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ONG en relations formelles de consultation avec l'UNESCO.



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INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE
AND NON-VIOLENCE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD
为世界儿童建设和平与非暴力文化国际十年
DECENNIE INTERNATIONALE DE LA PROMOTION D'UNE CULTURE
DE LA NON-VIOLENCE ET DE LA PAIX AU PROFIT DES ENFANTS DU MONDE
العقد الدولي للثقافة والسلام واللاعنف لأطفال العالم
МЕЖДУНАРОДНОЕ ДЕСЯТИЛЕТИЕ КУЛЬТУРЫ МИРА
И НЕНАСИЛИЯ В ИНТЕРЕСАХ ДЕТЕЙ ПЛАНЕТЫ
DECENIO INTERNACIONAL DE UNA CULTURA DE PAZ
Y NO VIOLENCIA PARA LOS NIÑOS DEL MUNDO

Major Achievements

After intensive preparatory work 2008, CIOFF® implemented several priority projects during the year 2009

- CIOFF® was reappointed by UNESCO for the next 6 years as “NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO”
- Beginning of the Program of Revaluation of Traditional Games proposed by CIOFF® Youth
- New structure of CIOFF®
- Acceptance of India as Full Member
- New Website
- Signature of the agreement between CIOFF® and the city of Anseong (Korea) for the organization of the 4 th World Folkloriada 2012 in Anseong – Korea
- Registration of CIOFF® name and Logo

Publications

- CIOFF® Calendar of Festivals 2010-2012
- CIOFF® Electronic Newsletters (n°6-n°7)
- Annual Report of National Sections 2008
- Leaflet of the Cultural Conference in Istanbul 2008 "CIOFF® at the Door to the Orient"

Membership

With the newly accepted members, the total number of CIOFF® Members is now:

- 66 National Sections
- 5 Associate Members
- 18 Corresponding Members

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New Member

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ADMINISTRATION /ACTIVITIES

EXCO AND COUNCIL

Larnaka, Cyprus March 24th –30th 2009

Following the invitation of CIOFF® Cyprus, a very productive Spring Meeting of CIOFF® EXCO & COUNCIL took place in Larnaka from 24th to 30th March 2009. All of the Council Members with exception of Muammer Aslan and Humberto Valdivia were present at the meeting and enjoyed the hospitality extended to us by CIOFF® Cyprus, meeting various folklore communities, watching and joining in with the folklore dancers. On the invitation of the Corresponding Members from the Northern part of Cyprus, all the Council Members visited and spent half a day at Iskele Municipality, where they also enjoyed sightseeing and a wonderful evening of entertainment prepared by the hosts. The whole stay in Cyprus was a great experience and we are very grateful to all our CIOFF® Friends in Cyprus for their organization of the meeting and their hospitality extended to all of us.

WORLD CONGRESS

Havana, 8th—15th November 2009

Havana, Cuba played host to the 39th World Congress of the International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts. Organized by CIOFF® Cuba National Section and supported by the National Council for “Casas de Cultura”, the Ministry of Culture and other governmental and non-governmental institutions, and sponsored by the UNESCO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Congress was held between November 8th and 15th of this year; 150 Delegates from 42 National Sections with 6 proxy votes, 3 associate and 2 corresponding members took part in the Congress.

All sessions took place in the Havana Convention Centre and Palco Hotel. As customary for the World Congresses, the General Assembly and meetings of the Organization’s Executive Committee and Council, the Regional Sectors, the CIOFF® Youth Section and various Commissions and Working Groups took place concurrently. The General Assembly sessions included the election of several CIOFF® officers. Dr. Udomsak Sakmunwong was re-elected as the President of CIOFF® for four years.

The Congress Cultural programme dealt with two very important and significant subjects for the work of CIOFF®: the Slave Route and the Safeguarding of Cultural Diversity.

The delegates were also treated to exhibition and sales of arts and crafts, books, and music and performances by numerous dance and music folklore groups. The Congress gave us the opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences about the worthwhile purposes of CIOFF®, about the national and international actions that are taking place for the promotion of intangible heritage through dance, music, traditions, etc., and thus to encourage international peace and understanding. We are extremely grateful to CIOFF® Cuba for their warm hospitality, excellent organisation and for giving all of us the unique insight and unforgettable experience of the Cuban culture and folklore.



Honorary President

Henry Coursaget - France

Council members

President

Udomsak Sakmunwong –
Thailand

Vice-Presidents *

Jerzy Chmiel – Poland

Alcides Hugo Ifran – Argentina

Secretary General*

Philippe Beaussant – France

Treasurer*

Esa Vilhonen – Finland

Chairman of the commissions

(Cultural commission)

Renaud Albasini – Switzerland

(Festivals Commission)

Norbert Mueller – Germany

(Finance commission)

Dan Ronen – Israel

(Legal commission)

Cyril Renz – Switzerland

Representatives of the sector

(Asian and Oceanian Sector)

Muammer Arslan – Turkey

(Central European Sector)

Suzanne Kramer – Luxembourg

(Latin American and Caribbean
Sector)

Humberto Valdivia Yóplac –
Peru

(North American Sector)

Rolf Kaufman – USA

(North European Sector)

Olga Maloney – United

Kingdom

(South European and African

Sector)

Jean Roche – France

President of the Youth

Committee

Ramiro Mansutti – Argentine

LEGAL COMMISSION

MEMBERS

The Legal Commission (LC) welcomed Ron GAUTHIER, Canada, as new member.

