



**INFO BULLETIN based on the Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the EMU Presidium
Lausanne, Switzerland - 9 and 10 March 2007**

Present were:

Gerd Eicker (president a.i.), Katalin Asztai, Marion van der Hoeven,
Helena Maffli, Paolo Ponzecchi, Viktor Zadnik, Gerrie Koops (secretary general, report).

Excused were: Timo Veijola (president)

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

Opening and welcome by the president a.i., Gerd Eicker. He thanked the Swiss Association of Music Schools and the Conservatoire de Lausanne-Haute Ecole de Musique for their hospitality in hosting the presidium and Helena for arranging the meeting. *The agenda was adopted.*

2. Draft minutes and action list Presidium meeting in Kuopio in November 2006

The minutes (appendix 1) were approved.

Referring to the motions enclosed in the minutes and the action list:

. General Assembly 2008: Pierre Kolp, Belgium has been invited to the presidium meeting in May.

. Latest information possible new member countries:

- Lithuania: Irena Karsokiene from Lithuania - who joined the meeting in Kuopio - informed EMU that EMU membership will be discussed by the presidium of the music school association in Lithuania.

- Belgium Flanders: Gerd has been invited to the annual meeting of the International Music School Seminar (IMS) in Saarland at the end of March, where he will also meet directors from the music schools in Flanders. The 'International Music School Seminar' (IMS) is an exchange network on invitational basis between directors of music schools in Nordrhein Westfalen and Saarland (Germany), Flanders (Belgium), Wallonia (Belgium), Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

- Faroe Islands: Marion reported that in the first scan - by dr Wouter van der Brug (professor of politics in the department of political science at the University of Amsterdam) - dr Van der Brug concluded that the EMU statutes do not permit membership for autonomous territories such as the Faroe Islands.

The presidium concluded that - because the present EMU statutes excludes several autonomous territories in Europe (Faroe Islands, Ålands Islands, Greenland, several Spanish regions such as Andalusia, Aragón, Asturias, Canary Islands etc) - EMU will ask a specialist on international law to research this issue further. The research should cover all comparable situations in Europe and should include an advice to EMU how to handle a possible membership by an autonomous territory in Europe in the future.

The Faroe Islands, Denmark and the General Assembly in Hungary in May 2007 will be informed of this.

- Greece, Turkey and Portugal: EMU hasn't received any reaction. *The presidium decided - because further actions seem not to be useful at the moment - to postpone further actions regarding this matter.*

3. General Assembly and Conference in Kuopio in November 2006

The minutes of the meeting (appendix 2) have been sent to the members. No objections have been received and the minutes are considered approved.

General remarks: very well-organized by the Finnish association; interesting content of the meeting and of the speeches by invited guests. The Nordic countries also prepared the Conference on Music education in Nordic countries very well. It would therefore be an interesting example for the conferences over the coming years.

4. Financial results 2006 and balance per 31 December 2006

The final accounts 2006 have a positive result of € 16,680. The reasons are that the management meeting has been moved to 2007; the statistics/Weimar declaration/manifesto will be printed in 2007 and further development of the new EMU website will be done in 2007.

The presidium approved the financial results 2006 and balance as of 31 December 2006 (appendix 3a, 3b, 3c). The presidium approved the proposal to transfer the positive results of € 16,000 to the budget of 2007 and approved the updated budget proposal 2007 (appendix 3e).

5. Election presidium EMU 2007 - 2011

Paolo declared that he is prepared to accept the function as vice-president and if needed as president a.i.

The presidium approved the proposal (appendix 4) for the EMU presidium 2007-2011. Timo Klemettinen from Finland will be asked as new candidate.

The proposal for the new presidium shall be sent to the EMU members before 17 March together with the convocation for the General Assembly. EMU members may table additional proposals to the president, not less than one month before the General Assembly. During the meeting, a chairman of the election committee will have to be chosen as well as two assistants, and the new candidate(s) will give a short presentation.

6. European Youth Music Festival 2007; General Assembly and Conference in Hungary

Appendix 5a, 5b, 5c.

European Youth Music Festival 2007:

Katalin reported that the General Assembly and Conference will take place in Pécs. The festival will take place in Pécs, Székesfehérvár and Budapest. After the General Assembly and Conference in Pécs on 18 May, the participants of the meeting will be divided in three groups to take part in the Opening Gala in the three festival towns Pécs, Székesfehérvár and Budapest. The Opening Gala across the three cities will be linked by video. The Hungarian association will provide for the transfer by bus from the airport and between the festival cities. The bus leaves on 16 May at 12.00h and 14.00h from the airport in Budapest.

General Assembly and Conference:

. Katalin reported that at the end of the General Assembly on Friday 18 May, mr Hiller István, Minister of Education and Culture in Hungary and mr Jan Figel, member of the European Commission, responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism, will visit the meeting.

Therefore the programme of the meeting will start on Friday 18 May at 09.00h.

. Proposal Agenda General Assembly:

The presidium divided the tasks during the meeting:.

. The programme of the EMU meeting Association Management from 30 September to 3 October in Prato will focus on processes of developing and professionalising an association; quality assurance systems; EU law and European funds; communication; Statistics and policy. Matthias Pannes (Germany) and Ap de Vries will be asked to assist. The programme and application form will be handed out during the General Assembly and sent by email later on to all EMU members.

. Music Education in Eastern countries: Katalin reported that 5 Eastern countries participated in the preparation meeting in Hungary last month.

