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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011

After 4 years of preparation carried out during the platform of NICE, the European Confederation (Organisation) called the European Youth Circus Organisation (EYCO) was inaugurated on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009, in London. EYCO was established through the will of the youth circus network to form a sustainable, consolidated and structured platform for the development, recognition and promotion of youth circus.

I am very proud of EYCO which is a mark of the success and maturity of the work achieved in youth circus and the capacity for it to develop important issues in the future:

- pedagogy
- health / security
- training of trainers
- subjects linked to artistic

Alongside this, I'm also happy to see how the platform of NICE is remaining a lively and dynamic networking event.

NICE is an essential link for the vitality of EYCO actions and demonstrates the commitment of the increasing network of people working in youth circus and their vision for its future.

I'm confident in EYCO's ability to organise the informal platform of NICE and the more formal structure of EYCO increasing the potential to welcome new members and the capacity to work together with the common aim of increasing the whole European youth circus network.

*Karl KOECKENBERGER, President*



**Resolution number: 1**

**It is suggested to the General Assembly:**

- to approve the President's Report 2011

# REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 2010

## **C**REATION OF AN OFFICIAL ORGANISATION

- **Birth of EYCO**

- ✓ **History**

Founded in 2005, the N.I.C.E. Seminars have been held in Berlin (2005), Paris (2006), Tampere (2007), Amsterdam (2008) and London (2009). The aim was to build upon an initial informal networking event of European Youth Circus groups. One of these groups, called "Umbrella of Umbrellas", decided during the N.I.C.E. Seminar in Amsterdam to build an official Umbrella, called European Youth Circus Organisation, EYCO.

- ✓ **Creation**

On November the 5th 2009, five national federations founded a federation named European Youth Circus Organisation (EYCO).

The statutes were confirmed at the first General Assembly held in London, UK.

On January 27, 2010, the European Youth Circus Organisation was officially registered at the French prefecture. The office of this new federation is located at the "Fédération Française des Ecoles de Cirque", in Paris, France.

EYCO is composed of 8 members including 5 full members of existing, constituted national federations namely: Fédération Française des Ecoles de Cirque (France), Circuscentrum (Belgium Flemish community), BAG Zirkuspädagogik (Germany), Finnish Youth Circus Association (Finland), Circomundo (Netherlands) and 3 candidate full members currently in the process of formalising their national representation, that is to say Spain, Italy and United Kingdom.

A press release was written and sent to the press to announce EYCO's creation.

- ✓ **Aims**

This organisation aims to stimulate and support on a European level:

- The process of recognising and structuring Youth Circus

- The quality improvement of youth circus
- The promotion of Youth Circus - by its nature a popular, accessible and inclusive art form – as a means for participants to take an active role in society.

- ✓ **Internal Organisation**

Several internal structural developments of the organisation have been worked on such as by-laws, working plan for 2010-2012 and general procedure of organisation. The result of these developments will be more visible in 2011.

- **The National Umbrellas**

- ✓ **Activities and Support**

A table of activities and support of existing umbrellas was made on June 2010. The idea being to compare activities of umbrellas (pedagogical, artistic and structure of the organisation).

## **P**ROCESS OF RECOGNISING AND STRUCTURING YOUTH CIRCUS AS WELL AS PROMOTE YOUTH CIRCUS AS A MEANS FOR PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SOCIETY

- **NICE**

EYCO aims to provide and manage a platform for co-operation in the development of Youth Circus and its contributors through the annual Network of International Circus Exchange (N.I.C.E). Unfortunately, there was no N.I.C.E meeting in 2010 as Romania (voted to be the next Host Country) was unsuccessful in obtaining a grant as were Germany and France in their attempts to secure financial support.

However, in 2009, EYCO had already begun work in collaboration with other groups in the N.I.C.E. platform and, as a result several working groups appeared (read below).

- **Ghent**

Under the Belgian EU-Presidency, EYCO was invited to the First European Youth Work Conference organised in Ghent 7-10th July. This gave EYCO the opportunity to give a presentation about the organisation how it could be seen as an example of new working area for the Youth Work Policy in Europe.

