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## The Electronic Newsletter of the General Secretary N° 6 - June 2010

Dear UNIMA members,

**From the 21st to the 24th of June 2010, will take place in Dordrecht (Holland) the meeting of the Council of UNIMA.** More than one hundred persons are expected, dozens of UNIMA Counselors from all over the world.

The previous meetings of UNIMA Council took place in Tolosa (Spain) in 2006 and in Atlanta (United States) in 2002.

I want to thank our hosts, the **UNIMA-Holland Centre that celebrates, this year, its 55 years of existence** as well as the remarkable **Poppentheaterfestival for its 25th edition.**

The city of Dordrecht, through its natural beauty, offers an ideal place for a meeting like this one.

The imagination and the sensibility of Damiet van Dalsum, the director of the Festival, are the guarantors of a memorable event. Be there !

The meetings will take place, from 9 am to 1 pm, in Wilhelmina Kerk, 421 Blekersdijk, Dordrecht.

**Congress Day:** As agreed in Perth, one day, the 23rd of June, will have the value of Congress. We will proceed to the UNIMA statutes' update.

### **The WEPA is prized:**

Great new, We just learnt that our WEPA, ***created in partnership with l'Entretemps Editions just deserved the Prize of the Best Theatre Book of the year 2009-2010.***

It is awarded by the Syndicate of the Criticism, Music, Theatre, Dance and will be handed the next 21st of June in the Artistic Theatre Athevains, Paris, by the President of this organization M. Jean-Pierre Boursier.

Madame Sylvie Martin-Lahmani, editor in chief of our last magazine "E pur si muove", and the director of l'Entretemps, Christophe Bara, will be present to receive this desired prize. We will be in Dordrecht at the same time but we will try to be present via Skype.

As you all know, our big project of the Encyclopedia has seen the day the last 25th of September, at the Book Fair, during the World Puppet Theatre Festival of Charleville-Mézières.

The project has been finally materialized after 30 years of dream and work. Congratulations to all the ones who participated. We are all very proud. The critic has been full of praise, the

comments of our peers have been excellent.

We will take advantage of the presence of the Counselors in Dordrecht to hand this wonderful book to all the UNIMA Centers that paid their subscriptions.

Please, let us know if you want to buy a few copies, we plan to bring a hundred.

### **UNIMA Commissions:**

UNIMA expresses, among others, through its 17 work commissions which Presidents are also members of the Executive Committee.

The new policy of the Executive Committee of UNIMA is to encourage the forming of new projects; new grants have been created to make our association as dynamic as possible and to benefit to all the UNIMA members.

Thus, each one of the Commissions received an amount of money and is charged to fructify.

### **New UNIMA Centers:**

I am happy to announce you the creation of new UNIMA Centers.

Among these ones: Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Cuba, Portugal, Cameroon, and Senegal.

We are engaged in talks with other countries that want to join us: Equator, Haiti and Tunisia.



New Center UNIMA-Indonesia. Jacques and Dadi around the new President Samodra Sriwiddjaja



The UNIMA's Secretary General presents the Encyclopaedia at the documentation center and at the EC of the new UNIMA-Cuba (President: René Fernandes Santana; Secretary General: Ruben Dario Salazar).



Participants in the refoundation Congress of UNIMA-Portugal (President: José Gil).

In the next mail, you will receive news of the preparations of the next UNIMA Congress that will take place in Chengdu (China) from the 28<sup>th</sup> of May till the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2012.

I also invite you to let us know the activities that you set up in order to make sure that our art is renewing constantly !

Thank you !

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