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**CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES ORGANISATIONS
DE FESTIVALS DE FOLKLORE ET D'ARTS TRADITIONNELS**
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Secretary General

Official Announcement

CIOFF® Delegation (Anne-Marie Ciolfi, President of CIOFF® France, Magdalena Tovornik CIOFF® Representative to UNESCO and Philippe Beaussant, CIOFF® Secretary General) was received by the Director General of UNESCO Mrs. Irina Bokova at Headquarters of UNESCO in Paris on the 6th of December 2011. The aim of this very important UNESCO–CIOFF® high level official meeting was to inform the Director General about CIOFF® activities in general and more specifically to present her the program of next CIOFF® World Congress which will be held in Paris, November 2012. CIOFF® – NGO with Consultative Relations with UNESCO and recently also accredited to the Convention for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO, invited UNESCO Director General Mrs. Irina Bokova to have an opening speech at CIOFF® World Congress in Paris, to participate at our Cultural Conference and to organize together the Gala evening of French Folklore in UNESCO Headquarters. To our greatest pleasure all these proposals were accepted.

We also informed Mrs. Irina Bokova and Mrs. Cécile Duvelle (Culture sector, Chief of section of Intangible Cultural Heritage) about CIOFF® efforts to work better with Africa and about our permanent work for peace and mutual understanding in today's world of political, religious and cultural diversity. Sharing these UNESCO and CIOFF® values she expressed her readiness also to grant UNESCO patronage to some of our important festival activities.

The CIOFF® Delegation had also a meeting with Mr. Jean Audouze, the President of UNESCO National Commission of France in Paris, 6.th of December. We informed Mr. Audouze about CIOFF® France activities in general and expressed our wish to work closely with UNESCO Commission especially in the domain of Intangible Cultural Heritage. CIOFF® also invited the Commission to participate to the Cultural Conference during next CIOFF® Congress in Paris, November 2012. This meeting had a very positive result and we hope to open a new page of good CIOFF® - UNESCO National Commission cooperation.



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