Thanks to that invitation, EYCO succeeded in establishing the following aims:

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- ✓ promote Youth Circus to National and European authorities
- ✓ seek to co-operate with other relevant contributors and networks in the field of youth work and its social cultural areas,
- ✓ support and promote the development of circus as a tool for young people with fewer opportunities to actively participate in society (social circus, adapted circus, etc.).

- **Website**

The EYCO website was launched on June 3rd 2010. It aims to promote and increase public awareness of Youth Circus in Europe.

- **FEDEC**

At the EYCO Management Committee Meeting held at CIRCA, France in October 2010, the President and other members of FEDEC (European Federation of Professional Circus Schools) joined in an exchange of information about common fields and actions between the two European organisations and began the process of planning a common axis of work.

- **EVS**

In April 2010, a meeting held at Circus Pimparello - Jukie e.v. with people working on the European Voluntary Service (EVS) project on how to present EYCO, resulted

- in the posting of a manual for EVS in Youth Circus
- a forum for information exchange regarding EVS
- in some ideas for the website and other general points of views to be considered for the future of EYCO.

- **Support creation of national representative organisations**

EYCO is supporting the creation of national representative organisations on youth circus in all European countries. It started with Spain, Italy and United Kingdom; it will continue during the following years by helping other European countries such as Sweden, Austria...

## **Q**UALITY IMPROVEMENT OF **YOUTH CIRCUS**

- **General Presentation**

EYCO aims to become a central resource and information centre for Youth Circus by gathering, sharing and disseminating information to the national partners.

To achieve this aim, the website was created as a resource for dissemination information (see above).

At the N.I.C.E meeting held in London in 2009, three working groups were created: Management, Artistic and Training of Trainer. In 2010, the structure and individuals working within these groups was decided.

These working groups include people from National Umbrellas and other experts interested in offering advice and experience.

- **Management working group**

- ✓ **Facts and Figures on Youth Circus in Europe**

As mentioned above, a website was created to act as a central resource and information centre for Youth Circus by gathering, sharing and spreading information to the national partners.

A survey was created (number of circus activities and participants, employer organisation, etc) and distributed widely to gather statistics and information about Youth Circus in Europe. The results of the survey will be published after 2010.

- **Pedagogical Working Group**

- ✓ **Database of Trainer Programme**

To fulfil EYCO's aim of developing resources and providing information about Youth Circus, a database of training courses was created on EYCO's website.

To get more information, individuals can click on a training course on this list.

In order to collect the data for detailed information on each training course, the Training for Trainer Working Group set up a short questionnaire. This information, for instance, aims to be useful for a future student of a trainer's Programme.

✓ **Job Levels Description**

In addition to gathering information, EYCO aims to co-operate on the quality improvement of Youth Circus (training, accreditation, pedagogical tools, security and health). To achieve this aim, the Training for Trainer Working Group has been working on Job Levels (competencies): Vocabulary & Description. The vocabulary is an overview of terms that are used in different European countries and arranges these terms into a scheme of Job Levels. The description of these Job Levels are based on existing texts and a survey on training courses made at the end of 2009. The description of each job level includes a short definitive text including the basic skills and a list of three to five major tasks. The work on Job Levels is continuing and is still in progress.

✓ **Basic Training Course (in English)**

Discussions were held about organising a Seminar with members in the pedagogical field with the aim of working on the

framework for the contents for the Trainer Program.

✓ **Expert Pool**

Work began on creating a Pedagogical Expert Pool. This work is still in progress.

• **Artistic working Group**

✓ **Survey**

To help fulfil the aim of gathering resources for Youth Circus, a template of a survey was created in 2010 to collect information from each country about Youth Circus and their link with artistic activities. This project is still in progress.

✓ **Digital Platform**

EYCO aims to stimulate new creative and artistic developments in the field of Youth Circus. To achieve this, one of its projects is to create a Youth Circus TV website. A professional website developer will be contacted to create a website with videos and the work is still in progress.