WORK PROGRAM

The work program was prepared and developed in cooperation with other Commissions and WG and finalized mainly during the meetings in Minturno, Italy (21-24 May) and Havana, Cuba (10th November):

Survey of the National Sections:

The LC adopted the new document "Report on Membership Requirements" to be filled out by the CIOFF[®] Members for their election year and to be sent to the respective Sector Representative.

Commitment to Excellence*

56 of the 75 National Sections and Associate Members confirmed their Commitment to Excellence*. For the implementation of the program, the LC established Guidelines, Requirements and Procedure in cooperation with the Cultural Commission, the Youth Committee and the Webmaster. Argentina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy and United Kingdom were recognized as Committed to Excellence*.

Application for Membership

The recruitment procedure in the Sectors based on the new Guidelines was followed up. The application for Full Membership presented by **India** was assessed and approved.

Recognition of CIOFF[®] Festivals

The new procedure agreed with the Festivals Commission entered in force. The chairman of the LC assessed and approved the applications submitted by the Festivals Commission. See Festivals Report.

Update of By-Laws and Internal Regulations

An inventory of the documents received and related to the update was established. A detailed Work Plan for 2010-2011 was established in order to present a draft of the updated BL and IR to the Council at its meeting during the CIOFF[®] World Congress 2010.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The spring meeting 2010 will take place in Strážnice, **Czech Republic** (May 12-16), the Congress meeting in **Tahiti** (November 2010) and the spring meeting 2011 in Minturno, **Italy** (01-05 June).

CULTURAL COMMISSION

Meeting:

Havana - Cuba during the World Congress 2009

ACTIVITY AND REPRESENTATIONS

Conference in Mechelen Belgium

European Conference on civil society organisations active in the field of heritage : "Heritage care through active citizenship"

After two years of participation in the development of this conference, the Cultural Commission of CIOFF[®] was in charge of chairing the Workshop on the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Topic:

- Masks and Masquerades – Multiple faces of Europe – Pierre Julien Canone Festival de Gannat
- Inventory system of traditional expressions – Cyrill Renz – CIOFF[®] of Switzerland
- Revitalization of traditional games – Renaud Albasini – Cultural Commission

Legal Commission

Chairman

Cyrill Renz, Switzerland

Member

Fernando Marani, Argentina

Vlasta Ondrusova,

Czech Republic

Ron Gauthier, Canada

Youth Member:

Antonio Malozzi, Italy

Cultural Commission

Chairman:

Renaud Albasini,

Switzerland.

Members:

Alexander Durtka, USA

Piet Walravens, Belgium

Ingrig Rüütel, Estonia

Beatriz Sangoy, Argentina

Wang Guilin, China

Maria Caridad Machado, Cuba

Youth Member:

Elise Meunier, France

Member ex officio

Jean Roche, France

Representative at UNESCO

- MUTRA Foundation for traditional music – Three countries one culture – Renaud Albasini – MUTRA Foundation

The audience of this conference was very important. Many organisations in the field of heritage participated. The organiser invited some political delegations of EU. The message of politics was very simple "**what are you doing for tomorrow**"?

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF KUCUKCEKMECE

INSTANBUL JUNE 2009

Presentation of the Cultural Policy of CIOFF® in the symposium through the UNESCO **Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**.

The presentation of all speakers and the result of discussion will be printed in a book and distributed to cultural organisations and universities.

The Cultural Commission was represented:

- At the Spring Meeting of the Council in Cyprus
- At the Sector Meeting of the South European and Africa sector in Portugal

DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLICATIONS

CULTURAL POLICY OF CIOFF®

The new text of the Cultural Policy of CIOFF® takes in consideration the vocabulary and the definitions used in the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. These texts in three languages are disseminated through our website.

In the future the Commission will take also in consideration the decisions concerning the new strategy of CIOFF®.

DEFINITION OF TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS ON THE STAGE

After a workshop on this topic in South Africa, a general consultation on the proposition of the ad-hoc working group, a final version was presented to the Council for approval. During the last Council meeting the text was adopted.

These definitions will be in the Website in three languages. They are a real help to the Directors of Festivals to present the groups and for the leaders of the groups to define in their dossier the categories of style of expression.

FLAGSHIP EVENT

The Cultural Commission is in charge, with an ad-hoc working group to make proposals for the next Council meeting.

ACCREDITATION OF THE NATIONAL SECTIONS IN THE FIELD OF THE UNESCO CONVENTION OF SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

After an assessment, we know that only two National Sections received their proposals for accreditation during the next General Assembly of the Convention.

In order to prepare National Sections to engage in the process to obtain this accreditation, the Cultural Commission proposes a strategy in 5 points:

1. To establish and implement a cultural policy at the national level in accordance with the cultural policy of CIOFF®
2. To establish and confirm, by examples of activities, the relationship with National Commission of UNESCO
3. To analyse and find a network with organisations in the field of Intangible Cultural Heritage.
4. To establish relations and collaborations with experts and consultants in the field of Intangible Cultural Heritage
5. To establish a budget and action plans in this domain.

LEAFLET ON THE CULTURAL CONFERENCE IN ISTANBUL

With the cooperation of the organisers in Istanbul, Norbert Mueller has published a leaflet about the texts and the presentations of the speakers of the Cultural Conference in Istanbul. At this time the results of the conference are archived.

CULTURAL CONFERENCE IN CUBA

The Cultural Conference in Cuba was proposed and coordinated by the Latin American Sector especially by Prof. Hugo Ifran – Argentina.

