Foreword

It is a great pleasure and honor for me to be invited to write the FOREWORD for the book on HISTORY OF CIOFF® 2000 – 2010. It is understood that this book is published to cover the past decade from 2000 – 2010.

It is accepted that the global economic and social phenomenon during the past decade has more impacts on human behavior, which results in suffering, and in chaotic ways of life, due to the fragmented view that enshrines money as the ultimate goal. The case in point is the financial crisis happening all over the world today. If we can combine Asian traditional concept GDH (Gross Domestic Happiness) together with Western modern concept GDP (Gross Domestic Products), through CIOFF® activities, the current crisis can be solved, and the world will be peaceful and happy, in accordance with CIOFF®’s objectives. In this connection, it can be said that “CIOFF® IS A SOURCE OF HAPPINESS” due to the fact that CIOFF®’s activities are more or less raising awareness among its members, folk groups, audiences and so forth, for art and culture, including family togetherness, through its festivals, through its meetings / conferences, strong community through its network, mutual caring and generosity through its various activities, environment and self-sufficient economy through participation of its members and networks. The activities for enhancing realization of the concept of happiness can be found from records of the History of CIOFF® 2000 – 2010, which will be continued for the next decade under the CIOFF®’s direction.

May the highest luck, highest triumph and highest happiness be bestowed upon CIOFF®’s community, its members as well as the world society.

Dr. Udomsak Sakmunwong
President of CIOFF®
At the beginning of 2000 C.I.O.F.F. had 68 Full Members, 5 Associate Members and 13 Corresponding Members (see the entire overview at the end).

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The 3rd C.I.O.F.F. – UNESCO Coordinating Meeting was held in Paris from February 9th till 12th.
C.I.O.F.F. Africa was involved in the 5th edition of the African Performing Arts Market (MASA) from March 3rd till 8th in Abidjan (Ivory Coast).

The 2nd CIOFF World Folkloriada was organized from July 28th till August 18th by C.I.O.F.F. Japan National Section. The manifestations with more than 70 foreign and 21 Japanese groups took place in Nagano, Kashiwazaki, Komatsu, Shimane, Kitakyushu, Nagasaki, and Ishigaki. The manifestation reflected the declaration by the United Nations, that the year 2000 will be a Year for the Culture of Peace. Connected with this was also the message sent by Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee:

On behalf of the Olympic Movement, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my greetings and best wishes to the people of Japan, the organizers, and the participants in the second World Folkloriada.

Bringing together diverse cultural groups every four years, Folkloriada is an event that encourages cultural exchange and increases awareness of the many traditions that make up our global community.

The Olympic Games, which are a celebration of youth, sport, and culture, include a cultural Olympiad to teach and promote the universal culture of Olympism. It is therefore a pleasure to salute this second World Folkloriada and to wish you all every success.

Juan Antonio Samaranch

Due to the Folkloriada this year was for the first time without the World Congress. Executive Committee and Council Meeting was in Beijing (China) from December 8th till 10th. It was agreed that ExCo is authorized to grant exemptions from membership fees in the case of unexpected conditions, like political or economic crisis or natural catastrophe in the respected country.
Maria J. Sampelayo Ruecas passed away on August 12th. As delegate of the Spanish Ministry of Culture, she was in 1970 one among the 10 founding members of C.I.O.F.F. In 1974 she was elected as C.I.O.F.F. Vice-President and was for many years the delegate of the Spanish C.I.O.F.F. National Section. C.I.O.F.F. later granted her Honorary Membership.

2001

THE DECADE 2001 – 2010

was proclaimed by UNESCO as the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and non-violence for the Children of the World

The president, Kari Bergholm, was authorized to sign the Cooperation Agreement with UNESCO on behalf of C.I.O.F.F.

