Happy New Year to each and all of you!

Dear ITI Members, dear Readers

Towards the end of year and on the threshold to the New Year it is a good time to reflect.

Obviously, the world around us is in a troubled state. The shadow of crises, wars, conflicts, poverty, economic and ecological threats are found in the daily news and enter into our lives.

When the International Theatre Institute ITI was found in 1948, it was a noble cause that was leading the mothers and fathers of ITI: to use the performing arts for mutual understanding and peace, to support international exchange of performances, artists and educators. It was a noble cause that considered that all the different cultures of the performing arts are equal in importance and value. And it was a noble cause that led ITI and it was about more than...
value. And it was a noble cause that led ITI and its member to use the performing arts for development of a community and for its citizens, and for bringing peace to people, tribes and countries that are in conflict.

This noble cause is needed today. It is the essential offer that culture personalities that the ITI members and many of its associates and friends are representing all over the world, can bring to their fellow brothers and sisters, independent of their gender, ethnicity, country of origin and culture.

Towards the end of the year, it is essential to express our gratitude to all the ITI members and culture people who are following this noble cause to create mutual understanding and peace, to express our admiration to those who are burning the midnight oil for make a performance, a festival, a conference or any cultural action possible.

On the threshold of the New Year, it is a good time to send out the wishes for an excellent year, that are bringing the richness to other that lies in the different cultural approaches of the performing arts.

Once more, a Happy New Year to each and all of you

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For 2020

the members of the General Secretariat
the members of the General Secretariat wish you

a multitude of enriching performances

and inspiring encounters

in a peaceful and eco-friendly environment