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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015

The European Youth Circus Organisation (EYCO) was constituted in 2009 to serve as a forum and seeding ground for European cooperation between National Youth Circus Networks. EYCO provides a unique opportunity for many different European nations to come together to overcome cultural differences, language barriers and to find ways of working together. With a commitment to achieve the wider recognition of Youth Circus throughout Europe, we continue to strive for greater understanding, tolerance and humanity for the benefit of all.

Our Main Achievements in 2015:

- **'Professionalising European Youth Circuses' (PEYC) 2015-2017**
The Finnish National Umbrella (FYCA) and the EYCO Management Committee will complete the 1st stage of the Erasmus+ project in May 2016. The 2nd Stage funding has been approved and will start in June 2016 with the original 9 European Partners.
- **Network of International Circus Exchange**
The German Network's application to host the 2015 NICE Seminar was unsuccessful. However, a new application will be submitted in 2016 to host in Gschwend in October 2016. Our thanks to the Team for their work towards hosting this great event.
- **FEDEC/EYCO Partnership**
A strategic partnership has been achieved between FEDEC and EYCO following a meeting in Brussels in June 2015. FEDEC is keen to learn from EYCO's expertise within the youth circus field (especially on the 'pedagogical' experiences within the youth circus field) and, EYCO is keen to find pathways for young people. It was also very apparent that we wish to create closer collaboration between the established networks representing each area of the circus arts in Europe including EYCO, FEDEC and Circostrada.
- **Erasmus + KA3 Application**
With the assistance of the FEDEC, we submitted our first Erasmus+ Application on 15th November under the KA3 Section offering financial support for the structuring and growth of organisations. The funds will support a part-time Administrator and the 21 goals in our 2016 Work Plan!
- **EYCO 3 Year Strategic Plan 2015-2018**
The EYCO Management Committee continues to update the Strategic Plan to ensure the sustainability, effectiveness and relevance of EYCO, taking the time to reflect on our achievements, challenges and aims and objectives for the future. Our 3 Year Strategic Plan is on target to succeed in our mission and vision whilst adding some new and exciting projects into our portfolio.

I would like to congratulate the Management Committee Members representing the 13 national umbrellas (France, Finland, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy, United Kingdom, Spain, Poland, Estonia) and to all of the individual contributors for giving their precious time and for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

It is a great privilege to serve as the EYCO President together with the many people who contribute to the development of this great organisation.

I wish you all a very happy and successful New Year in 2016!

Petrea OWENS
President

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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 2015

The report on the EYCO activities in 2015 is presented according to its main aims that are 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.

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

Network of International Circus Exchange (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. Unfortunately, an Erasmus+ application by the German Host, was unsuccessful in raising a grant for 2015. However, a revised application will be submitted in 2016 for a Seminar in October.

Website-Development

The EYCO website aims to promote and increase public awareness of Youth Circus in Europe. It aims to act as a central resource and information centre for Youth Circus by gathering, sharing and spreading information. The website also has a games wiki to gather all kinds of circus games and Circus Trainers can upload, find and use a wide variety of useful games in their daily practice.

In 2015, we achieved a full revision of our website, thanks to the great efforts of our Italian National Network under the experienced hand of Adolfo Rossomando.

Supporting the creation of national representative organisations

EYCO supports country networks to create a national youth circus representative organisation in all 28 European countries. The Italian and the Spanish National Networks became Full Members and we also gained two new Full Members from Estonia and Poland.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT OF YOUTH CIRCUS

EYCO aims to become a central resource and information centre for Youth Circus by gathering,

sharing and disseminating information.

To achieve this aim, members of each National Umbrella work together with other experts interested in offering advice and experience.

Pedagogical

PEYC PROJECT

EYCO continues to develop and professionalise the youth circus sector. The Finish Umbrella (NYCA) was successful in its application for the first stage of a 2-year project 'Professionalising European Youth Circus' (PEYC). A Project Coordinator and two pedagogical coordinators were employed to oversee the delivery of 2 Master Class programmes in Belgium and France between December 2015 and January 2016, and a CATE program in two parts in Spain in September 2015 and in UK in March 2016. Nine European countries have been working together and the results will be disseminated through the EYCO website, the 9 Partner Country websites, and the NICE Seminar (Germany) in 2016. The 2nd Stage application submitted for the PEYC project has been approved and will start in April 2016.

EYCO will become a member of FEDEC in 2016 to ensure that a dialogue is established between the Youth & Social Circus (non-formal education) and the Education & Training fields. A Focus group will concentrate on cooperation between the 2 networks and a specific pedagogical collaboration between on-going KA2 Youth projects:

EYCO Project: professionalising European youth circus (PEYC) to develop Teachers' competences and offering training in how to operate a sustainable, Youth & Social Circus organisation and the FFEC –FEDEC Project: 'INTENTS' training of the Teachers in VET and HE sectors.