Paul Pulh passed away on April 9th. Born in 1914 in Carouge, Geneva (Switzerland), he devoted his life to pedagogic studies of children’s games. As a teacher during forty years in Plan-les-Ouates, he was also instructor for physical education, director of children holiday camps, producer of commemorative feasts and festivals. In 1956, he founded, with Jo Baeriswyl, choreographer, the folk dance group “Le Feuillu” of Plan-les-Ouates. In 1970 he was a founding-member of C.I.O.F.F. and the first official delegate of Switzerland. C.I.O.F.F. awarded him Honorary Membership in 1982.
C.I.O.F.F. World Youth Forum in Argentina
From August 18th to 26th Santa Fe hosted "The First C.I.O.F.F. Youth World Forum" with the participation of delegates from 18 countries: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Finland, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Moldova, Paraguay, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, and USA.
The program included the following lectures:

1. Identity and Globalization... Antinomies?"
2. NGOs, within the framework of International Co-operation for Peace.
4. Scientific Conceptions about Folklore.
8. Young People within the framework of International Law.

During the Forum representatives to the C.I.O.F.F. Commissions and Working Groups were elected. The creation of a permanent Youth body was recommended.

World Congress in Portugal
From October 4th to 7th Santa Maria da Feira hosted the 31st World Congress and General Assembly. At this manifestation, the youth representatives were also present for the first time. It was emphasized, that the current year has been proclaimed by the United Nations as the Year of Volunteers. This fits well with C.I.O.F.F., because most of its work is done by volunteers.
The General Assembly also accepted the proposed slogan:

"C.I.O.F.F. The Bridge to the World"

The Cultural Conference presented the following topics:

- Culture of Peace
- Traditional Culture and Development
- Experiences with Children on the Street
- Experiences with Children through an Institute

Meanwhile the topics of Workshops were:

- C.I.O.F.F. Cultural Programs and Cooperation with UNESCO
- C.I.O.F.F. Festivals and the C.I.O.F.F. World Folkloriada
- C.I.O.F.F. Communication and Finances for Future
- C.I.O.F.F. Children and C.I.O.F.F. Youth

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2002

Executive Committee and Council Meeting in Százhombatta (Hungary). The regular Spring meeting took place from March 28th till April 1st in Százhombatta, near Budapest. The Cultural Commission renamed the existing "Map of Competences" to "Directory of Experts" and published it on its official Website. Warning regarding the appearance of commercial agents, soliciting groups for international festivals was expressed again. It was recommended, that all C.I.O.F.F. festivals use only services, provided by the C.I.O.F.F. National Sections. The program "Reinforcement and Extension of the African Network" was adopted. The President was authorized to sign the final version of the Agreement of Cooperation between C.I.O.F.F. and UNESCO for the period 2001 – 2007. The year 2002 was proclaimed by the United Nations as “Year of Cultural Heritage”.

Odette L. Wiener passed away on July 3rd. Born on 6.9.1919, she was the National Delegate of Haiti from 1974 until 2002.
World Congress in Thailand

Bangkok hosted the 32nd World Congress from November 15th to 20th.

After the welcome by the Cultural Ministry of Thailand, best wishes were expressed also by the President of IOV, Ms. Carmen Padilla, and the President of the International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA), Mr. Anders Bulow. C.I.O.F.F. was reclassified as a nongovernmental Organization in Formal Consultative Relations with UNESCO.

The Cultural Conference dealt with:

- Cultural Diversity, Programs in connection with Intangible and cultural heritage.
- The answers of CIOFF to the Cultural Diversity.
- Introduction of the Living Treasurers System.
- Adaptation of the LHT in Czech Republik.
- Bancos de Memoria.
- Memoire en Bocage Bobonnais.
- Cultural Diversity – National Repertory in Switzerland
- Folkloriada as a model of the human creativity and colorfulness – the feast of the traditional culture.

Participants at the World Congress in Bangkok

Executive Committee and Council Meeting in Stražnice.

The Czech Republic hostet the regular spring meeting from May 31st till June 3rd. It was decided, that the Legal and Festivals Commissions prepare in the future a
blacklist of groups and festivals, which do not fulfil their obligations. It was also proposed that, at future World Congresses, an "Open Forum" be arranged, starting with the year 2004.

At the 32nd UNESCO's General Conference from September 29th till October 17th, the Member States adopted the **International Convention on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage**. The "**Africa CIOFF website**" edited in French and English was put online as: www.africa-cioff.org.

