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Algerian Centre ITI (Arab Countries)

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Activities of the Algerian Centre of ITI



Activities 2014 -2016

After the Algerian Centre's participation in the Congress in Armenia during November 2014, the Centre continued with its programme by taking part in the National Festival of Amazigh Theatre in Batna with the play 'Azuzen', written and directed by Cheikh Okbaoui (a production by the Centre).

The Centre's programme since then has been as follows:

Activities 2015

- Launch of the Prix Katen Yacine de la Création (Kateb Yacine Prize for Creative Writing – the 'Golden Nedjma' or 'Golden Star'), a competition for best play selected by an international jury panel. More than 60 scripts from different countries were submitted. The awards ceremony took place during the 7th Bejaïa International Theatre Festival on 29 October 2015. The first prize, worth \$3000, was won by the playwright Metoli Ahmed from the Republic of Egypt with his play 'Al-Hadjiz'.
- In February, the playwright Ali Tamert translated for the Centre the Message for World Theatre Day written by the Polish director Krzysztof Warlikowski.
- In March, the Centre celebrated World Theatre Day. During the event, performances were staged and tributes made to leading figures in Algerian theatre. The Message for World Theatre Day was also read out.
- In April, the Centre participated in the Shanghai International Experimental Theatre Festival with an experimental theatre play.
- In June, International Artist Day (held on 8 June each year) was celebrated along with theatre

performances and activities for Universal Children's Day and International Day of the African Child.

- In October, the awards ceremony was held for the Kateb Yacine Prize for Creativity at the Bejaïa International Theatre Festival.
- In November, training workshops were organised which saw the participation of young people from all over the country. The ten-day event took place in the province of Adrar in the south of Algeria.

Activities 2016

- In January, the members of the Centre participated in the Arab Theatre Festival in Kuwait from 9-16 January, and in the Fajr International Festival in Tehran, Iran.
- In February, the Algerian Centre translated the Message for World Theatre Day, written by the Russian director Anatoli Vassiliev. The translation was created by Abed Al-Halim Bouchraki, Professor of Dramatic Arts at the University of Constantine.
- The Centre participated in the Conference of the Arab Centres of ITI at the Fujairah International Arts Festival in the United Arab Emirates.
- In March, the celebration of World Theatre Day with the organisation of an event with performances and artists' gatherings in the province of Sétif in collaboration with the ILAF Theatre Cooperative.
- In April, celebration of International Dance Day in Alger.
- In May, participation in the ITI World Congress in Manaus, Brazil.