FESTIVALS COMMISSION

The Festivals Commission had two meetings. The Spring Meeting was in Larnaka, Cyprus and the second meeting was during the World Congress in La Habana, Cuba. As every year there were a lot of problems to produce and distribute the Festivals Calendar 2010. The advertising Program was a success because of the increasing number of participating festivals. Unfortunately there was no big interest in the advertising program for performing groups, initiated in 2010. It was the second year that all photos and advertisements were printed in colour, which greatly enhanced the calendar.

Nine Festivals received recognition as CIOFF® International Festivals:

Festival International D'Issoire - Danses et Musiques du Monde, France;
Festival International de Folklore - Port-sur-Saone, France;
Jeux Santons - Festival de la Paix, Saintes, France;
Danetzare, Erfurt, Germany (Reapplication);
European Folklore Festival - Trachtenwoche Neustadt in Holstein, Germany (Reapplication);
Festival Internacional de Folklore de Hidalgo, Mexico;
Muestra Internacional de Folklore – Festival Internacional de Santa Lucía, Mexico;
Festival Zacatecas del Folklore Internacional - Gustavo Vaquera Contreras, Mexico;
International Folklore Festival Šumperk, Czech Republic.

It was decided some years ago that the period for the Recognition is 10 years. The date of the World Congress in Santa Maria da Feira / Portugal in 2001 was accepted for all festivals recognized before this World Congress, as their Date of Recognition. This means that the recognition for many Festivals will run out in 2011. In the first quarter of 2010, all National Sections will be informed, which recognitions will expire. All mentioned festivals will then have to initiate reapplication, if they want to be recognized again. All National Delegates will have to inform the festivals in their National Section.

The Report on the Festivals and the Report on the Groups, two very important documents for festivals and groups were prepared and distributed to all Members before the World Congress 2009 in Cuba. All CIOFF® Festivals must be urged to send the requested information in time. The questionnaires can be downloaded from the CIOFF® Website.

The Festivals Commission started to rework Article 7 "CIOFF® Festivals" of the Internal Regulations.

The new Email system for CIOFF® was proven successful. More and more members are using the new email addresses for National Sections, CIOFF® officers and bodies.

WORKING GROUP ON CIOFF® WORLD FOLKLORIADA

DATE: The Sector Representatives in the Working Group, according to the Folkloriada organization, have confirmed the Fourth CIOFF® World Folkloriada will take place from August 13th to 26th 2012.

CITY: Anseong Korea has been confirmed as the host city of the Folkloriada, and the conditions offered for accommodations, local transport, food, etc. have been accepted. The Mayor of the city, the CIOFF® President and Representatives of the six CIOFF® Sectors have signed a responsibility agreement for the execution of various Folkloriada aspects. This event is estimated at a cost of about 3 million US dollars.

PARTICIPANTS: The participation of 50 National Sections is expected, with a maximum of 30 persons per group. 1500 foreign artists and about 300 Koreans will meet to share their Immaterial Cultural Heritage and to fraternize with the Korean town. It is expected that the Fourth World Folkloriada will attract more than 2 million spectators. The working Group and the organization of CIOFF® Korea agreed on a number of participants from each Sector: North America: 90; Asia and

Festivals Commission

Chairman:

Norbert Mueller, Germany

Members:

Susanne Kramer,
Luxembourg
Bernard Criner, France
Arturo H. Cueto Juárez,
Mexico
Rolf Kaufman, USA
Bernd Schaefer, Germany
An Van Achter, Belgium

Member ex Officio:

Wolfgang Denke-Otterbein
Coordinator of the Festivals
Calendar

Youth member

Georgi Stamboliev, Bulgaria

Working Group on Folkloriada

Chairman:

Hugo Ifran, Argentina

Members:

Wei Zhongke, China
Guy Landry, Canada
Eva Héra, Hungary
Rui Paulo Calarrao, Portugal
Savas Tugsavul, Turkey
Joe Maloney, U. Kingdom
Mario Garcia Siani, Paraguay
Nam Yong Kim, Korea

Youth Coordinating

Committee:

Irene Pimpinella, Italy
Secretary:
Victoria Horvath, Hungary

Oceania: 300; Central Europe: 270; North Europe: 180; South Europe: 300 and Latin America: 300. Some places are being reserved for situations that may arise in the future.

The Sector Representatives in the Working Group have the responsibility of giving to their National sections some details that cannot be included in this short presentation.

GAMES DAY: There will be 5 days for the development of games between groups and with Korean public. The responsibility for this activity is a duty of the Youth Coordination Committee.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: An International Symposium will take place. The topic is open to the opinion of the Sectors, suggesting, however, that it should be a topic that could include the participation of directors of the Folkloriada participating groups.

INVITATIONS: CIOFF® Korea foresaw sending the invitations to the Sectors in December. The Sectors must send them to their National Sections. In July 2010 the organization would be prepared to personalize the invitations to the groups selected by the National Sections.

FRIENDSHIP DAY: CIOFF® Korea recommends thinking about activities to take place on the "Friendship Day", that will be a free day designated to carry out the resulting proposals.

WEB PAGE: Considering that the Folkloriada is the project of the greatest artistic importance of CIOFF®, it has been agreed to bring the web page up to date and to complete it. This has been a task assumed by Mr. Guy Landry, because he has prepared a project that will be presented to the webmaster.