**World Congress in Le Puy-en-Velay.**
The 33rd World Congress was held from October 8th till 11th in the friendly small city of Le-Puy-en-Velay, in Central France.
Protection of the C.I.O.F.F logo was one of the important issues discussed.
Members of the Council were reelected.
The C.I.O.F.F. Handbook, with 11 basic documents, is now available on the C.I.O.F.F. Website.
The Cultural Conference presented following topics:
- Traditional culture, a means of communication.
- Traditions for tomorrow.
- The languages of communication.
- The events of communication.
- From Le puy en Velay to St. Jaques de Compostelle - a path of communication.

The final slogan was adopted at the Conference:

"Culture, a Powerful Way of Connection among the different Peoples and Social Groups."

**Participants at the World Congress in Puy-en-Velay**
2004

The C.I.O.F.F. – UNESCO Coordinating Meeting was held in Paris in February.

Executive Committee and Council Meeting in Istanbul
From March 26th till 28th some important decisions were taken:
The first decision was to delete the dots after the letters in the acronym. Thus

C.I.O.F.F. was changed to CIOFF.

The logo with this change should be protected.
It was decided also to publish all CIOFF documents in three official languages: English, French and Spanish.

Considering the adoption by UNESCO of the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage on October 17th 2003, CIOFF decided to follow this strategy on the national, regional and international levels.

At the World Congress in Stockton on Tees, no Workshop will take place.
The topic of the Cultural Conference will be "CIOFF and the UNESCO Convention for Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage".

World Youth Forum in Büyükçekmece
From July 3rd to 11th “The Second C.I.O.F.F. Youth World Forum” took place near Istanbul, with participation of 35 delegates from 18 countries and 2 delegates of ISCA (International Sports and Culture Association). Commitment was made to the following tasks:

- Promoting a culture of peace and non-violence for the children of the world.
- Propelling the dissemination of Intangible Cultural Heritage in a modern world.
- Helping people to find their own cultural identity through developing respect and appreciation of other cultures.
- Helping young people to realize the importance of preserving cultural heritage.
- Increasing the momentum of our efforts by finding and cooperating with organizations with similar objectives, such as ISCA and UNESCO.
- Expanding the CIOFF Youth movement on both national and international level.

The 3rd CIOFF World Folkloriada in Hungary
After the 1st Folkloriada in The Netherlands 1996 and the 2nd one in Japan 2000, a very successful 3rd CIOFF World Folkloriada was organized by the Hungarian CIOFF National section. The beginning was on August 12th in Pécs, and the closing ceremony on August 22nd in Budapest. Groups from 72 CIOFF countries performed during this period in Baranya County, Gyula, Gyöngyös, Jászberény, Mohács, Ráckeve, Sárvár, Sátoraljaújhely, Százhalombatta, Székesfehérvár, Tököl and Veszprém. The 228 performances were watched by nearly 400,000 spectators.
During that period, about 2500 typical Hungarian village folk dancers and musicians performed at their best in parades, concerts and festive dance evenings. This was also a recognition of Hungarian accomplishment in research on folk dance and music, as well as to place emphasis on the work of music and dance groups.

World Congress in England
Stockton on Tees hosted the 34th World Congress and the autumn Council meeting this year from October 16th to 19th. It was decided, that an "Open Forum" will take place only every second year, and a "Workshop" will be organized every other year. This year's topics of the Open Forum were:
1. CIOFF and Cultural Diversity.
2. Visa problems for groups.
3. Public Relations and sponsoring.
4. Are Folklore Festivals strengthening or weakening the Traditional Culture?
5. Merger of CIOFF and IOV?
Particularly interesting was the question as to what kind of groups should the festivals invite: either authentic, in the sense of UNESCO recommendations, or scenic elaborated, according to the wish of the audience. There was also discussion of the idea of merger of CIOFF and IOV, a cooperation which has had good results in The Netherlands. The majority of delegates did not see any possibility of implementing this in the present situation.
The Cultural Conference presented:

"Convention on safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage".

2005

Executive Committee and Council Meeting in Lima.
The meeting was from May 1st till 4th in the Peruvian capital. Guidelines for CIOFF World Congress were adopted, and National Sections were asked to exert influence upon their governments to ratify the Convention for Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

After 16 years, Bernd Schäfer resigned as Coordinator and editor of the CIOFF Festivals Calendar. Due to the lack of information, it was decided to replace the previous publication, "Entre Nous," with a new electronic CIOFF Newsletter.

