

Report

2nd Meeting of UNIMA Heritage Commission in Tehran, the 2nd-3rd September 2017

Present Members: Hamidreza Ardalan, Jacques Trudeau, Otto van der Mieden, Dimitri Jageneau

After reviewing the proposed projects of the Heritage Commission, seven topics were selected for the next year:

- 1. Heritage Commission Award**
- 2. Online Magazine of World Puppet Heritage**
- 3. The Encyclopedia of Ritual and Traditional Puppet Museums**
- 4. Definition of the Heritage Key Words**
- 5. Traditional Heroes and Characters in Puppetry**
- 6. Page of the Heritage Commission in the Website of UNIMA Internationale**
- 7. Raising Funds for Heritage Commission**

1. Heritage Commission Award

Launching the Heritage Commission Award that was already proposed at the first commission in Saguenay, Canada. Jacques thinks it would be better to think about a certificate of recognition and the creation of a list of traditional puppet theater and puppeteers. We will have to ask each national center to help us collect the data. Nevertheless, their cooperation and response will not be without challenge.

Hamidreza Ardalan, the commission president, proposed the merging of the Award and Certificate of Recognition to be presented under the name of Jacques Trudeau. He believed the Jacques Trudeau's popularity will help the award to be recognized more quickly and help the commission toward its targets.

2. Online Magazine of World Puppet Heritage

Launching an online Magazine in French, Spanish and English on the theme of world puppet heritage in cooperation with Research and Publication Commissions. Nina Malíková has been proposed to be its editor in chief. Other potential candidates are Franz Hakkemaars, Dmitri Carter, Albert Bagno.

UNIMA Iran will take the responsibility of translating the magazine to French and Spanish.

3. The Encyclopedia of Ritual and Traditional Puppet Museums

Publication of the Encyclopedia of Ritual Traditional Puppet Museums using the existing sources such as Road of Puppetry by Ruth Brockhausen and in cooperation with different Commissions including Latina America, Europe, North Africa, Middle East and Asian Pacific Commissions. Dimitri Jageneau would be in charge of the project and Jacques Trudeau and Nancy Staub would help him.

4. Definition of the Heritage Key Words

In the last meeting with the contribution of late Henryk Jurkowski, it was decided that specific definitions of the Heritage key words be prepared for words such as heritage, tradition, puppet, puppeteer, etc given the wide variety of concepts for the terms. Hamidreza Ardalan was put in charge of defining the terms and providing their etymology in collaboration with the Research Commission.

5. Traditional Heroes and Characters in Puppetry

Collaborations with Toni Rumbau, who has staged traditional puppet shows around the world and has a very interesting magazine “puppet ring”. Toni Rumbau could be correspondent and contributor of our Commission. Otto van der Mieden will work with him on the topic “Traditional heroes and Characters in Puppetry”. Other people proposed as correspondents include Elizabeth Den Ooter, Enrique Lenz and the Slovenian Ljubljana Museum.

6. Page of the Heritage Commission in the Website of UNIMA International

Creation of a dynamic publication on the page of the Heritage Commission in the website of UNIMA International. The idea is to post an article every 2 or 3 months about a tradition from the world.

7. Raising Funds for Heritage Commission

Raising funds for projects through some foundations, Jacques Trudeau and Hamidreza Ardalan would be in charge of the project.