

**Info-Bulletin based on the minutes of the 4th Meeting of the EMU Presidium
Brussels, Belgium, 24 April 2008**

Present were:

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

Invited guests: Wolfgang Reifeneder (festival manager Austria), Gerhard Gutschick (general manager Austria: agenda item 2)

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

Opening and welcome by the president, Gerd Eicker. He thanked the *Association pour la promotion de l'Enseignement Musical Secondaire a horaire reduit* (AEMS) and the Dexia Bank for their hospitality and for arranging the meeting. He gave a special welcome to the guests Wolfgang Reifeneder and Gerhard Gutschick.

The agenda was adopted.

2. European Music Festival 2009 / General Assembly and Conference 'Music Education in Southern European Countries' in 2009

The president gave the floor to Wolfgang Reifeneder and Gerhard Gutschick.

Wolfgang Reifeneder gave a presentation on the proceedings concerning the Youth Music Festival and handed out a special festival bag with gadgets especially designed for the festival and available via the festival webstore <http://megahertz.at/en/shop>.

Wolfgang Reifeneder remarked that – although the application deadline for the festival was 31 March 2008 – several countries hadn't applied yet and that he will urge them during the General Assembly to submit the applications as soon as possible. Applications that were sent by internet have been forwarded to the national associations. On the question whether ensembles from non-EMU member countries can participate, the president answered that, as also in the festivals before, the festival can be used as a kind of promotion instrument. Therefore non-member countries may be invited and participate with one group. So far, the finances of the festival are under control and the accommodation for all the participants has been arranged. Gerhard Gutschick informed the presidium that Austria would like to present the new curriculum at the General Assembly in Austria.

More details on the festival and the general assembly can be found in the minutes of the General Assembly (red).

The president informed the Austrian guests that Paolo Ponzecchi will lead the Conference 'Music Education in Southern European Countries' together with Gerhard Gutschick.

After the presidium meeting Gerd, Paolo and Gerrie will have a meeting with Gerhard and Wolfgang to prepare the programme of the General Assembly and Conference in 2009.

3. Draft minutes and action list presidium meeting in Liberec, February 2008

The minutes (appendix 1) were approved.

Referring to the motions enclosed in the minutes and the action list and not mentioned in the agenda:

. EMU concert in EU parliament: Timo reported that he has been in contact with Mr Hannu Takkula, Finnish EU parliamentarian, who will arrange for an official invitation.

. EMU will invite Mr Albrecht Goetze from the Czech Republic to give a presentation to the General Assembly in Linz 2009 on the Meetingpoint Music Messiaen.

4. General Assembly and Conference 'Music Education in Middle European Countries' in Brussels 2008

The president announced that 75 persons (25 member countries, honorary members, guest countries and speakers) will participate in the coming days.

All meeting documents have been published on the Intranet Area on the EMU website.

Instead of the European Commissioner Jan Figel', Ms Leonor Wiesner, Directorate General 'Education and Culture' will give a speech on 'Cultural diversity in European music education'.

The president remarked that the general secretary gathered from 25 countries a written report on the activities of the activities of their association in the last year. This has resulted in a very interesting compilation, to be handed out during the General Assembly. *The presidium will propose to the General Assembly that next year all countries should send their report to the secretariat in time, so that it can be sent to all countries beforehand and the results can be discussed during the meeting.*

5. Directors meeting 14 -17 October 2008 (appendix 2a, 2b and 2c)

The invitation, programme and registration form have been sent to all associations and published on the EMU website.

Paolo will take care of the presentation of the directors meeting in Livorno in October 2008.

Before the open space working groups, Katalin will give a presentation on EU projects and funding in Hungary. Marion will focus on the opportunities for collaborative projects between EMU members (schools); we are still deliberating on the requirements and the necessity of finding the right directors and the type of projects.

Gerd will inform the General Assembly that Gerrie has added a special 'Funding' page to the EMU website.

EMU members will be invited to send new or updated information to the secretariat.

6. The future of EMU (appendix 3)

The president received an email from Harry Rishaug on behalf of the Nordic countries, concerning the wishes of the Nordic countries to have an open discussion among the EMU members about the future of EMU with regard to the question of including the music and arts schools as members.

The president answered Rishaug that an open discussion on the future of EMU would be very interesting, but that it should be prepared very well beforehand and that therefore the General Assembly in Linz would be a better opportunity to arrange this discussion. The Nordic countries were glad with the reaction of the president and indicated that they would like to present this topic to the presidium as soon as possible after the meeting in Brussels.

7. EMU news: news from presidium members and news from EMU members

. Timo Klemettinen was elected president of the European Music Council last week.

Timo announced that he has ended his position as general secretary of the Finish Music Council.

He remarked that the EMC will start an EU project 'Access to Music'. Music education will be a part of it and he will inform the presidium on it during the next meeting in Liechtenstein.

. IMC: Timo will prepare the next World Forum. For a long time music education will be a substantial part of it.

Next IMC meeting takes place in Tunis in 2009.

. Harry Rishaug (Norway) moved to the position as senior adviser in the Norwegian association per 1 January 2008. Oddvin Vattestad has changed position from the vice director to general manager of the association.

. EFAH: Gerd will attend the next general meeting of the EFAH in autumn as a guest.

. EU funding: Gerrie has been in contact again with the Cultural Contact Point in the Netherlands.

Culture Programme 2007-2013 includes support for organisations active at the European level in the field of culture (Strand 2). Cultural organisations working, or wanting to work, at European level in the field of culture can receive support for their operating costs. This strand targets organisations that promote a sense of shared cultural experience with a truly European dimension.

(The new programme guide 2008 will be published at the end of June on

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/guide/submission_en.htm. *The official application*

form can be downloaded as of mid-July from the website of the Executive Agency. Application deadline is 1 November 2008 ! Ed.)

- . Katalin reported that the Hungarian Choral Castle started in January. More information - also in English - on website : <http://www.choralcastle.hu/>
- . To improve the contacts with Croatia and Poland, EMU will try to visit a board meeting of those countries with one or two persons. Gerrie will contact them.
- . Viktor reported that he has contacts with Montenegro.
- . Gerrie reported that a Dutch music school director – who has had contacts with Albanian music schools for several years already – informed her that Albania might apply for membership quite soon.

11. Next Presidium meetings: General Assembly 2008/2009, Management meeting 2009

- . 3 - 5 October: Liechtenstein
- . 12 - 14 December: Latvia

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- . 27 February - 1 March: Austria
- . 18 May (arrival presidium Sunday 17 May): Austria
- . 16 - 18 October: Germany
- . 11 - 13 December (members will be invited to host this meeting)

The schedule for the GA/Festival in Linz;

- . Sunday 17 May: arrival presidium
- . Monday 18 May: presidium meeting in the morning / arrival participants GA in the afternoon
- . Tuesday 19 May: GA
- . Wednesday 20 May: GA
- . Thursday 21 May: departure or transfer to Linz for EMU members attending the opening and the festival
- . Friday 22 May: Festival
- . Saturday 23 May: Festival and closing in the evening
- . Sunday 24: Departure

Note: it means that EMU members attending the opening of the festival can either attend the opening and leave after, or can stay extra nights at their own expense in Linz (hotel costs 50 Euro per night).

8. Closing

The president thanked the presidium members for their contribution and closed the meeting.

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