World Congress in Tshwane.
From November 15th till 20th the Republic of South Africa hosted the 35th World Congress in Tshwane (Pretoria).
The Canadian National Section offered to organize the next World Folkloriada in 2008, and to start the procedure for selection of groups.
The workshops dealt with four interesting topics:
- Children on the stage.
- Training and Education.
- CIOFF Festivals and Groups - Definition of traditional Programs on the Stage.
- The role of Folklore in the Cultural Education System.

The Cultural Commission presented the Recommendation for the International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People.
A new Council was elected with Udomsak Sakmunwong as president.
New President of CIOFF – Dr. Udomsak Sakmunwong

Dr. Udomsak Sakmunwong was born on May 18th, 1944 in Bangkok (Thailand). He earned his Bachelor’s Degree from the Aero-Space Institute, and a Master’s Degree from Ramkhamhaeng University. He subsequently earned a second Master’s Degree and a Doctor’s Degree from American Management Institute.

From 1990 till 1996 Dr. Sakmunwong was a Member of the Board of Trustees of Rajabhat Lamping University. During 1996 – 1997 he served as a Committee Member on the Constitution Drafting Council.

Inaugural Speech in Tshwane

I gratefully recall that Henri Coursaget, Honorary President of CIOFF told me that he would like to see me become President of the World CIOFF organization after the expiration of Mr. Kari Bergholm’s term in that position. Mr. Coursaget related to me that the CIOFF network had expanded dramatically to many countries around the world, since the time he founded it in 1970. Henri Coursaget himself was a French citizen and was elected as the first President of CIOFF upon its founding. Mr. Guy Landry of Canada was elected in 1989 as the organization’s second President at the World Congress in Povazska Bystrica, Czechoslovakia. Mr. Kari Bergholm of Finland was named as the third President at the World Congress in Thessaloniki, Greece in 1997. Upon the recommendation of Henri Coursaget, I consequently agreed for the Asian and Oceanian Sector of CIOFF® to place my name in nomination for election as the World President of CIOFF in 2005.

Mr. Henri had pointed out to me that prior World Presidents of CIOFF came from Southern Europe, Northern Europe and North America. Therefore, in order to stimulate CIOFF activities to become more widespread, especially in the Asian Region, which is rich in ancient civilizations, he preferred to see me, as a representative of the Asian people, assume the Presidency, as successor of Mr. Bergholm. Mr. Henri believed that this would strengthen cooperation between member countries, in support of the activities of CIOFF worldwide, as well as in support of other non-governmental organizations working in the areas of folklore and cultural heritage and the promotion of world peace.

My candidacy for the Presidency of CIOFF was unanimously endorsed by the members of the Asian and Oceanian Sector at their meeting in Kunming, China, in May 2005, for the election to be held at the CIOFF General Assembly during the World Congress in Pretoria, South Africa, in November 2005. My candidacy was also endorsed by the Ministry of Culture of Thailand, on behalf of CIOFF Thailand.

In addressing the General Assembly in the City of Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa, before the election, I expressed my vision for the future of CIOFF, and I was delighted to hear moderate applause after finishing my speech. I was even more
delighted when I learned that I had indeed been elected to the Presidency of CIOFF. I was thrilled when Mr. Henri Coursaget gave me a hug and whispered to me that “Now it is your turn, and I am very glad!” I have always remembered that, throughout my tenure, I have a mission and inspiration to fulfill Henri Coursaget’s wish that “CIOFF is our World!”

I have a wish to see CIOFF acquire even greater admiration, greater flourish, and great trust on the part of those we serve, and that it will always remain a core organization to endlessly encourage the preservation, exchange and dissemination of traditional folk culture. These wishes indeed are the way of life and the essence of CIOFF and its National Sections.

Dr. Udomsak Sakmunwong

Peter Homolka passed away on August 18th. He was the first delegate of Czechoslovakian National Section, and, later, till 1997, delegate of Slovakian National Section. As a member of the Festivals Commission, he edited The Reports on Festivals for many years.

Sara Lameran Echevarria passed away on September 24th. She was the delegate of the Cuban CIOFF National Section until this year.