REGULATIONS: Considering that the present regulations are long and have been surpassed by time, it is necessary to reformulate them Ms. Eva Hera will prepare a proposal to clarify the functions, objectives, etc. of the Working Group.

DOCUMENTS: One of the tasks of the Working Group was the collection of documents of the last three Folkloriadas. These documents would be included in a book that could have the support of CIOFF® Portugal.

Ms. Susanne Kramer has performed a huge amount of work, documenting in videos and photographs the most important events of the Folkloriadas of Netherlands, Japan and Hungary. She presented her material at the meetings of the Working Group and Council, and she gave us this document that is part of the history and heritage of CIOFF®.

The Council will study the most convenient way for its publication and distribution.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORKING GROUP INTO A COMMISSION: The Working Group, considering that its activity is permanent and non temporary, confirms asking the EXCO to be transformed into a Commission, and thereby its activities will reach a different level of proposal and decision making within the CIOFF® structures.

WORKING GROUP FOR CHILDREN

The meeting of the WGC was held during the CIOFF® World Congress in Habana - Cuba on November 10, 2009, based upon "CIOFF® Policy of Working Group for Children and Implementation Plan on the Transmission of Intangible Cultural Heritage to Children", as adopted by the Council, the tasks for 2010 were discussed. The yearly activities will be concentrated on collecting information for database of children's festivals and children's groups, elaborating criteria for organizers of children's festivals; development of a book of the most popular children's songs and elaborating plan of report on activities and projects for "The International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World (2001 to 2010)". During the joint meeting with the Working Group on Training and Education the topics for the CIOFF® International Conference devoted to the problems of children's and tutors' education, during the CIOFF® Cultural

Working Group for Children

Chairman:

Jerzy Chmiel, Poland

Members:

Barbara Campbell, Canada

Vlasta Ondrusova,

Czech Republic

Jozsef Szigetvari, Hungary

Meng-Chien Wu, Chinese

Taipei

Eugenia Cirano-Rojas, Chile

Youth Member:

Daiana Jacquier, Argentina

Congress in Korea 19 - 23 April 2010, were discussed. The need to strengthen efforts for wider implementation and commitment of Sectors in realization of the tasks adopted by WGC was especially emphasized. The updating of the composition of WGC and dividing of responsibilities were accomplished.

WORKING GROUP FOR TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The simplified Survey on the Implication of Strategies for Training and Education was circulated three times during the year to all national delegates, sectors and national sections to collect information about CIOFF® education/training presentations, workshops, seminars and conferences convened by Sectors and National Sections. The results will be used in planning the CIOFF® Cultural Conference in Korea - April 19-23, 2010

WGTE will organize a joint training (formation) and education cultural conference with WG on Children and CIOFF® Korea during the conclusion of the Decade of The Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World. A Skype meeting will be convened by WGTE to plan the 2010 CIOFF® Korea Cultural Conference.

WGTE continues to encourage festivals, cultural performances and demonstrations to communicate with their audiences and educate them to facilitate an increased understanding and appreciation of traditional culture. When people understand the presentation, they deepen their understanding of the culture and, understanding the culture, the audience better understands the performance and continues to support preservation and transmission of traditional culture. That which is understood and appreciated will not be lost or destroyed.

WGTE reviewed the "Proposal of a Project Recommended to CIOFF® National Sections of In-service Training Workshops for Young CIOFF® Choreographers and Musicians" (Dan Ronen 31/08/09.) and considered an action plan to raise the level of transmission and presentation of expressive cultural heritages through training programs for young artistic leaders, instructors and teachers.

WGTE continues to seek representation from Southern European/African Sector(s).

YOUTH MOVEMENT

NATIONAL SECTIONS WHICH HAVE YOUTH COMMISSIONS

Germany – Argentina – Austria – Brazil – Bulgaria – Chinese Taipei – Colombia – South Korea – Costa Rica – Cuba – United States – Estonia – Finland – France – The Netherlands – India – Italy – Mexico – Paraguay – Peru – South Africa – Switzerland – Turkey

PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME 2008 - 2009

Current Situation

In France: The activity proposed consisted of the training of 25 young volunteers from the French CIOFF® festivals to increase game activities in the festivals – creation and publishing of the teaching materials for all CIOFF® festivals to help them include game activities – photograph exhibition on traditional games, to be put at disposal of all CIOFF® events (congress, Folkloriada, festivals).

The photograph exhibition was successfully assembled during 2009 and it was exhibited at the CIOFF® World Congress in Cuba. It has around 40 photographs representing different kinds of games.

In Argentina: The activity proposed consisted of research on the traditional games in three indigenous communities, namely Omaguaca, Mapuche and Qom. The activity was developed during 2009 with excellent results. Six members of the Argentinean youth commission spent an average of 6 days in each community studying and safeguarding traditional games through interviews and oral research.

The first activity took place in the province of Jujuy (Omaguaca community), the second one in Formosa (Qom community) and the last one in Río Negro and Neuquen (Mapuche community).

