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Joint EC Meeting

with International Festival Forum and International Monodrama Forum, February 17-22, 2015, Fujairah
Susanne Danig, Corinna Bethge, Tatjana Ažman 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 ITI members, thereby integrating festival professionals, international artists and local communities. The project is closely connected to the spirit of ITI and the cultural diversity ITI 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 19-22, 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 national ITI centers to solicit feedback and further improve the project. We especially thank Ursula Werdenberg (Switzerland), Tatjana Ažman (Slovenia), Mascha Pörzgen, Eberhard Wagner and Annette Doffin (Germany) for their detailed feedback.

Joint IFF/ IMF Meeting and "Small Town Festivals with a World View" Seminar

23 to 25 August 2015 as a part of the Waves Festival in Vordingborg, Denmark.

The seminar was organized by Susanne Danig in

cooperation with Waves Festival and IFEA Europe, and focused on the challenges facing festivals based in smaller cities. The artistic programme of the Waves Festival was also a part of the seminar schedule. Exciting speakers and representatives for different European festivals were present including ITI president, Mohamed Al Afkham. Together with Olga Pozeli he represented IMF. Susanne Danig, Corinna Bethge and Dušana Todorović presented the IFF and its work to an international audience during the Seminar.

7th Fujairah International Monodrama Festival

Fujairah UAE, February 2016

Corinna Bethge, Tatjana Ažman, 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". A pilot edition of the project will be presented at the ITI World Congress in Manaus 2016.

IFF expresses its deep thanks to Susanne Danig for her contribution to IFF's work during her presidency from 2013 - 2016.