Guidelines for Groups and Festivals were published this year. They give practical advices as to how international festivals should be organized, how to invite groups, and how groups should prepare for and act in their participation in international festivals.
Executive Committee and Council Meeting in Dos Hermanas (Spain) from April 24th till 30th. The first electronic publication of "CIOFF Newsletter" was introduced. A letter was received from the Canadian National Section which canceled their planned organization of Folkloriada in 2008. All National Sections were contacted, to determine if any of them could organize it on such short notice. As a result, the National Section of China expressed its readiness to organize the Folkloriada in 2008.

The Cultural Commission presented the list with the correct use of the UNESCO logo. It was distributed to all National Sections. The UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage entered into force on April 20th.

The Working Group on Public Relations opened the 1st CIOFF International public Photo Competition in three categories:
1. Portrait in national costume.
3. Friendship between nations photo.

The first "CIOFF Youth Newsletter" was also published. with the following content: Editorial, Teaching through Folklore, Youth and Culture Project, 3rd World Youth Forum in 2007, and CIOFF Youth Process in Colombia.

World Congress in Veliko Tarnovo.
The 36th CIOFF World Congress took place from October 28th till November 3rd in the ancient Bulgarian capital. In the Open Forum, the topic "CIOFF Network" was presented, considering that it links together National Sections, International Festivals and Folklore Groups. A common declaration was accepted, regarding better cooperation in the future. The second topic was intended for "Cultural Diversity," advising International Festivals to include in their programs more groups representing diversified cultures of the World, that should be better recognized by festivals.
The Cultural Conference presented following topics:

- The tradition – the heritage – the identity.
- The pedagogy of the traditional dance with the youth and the adult. Petrov
- The pedagogy of the traditional dance with the children.
- World – wide program of revaluation of the traditional and popular games.
- The Bulgarian folklore dance and songs in education of foreign students.

Slogan:

“A heritage at the same time precious and in danger “.

Honorary President Henri Coursaget and actual President Udomsak Sakmunwong
during the Baudeogy International Festival Symposium in Anseong City (Korea) 2006

Participants at the World Congress in Veliko Tarnovo
Results of the 1st CIOFF Photo Competition have been published. The winner in the category "Action" was Patrick Parton (USA). In the category “Portrait” Valentin Todorov Russanov (Bulgaria) and in the category “Friendship” Tine Woestenborghs (Belgium). The winners’ photos in the category Action "Fire Eater" (left) and in the category Portrait "Folklorico Filipino" (right).

The Coordinating Meeting CIOFF – UNESCO was held on February 19th and 20th in Paris.

Executive Committee and Council Meeting in Mersch (Luxembourg) was held from April 11th till 13th. An important decision was, that only National Sections in "good standing" will have right to vote at the next General Assembly in Mexico. Also, the delegates of National Sections not in good standing, will have to pay full fee for participation in the World Congress. This means, that "good standing" requires paid membership fee, sent data for the Annual Report, as well as sent information for the next CIOFF Festivals Calendar. It was also required, that National Sections must answer at least 55% of questions for the Annual Report.

Further, it was decided to delete the CIOFF International Center for Dissemination and Documentation in Canada from the CIOFF List and from the CIOFF Calendar. The CIOFF Cultural Commission distributed the Rules of the Competition for a CIOFF Official Signal. The logo "Culture of Peace", as available on CIOFF Intranet, should be used on communication material for major CIOFF events.

Shmuel Bialik passed away at the age of nearly 98 years. He was the representative of Israel National Section since the early days. He worked in the field of education, starting as a physical education teacher; he later founded the International Folklore Festival in Haifa and led it for more than 20 years. In 1991 he organized the excellent 21st CIOFF World Congress in Israel. CIOFF awarded him Honorary Membership in 1995 in Fuglsö (Denmark). He will remain in memory as the initiator of the CIOFF Folkloriada, and was, therefore, popular known as "Papa Folkloriada".
World Youth Forum in Germany.
The 3rd CIOFF World Youth Forum took place from July 15th till 23rd in Laggenbeck. The World Wide Program for Revaluation of Traditional and Popular Games was confirmed. It was also confirmed to change the present title Working Group on Youth to Youth Coordinating Committee. Further, a proposal was adopted to dedicate one day to the Traditional and Popular Games during the next Folkloriada in China.