Working Group on Training and Education

Chairman:

Sharon Durtka, USA

Member:

Bill Thomas, New Zealand
Alejandro Camacho, Mexico

Youth Member:

Anne-Wietske Enequist,
Netherlands

Youth Coordinating Committee

Chairman:

Ramiro Mansutti, Argentina

Members:

Elise Meunier, France

Cultural Commission and Working Group Folkloriada

Georgi Stramboliev, Bulgaria

Festivals Commission

Martina Fey, Germany

Finance Commission

Working Group for Children

Daiana Jacquier, Argentina

Anne-Wietske Enequist,
Netherlands

CIOFF® Working Group on Training and Education

A complete description of the first two activities has been included in our Magazine, "Playing Together", and I would like to invite you to read it on page 12. Moreover, it is important to mention that many photographs were taken, and the Argentinean youth commission contacted a group of film makers to record the experiences and make a documentary. In numbers: 20 hours of dancing were recorded, around 1000 pictures were taken and a lot of games have been safeguarded.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME OF RE-VALUATION OF TRADITIONAL GAMES

Magazine "Playing Together"

In our last Youth meeting in Istanbul, we decided to publish a Magazine dedicated exclusively to the Games Program. The main objective of the Magazine is the dissemination of the activities that many youth commissions have been doing related with the safeguarding and protection of traditional games, and also, as a demonstration of the fact that the Games Program is broader than the activities proposed in the UNESCO Participation Programme.

The name of the magazine is "Playing Together" which is a name that summarizes the objectives of the Games Program: safeguarding games, playing and sharing. The print run was 500 copies and it was written in English and Spanish.

"Playing Together" includes articles from Argentina, United States, Turkey, The Netherlands and Italy.

You can see the magazine on line:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/25984049/Playing-Together-Jugando-Juntos>

SECTORS

ASIAN AND OCEANIAN SECTOR

The major events of the CIOFF[®] Asian and Oceanian Sector In 2009 were, first the 2009 CIOFF[®] Asian and Oceanian Spring Sector Meeting, held between 24 and 26 April 2009 in Hangzhou, China, during which it was confirmed that the 10th CIOFF[®] Asian and Oceanian Folklore Festival would take place in late August in the same city while the 2010 CIOFF[®] Asian and Oceanian Sector Meeting would be held in Anseong, Korea. Moreover, it was decided that Mr. Muammer Arslan would continue his duty as representative of the CIOFF[®] Asian and Oceanian Sector and Dr. Udomsak Sakmunwong was proposed to be the candidate of our sector to run for the CIOFF[®] Presidency again. Secondly, the 10th CIOFF[®] Asian and Oceanian Folklore Festival was organized in Hangzhou by CIOFF[®] China and the Municipality of Hangzhou between 24 and 30 August 2009 in which around 500 participants from 15 countries and regions took part, presenting their folk art and culture and having interaction and exchange with the local people and gaining good response.

As to future events, CIOFF[®] Korea will hold the Exco & Council Meeting – Commission and WG meeting and the CIOFF[®] Asian and Oceanian Sector Meeting in Anseong City on 15th-22th April 2010 while the next CIOFF[®] World Congress will take place in Tahiti.

Finally, taking the desirability of new members into consideration, CIOFF[®] New Zealand will be in charge of the search for potential members in the Pacific area such as Cook Islands, Samoa or Tonga.

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SECTOR

The Latin American Sector has prepared special celebrations for the year 2010 to recognize 200 years of Independence of several countries in the region.

Among other activities, the International Folklore Festivals will concentrate on the participation of Latin American groups that will reflect the commemoration of the Bicentennial of Latin American independence.

Also, one of the most important convocations in the world of CIOFF[®] will take place in a country of the Sector, namely Brazil, where the city of Caruaru in the State of

Asian and Oceanian Sector
Mr. Muammer Arslan, Turkey

**Latin American and
Caribbean Sector**
Mr. Humberto Valdivia Yóplac,
Peru; Socorro Maciel, Brazil

Pernambuco will host the Fourth World Youth Forum. This event will surely verify the growth of the Youth movement that has become one of the most important features of CIOFF®. With official support, CIOFF® Brazil has been able to assure the availability of such technical means as simultaneous translation in Spanish, French and English for this Forum to enable the Youth to perform their excellent work to which we have become accustomed.

The new officers of the Sector were named at the General Assembly and Cuba. They are: Socorro Maciel (Brazil), Representative on the Council, Mario Garcia Siani (Paraguay), President, and Beatriz Sangoy (Argentina), Secretary. Their immediate objectives are incorporating new countries in the organization, improving communications among the National Sections, stimulating cooperation in projects of the Sector's National Sections, emphatically supporting the Youth in the World Forum, and working toward representation of the Sector in the 2012 World Folkloriada in Korea that will be truly representative of the immaterial and cultural heritage of the Sector.

SOUTH EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN SECTOR

The sector and all his officers – president, secretary treasurer – were newly elected at the spring meeting, held in Lisbon on May 15th-16th.

The newly elected officers are: Rafael Maldonado (CIOFF® Spain) - President; Anna Maria Boileau (CIOFF® Italy) – Secretary; Emil Pavlov (CIOFF® Bulgaria) – Treasurer.

Since the previous secretary had been in fact missing over more than two years, documents and information relating to the past activities were scant and not updated.

The very first task, for the secretary, was to try to collect information and documents, in order to get in touch with the effective membership and the position of every member.

Meanwhile, the president devoted his good offices toward the NS CIOFF® Greece, in order to support the solution of their internal problems and to restore an effectively working section.

In cooperation with the treasurer and the secretary, the president prepared a work plan, for discussion at the meeting in La Habana, comprising the following points:

- National sections structure review of the sector regulation,
- Reinforcement of the NNSS news members,
- Meetings review of the sector regulation,
- Sector direction, sector project, communication and promotion.

