ
LE QUY Duong
Thomas ENGEL for Joachim LUX
Eduardo MACAMBIRA for Marco SOUZA
Fabio TOLLEDI
Wang LING for Ji Guoping
Tobias BIANCONE
CHEN ZHONGYUEN
Apostolos APOTOLIDES

Main topics of the session:
• 35th ITI World Congress: PowerPoint Presentation by the DG, Congress preparation and organization, statutory part, artistic part, educational part, website, budget, registration, visa, invitation letters, and other Congress related issues.
• Short planning of the Joint Executive Council & Committees session
• Information about the past and planned activities
• WTD/IDD 2016: state of affairs
• Regional Council Sessions: state of planning

142-1 Executive Board Skype Session
23 April 2016, Paris local time 13.00h

Present:
Mohamed Saf Al-AFKHAM
Ann Mari ENGEL
Emilya CACHAPERO
Hamadou MANDE
Apostolos APOTOLIDES
Tobias BIANCONE

Guests:
Aktina STATHAKI
CHEN Zhongwen
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Organization of ITI
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144th Executive Council Session 28 October 2016, Beijing/China

Present:
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Ann Mari ENGEL
Hamadou MANDE
Emilsky CACHAPERO
Ali MAHDI NOURI
Apostolos APOSTOLIDES
Al’fiya ARSLANOVA
Tatjana AZMAN
Daniel BAUSCH
Carlos CEDRAM
Cecilie GUIDOTE ALVAREZ
Fabio TOLLEDI
Joachim LUX
Apostolos APANTAKIS
CHEN Zhongwen

Main topics of this session:
- ITI World Congress in Segovia: events and activities, themes, communication, logistic issues (hotel, visa, transportation, etc.), and setting up a Congress Task Force.
- Clarification about the decision process for the location of 35th ITI World Congress.
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144th Executive Board Session 31 March 2017, Moscow/Russia

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Thomas ENGEL

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Ann Mari ENGEL
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Apostolos APANTAKIS
Yulia ARDASHKINA

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143rd Executive Council Session 4-5 June 2016, Ljubljana/Slovenia

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Fabio TOLLEDI
Joachim LUX

Main topics of this session:
- ITI World Congress: urgent issues on Manaus Congress Cancellation, new Congress location proposals, travel funds problems, Congress Report.
- Information about the staff in Shanghai: essential requirements for ITI staff, ending contract with the ITI Event Manager, etc.

143rd Executive Board Session 10-11 December 2016, Segovia/Spain

Present:
Mohamed Saf Al-AFKHAM
Ann Mari ENGEL
Hamadou MANDE
Emilsky CACHAPERO
Ali MAHDI NOURI
Apostolos APOSTOLIDES
Tobias BIANCONE

Main topics of this session:
- Toolkit for ITI Centres in development and will be presented during next EC session.
- Agenda of the 144th Executive Council Session.
- Reimbursement of ticket costs to Manaus: should be paid to Centres by the end of 2016.
- 70th Anniversary of ITI: in 2018, proposals for Le Quy Duyong.
- Participation of the Young Practitioners’ Committee.
- Communication: New ITI website, ITI Newsletter.
- ITI Centres and Regional Councils: Newly created “Toolkit for ITI Centres”; new Centres, activities and plans of the Regional Council.
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Main topics of this session:
- Cancellation of Manaus Congress: situation, and reimbursement strategy for cost of the lost flight tickets, new Congress location proposals.
- Legal Aspects: Charter changes.
- Personnel: Employment strategy and state of affairs.
- Information about past and planned activities of Centres, General Secretariat and Regional Councils.
Theatre and Dance Partner Organizations

Comments
After 2008 ITI organized regular meetings for all Partner Organizations, until 2012. Due to the work overload for relocation, there was not enough time to organize a meeting at UNESCO with all Partner Organizations in the past two years.

That does not mean that there is not a close connection with some of them. Due to the fact that all of us are involved in theatre, theatre education or dance and dance education, meeting during conferences, invitations to conferences and congresses made it possible that with some of them the collaboration is going strong. Nevertheless it is important that these reunions are continued. And they will in the year to come.

AICT - International Association of Theatre Critics
www.aict-iact.org

AITA - International Amateur Theatre Association
www.aitaia.org

AITU - International University Theatre Association
www.aiutu.org
www.facebook.com/groups/131224460791868

ASSITEJ - International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People
www.assistiej.org
www.facebook.com/ASSITEJ International
www.twitter.com/ASSITEJ

ATI - Arab Theatre Institute
www.atitheatre.ae
www.twitter.com/arabtheatinst

ETC - European Theatre Convention
www.etc-cte.org
www.facebook.com/etc.etc5
www.twitter.com/europeantheatre

FIA - Int’l Federation of Actors
www.fia-actors.com
www.facebook.com/pages/FIA-International-Federation-of-Actors
www.twitter.com/FIA_actors
www.youtube.com/channel/UC_uLp2R12qgVPBP9I6w

FIRT - Int’l Federation for Theatre Research
www.firt.org

IDEA - Int’l Drama/Theatre & Education Association
www.idea-org.net

OISTAT - Int’l Organization of Scenographers, Theatre Architects and Technicians
www.oistat.org
www.facebook.com/oistat

SIBMAS - International Society of Libraries and Museums for the Performing Arts
www.sibmas.org
www.facebook.com/sibmas
www.twitter.com/sibmas_org

