

1. International Dance Committee IDC

Thursday, 23 February 2023, 14h00 – 15h00,
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Fujairah City

Summary of the Meeting of the International Dance Committee IDC

During the 36th World Congress of ITI/UNESCO, the International Dance Committee held a significant meeting with the participation of several prominent figures. Among the attendees were, Alberto GARCÍA CASTAÑO, Spain, President; JUN Hong Jo, Korea Republic, Vice President; Luis LLERENA DÍAZ, Spain; Georgette GEBARA, Lebanon, Honorary Member of ITI; Fatoumata DRAME, Guinea; Djigui OUATTARA, Burkina Faso; Charles Mowendé TIENDREBEOGO, Burkina Faso; Tanvi HEGADE, India, new Vice President; and other observers.

The main agreements reached during this meeting included:

1. New Vice President from India: It was decided to establish a new vice presidency in India, with Tanvi HEGADE being designated for this position.
2. Web Development: It was agreed to develop and improve the committee's website to ensure more effective communication and dissemination of its activities and objectives.
3. Quarterly News Letter: The creation of a quarterly newsletter was established, which will gather the most relevant dance news from different countries.
4. Research Congresses: The editions of the International Congresses on Research in the Performing Arts will continue biannually, with the third edition anticipated.
5. Resource Search and Alliances: The proposal was to search for resources and establish alliances with the different ITI Centres in each country. Special mention was made to those Committees and Councils, such as the Dominican Dance Committee and the Argentine Dance Council, which have their own legal status, to present joint projects in the calls of the European Commission.
6. Membership Expansion: The expansion of membership was agreed upon, allowing the inclusion of both individuals and legal entities.

7. Solidarity Visibility Actions: The importance of carrying out actions that provide greater visibility and support to the world of dance was highlighted, reflecting the committee's commitment to promoting and strengthening this art.

This meeting reflected the International Dance Committee's ongoing commitment to the promotion, research, and development of dance globally.

Executive Board

The IDC has expanded its executive board with the addition and reshuffling of its members. This renewal represents a natural evolution in the committee's administration and a step forward towards achieving its strategic objectives in promoting, preserving, and celebrating dance globally.

Alberto GARCÍA CASTAÑO, who has served the Committee with passion and dedication for several years, continues to lead as President. His leadership has been crucial for the modernization of the organization and for establishing solid international connections in the world of dance.

JUN Hong-Jo assumes the role of Vice-President, bringing with her vast experience and a fresh vision that will undoubtedly complement the current direction and bring new perspectives.

The representative from Spain, Luis LLERENA DÍAZ, remains a key figure on the board, contributing with his vast knowledge of the European dance scene. Georgette GEBARA, renown for her legacy and contributions to the world of dance, has been honoured with the title of Honorary Member.

The Committee has also strengthened its presence in Africa with the inclusion of Fatoumata DRAME from Guinea and Djigui OUATTARA and Charles Mowendé TIENDREBEOGO, both from Burkina Faso. Africa, with its rich tradition in dance and performing arts, has much to offer, and these members will be essential to ensure the voices and traditions of the continent are represented.

Lastly, the inclusion of Tanvi HEGADE from India as the new Vice-President highlights the Committee's vision of having a geographically diverse and balanced representation. India, with its vast and varied repertoire of traditional and contemporary dances, will undoubtedly bring an enriching perspective.

This update to the Executive Board is a testament to the IDC's ongoing commitment to innovation, inclusion, and excellence. These changes not only reflect the dynamism of the organization but also its determination to remain relevant and effective in a constantly changing world, while staying true to its mission of celebrating and protecting dance in all its forms.

Board Members

Alberto GARCÍA CASTAÑO, President, Spain
 Marcia DE LA GARZA, Vice-President, Mexico, USA
 JUN Hong Jo, Vice-President, South Korea
 Tanvi HEGADE, Vice-President, India
 Gloria GARCÍA ARAMBARRY, Secretary General, Puerto Rico
 Andro Machi DIMITRIADOU LINDAHL, Cyprus
 Fatoumata DRAME, Guinea
 Beatriz DURANTE, Argentina
 Bernarda JORGE, Dominican Republic
 Oscar TORRADO, Spain
 Djigui OUATTARA, Burkina Faso
 Ioshinobu NAVARRO SANLER, Cuba
 Levent H. KARATAS, Turkey
 Charles Mowendé TIENDREBEOGO, Burkina Faso

This new board structure aims to strengthen intercontinental relations and boost cooperation among nations for the celebration and education of dance. With representatives from various parts of the world, the International Dance Committee is poised to face the challenges of the 21st century and ensure that dance remains a universal language that connects people across borders and cultures.

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