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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015

The European Youth Circus Organization (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 2014:

- **Grundtvig 'Circus for Adults Training in Europe' (CATE) Project 2012-2014**

Final Report comments from Regional Agencies: "It was an 'excellent' and 'very worthwhile' project" – praise indeed!

A highly successful project, with the general aim of developing tools and new perspectives for circus pedagogy in the diverse field of adult education. The tools will assist circus groups and other organisations to gain the skills to present individual training programmes that incorporate shared common methodologies for circus skills, pedagogies, artistic education and health & safety. The CATE Handbook provides a practical guide for two different training formats; a ready-made day-to-day programme and a modular programme.

- **First EYCO Youth Circus Festival 9-13th July 2014**

Successful grant applications together with a registration fee and the 'in kind' support of many, contributed to the success of this first EYCO Festival. Hosted by Circus Tvaers in Aarhus, Denmark in July, the Festival welcomed young people and their Leaders from 5 European countries including: Belgium (27), Italy (32), Switzerland (17), France (14) and Denmark (50). We will continue to develop this great event and to extend its reach throughout Europe.

- **Network of International Circus Exchange 30th October to 1st November 2014**

The 9th NICE Seminar was hosted by the UK Umbrella, CircusWorks, at No Fit State Circus (Cardiff) Wales with over 100 participants attending from 15 different European countries. It was a huge success with lots of new connections made and old friendships revisited. Our thanks to the CircusWorks Team for their great work in organising this year's event.

- **New Project 'Professionalising European Youth Circuses' 2015-2017**

With the assistance of the EYCO Management Committee and the Expert Group, the Finnish National Umbrella submitted an Erasmus+ application on October 1st 2014, to continue the great work achieved through the CATE Project. The funding for the first stage of the two-year project has been achieved and we look forward to starting the work, together with our 9 European Partners, in early 2015.

- **EYCO 3 Year Strategic Plan**

Since January 2014, there have been 5 Management Committee meetings. To ensure the sustainability, effectiveness and relevance of EYCO, we have taken the time to reflect on our achievements, challenges and aims and objectives for the future. As a result, a 3 Year Strategic Plan has been drafted to help us succeed in our mission and to bring some exciting new projects into our portfolio.

I would like to congratulate the Management and Expert Committee Members representing

the 11 national umbrellas (France, Finland, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy, United Kingdom and Spain) and to all of the individual contributors for giving their precious time and for sharing their knowledge and experience.

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 2015.

Petrea OWENS
President

Resolution number: 1

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

▪ **to approve the President's Report 2014**

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES 2014

The report on the EYCO activities in 2014 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

- **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.

The 2014 N.I.C.E. returned to the UK, hosted by CircusWorks, the UK Youth Circus Network. It was a fantastic opportunity to visit the premises of the finest, contemporary circus organisation in the UK – No Fit State Circus in Cardiff, Wales. The EYCO Committee was well represented and managed the time to mingle with the participants as well as continue with its work.

- **Website**

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 center 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 will update our website to reflect the needs of our members.

Support creation of national representative organisations

EYCO supports the creation of national youth circus representative organisations in all European countries. The UK Umbrella, (CircusWorks) and the Austrian Umbrella (ÖBVZ Zircus Network) became Full Members. We have continued to stimulate the forming of a national Umbrella in Spain and, in 2014, the potential for this to be achieved has grown considerably demonstrating that where there is a will there is a way! Overcoming the difficulties due to the vast distances, the low number of youth circuses and the economic circumstances in Spain has been quite an achievement.

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, two working groups were created (Artistic and Pedagogical) at the 2009 NICE Seminar hosted by Albert & Friends Instant Circus in London. These working groups include people from National Umbrellas and other experts interested in offering advice and experience.

- **Pedagogical Working Group**

CATE PROJECT

Following the idea of a basic training course in English, EYCO continues to develop the subject. In 2012, members of EYCO achieved a European grant for a two-year project called "CATE" – Circus Adult Training in Europe. This project was divided into two elements, a Management Group to oversee and coordinate the progress and an Expert Group to write the Basic Trainer Handbook. 10 European countries worked together and the results were disseminated through the EYCO website, the 10 Partner Country websites, at the American Youth Circus Organisation, Educators' Conference hosted by Cirque du Soleil (Canada) and at the NICE Seminar (Wales). Pilot projects are due to take place in Germany and UK in 2015.

- **Artistic working Group**

EYCO FESTIVAL 2014

Our efforts to realise the First European Youth Circus Festival came to fruition with the help of Circus Tvaers who hosted the event in Aarhus, Denmark. There were 5 European countries and over 100 young people and their leaders in attendance. Funding was achieved through an Erasmus+ and Gellerup Kulturmidler fund and a small registration fee. The programme included performances, workshops, skill sharing, cultural evening, excursions and an open stage. A very successful event laying the foundation for the next EYCO Festival. Our thanks go to all of the people who helped to make this Festival a great success.