UNIMA - International Puppeteers Union
www.unima.org
www.facebook.com/pages/UNIMA-International
www.twitter.com/UNIMA_inter
www.youtube.com/channel/UC7vBpWn7s9oGQh4FQaII
www.youtube.com/feed
www.flickr.com/groups/unima_pictures

WDA - World Dance Alliance
www.worlddancealliance.net
www.wda-americas.net
www.wda-ap.org (Pacific)
www.facebook.com/WorldDanceAlliance

Theatre Without Borders
www.theatrewithoutborders.com
ITI is an initiative to bring about a world that is rich in culture and the arts, especially the performing arts – theatre, dance and music theatre in all its diverse forms. And ITI has always benefited by the initiative of some of its outstanding members – in its early stages and now. These are the members passed away, all of them were pioneers of ITI and/or extraordinary theatre personalities:

- Fernando Mier y Teran Garza, Mexico
- Martha Coigney, USA
- Fuad Al-Shatti, Kuwait
- Sir Arnold Wesker, United Kingdom - World Theatre Ambassador of ITI
- Reoti Sharan Sharma, India
- Refik Erduran, Turkey
- José Sole, Mexico
- André-Louis Périnetti, France
- Nikos Siafkalis, Cyprus
- Syed Shamsul Haq, Bangladesh
- Dario Fo, Italy - World Theatre Day Message Author
- Tankred Dorst, Germany - World Theatre Day Message Author

ITI is missing their presence, their voice and their actions that they had brought to ITI.

May they rest in peace.

Martha Coigney (1933-2016)  
André-Louis Périnetti (1933-2017)  
José Sole (1929-2017)  
Nikos Siafkalis (1934-2017)  
Sir Arnold Wesker (1932-2016)  
Fernando Mier y Teran  
Refik Erduran (1928-2017)  
Tankred Dorst (1925-2017)  
Syed Shamsul Haq (1935-2016)  
Reoti Sharan Sharma (1924-2016)
Dear Colleagues, dear friends,

After almost three years, it is time to reflect what happened with ITI. To be honest there was a time when I did not know how the General Secretariat could stay alive and active. The dark clouds of having no funds for paying salaries were casting shadows on the work at the headquarters in Paris. The issue was discussed in the Executive Council and the two-fold proposition – to find a donor or a location that pays the organizational costs, mainly the salaries and the office infrastructure, was decided. The search for a donor had a partial success in finding funds in Sharjah through Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohamed Al-Qasimi, World Theatre Day Message Author 2007 and through the initiative of the current President of ITI, Mohamed Saif Al-Afkham who received additional funds in Fujairah from Sheikh Hamad bin Mohamed Al-Sharqi, from Sheikh Dr. Rashid bin Hamad Al-Sharqi and from Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohamed Al-Qasimi, donor had a partial success in finding funds in Sharjah office infrastructure, was decided. The search for a donor or a location that pays the organizational costs, mainly the salaries and the office infrastructure, was decided.

On behalf of ITI, I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Lou Wei, Chairman of the Shanghai Theatre Academy, and Weng Tiehui, Vice-Mayor for Education and Culture of Shanghai, as well as the chairman of the Jing’an District, Sun Japing, a solution was found with the Shanghai authorities.

My deep gratitude goes also to all the Executive Council members. Before all, I would like to thank the President, Mohamed Saif Al-Afkham for his guidance and care. Then, having four Vice-Presidents actually makes my job easier – all of them are in contact with me and give me excellent advice: Ann Mari Engel, Emilya Cachapero, J Guoping and Hamadou Mandé. Thanks a lot. In these thanks, I would like to include Ali Mahdi Noui, the Secretary of ITI, and Apostoles Apostolides, the Treasurer of ITI. My huge thanks go to Executive Council members Alfrida Anlanova, Tatjana Azman, Daniel Bausch, Carlos Celdran, Cecile Guidote-Aranza, Le Quy Doung, Joachim Lux, Marie-Antoinette Ménard, Malory Domecyn and Fabio Tolledi. With each and every one of the Executive Council I am in close communication, and discuss with them ITI related themes – from publications to committees, from artistic to humanitarian issues, from Congress to educational issues, from Theatre of Nations to the new Stage Directors Network, from future Congresses to structural issues.

I also would like to express my gratitude to my Paris staff: Petra Hintova, Zoé Simard and Barbara Steinbeck for their continuing assistance. Their decision not to relocate to Shanghai is fully respected. Their dedication to and engagement with ITI is appreciated. I would like to include in the thanks also Renaud Mesini, our accountant in France who assisted ITI in all the complicated issues of ending the contracts and who continues to help us when we have an event in Paris or when we have to deal with accounts in France. Thanks go also to Susan Plattner who assisted the Headquarters to find new staff.

Huge thanks go to my new staff who are working with me in Shanghai. Above all, I would like to thank Chen Zhongwen, she returned home to Shanghai after living and studying in Paris for eight years. Her understanding of Chinese culture and especially of the Chinese way of dealing with daily issues, eases the way to work here as she understand how things are done or not done here. As she developed already an educational institution in Shanghai in the past she brings the know-how of how to establish an organization like ITI. Her dedication to ITI is an asset.

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And this two last UNESCO and ITI values – mutual understanding and peace – are essentially needed in the world we live today in. 
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