With reference to the first point, in July, the presidency circulated a questionnaire among the members, collecting information about the internal organization, membership and activities of every national section. This will be the basis for preparing an information booklet about the sector.

At the meeting in La Habana, held on Nov. 2nd, the points of the proposed working plan were discussed, with the added help of the information coming from the Council meeting and delivered by Council delegates.

As for the sector regulations, adopted in 1988, an update will be proposed once the documents about the new objectives and strategy of CIOFF® become operative.

As the first task, the sector will devote itself to assure that its NSs will reach and maintain compliance with the requirements of CIOFF® membership, including the Commitment to Excellence. At the same time, contacts will be established with organizations from South European and African countries not yet included in CIOFF®.

The second and important task will be to intensify regular contacts with the African Associate and Corresponding Members, to support their efforts to organize an autonomous African CIOFF® sector.

**South European and African
Sector**

Mr. Jean Roche, France and
Rafael Maldonado, Spain

Of course, the essential requirement to achieve the above mentioned goals is the establishment of a system to keep the NSs of the sector informed about the activities and projects. This task will possibly be facilitated by the new CIOFF® website.

NORTH AMERICAN SECTOR

The North American Sector held two meetings in 2009. The first took place in Toronto (Canada) May 22 to 24, as a part of 24th Canadian Expressive Heritage Conference, hosted by Folklore Canada International, the Canadian National Section of CIOFF®.

In addition to the Sector's business meetings, there were also individual meetings of the Canadian and US National Sections, as well as a full day devoted to five different workshops. The second Sector Meeting of the year was held in Havana Cuba on November 12. There were eleven representatives of Canada and the USA in attendance at the World Congress.

The most prominent facet of the Sector's activities during 2009 was dedicated to the revitalization of the Youth movement in both the USA and Canada. In fact, the best attended among the workshops held during the Sector Meeting in Toronto was a Youth Workshop, drawing approximately seventeen youthful participants from the two countries. In addition, the US Youth movement was represented at the World Congress in Cuba for the second year in succession.

The Sector continued its efforts to expand CIOFF® representation among the non-Spanish speaking countries of the Caribbean Basin. The first among these countries, Belize, was admitted to Corresponding Membership in 2008. Unfortunately, a sudden illness brought about cancellation of the planned representation of Belize at the 2009 World Congress. As we near year-end, communications are in progress with two different interested parties in Trinidad and Tobago, and it is hoped that this country will be the next to be admitted to CIOFF® Associate or Corresponding Membership, as a part of the North American Sector.

NORTH EUROPEAN SECTOR

At present the North European Sector is going through quite a difficult time with regards to financial situation in its National Sections, especially with funding withdrawn from National Sections in Baltic States. As the result, the Sector was unable to hold its Spring Meeting in 2009 and only 3 National Sections were able to send their delegates to the CIOFF® World Congress in Havana.

In spite of that, a lot of successful events and activities took place in the Sector:

- Baltica Festival in Latvia
- Nordlek (Scandinavian Event) in Finland hosted over 2500 participants
- New Training Centre was opened by Estonian National Folklore Council. It runs extremely versatile and successful programme of training for both Children & Adults.
- Billingham International Folklore Festival has celebrated its 45th Anniversary in the UK
- A new event also took place in the UK – Scottish Spectacular assembled all the Scottish Dancers and Pipe Band from all over the Country
- Youth movement has been very prominent in CIOFF® Estonia, which was represented by two Youth Delegates at the CIOFF® World Congress in Havana.

CIOFF® Ireland has not paid their membership fee for 3 years and all the attempts to communicate with CIOFF® Ireland in the last 3 years produced no results. Therefore the present CIOFF® Ireland has been terminated at the General Assembly. The Sector has established a contact with a new prominent organization in Ireland, and we are hoping to welcome the new CIOFF® Ireland National Section at the next CIOFF® World Congress in 2010.

North American Sector

Mr. Rolf Kaufman, USA
Ms. Barbara Campbell,
Canada

North European Sector

Olga Maloney,
United Kingdom

CENTRAL EUROPEAN SECTOR

The spring meeting was held from April 26 till 29 in Schlitz, Germany.

Bernd Schäfer resigned last year as the chairman of CIOFF® Germany. He organised this CES meeting in Schlitz as his last international work for CIOFF®.

Bernd has already been awarded a Gold Meritorious Service pin. Because there is hardly a chance that he will become an honorary member of CIOFF® worldwide, CIOFF® Germany proposed to award Bernd Schäfer honorary membership on sectoral level, which means that Bernd can participate in the Sector meetings free of charge. In the CIOFF® by laws there is nothing mentioned regarding honorary membership on sectoral level.

The sector decided to propose to the Legal Commission that they amend to the bylaws accordingly.

This proposal was unanimously accepted and it was decided that the certificate of Honorary Membership will be presented on the last evening of our next Sector meeting.

We were very happy that in our meeting Slovakia was represented by Stefan Zima. In Slovakia there are 5 festivals of which four are CIOFF® festivals and we supported the proposal to allow the use of the CIOFF® symbol at the festivals this year. This request was sent by email to the whole Council and the Legal Commission for agreement.

We discussed the development of the Festivals.

It was agreed that our Sector make the following proposal to the Council and to all the National Sections:

We, the Central European Sector, recommend to all National Sections that they get in contact with different organisations/associations within the National Section to develop the Festivals.

In Havana we discussed the problems with the National Section of Moldova and we decided to write a letter to the National Delegate of Moldova.