✓ **Festival**

The Artistic Management Group, aims to stimulate new, creative and artistic developments in the field of Youth Circus. It is working towards the development of a European Youth Circus Festival. Discussions were held in 2010 and are continuing.

## QUANTITATIVES DATAS ON ACTIVITIES 2009/2010

### 8 MEETINGS IN 2009 AND 2010

- November 8, 2009: Meeting of the Management Committee in London, United Kingdom.
- January 8 to 10, 2010: Meeting of the Management Committee in Berlin, Germany.
- April 22, 23 and 24, 2010: Meeting of the Management Committee in Gschwend, Germany.
- June 25, 26 and 27, 2010: Meeting of the Management Committee in Amiens, France.
- September 23 to 26, 2010: Meeting of the Training for Trainer Working Group in Castelfiorentino, Italy.
- October 7, 2010: Meeting of the Training for Trainer Working Group in Brussels, Belgium.
- October 25, 26, and 27, 2010: Meeting of the Management Committee in Auch, France.
- October 28, 2010: Meeting of the Artistic Management Group in Auch, France.

**Resolution number: 2**

**It is suggested to the General Assembly:**

- **to take cognisance of the Report of Activities 2010**

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2010

(The accounting period was January to December 2010. However, there was no activity between January and June).

## COMPTE DE RESULTAT SIMPLIFIE

CHARGES		PRODUITS	
<b>60 - Achats</b>		<b>70 - Ventes de produits finis</b>	
matières et fournitures consommables		dont participations financières des licenciés	
<b>61 - Services extérieurs</b>		dont participations financ. des non licenciés	
sous-traitances, crédits-bails, locations, entretiens et réparations, assurances		dont billetterie	
<b>62 - Autres services extérieurs</b>	<b>1028,27</b>	dont ventes de spectacles	
622700 Frais d'actes (Publication Journal Officiel)	44,00	dont produits annexes	
625 Déplacement Mission Réception	826,40		
626 Hébergement site Internet	157,87		
<b>63 - Impôts et taxes</b>		<b>74 - Subventions d'exploitation</b>	
dont impôts et taxes sur rémunération		dont Etat/Drac	
dont formation professionnelle		dont Jeunesse et sport	
impôts, taxes sur salaires, participation à la formation professionnelle		dont l'éducation nationale	
<b>64 - Charges du personnel</b>		dont la région	
dont rémunération du personnel		dont le département	
dont charges sociales		dont la commune ou assimilé	
dont autres charges de personnel		dont le CNASEA	
rémunération du personnel, charges sociales, provisions pour congés payés		dont fonjep	
<b>65 - Autres charges de gestion courante</b>		Dont autres	
redevances, logiciels, licences, subventions versées, dons et pertes		<b>75 - Autres produits de gestion courante</b>	<b>6358,00</b>
<b>66 - Charges financières</b>		cotisations	
dont intérêts versés sur emprunt		<b>76 - Produits financiers</b>	
dont intérêts bancaires		dont produits de participations	
charges relatives aux frais financiers, intérêts, frais d'emprunts		<b>77 - Produits exceptionnels</b>	
<b>67 - Charges exceptionnelles</b>		<b>78 - Reprise sur amortissements</b>	
Charges relatives à des opérations exceptionnelles		<b>79 - Transfert de charges</b>	
<b>68 - Dotations aux amortissements</b>			
charges passées au compte de résultat pour constater la dépréciation des actifs			
<b>SOUS-TOTAL DES CHARGES</b>	<b>1028,27</b>	<b>SOUS-TOTAL DES PRODUITS</b>	
<b>86 - Emplois des contributions volontaires en nature</b>		<b>87 - Contributions volontaires en nature</b>	
dont secours en nature		dont bénévolat	
dont mise à disposition gratuite des biens et prestations		dont prestations en nature	
dont personnels bénévoles		dont dons en nature	
<b>Excédent de l'exercice (bénéfice)</b>	<b>5329,73</b>	<b>Déficit de l'exercice</b>	
<b>TOTAL DES CHARGES</b>	<b>6358,00</b>	<b>TOTAL DES PRODUITS</b>	<b>6358,00</b>

