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Feedback from participants:

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Ajda Roos (Slovenia)
 “Thank you again for great festival and symposium. Everything was a huge inspiration. It really makes you think and to refresh your own ideas. Thank you for great organization and all those talks and exchanging the thoughts and opinions about puppetry, theatre and cultural education ...”

Vedrana Balen Spinic (Croatia)
 “I was so glad receiving your mail, it reminded me on such a great time we have spent together on your fantastic festival. I wanted to write you anyway, to say thanks again and to express my admiration to your organisation, dedication and love without which FIDENA wouldn't be so respected and excellent festival. I agree, the symposium was a highlight of the festival, I think it was really useful for everybody. I wish you success in your further work and hope to see you again! I look forward to receiving the documentation, I would like to share it with my colleagues in theatre as well.”

Annika Land-Reisser (Estonia)
 “I also like to thank you all for wonderful time and conversations – it was pleasure to meet you! Thank you FIDENA for organizing that!”

Amina Abodoma (Egypt)
 “I am very glad that I got this chance to meet all of you in Bochum, it was a very nice gathering with lots of potential cooperations in the horizon. I really wish we meet again and work together in different contexts.”

Philippe Sidre (France)
 “It was a pleasure to meet you. The symposium was very interesting and allowed me to make beautiful meeting. Bravo and thanks to Annette and her team for this beautiful idea and for fabulous welcome.”

Pei-yu Shih (Taiwan)
 “It's wonderful to meet you in Bochum, and it's a very special experience to know different puppetry thinking. In Taiwan, Contemporary puppetry is very new, just ten-something years, even in ASIA is too. We still have a long road to walk. Thank you for your experience sharing. Hope I can invite you to Taipei Taiwan in the future someday. Let's keep in touch.”

Anne-Françoise Cabanis (France)
 “Days passing and work resumed at any speed... But the memory of this wonderful time spent at Bochum with all of you is there, shedding light on our daily work and reminding us that the circles of connoisseurs and lovers of the puppet grown up! Thank a lot for the quality of the programming of shows and stakeholder of the symposium. And again congratulations dear Annette and Helen, for your organization, your presence and your kindness.”

Christophe Loiseau (France)
 “It was really fantastic to meet each other during this festival. I enjoy all our conversations and the atmosphere of this wonderful festival. Special thanks to Annette and Helene. I hope to meet you again very soon.”

Petar Todorov (Bulgaria)
 “Once again thank you very much for the wonderful festival! contemporary puppetry can not develop further without experiments, and this is exactly where fidenas stands - at the frontline of the art puppetry nowadays. fidenas is brave enough to invite and show work which is on the edge, which shows new directions, and expires the understanding of puppetry in contemporary society. artists and puppetry deserve and need such a support! i wish there are more festivals in the world who are not afraid to show contravercial, not just commercial work. what a brave festival! well done, annette! with all my respect to fidenas friends, and all colleagues met there.”

Anurupa Roy (India)
 “It was a real pleasure to meet you all and the seminar was really interesting and thought provoking. I enjoyed the one on one conversations with each one of you. And if you pass through India any time do stop in at New Delhi and give me a shout. It would be a pleasure to show you around and host you. I will keep all of you informed about the developments in Shadipur Artists colony.”

Renaud Herbin (France)
 “Dear Helene, I wanted to thank you and Annette for the huge organisation of our great Symposium. That was a pleasure to spend this time in Bochum. I hope to be more available next time.”

Marek Zurawski (Poland)
 “Annette, THANK YOU so much for inviting me. Thank you for amazing time I'd spent in Bohum, for perfect, professional organizing of a festival and symposium (Helene, I would like to have such collaborators on my festival like you !!!), for opened new horizon of my festival work, for all new opportunities which I had found here. If it is possible - it means if you let me to “copy” it, I would like to organize similar meeting for heads of the world festivals in Warsaw, on Autumn next year. It will be jubilee 10th edition of our festival. It is really a great idea and opportunity for directors and organizers to meet and talk with so many others from all over the world.”

Simon Hart (UK, Scotland)
 “Hello Annette and Helene, thank you both for a very enjoyable and useful festival and conference in Bochum! I will keep in touch and look forward to meeting again before too long, either in Bochum or another festival somewhere in Europe.”

Stanislav Doubrava (Czech Republic)
 “Let me to congratulate you to the evident success of wonderful Fidenas festival and of course Symposium. I spent in Bochum lovely time with nice people and extremely interesting programm. I have a lot of best impressions and also a lot of questions which, I hope, we will have possibility to discuss on Materinka next year or anywhere.”

Louise Lapointe (Canada)
 “It was again a wonderful organization from you and your team. BRAVO! I came back loaded with new books and festival catalogs. It is a great joy to discover each one of them. I also do research on internet about some performances we have seen and I think it is great to be exposed to so different companies and works... Thank you!”

Frans Hakkemars (The Netherlands)
 “Thanks again to Annette and Helene to organize the FIDENA 2014 and the symposium with all the wonderful inspiring activities in (puppet)theatre. The network of interesting puppetry activities is growing and growing and thanks to their work our presence and this email list. I have been inspired, informed and can continue my work and we again can inspire, inform and help continue the development of the work of others.”

Sid Ahmed Meddah (Algeria)
 “I hope everything goes well for you. After beautiful days in Bochum for the symposium I wanted to thank you for the welcome and care. Symposium 2014 was for me a very rewarding experience. I suggest you send us any summary. A hello to Helen, who was great and all the staff of the FIDENA. I hope that the spirit of the symposium will live and provide solutions to cultural problems facing us.”

Toni Rumbeau (Spain)
 “I want to join Anurupa, Annika and Ajda mails regarding our thanks to FIDENA Festival. Although I was not at the Symposium, which I hope to have written news as soon as possible, yes, I could be the first days and breathe the incredible atmosphere that reigned in Bochum. Take this opportunity to again thank Annette and all the wonderful team of FIDENA. And all the friends found there, I hope we will meet soon again.”

Roosa Halme (Finland)
 “I agree with you all, that it was a great pleasure to meet you all by taking part in this fruitful symposium and inspiring festival! Special thanks for Annette, Helene and FIDENA people, organizers and hard workers, who made this wonderful time possible. I'm also very happy that many concrete collaborations got started.”

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