The contacts with Slovakia will be followed up. Vlasta Ondrusova will have a meeting with Stefan Zima in December. However our Sector decided to send a letter to the CIOFF® Festivals that they are not allowed to use the CIOFF® symbols next year.

Our Sector decided to start again with the application for EU funding.

Our next spring meeting will be held from May 6 till 9, 2010 in Cluj, Romania.

CIOFF® AND UNESCO

14 - 30 April 2009: UNESCO 181st session of Executive Council

During this session the CIOFF® formal relations with UNESCO were reaffirmed for the next 6 years as "NGO maintaining official relations with the UNESCO".

9-10 September 2009: UNESCO NGO's Committee

As member of the UNESCO NGO's Committee, CIOFF® was invited to participate in a meeting organized on 9-10 September 2009. Philippe BEAUSSANT represented CIOFF® at this meeting as General Secretary.

15th October 2009: Nomination of the New UNESCO General Director

Mrs Irina BOKOVA (from BULGARIA) has been officially nominated on 15th October 2009 during the UNESCO General Conference and she is now the official successor of Mr Koichiro MATSUURA.

Central European Sector
Susanne Kramer,
Luxembourg

**Permanent CIOFF®
REPRESENTATIVE:**

Jean ROCHE, France

17 – 22 October 2009: International Music Council (IMC) World Music Forum

The International Music Council (IMC) organized its World Music Forum in Tunis on 17-22 October 2009.

CIOFF[®] was invited to participate and was represented by Ramiro MANSUTTI, President of the CIOFF[®] Youth.

9 - 16 November 2009: CIOFF[®] World Congress in Cuba

30 November – 2 December 2009: NGO's International Conference

NGO's International Conference organized by UNESCO took place in Paris from 30th November to 2nd December 2009.

- **Creative Cities Network:** Emiko HORI, from CIOFF[®] Japan, was recommended by Jean ROCHE, as Permanent Delegate to UNESCO to be expert for the evaluation of the Kanazawa City candidature to the Creative Cities Network. She participated in the evaluation and we recently learned that Kanazawa has been officially selected as "City of Crafts and Folk Art".
- **Participation Program:** Jean ROCHE, as Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, informed UNESCO about the changes that had been made in the PP contents and calendar, more precisely about the cancellation of the Folkloriada in China. CIOFF[®] Youth (Elise GOUSSEAU) was received by Mrs ZEITUNE at UNESCO on 15th May 2009, and they are now maintaining direct contact with her.
- **CIOFF[®] office at UNESCO in Paris:** UNESCO Executive Council decided that only NGO's maintaining official relations of association with UNESCO can benefit from free office space.

On 2nd June 2009 UNESCO informed CIOFF[®] that it will have to leave the office at UNESCO before the 1st January 2010. If CIOFF[®] decides to keep the same kind of office at UNESCO the annual rent amount will be 4.830 € / year.

- **CIOFF[®] Accreditation:** CIOFF[®] proposed its candidature to be directly accredited by UNESCO.

CIOFF[®] candidature was not presented during the ICH Intergovernmental Committee in Abu Dhabi last September. Nevertheless, the Committee informed that, if the requested elements are provided, they will analyse the CIOFF[®] candidature during the next Committee Session in 2010.

- **National Sections Accreditation:** Each CIOFF[®] National Section received a letter from Jean ROCHE on 21st April 2009, through Sector Presidents, in order to recommend that they contact their UNESCO National Commission for accreditation. The Czech Republic National Section already presented a request to be accredited by UNESCO and its candidature was approved during the ICH Intergovernmental Committee in Abu Dhabi.
- **Resignation:** Jean ROCHE announced officially, during the CIOFF[®] World Congress in Cuba, his resignation as Permanent Delegate for CIOFF[®] to UNESCO.

FINANCES

1 – The Finance Commission, at its meeting on 10.11.09 in Havana, adopted the audited CIOFF® financial Report.

2 – During 2009, the Commission followed, and will continue to follow, from a financial point of view, the two main projects of int. CIOFF®:

2.1 – The UNESCO participation program of CIOFF® Youth – “The Traditional Games” project,

2.2 – The development of CIOFF® functional and “on line” internet service.

3 – The Commission went over and approved the proposed budget for 2010 prepared by the Treasurer and recommended to the Council that it be adopted.

4 – The Commission noted that CIOFF® income and expenses, met the objectives set by the budget in 2008 and 2009.

5 – The Commission noted with satisfaction that the “revised membership fees system” which started in 2007, setting the membership fees in the currency of euros instead of U.S. dollars, proved to be a success.

6 – With regard to extending the financial resources and the activities of the N.S. and Intl. CIOFF®, the Commission proposes:

- To utilize more extensively the “Festivals Calendar” and the www.CIOFF.org internet website to attract sponsors and donors and “participation programs”,

- To encourage initiating and developing common projects, on Intl. and national levels with National Committees for UNESCO, agencies of the European Union, academic, cultural, education, art, leisure, etc. institutions operating in the fields of preserving and spreading cultural heritage.

7 – To encourage N.S. and Intl. CIOFF® Commissions, committees and working groups, to initiate and develop new projects in order to present them to sponsors; especially in the fields of education, exposing traditional cultures of the past to the future generation.

8 – The Commission thanks “Israel Committee for UNESCO” and the N.S. of CIOFF® Israel for its annual contribution of 800 euros a year, for the last 4 years, which will continue in 2010.

