

INFO-Bulletin based on the 15th Meeting of the EMU Presidium Budapest, Hungary on 16 May 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).
Invited guests: Pierre Kolp, Belgium (agenda item 2), Wolfgang Reifeneder, Austria (agenda item 3)

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 Hungarian Association for their hospitality in hosting the presidium and Katalin for arranging the meeting. He gave a special welcome to the guests Pierre Kolp and Wolfgang Reifeneder. *The agenda was adopted.*

2. General Assembly 2008 and Conference 'Music Education in Western Europe Countries'

Pierre Kolp handed out a first proposal outlining the most important aspects of the General Assembly and Conference 2008 to be held in Brussels from 24 April till 27 April (arrival presidium 23 April) 2008. He proposed to focus the General Assembly and the Conference on the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue. Besides presentations and speakers from the Western Europe Countries (Belgium, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland), there will be room for innovative pedagogic music labels in Belgium with practical examples.

The presidium agreed to the first outline of the programme for the meeting in 2008. Pierre will send a re-written proposal to the secretariat to be discussed during the presidium meeting in Prato.

3. European Youth Music Festival 2009 / General Assembly 2009

Wolfgang Reifeneder, appointed by Austria since 1 March as manager for the festival in Austria in 2009, handed out a letter of intent from Dr. Josef Pühringer, Landeshauptmann Oberösterreich.

After that Wolfgang Reifeneder gave a presentation on the proceedings concerning the Youth Music Festival and handed out a brochure. The festival (included the opening) will take place from 19 till 24 May 2009 in Linz, Wels, Steyr, Gmunden, Ried, Vöcklabruck and Freistadt. The closing ceremony will take place in the Stadium of Linz. The General Assembly and Conference will take place in Gmunden.

The presidium approved the outline of the programme for the festival and general assembly. The presidium underlined the importance of a opening ceremony with all the participants as stipulated in the minimum requirements for organizing a festival. Gerd will visit Austria during the summer.

4. Draft minutes and action list Presidium meeting in Lausanne, March 2007

The minutes (appendix 1) were approved.

Referring to the motions enclosed in the minutes and the action list and not mentioned in the agenda:
. Gerrie handed out the new booklet "Statistical Information about the European Music School Union 2006".
The booklet will be handed out during the General Assembly and a number of booklets will be sent to all EMU member countries and related organizations.

. New members: EMU has been informed by Timo Klemettinen that he has been invited to a meeting of several music schools in Portugal who plan to found an association of music schools. EMU has invited a delegate from Portugal to the General Assembly as special guest.

. Marion hasn't yet contacted Piet Hagenars, board member EFAH, about the benefits of a possible membership for EMU.

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

General Assembly and Conference:

. Katalin gave an overview of the general assembly and the festival. Several political and artistic people gave their patronage to the festival. They are mentioned in the festival brochure. She reported that suddenly Mr Jan Figel, member of the European Commission, responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism, was unable to join the meeting with politicians. Mr Figel sends his speech by video. Instead of Mr Figel Mr. Gábor György, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Hungary, will join the meeting.

To prepare the conference "Music Education in Eastern Countries", the delegates of the countries who will give a presentation during the conference have been in close contact together over the past months. Katalin has been invited to the general assembly in Slovenia and Slovakia.

Election committee: the presidium will ask and then nominate Philippe Dalarun (France) as chairman of the election committee and Urvi Haasma (Estonia) and Pierre Kolp (Belgium) as his assistants.

6. Management meeting in Prato, Italy from 30 September till 3 October 2007

(appendix 2a t/m 2d)

Having discussed the importance of an external specialist during the management meeting, it was stressed that working in Europe and [sharing each other's knowledge should be on the agenda of each member association. Therefore EMU should develop an awakening process in that direction; EMU and also EMU members must realize that they should professionalize their associations to tackle Europe over the coming years. It was remarked that, besides this management meeting which will centre on the management of EMU associations, it might be interesting to organize a meeting for the managers/directors of the music schools next year.

The presidium decided that Haute Finance will be invited to deliver a presentation / workshop on European policies and funding opportunities at the meeting in Prato and approved the proposal by Haute Finance.

The programme for the meeting and registration form will be handed out during the General Assembly. After that it will be sent by mail to all EMU members.

7. Research regarding autonomous territories in Europe

Gerd handed out a paper with some solutions and consequences concerning the possible membership of autonomous territories in Europe. All presidium members will send their proposal to Gerd before 10 August.

8. Development EMU website

Andreas Brodbeck (member of the webgroup and software engineer) has been invited by Gerd to submit a proposal for the further development of the EMU website. Andreas will draw up a list of possible new EMU projects.

The presidium stated that the EMU web projects should be related to the European activities of EMU and the EMU members. The presidium therefore recommended discussing the development of the website during the management meeting in Prato. The presidium recommends developing a meeting point and a newsletter system.

9. News

. Iceland informed EMU by email that the process to change the association of music school teachers into an association of music schools is taking longer than expected. They therefore ask EMU to extend the date till April 2008. *The presidium agreed.*

. Gerd reported on the annual EMC meeting in Barcelona in April and the annual meeting of the IMS (International Music School Seminar) in Saarland at the end of March.

10. Next presidium meetings

Presidium meetings:

. 28 to 30 September: Prato, Italy (before Management meeting)

. 7 to 9 December: Iceland

2008:

. February / March: Czech Republic?

. 24 April: Brussels

. October: Liechtenstein

. December: Latvia

It was remarked that the presidium should also meet the (festival) board of Austria sometime next year.

11. Closing

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

Actions referring to the Presidium meeting in Budapest in May 2007	Action
Thank-you letter to Hungary	Gerd
Proposal to Gerd concerning autonomous territories in Europe before 10 August	Presidium members
Contact with delegates Czech Republic concerning membership fee	Gerd
General Assembly and Conference 2008: . re-written proposal by Pierre Kolp . inviting Pierre to the presidium meeting in Prato	Pierre Kolp Gerrie
Festival and General Assembly 2009: . Thank-you letter to Dr Josep Pühringer in Linz . Meeting in Austria: * asking for budget proposal in which 2/3 of the costs are (securely) covered by support from local authorities and national governments. * Sponsoring plan as well as a plan for organizational infrastructure to be offered to the EMU Presidium for advice. . Inviting Wolfgang Reifeneder to the presidium meeting in Prato	Gerd Gerrie
Meeting Association Management . Inviting Haute Europe . Preparing the programme for the meeting with Pannes and De Vries . Preparing the hosting etc for the meeting in Prato . Invitation to EMU members	Gerrie Gerd/Marion Paolo/Gerrie Gerrie
Statistics booklets . Sending a number of booklets to all EMU members and related companies	Gerrie
. EFAH: contact with board member EFAH Piet Hagenaars	Marion
. Minutes Presidium meeting and General Assembly	Gerrie
. Info-Bulletin based on the minutes	Gerrie
. Preparation presidium meeting in Italy	Gerd/Paolo/Gerrie