



Union Internationale de la Marionnette

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## The Electronic Newsletter of the General Secretary N°3 - May 2009

Dear friends

One year has passed since our last Congress in Perth. A lot of sad events and catastrophes happened on our planet since then and we are battling with a huge, enormous economic crisis. Nevertheless, I note that UNIMA continues its road in a peaceful and concrete way.

### Communications

**Communications exchanged between UNIMA Centers, the General Secretary, the President and the members of the Executive committee have never been so numerous.** The request for our new logo has been important and the illustrated message of Petr Matasek for the World Puppetry Day was extremely appreciated. Testimonies from dozens of country reached us telling the content of their celebrations. Visitors in a growing number consult our website at <http://www.unima.org>. Thank you all for your enthusiastic participation!

Most of the informations that you sent me, I relay to Fabrice Guilliot, our webmaster, who inscribe them on your UNIMA's Center web page.

See the geographical map on the UNIMA website when you click on **News from the UNIMA Centers**.

I invite all the Centers who realized new activities and want them to be published to send them to [sgi@unima.org](mailto:sgi@unima.org) with the inscription **REACTUALIZATION** of our UNIMA Center (and you put the name of your Center).

Many centers have very old news and did not updated their section since a long time.

### Celebrations



**In a few days, UNIMA will officially celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

From the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, in Prague and Chrudim, interesting events will take place, where the UNIMA President and General Secretary will participate along with many puppeteers and friends around the world at the invitation of the UNIMA Czech Republic Center.

You can see more information at :  
<http://www.unima.org>.

## **WEPA**

Concerning the **WEPA**, we are working actively with our editor l'Entretemps to release the Encyclopaedia for September during the World Puppet Festival. The launching should be done in the garden in front of our office.

## **Tributes**

As you know , UNIMA's Executive Committee came to an agreement to pay tribute to three personalities alive and very active in puppetry and which have marked deeply the history of our association.

They are **Margareta Niculescu, Henryk Jurkowski and Michael Meschke**. This homage will be organized in collaboration with the International Institute and the International Festival of Puppetry. The life passes quickly but we have the chance to be able to thank personally (or by letter or video), those individuals who were pillars for UNIMA and who have contributed, like so many others before them, to give our association its gold letters and excellent reputation.

On this subject, I strongly suggest to all the Centers to investigate in order to find the most adequate person who closely have known one or more of these three great personalities.

**Please, ask them to write a one page text describing the link that have had with Margareta, Henryk or Michael, stressing on what they consider their best personal qualities, indicating their achievements and their influence for your country.**

It might be also you, President or General Secretary of your UNIMA Center who can write the tribute. These texts will be collected in a souvenir book and given to each one of these personalities celebrated.

## **Example**

I give you an example, during my recent travel to Mexico, I met Mireya Cueto, a pioneer in the puppetry art in her country. I also talked with my hosts, Lucio Espindola and Lourdes Perez Gay, the Titerias Festival's directors.

They all keep a wonderful memory of their meetings with all of these three personalities celebrated and would like to give a mark of this.

César Tavera, the new President of UNIMA Mexico, who will be present in Charleville, will be their spokesperson. **It would be fantastic if each Center could send a message in writing a letter, sending a video.**

## **Photos**

**I also appeal to all the members who would have good photos, old or recent, from various Congresses or Councils of UNIMA and who could send it to us.**

We would be very appreciative because we want to present an exhibition of UNIMA's archives.

We host, at this moment in our office a young lady, specialist in archives, who helps us to classify our files.

All of this because we are associated with the Institute and the Festival in a great project of numerization of our documents in order to create a Puppetry WEB Support (Portail).

## Cotisations

### It's time for UNIMA Centers to pay their fees.

These contributions are usually paid in March or April. Not many countries have paid so far for year 2009. So I'm sending you all the details because, as you know, this year the system has changed.

This contribution is extremely important for the UNIMA's functioning and its future projects. We have just received our stamps for 2009, so send us your contribution as soon as possible.

### UNIMA is a dynamic and growing association which has a lot of wonderful projects in its pocket.

To be able to realize those projects, we need the support of all of you. Starting this year, like it was decided during our last congress in Perth, the fees are 3 euros per member.

**So it is simple: you just have to multiply by 3 the amount of your members.** If your National Center has 100 members your payment is 300 euros.

Please check your identity when you make your bank transaction, making sure the name of your Center appears clearly.

In return, you will receive from the UNIMA's secretary office the annual stamps allowing you to receive all kind of discounts and advantages.

If you need more information about the transit account number, please contact us at : [sgi@unima.org](mailto:sgi@unima.org).

## Data basis

We are actualizing our data basis and we ask you to put the list of your members. Please send us also the composition of your Executive Committee, indicating the names of the President, the General Secretary, the Vice-Presidents and the Councillors.

Don't forget to include their addresses and e-mails. If it is possible we need you to send us pictures of your Councillor.

The president and myself are thanking the many UNIMA Centers and Festivals for their kind invitations.

We hope to be in good health to fully benefit from those invitations because we would like to establish direct good relations with UNIMA members and the governing bodies of our Centers all over the world.

**New UNIMA Centers are in gestations, and I will talk about it in the next newsletter.**

My best wishes to all of you !

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UNIMA's General Secretary