The 50th Anniversary of the Festival of Confolence was celebrated on August 15th, with emphasis on honoring Henri Coursaget.

World Congress in Mexico.
The 37th CIOFF World Congress took place from October 26th till November 2nd in Monterrey. Due to organizing problems, the Folkloriada in China was unanimously postponed from 2008 to 2009. The CIOFF Brochure was presented, with many photos, in three official CIOFF languages. It was decided to present the Youth program on Traditional Games to UNESCO in the framework of the participation program 2008 – 2009. The proposal to include the names of Youth Representatives in the CIOFF List and CIOFF Calendar was accepted.

The titles of the Cultural Conference were:
- Mexican Folklore in United States.
- Mexican Dance.
- The dialogue between the generations within CIOFF festivals.
- The dialogue between the performers and festival audience.

Slogan:
“Every culture blooms only in the contrast of other cultures”
On January 14th the Coordination Meeting CIOFF - UNESCO was held in Paris.

At the beginning of the year the Youth Coordinating Committee published the 2nd “CIOFF Youth Newsletter” with the following content: Editorial, What we did at the 3rd Youth Forum in Germany, Workshops, World-wide CIOFF Traditional Games Program, Communicate better through the internet Forum. The Youth Coordinating Committee sent also the application to include as project the activities on traditional games in Argentina and France. In October UNESCO has officially informed CIOFF® about the acceptance of this program. Presented was also the new Youth Coordinating Committee.

Executive Committee and Council Meeting was held from April 5th till 9th in Santa Fe (Argentina). It was proposed to adopt the "International Day of Folklore," but the title and day must be left open for final decision by the General Assembly. Due to lack of information from the Chinese CIOFF National Section, the proposed Folkloriada in 2009 was unanimously cancelled.

Turkish Airlines gave a discount on flights to Istanbul to CIOFF Congress participants and advertised the Congress in their in-flight magazine.

World Congress in Büyükçekmece.
From November 8th till 15th the 38th CIOFF World Congress took place near Istanbul. Due to the previous conclusion of the Council, delegates from 13 CIOFF countries were not in "good standing," with all the consequencies. The Council proposed the motivation of National Sections to Excellence. CIOFF members have the following legal obligations:

1. To pay the Annual Fee.
2. To send the Annual Report of the National Section.
3. To communicate information for the CIOFF Calendar.

The implementation of these requirements will give members the right to vote and some financial advantage at the World Congress.
Commitment to Excellence requires:
1. To announce at least one festival in the Festivals Calendar.
2. To send evaluations of groups and festivals.
3. To develop the CIOFF Youth movement.
4. To implement the CIOFF Cultural Policy.
5. To develop national visibility on the Internet.

The implementation of these requirements will give to members a financial advantage on membership fee and a special Label will be delivered to them.

"Definitions of Categories for Traditional Groups" are being prepared.

The Cultural Conference was dedicated to countries in the Arab Region with the slogan "CIOFF at the Door of the Orient". A booklet with the same title was also printed and distributed. The local Culture was presented by some members of the Academy:
- General regard on Arabish – Turkish culture.
- The influence of Arab Music for South-eastern Anatolian dances.
- Presentation of performance of Derwish Turner Group at Mavigün College.
- Folklore and tradition of Dances and Music in Arab Countries.

Base of Reflexion:

“The world’s cultural wealth is its variety in dialogue”

Alderman Harry Lonsdale Davies passed away on May 8th. From 2001, he was the Representative of the North European Sector, and from 2003 till 2005, he was Chairman of the Working Group on Public Relations.
Executive Committee and Council Meeting was held from March 24\textsuperscript{th} till 30\textsuperscript{th} in Larnaca (Cyprus). An important decision was worldwide protection of the CIOFF logo. In connection with this, the name must be written in the future as CIOFF\textsuperscript{®}. The topic for the next Cultural Conference in Cuba was determined, namely "The Slave Routes". The Cultural Congress with the topic "Education of Children and Formation of teachers" will be held in Korea from April 18\textsuperscript{th} till 25\textsuperscript{th}, 2010. During the UNESCO 181\textsuperscript{st} session of the Executive Council from April 14\textsuperscript{th} till 30\textsuperscript{th} the CIOFF\textsuperscript{®} formal relations with UNESCO were redefined for the next 6 years as Non-governmental Organization maintaining official relations with UNESCO".