QUANTITATIVES DATA 2015

5 Management Committee MEETINGS EYCO 2015-2016

- February 6 to February 8 – Management Committee in London, Great Britain
- May 29 to May 31 - Management Committee in Rotterdam, Netherlands
- September 4 to September 6 - Management Committee in Valladolid in Spain
- January 22 to January 24 – Management Committee in Strasbourg, France

OTHER APPOINTMENTS 2015

- June 23 to June 24- 3 Management Committee Members met with FEDEC in

- Brussels re partnership possibilities & to prepare a draft KA3 application
- October 22 to October 23 – Management Committee met in Auch (Fr) to discuss partnership opportunities with CARAVAN and FEDEC and to give a presentation at the FFEC & FEDEC General Assemblies

ACTIVITIES 2015

- Updated 3 year strategic plan 2015-2018
- Preparation of a KA3 Application submitted on October 15

FORMATION 2015-2016

- August 31 to September 6 2015 – CATE Training in Valladolid, Spain
- December 13 to December 18 2015 – Master Class PEYC 1 in Brussels, Belgium
- January 19 to January 24 2016– PEYC Master Class PEYC 2 in Strasbourg, France

Resolution number: 2

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

- to approve the Report of Activities 2015

The Annual Report was tabled by the Treasurer. We will keep the membership fees as they were in 2015, it is an exception for one year.

Two new members were ratified: Estonia and Poland with a 2-year dispensation to pay their membership fees because of their special circumstances (very small organisations at the moment.)

The two new Members will be entitled to reimbursement of 100% travel costs for two meetings a year for one representative during the time that they are not paying the membership fee. One of these two meetings must be an OGA.

Resolution number: 3

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

- to approve the Financial Report 2015

THE OGA UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015/2016.

PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2016

Resolution number: 4

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

- to approve the provisional Budget 2016

THE OGA UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THE PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2016.

AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS 2015

FULL MEMBERS

Subscription fee (fix part)	300,00 €
Subscription fee (Adjustable part)	12,00 € x (number of member schools)

CANDIDATE FULL MEMBERS

Subscription fee (fix part)	50,00 €
Subscription fee (Adjustable part)	12,00 € x (number of involved schools)

Resolution number: 5

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

▪ to approve the Amount of Subscription.

THE OGA UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2016.

MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

EYCO President	OWENS Petrea	Term of office end of April 2016
Special Guest	OWENS Ian	In perpetuity

FULL MEMBERS

Circomundo	ALDERS Eveline	Term of office end on April 2016
BAG Zirkuspädagogik	RAHMANN Bernd	Term of office end on April 2016
Fédération Française des Ecoles de cirque (FFEC)	TERREAUX Jean-Damien	Term of office end on April 2016
Suomen Nuorisosirkusliitto	ÅSTRAND Riikka	Term of office end on April 2016
Circuscentrum	SMETS Peter	Term of office end on April 2016
Fédération Suisse des Ecoles de Cirque FSEC	SIMILI Sarah	Term of office end on April 2016
DUBAL	PORKSEN Mikkel	Term of office end on April 2016
CircusWorks	CARROLL Lynn	Term of office end on April 2016
ÖBVZ Österreichischer BundesVerband für Zirkuspädagogik Zircus Network	SCHLEICHER Ruth	Term of office end on April 2016
Giocolieri e Dintorni	ROSSOMANDO Adolfo	Term of office end on April 2016
FEECSE	CORTES Federico M.	Term of office end on April 2016
Eesti Kaasaegse Tsirkuse Arenduskeskus	BERNADT Terje	Term of office end on April 2016
Foundation Miasto Projekt (Poland)	JAAARMAKOWSKA Zuzanna	Term of office end on April 2016

ELECTION OF THE DAILY BOARD TO APRIL 2017

- TAILLARD, Alain was elected as the new Treasurer
- SMETS, Peter was elected as the new Secretary
- OWENS, Petrea was re-elected as the President

Resolution number: 6

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

- **to ratify the list of members of the Daily Board**

THE OGA UNANIMOUSLY RATIFIED THE MEMBERS OF THE DAILY BOARD 2016.

ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO APRIL 2017

The list of National Umbrella representatives, below, were re-elected as the Management Committee

Circomundo:	Eveline Alders
BAG:	Bernd Rahmann
Fédération Française des Ecoles de cirque (FFEC):	Alain Taillard
Suomen Nuorisosirkusliitto:	Riikka Åstrand
Circuscentrum:	Peter Smets
Fédération Suisse des Ecoles de Cirque:	Sarah Simili
DUBAL:	Mikkel Porksen
CircusWorks:	Lynn Carroll
ÖBVZ (Österreichischer BundesVerband für Zirkuspädagogik)	Ruth Schleicher
Giocolieri e Dintorni:	Adolfo Rossomando
Feecse:	Federico M. Cortes
Eesti Kaasaegse Tsirkuse Arenduskeskus:	Terje Bernard
Foundation Miasto Projekt (Poland):	Zuzanna Jaarmakowska

Resolution number: 7

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

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

THE OGA UNANIMOUSLY RATIFIED THE LIST OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2016.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS & DATE OF THE NEXT OGA

OGA requested that the EYCO MC to make an Agenda Item for future meetings to discuss refreshing the Board and finding replacement for Board members when they are unable to attend a Board

NEXT MEETING

Next OGA is planned for February 2017 in the Netherlands.