

**INFO-BULLETIN based on the 8th Meeting of the EMU Presidium
Linz, Austria 19 May 2009**

Present were:

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

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda

Opening and welcome by the president, Gerd Eicker. He thanked the Upper Austrian Regional Music office and the Association of KOMU for their hospitality and for arranging the meeting. He gave a special welcome to Gerhard Gutschick (president KOMU), Walter Rescheneder (general manager Youth Music Festival in May) and Christine Winner (office manager Festival) who have been invited to attend point 2 of the meeting,

The agenda was adopted.

2. European Music Festival 2009 / General Assembly and Conference 'Music Education in Southern European Countries' / 'EMU in Future' in 2009 – part I

Gerhard Gutschick, Walter Rescheneder and Christine Winner gave an overview of the most important aspects of the Festival, the General Assembly and the Conference.

3. Draft minutes and action list presidium meeting in Austria in February 2009 (appendix 1)

The minutes (appendix 3) were approved.

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

- . Benefits of EMO office in Brussels: postponed to the next presidium meeting.
- . First overview 'EMU in Europe / Panorama EMU and related organizations in Europe' (**appendix 2**): Timo made a first overview.

Timo reported that EMC is trying to set up a cooperation project on the implementation of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

Working title for the project is "MuST - Music and Societal Tasks". It might be interesting for EMU to participate in this project. More information will follow after the summer holiday.

4. General Assembly and Conference 'Music Education in Southern European Countries' / 'EMU in Future' – part II

23 Countries (53 persons) will participate. Croatia, Ireland, Latvia and Faroe Islands will be unable to join the meeting but they agreed to found EMU with the new seat in Bonn, Germany, and they signed the new statutes.

Special remarks concerning the agenda of the General Assembly:

- . Relocation EMU's official seat: Ruth Hochuli (general manager Swiss association) is willing to act as official liquidator of the official seat in Liestal, Switzerland. Gerd has close contact with a notary in Germany to establish the new seat in Bonn after the General Assembly agrees to establish EMU as a non-profit organization.

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- . Brief statistics 2008: will be handed out during the General Assembly. At the meeting, Helena will once again emphasize the importance of collecting and improving our statistics. Statistics are an excellent tool, especially in times of crisis, with which to advocate and fight for music education.

- . EMU member reports: 25 countries sent a written report on the activities of the association in the most recent year. The present economic crisis has had or might have a big influence on music

education in some countries. EMU received such signals from Iceland and Latvia. The president will invite some countries to inform the GA on the present situation in their country.

5. Seminar “MUSICCOMMUNICATION” in Milan from 30 September – 3 October 2009

The invitation has been sent to all members and published on Internet. Deadline for registration is 15 June. Minimum number of participating countries is 13.

Paolo and our Italian host Fulvio Clementi, director of the International Academy of Music, will give a presentation of the programme and the location in Milan during the GA. Paolo will stress the importance of “Communication”.

6. EMU’s General Assembly and Conference in Essen, Germany 13 - 16 May 2009

The meeting will take place in Schloss Borbeck, since 1983 the cultural centre of Essen. Gerd visited Schloss Borbeck last month.

Possible themes for the congress: EMU in Europe/ contacts with EU and organizations/platforms in Europe; Music for all/every child an instrument (JEKI - „Jedem Kind ein Instrument“ in Essen / project in Mannheim).

Timo remarked that the European Commission has designated 2010 as the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. Our music schools could have an important role.

In 2008 UNESCO launched the project ‘Education for all / Class Of 2015’.

The themes will be discussed further at the next presidium meeting.

7. European Youth Music Festival 2012

The possibility of organizing the festival in Italy is still being looked into. Also 2 regions in Germany (Saarland/Mannheim) are interested.

8. Visit to Poland

Gerd, Helena and Gerrie visited Poland in March. They met the board of the Polish Association of Music Schools in Przemysl and the Ministry in Warsaw. At the moment only 21 music schools in one region are member of the association. EMU tried to explain the benefits of an association.

The Ministry was interested to expand the association and to also include the other regions in Poland. Helena afterwards visited friends who are leading an important music school in Warsaw. They are interested in joining the association.

9. EMU news /news from presidium members

. Ireland and Latvia are unable to participate in the GA. Ireland reported on the struggle to keep the association going. EMU offered their support. Latvia reported that, in consequence of the financial crisis, they are fighting to save the music schools and music secondary schools.

. Timo reported on the Annual EMC Conference and the Event ‘EXTRA’ in Athens from 23-26 April. The theme of the conference was “Immigration and Multiculturalism. The Musical Dimension”.

. Gerd reported on the ‘Musikschulcongres ‘09’ in Berlin from 15-17 May. The congress was opened by Bundespräsident Horst Köhler.

. Marion mentioned a new movement in Holland regarding music education. Several Dutch people visited Essen to be informed about the project „Jedem Kind ein Instrument“.

. Gerd visited the 100 years’ celebration of the Bartok Bela Music school in Hungary.

. Katalin reported that a Hungarian organization of music instruments will organize a music competition in secondary schools on 25 May. Katalin has been involved in the project. The results can be watched on YouTube.

10. Next Presidium meetings: General Assembly / Management meeting 2009

. 16 - 18 October: Novi Sad, Serbia (Novi Sad is located 70 km from Belgrade airport).

Timo is unable to participate because of the 3rd IMC World Forum on Music in Tunis, from 17 to 22 October.

. 11 - 13 December: Essen, Germany

Management Seminar in Milan: Wednesday 30 September – Saturday 3 October 2009 in Milan, Italy

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- . 5 - 7 March
 - . 13 May in Essen (arrival 12 May; General Assembly 13 to 16 May)
 - . 8 - 10 October in Luxembourg
 - . 10 - 12 December
- Members will be asked during the GA in May 2009 to host a meeting in 2010.

11. Closing

After that the president thanked the presidium members for their contributions and closed the meeting.