World Congress in Havana.
The 39\textsuperscript{th} World Congress with the General Assembly was organized in Cuba (Havana) from November 7\textsuperscript{th} till 15\textsuperscript{th}.
The registration of the CIOFF\textsuperscript{®} logo was implemented. Accreditations to UNESCO have by now been received by the National Sections of Bulgaria and Czech Republic. The advertisements in the CIOFF\textsuperscript{®} Calendar of Festivals will be published from now on in full color. The competition for an official CIOFF\textsuperscript{®} Signal was reopened. CIOFF\textsuperscript{®} Youth presented a successful Photographic Exhibition on Traditional Games. The majority of Council members were re-elected, with Udomsak Sakmunwong as President.
The Open Forum dealt with following questions:
- Can festivals work with less participating groups?
- Is it possible to reduce the number of groups' members?
- Do representatives of all National Sections continue to have the means to attend meetings and congresses in far away countries?
- Could these meetings be organized in more central locations?
- Is it possible to find cheaper accommodations?

Meanwhile the Cultural Program has presented:
- The importance of the relations of CIOFF® with UNESCO.
- Anthology of Polynesian culture.
- The rapprochement of cultures through a Film Festival – FIFO.
- Education through the traditional culture and handicraft.
- The rapprochement of cultures between Hawai and Tahiti through the dance.

The results of the 2nd CIOFF® Photo Competition were announced:

The winner in the category Action (left) was Roger Jourdain (France) with the photo "Mexican Flight" and in the category Portrait (right) Tamas Allerinyi (Hungary) with the photo "Indonesian Beauty". In the category Friendship the winner was Győngyvér Andrásné Bartók (Hungary).

Jean Roche announced officially his resignation as Permanent Delegate for CIOFF® to UNESCO.
ExCo & Council Meeting in Anseong in South Korea was held from April 16th till 24th.
The Cultural Commission presented "Definitions of Group Categories" in 3 languages. This will be published in the next editions of the Festivals Calendar, and Newsletter and on the Website. The Commitment to Excellence was obtained for 2009 – 2012 by Argentina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy and United Kingdom. For 2010 – 2013, it was obtained by Bosnia&Herzegovina, Canada, France, New Zealand, Switzerland and USA. Due to low interest by National Sections for a common CIOFF® Signal, it was decided to stop this search. On the other hand, it was pointed out, that it is important to check whether and how the CIOFF® flag is being used by festivals.

In view of the fact that the Cultural Congress 2010 in Korea was cancelled, all National Sections were invited to host their own Conferences.

The publication of Children's Songs is still pending. At this moment, only 53 National Sections have submitted adequate songs.

World Youth Forum in Brazil.
The 4th Youth Forum took place in Caruaru from August 21st to 28th. The following topics were discussed:

1. How to start a Youth Commission?
2. Transmission of Traditional Games to Children.

The 40th Anniversary World Congress and General Assembly Tahiti was organized by the Associate member from November 8th till 15th in Papeete. A solemn opening speech was presented by Honorary President Henri Coursaget.

The Working Group on Folkloriada informed the Assembly, that the dates of the next Folkloriada in Aseong (South Korea) will be shifted to October 1st till 14th, which could cause problems to some groups.

The Cultural Conference covered the topic: "CIOFF® and the Rapprochement of Cultures". For this purpose, the following subjects were presented:

- The importance of the Relations of CIOFF® with UNESCO.
- Anthology of Polynesian Culture.
- Rapprochement of Cultures through a Film Festival.
- Education through Traditional Culture and Handicraft.
- The Rapprochement of Cultures between Hawaii and Tahiti.

The basis of reflection was:

“The World’s Cultural Wealth is in its Variety and Dialogue”
Maura Shannahan passed away on November 11th. She was from 2006 till 2010 the CIOFF® National Delegate of Ireland.
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