<b>BILAN SIMPLIFIE</b>					
<b>ACTIF</b>			<b>PASSIF</b>		
	Valeur brute	Amortissement	Valeur nette		
<b>ACTIF IMMOBILISE</b>				<b>FOND PROPRES</b>	
<b>Immobilisations incorporelles</b>				<b>Capital</b>	Apport à la création de la structure
<b>Immobilisations corporelles</b>				<b>Réserves</b>	Excédents - déficits des exercices précédents
Ensemble des biens durables (plus d'un an) tels que véhicules, terrain immeuble, équipements, outillage....				<b>Résultat de l'exercice</b>	Excédent de l'exercice
				<b>Subvention d'investissements</b>	
<b>ACTIF CIRCULANT</b>				<b>Provisions</b>	
<b>Créances</b>	Cotisations à recevoir		<b>4477,00</b>	<b>DETTES</b>	
<b>Stocks</b>	stocks de fin d'exercice			<b>Emprunts auprès des établissements de crédits</b>	
<b>Disponibilités</b>	Caisses et comptes bancaires		<b>1881,00</b>	<b>Autres dettes (Refacturation FFEC)</b>	
					1028,27
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>6358,00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
					<b>6358,00</b>

**Resolution number: 3**  
**It is suggested to the General Assembly:**  
 - to approve the Financial Report 2010

# PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2011

EXPENSES	
Title	
<b>62 OTHER EXTERNAL SERVICES</b>	<b>6 500,00</b>
622 Wages of intermediary	6 100,00
627000 Bank expenses	400,00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6 500,00</b>

RECEIPTS	
Title	
<b>75 MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>6 500,00</b>
756000 membership fee	6 500,00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>6 500,00</b>

Resolution number: 4

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

▪ to approve the Provisional Budget 2011.

## AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS 2012

### FULL MEMBERS

	2012
Subscription fee (fix part)	800,00 €
Subscription fee (Adjustable part)	3,00 € x (number of member schools)

### CANDIDATE FULL MEMBERS

	2012
Subscription fee (only fix part)	500,00 €

Resolution number: 5

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

▪ to approve the Amount of Subscription 2012.

# BY-LAWS

By-laws aim to precise Statutes of the European Youth Circus Organisation.

## DEFINITION OF A CANDIDATE FULL MEMBER

A Candidate Full Member has to

- be a constituted body representative of Youth Circus within their own country
- prove national activity to bring Youth Circus together (but not only on a regional level...) for a significant period
- provide proof of spreading information about the Youth Circus field inside their own country
- be admitted at the discretion of the Management Committee of EYCO

**Resolution number: 6**

**It is suggested to the General Assembly:**

- to approve the definition of the Candidate Full Membership by-law as above

## NEW MEMBER

On proposal of the Management Committee, it is suggested to admit the Federazione Italiana delle Scuole di Arti Circensi - FISAC (Italian Federation of Circus Arts Schools) as a new Candidate Full Member in 2012 for one year.

**Resolution number: 7**

**It is suggested to the General Assembly:**

- to approve the admission of FISAC as a new Candidate Full Member inn 2012 for one year

## MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Full member	KÖCKENBERGER Karl	Term of office end on November 2012
Full member	GROENEWOUD Jan Tjeerd	Term of office end on November 2012
Full member	TAILLARD Alain	Term of office end on November 2012
Full Member	ÅSTRAND Riikka	Term of office end on November 2012
Full Member	SMETS Peter	Term of office end on November 2012
Candidate full Member	ARIAS Gonzalo	Term of office end on November 2012
Candidate full Member	OWENS Petrea	Term of office end on November 2012
Candidate full Member	ROSSOMANDO Adolfo	Term of office end on November 2012

**Resolution number: 8**

**According to the list above it is suggested to the General Assembly:**

- to ratify the list of members of the Management Committee.