QUANTITATIVES DATAS 2014

5 MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

- Le Mans - France from January 17 -19 with the OGA on the 18th
- Gschwendt - Germany from March 21 - 23
- Helsinki - Finland from June 13 - 15
- Civitavecchia - Italy from July 29 - 30 with FYCA's new project meeting on July 30
- Cardiff - Wales at the annual N.I.C.E. Seminar on October 31

ACTIVITIES

- Creation of a new strategic plan 2015-2018
- First EYCO Festival held in July
- Representation of EYCO during the CARAVAN Seminar (July 1 and 2)
- Erasmus+ application written, with FYCA, for a new project, 1 October
- End of the CATE project 30 September
- N.I.C.E. Seminar, Cardiff, Wales hosted by CircusWorks 30 October/2 November

Resolution number: 2

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

- **to approve the Report of Activities 2014**

COMPTE DE RESULTAT SIMPLIFIE			
CHARGES		PRODUITS	
60 - Achats	- €	70 - Ventes de produits finis	
matières et fournitures consommables		dont participations financières des licenciés	
61 - Services extérieurs		dont participations financ. des non licenciés	
sous-traitances, crédits-bails, locations, entretiens et réparations, assurances		dont billetterie	
62 - Autres services extérieurs	33252,15	dont ventes de spectacles	
622 Honoraires	21365,20	dont produits annexes	
625 Déplacement Mission Réception	11781,56		
626 Frais postaux et de télécom.			
627 Services Bancaires	105,39		
63 - Impôts et taxes		74 - Subventions d'exploitation	13 900,00 €
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	
64 - Charges du personnel		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	
65 - Autres charges de gestion courante		dont CATE	13 900,00 €
redevances, logiciels, licences, subventions versées, dons et pertes		75 - Autres produits de gestion courante cotisations	6 004,00 €
66 - Charges financières		76 - Produits financiers	
dont intérêts versés sur emprunt		dont produits de participations	
dont intérêts bancaires		77 - Produits exceptionnels	
charges relatives aux frais financiers, intérêts, frais d'emprunts		78 - Reprise sur amortissements	14 423,24 €
67 - Charges exceptionnelles		79 - Transfert de charges	708,00 €
Charges relatives à des opérations exceptionnelles			
68 - Dotations aux provisions			
charges passées au compte de résultat pour constater la dépréciation des actifs			
SOUS-TOTAL DES CHARGES	33252,15	SOUS-TOTAL DES PRODUITS	35 035,24 €
86 - Emplois des contributions volontaires en nature		87 - Contributions volontaires en nature	
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	
Excédent de l'exercice (bénéfice)	1783,09	Déficit de l'exercice	
TOTAL DES CHARGES	35 035,24 €	TOTAL DES PRODUITS	35 035,24 €

BILAN SIMPLIFIE

ACTIF				PASSIF		
	Valeur brute	Amortissement	Valeur nette			
ACTIF IMMOBILISE				FOND PROPRES		
Immobilisations incorporelles				Capital	Apport à la création de la structure	
Immobilisations corporelles				Réserves	Excédents - déficits des exercices précédents	10873,77
Ensemble des biens durables (plus d'un an) tels que véhicules, terrain immeuble, équipements, outillage...				Résultat de l'exercice	Excédent de l'exercice	1783,09
				Subvention d'investissements		
ACTIF CIRCULANT				Fonds dédiés		
Créances		Cotisations à recevoir	236,00			
Stocks		stocks de fin d'exercice		DETTES		
Disponibilités		Caisses et comptes bancaires	13120,86	Emprunts auprès des établissements de crédits		
				Autres dettes		700,00
TOTAL			13356,86	TOTAL		
				13356,86		

Resolution number: 3

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

- to approve the Financial Report 2014

PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2015

EXPENSES		RECEIPTS	
Travel costs	6850	Membership fee	7000
Bank expenses	150		
TOTAL EXPENSES	7000	TOTAL RECEIPTS	7000

Resolution number: 4

It is suggested to the General Assembly:

- to approve the provisional Budget 2015.

AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

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.

MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

EYCO President OWENS Petrea Term of office end on February 2015
Special Guest OWENS Ian In perpetuity

FULL MEMBERS

Circomundo ALDERS Eveline Term of office end on April 2015
BAG RAHMANN Bernd Term of office end on April 2015
FFEC TERREAUX Jean-Damien Term of office end on April 2015
Suomen Nuorisosirkusliitto ÅSTRAND Riikka Term of office end on April 2015
Circuscentrum SMETS Peter Term of office end on April 2015
FSEC SIMILI Sarah Term of office end on April 2015
DUBAL PORKSEN Mikkel Term of office end on April 2015
CircusWorks CARROLL Lynn Term of office end on April 2015
ÖBVZ - Österreichischer BundesVerband für Zirkuspädagogik
SCHLEICHER Ruth Term of office end on April 2015

CANDIDATE FULL MEMBER

Giocolieri e Dintorni ROSSOMANDO Adolfo Term of office end on April 2015
Plataforma Española de Escuelas de Circo Socieducativas
MARTINEZ-CALZADO Andrea Term of office end on April 2015

Resolution number: 6

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

- to renew the mandates of the members of the Management Committee.