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Dear members of UNIMA,,

Best wishes. First, I would like to offer, to each one of you, my best wishes for the new year 2011: Health, Peace, Love, Happiness and Success!

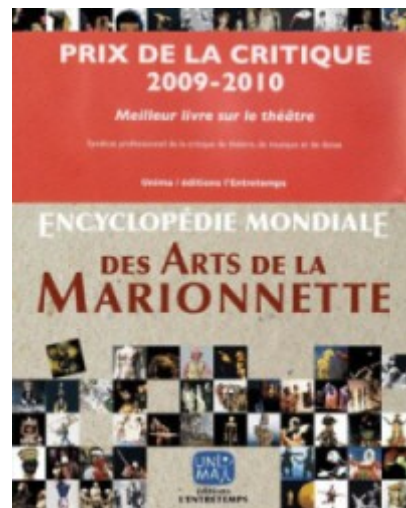


Jacques Trudeau
(photo: Rinie Boon)

UNIMA's accomplishments since april 2008

Two years and 8 months have passed since the last UNIMA Congress in Perth in april 2008. Our association has been quite active since then, celebrating it's 80 years of existence, launching, in partnership with L'Entretemps editions, our french version of the WEPA, organizing exposition and tributes, reorganizing the work of the Comissions with new budgets, giving new grants. We also had a successful Council Meeting in Dordrecht last june 2010.

The members of the Executive Committee will be meeting this year in Charleville-Mézières on september 16th, 17th and 18th. 2011, at the invitation of THEEMA (UNIMA-France) and the directors of the Festival Mondial des Théâtres de Marionnettes.



All together with thousands of passionate fans around the world, we will celebrate the opening of 50th anniversary of that wonderful festival created by Jacques Félix in 1961. L'Institut International de la Marionnette will lend us the meeting place. We will also celebrate the 30th anniversary of its foundation.

Charleville-Mézières, the city where we have our headquarters, will be the place to be, from september 16th to 25th. Book fast your hotel and tickets! UNIMA will join THEMAA and organize during the Festival mondial and with its complicity a special meeting with an international flavor.



The next Chengdu's (China) UNIMA Congress and International Festival



Only 16 months are separating us from the next UNIMA Congress and International Festival. The dates are: may 28th till june 4th 2012. The Chengdu's Organizing Committee annouced a ew delay for the companies that want to send their propositions of shows. **The limit date is now march 31th 2011.** The organizors should present soon their special Website Chengdu Congress-Festival with all the informations concerning the two events.. I wish many of you will come to this fabulous city. I can assure you that it will be a great Congress and beautiful Festival from what we saw already and from the promises we have received, Dadi and I, from the Maire of Chengdu and the Organizing Comittee which have great aims.

Change in our staff at UNIMA

UNIMA has a new employee who will take care of the secretariat and assists the General Secretary. Its name is Fabrice Guilliot. His hiring was fully approved by the Members of the Executive Committee Many of you might know him. He was for many years our voluntary webmaster. Fabrice decided to leave his former job and fully dedicate himself to UNIMA. Among other responsabilities, he is the person who will contact your national Center for the payment of the UNIMA duties. The amount is 3 euros per member per year and the limit date to send the payment is march 31th. I invite you to fully collaborate with him. Your membership is important to assure our functioning and develop always new projects.

Message for the World Puppetry Day 2011

The Message for the World Puppetry Day will be written, this year, by the charismatic Professor Henryk Jurkowski. We just received it and we are working on the translations and montage. All the UNIMA National Centers should have it by the end of january. Please send it to all the UNIMA members, to the written and electronic press of your city and of your own country.

It's a nice Message with an anthropologic touch showing the constant evolution of our unique art. Thank you very much Professor Jurkowski for your generosity! Let's all plan some special activities to CELEBRATE OUR WORLD DAY, ON MARCH 21st 2011.



New Statutes and Rules of Procedure

After an intensive work produced by the members of the Statutes Commission, a new version was presented and approved at the extraordinary congress held in Dordrecht on 23/06/2010. The translations in three languages, the relecture and a last overviewing had demanded many efforts from the secretariat.

I would like to thank, especially Knut Alfsen, Karen Smith, Idoya Otegui and Miguel Arreche, who helped us in this meticulous task.

In few days, the updated version of our Statutes and Rules of Procedure shall be available on the Unima website and also shall be sent to all the Unima National Centres.

All my friendship!

Jacques Trudeau
UNIMA Secretary General

Fabrice Guilliot
Assistant

The UNIMA wants to thank the town of Charleville-Mézières, the Conseil Général des Ardennes, the Conseil Régional de Champagne-Ardenne and the Ministry of Culture for their help.