The contributions were used to assist N.S. which had difficulties in paying their membership fees (The N.S. were selected based of the sectors recommendations).

9 – The Commission thanks CIOFF® Bulgaria for the contribution of 3000 euros (for CIOFF® pins to be sold -1000 pieces value 3 euro each).

10 – The Commission thanks Rex Burdette for his contribution to the Matching Fund Program 640 euros and CIOFF® USA for the contribution of 240 euros.

11 – The total contributions: 4 689 euros.

The Commission, once again, recommended approval of hiring a professional fund raiser, on a percentage basis to develop plans to improve CIOFF® public relations and fund-raising activities, and to professionally prepare project proposals to reach the objectives of the plan.

The Commission thanks its members: Emil Pavlov (Bulgaria), Jean-Claude Menard (Canada), Hassim Salim (Malaysia), Muammer Arslan (Turkey), Humberto Valdivia Yoplac (Peru) and Martina Fey (Germany youth member).

The Commission thanks especially the treasurer Esa Vilhonen (Finland) who leads the financial operations of CIOFF® successfully and effectively.

Finance Commission

Chairman:

Dan Ronen, Israel

Members:

Emil Pavlov, Bulgaria
Humberto Valdivia Yoplac,
Peru

Hassim Salim, Malaysia
Muammer Arslan, Turkey
Jean-Claude Menard, Canada

Youth Member:

Martina Fey, Germany

Member ex officio:

Esa Vilhonen, Finland

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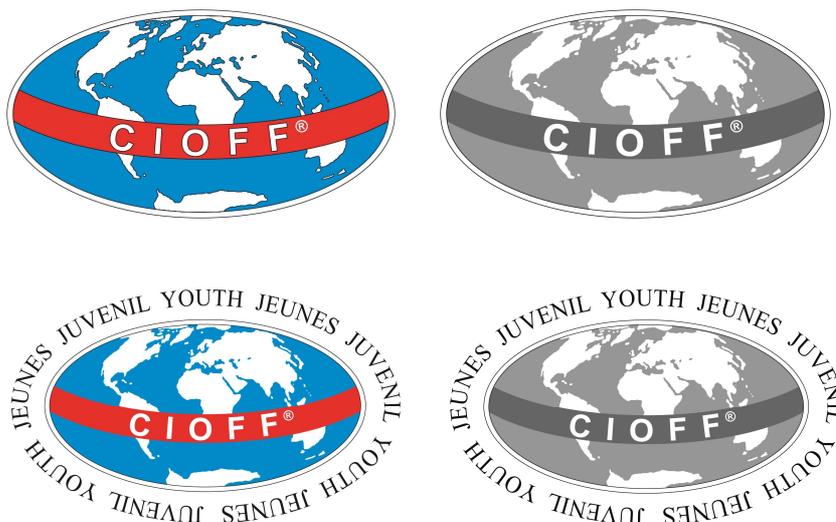
REGISTRATION OF CIOFF® NAME AND LOGO

Last year on April 21, 2009 CIOFF® registered its name and logo, initially for the 27 member countries of the European Union.

These countries are:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

National Sections in these countries except Slovakia are requested to change and to use the Logo as they have received it, with an explanation from the Secretary General. In case there is an abuse of using the Logo and name the Council has the authority to withdraw the use of the name and Logo.



NATIONAL SECTIONS' ANNUAL REPORT 2008

The Annual Report of National Sections 2008 was prepared based on the reports received from 59 National Sections. In **263** international and **47** national folklore festivals, **1695** foreign and **2904** national folklore groups with **123.524** participants took part. Festival presentations were observed by **9.159.892** spectators; there were **2158** TV and **2869** radio transmissions from these events.

During the festivals various complementary programs and activities were organized:

- Conferences, seminars: at **77**
- Festivals exhibitions: at **142** festivals
- Meetings, discussion with audience: at **99** festivals
- Handicraft programs: at **143** festivals
- Music programs: at **170** festivals
- Meetings of friendship: at **170** festivals
- Parades: at **197** festivals
- Typical food: at **128** festivals
- Children's games: at **72** festivals
- Educational programs for children: at **73** festivals
- Educational programs for adults: at **74** festivals
- Activities for handicapped/sick people: at **34** festivals
- Workshops: at **115** festivals
- Free excursions (to learn the country's culture): at **132** festivals
- Religious (ecumenical-multireligious) services: at **59** festivals

National Sections organized **67** cultural conferences, seminars and workshops with attendance of **5.825** participants and prepared **59** printed publications.

During the year there were **49** General Conferences of National Sections, **295** meetings of Executive Boards and **170** meetings of committees and national councils.

Next CIOFF® World Congress 2010 in Papeete / Tahiti

Visit of Secretary General Mr. Philippe Beaussant in January 2010



CIOFF® Tahiti and Radisson Hotel



Papeete Municipality



View from Radisson Congress Hotel



Mickaella and Romeo



Bora Bora Municipality

Working Group on Public Relations

CIOFF® Newsletter “Entre Nous”

Two editions of CIOFF® electronic Newsletter “Entre Nous” have been published and distributed among the CIOFF® Network. This publication is constantly growing in its popularity among CIOFF® members, as more and more National Sections sent their contributions.

CIOFF® DVD Presentation

CIOFF® Festivals Commission and CIOFF® Working Group on Public Relations, are currently preparing a CIOFF® DVD Presentation on CD for potential CIOFF® Sponsors, which will include footage from Folkloriada and CIOFF® Festivals.

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