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Dear friends,

I hope life is good for you and you're having a nice summer or nice winter, depending where you live.

UNIMA is still celebrating its 80th anniversary !

The festivities were beautiful, significant and warm in Prague and Chrudim last May, marking the foundation of our association in 1929.

Celebrations are still going on in many UNIMA Centres around the world.

The special logo, created for the occasion, is largely used in all your communications and it's good to see!

In a few weeks, the UNIMA Executive Committee will have, **since Perth, its first meeting in Jekaterinburg**, Russia, to make the summary of the last 16 months. Result is quite positive. Presidents of Commissions will submit their projects for the coming years.

The World Puppetry Capital, Charleville-Mézières, is going to live another significant event, the 15th edition of the **Festival Mondial des Théâtres de Marionnettes**, from September 18th to 27th, and UNIMA will be active with **3 main events**:

1- **A tribute will be paid to 3 main personalities** that have contributed deeply to UNIMA and to the acknowledgment of puppetry art: **Margareta Niculescu, Henryk Jurkowski and Michael Meschke**.

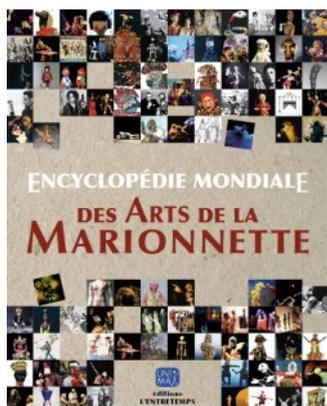
This homage will be held, september 25th, from 11h30 to 13h30, at the Ethiopian room in the City Hall, Place Ducale.

We are honoured to be able to count with the presence of the Maire Claudine Ledoux.

If you happened to be in Charleville and want to assist, please communicate with us, the seats are limited.

Be careful, the time limit to send your written homage by e-mail is September 1st
It will be very much appreciated.

2- **The launching of l'Encyclopedie Mondiale des Arts de la Marionnette (W.E.P.A.)** will take place, the same day, September 25th, at 16h30 at La Foire du livre.



A dream of 30 years finally coming through. A copy will be given to all UNIMA Centers.
Please remember to pay off your fees, if it's not done yet.



The Encyclopedia is arriving !

3- **An exposition of UNIMA's archives**, mainly around the foundation in Prague and the first Congresses will be held in our office, 10 Cours Briand, September 21th to 24th.
Many thanks to Nina Malikova, the Museum of Chrudim and to the State Central Puppet Theatre of Moscow because this exhibition goes till Sergei Obraztsov's presidency.

UNIMA is happy to be part of the great happening in Charleville-Mézières, collaborating with the Festival Mondial des Théâtres de Marionnettes and with the Institut International de la Marionnette.

All my friendship !

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