



**Info-Bulletin based on the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the EMU Presidium
Kuopio, Finland - 13 November 2006**

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. After that he gave a special welcome to Csaba Ember, president of the Hungarian association, invited to the meeting for agenda issue 2 - European Youth Music Festival 2007 and General Assembly 2007 in Hungary.

The agenda was adopted.

2. European Youth Music Festival 2007 in Hungary

Csaba Ember informed the presidium on the progress concerning the Festival. He explained that - after a critical situation concerning the financing from the national government - the problems have been solved and that the festival can go ahead. The festival will be organised as stipulated in the minimum requirements except the following rules:

1.2. Within 4 months after the decision of the General Assembly to assign a festival to a specific member association this association should present the Presidium a budget proposal in which 2/3 of the costs are (securely) covered by support from local authorities and national governments.

Hungary will receive the officially signed paper from the national government on 12 December 2006.

1.4 Organising associations are urged to create a special juridical body for the organisation of the Festival in order to prevent financial risks from threatening the association(s).

4.1. There will be a first and a second registration. The provisional registration should be completed 1 year before the festival. The final registration should be completed 6 months before the festival.

The final registration will be completed 3 months before the festival.

8.2. Opening ceremony with all the participants.

The opening ceremony will take place in 3 cities but the cities will be in contact with each other by a large video screen.

The presidium decided that although Hungary cannot satisfied all the rules of the Minimum requirements the festival can go ahead.

3. Draft minutes and action list Presidium meeting in Lausanne in September 2006

The minutes were approved.

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

. Update statistics: there are still countries who haven't updated their statistics.

The presidium decided that each presidium member will check and/or contact their own country and also some other countries over the coming weeks.

. Festival 2009: the delegate from Austria will apply to organise the Festival and GA in 2009 in Linz during the GA.

. Proposals new EMU logo: *the presidium chooses the 'classic version'.*

4. General Assembly 2006 and Conference " Music Education in Nordic Countries" during the following days

All participating countries paid the membership fee 2006 and are entitled to vote. Poland after agenda issue 6.

The presidium divided the tasks during the meeting as proposed in appendix 3. Croatia promised to pay the fee 2006 this year.

5. General Assembly 2007 and Conference "Music Education in Eastern Countries"

On account of hotel accommodation possibilities, the General Assembly will possibly be moved to Pecs, 200 km from Budapest. The General Assembly and Conference will centre on the following themes:

. Music education in Eastern Countries: based on the same structure as 'Music Education in Nordic Countries'. Viktor and Katalin will invite the eastern countries in February in Hungary to prepare the Conference.

. Zoltan Kodály (In Commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of Kodály's Birth): Katalin will propose a speaker from Hungary.

. Presentation Music Manifesto England: England has been invited.

. Presentation results Polifonia Project

Paolo will ask one of the signers of the EMU Manifesto - Zubin Mehta - to open the festival either in person or by video-link.

6. Working programme 2007

Gerd and Gerrie will write the working programme based on the programme 2006 and the results and advices of the General Assembly 2007 and the advice of the webworking group.

7. Elections new presidium

The presidium continued the brainstorm sessions about the presidency and the board as of May 2007.

The final proposal will be sent to the General Assembly after the meeting in Lausanne in March.

8. Possible new member countries

. Belgium Flanders: Gerd will try to get in contact with Flanders.

. Faroe Islands: Marion will ask a EU specialist if they are able to become member of EMU as stipulated in the statutes.

. Turkey: Gerrie will send a letter to the address in Ankara (with a translation in Turkish) and will ask them to forward this letter to all conservatories for western music.

. Greece: EMU hasn't received any reaction.

. Portugal: Marion's colleague Frank van Oosterhout found a responsible person in the Ministry of Portugal but until now there is no concrete answer.

. Lithuania: all EMU documents have been sent but so far no reaction (Lithuania was present at the GA but they haven't sent any official reaction yet. *Ed.*)

9. Next presidium meetings and General Assembly in 2008

Presidium meetings:

. 9 to 11 March in Lausanne, Switzerland

. 16 May in Hungary

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

. 7 to 9 December: the General Assembly will be asked to host the presidium meeting

General Assembly 2008:

The General Assembly will be invited to nominate their country to arrange the General Assembly 2008.

10. Closing

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