After a general presentation on the statistics by one person, each country will give a short presentation focusing on: the special differences between the countries; differences in music styles; diversity of cultures; differences between past and present: what are the results of the open borders?

Katalin will send Gerd an outline of the presentations beforehand.

. Open Space Working Groups: will be based on 'Ten Keys to the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions' (appendix 4). The meeting will be split into 4 groups, in French, German and 2 in English.

Main questions to the working groups: What does cultural diversity mean for EMU? For instance for the festival, the General Assembly and other activities in EMU?; What does cultural diversity mean for your country?; What is the role of cultural diversity in the programme of your music schools?

. EMC, AEC and ISME will be invited to the annual meeting, conference and festival.

7. European Youth Music Festival 2009

Walter Rescheneder, Landesmusikdirektor Oberösterreich, informed EMU (appendix 6) that they appointed a project leader per 1 March 2007 for the Festival 2009 in Linz: mr Wolfgang Reifeneder, director of the music school in Thalheim. Mr Reifeneder will be invited to the Presidium meeting in Hungary and to the General Assembly in Hungary. Gerrie will send him the budget of the most recent festivals.

8. Statistics per 2005

The presidium members reported on their experiences while gathering the missing data. After that the presidium verified the data. The statistics will be printed together with the Weimar declaration and the Manifesto and handed out during the General Assembly in Hungary. Countries that have not submitted the data will be skipped in the print. The importance of statistics will be an issue during the management meeting in October.

9. Working programme 2007

EMU received one objection to the proposal of the working programme 2007: Sweden stated that, concerning the targeting of new members, EMU should observe the policy of the European Union. State of affairs of the activities of the working programme:

- . The publication of the results of the EMU congresses on music education will be moved to 2009 (after the congress on music education in western European countries in 2008 and in southern European countries in 2009).

- . Promoting EMU in Brussels, UNESCO and in all Europe: the presidium stated that every country should try to get in contact with UNESCO.

- . Collecting and describing project descriptions for the website: instead of describing projects for the website, it might be more effective to arrange a meeting on pedagogical themes in 2008 for directors in Europe. Gerrie will check over the coming months if the present project descriptions on the website are still relevant.

- . Re-design EMU meeting point:

Since the opening in Prato in 2005, only a few requests have been posted on the meeting point. The present meeting point draws only negative reactions at the moment.

The presidium concludes that meeting via Internet to arrange an exchange between orchestras, teachers etc. presently seems unattractive. People generally meet each other through personal contacts, during EMU meetings and through the national associations. The presidium wonders whether a meeting point is the right instrument for the development of the EMU website. Perhaps the budget should be used for other instruments on the website based on present and future activities of the EMU: EU funding, management exchange, tools to professionalise the infrastructure in the countries, etc.

The presidium decided that: the present meeting point will be removed from the EMU website; the development of a new meeting point will be considered.

- . Development of the associations in some countries will be changed to: possible support in some countries if needed.

- . Targeting new member countries: *the presidium decided to not focus on this issue any further this year.*

10. EMU news, news from presidium members and news from EMU members

- . Gerd presented the structure of music education in German during a EMCY meeting in Poland and received an interesting publication on the structure of music education in Poland.

- . Marion reported on the meeting she and Gerrie had with Martin Pchal, AEC. The activities of AEC have evolved over the last years to a professional organisation that operates on a high level and has close contacts with the European Union. Last year they conducted a survey on 'how pupils reach the conservatories'.

- . Marion reported on the meeting she and Gerrie had with Haute Europe, an organisation in the Netherlands that is active in EU funding. *The presidium decided to invite Haute Europe to the management meeting in Prato.*

- . Benefits of a possible membership of the European Forum for the Arts and Heritage (EFAH). Marion will contact one of the EFAH board members: Piet Hagenaars, general manager Cultuurnetwerk in the Netherlands.
- . EMC annual meeting in Barcelona in April: Gerd will represent EMU at this meeting.
- . Katalin reported that the Hungarian government plans to subsidise only the music schools that are able to show a very good quality in music education in their school.
- . Helena explained that news concerning Switzerland will be reported during the General Assembly in Hungary.
- . Marion reported that the focus in the Netherlands on the importance of music education for all people has improved over the last months.
- . Gerrie reported that the merger between the employers' association VKV and the sector association De Kunstconnectie has been completed. As of now, the two associations shall continue as one association under the name: Kunstconnectie. A single association to represent its members: enterprising cultural institutions in the field of art education and active artistic practice.
- . Paolo informed the meeting on the second meeting between the music schools and the Italian Senate and Government in March. He asked EMU to send a letter of support to the meeting.
Italy will also organise an international competition of music schools at the end of April in Prato.
- . Viktor reported that the Slovenian Ministry will establish a national committee for all music schools in Slovenia. They will also build a new house for the middle schools of music.
- . The region of Madrid has informed Gerd that a new structure for music education has been planned in the region of Castilla, without any place for regular music schools. They are planning to invite international experts for advice on how to solve the problem.
- . Gerd reported that Germany will organize a congress for 1500 teachers on 'Musik zeigt Wirkung' from 11 till 13 May in Mannheim.

11. Next presidium meetings and General Assembly in 2008

Presidium meetings:

- . 16 May in Hungary
- . 28 to 30 September in Prato, Italy (before Management meeting)
- . 7 to 9 December: Iceland
- . February/ March 2008: Czech Republic

12. Closing

After that, no other remarks were put forward and the president a.i. Gerd Eicker, closed the meeting.