



AITA/IATA asbl

General Assembly Book

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Programme of the 35th AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly

The General Assembly, Forum and AITA/AITA Council meetings will take place at:

Interaction School of Performing Arts

228 Germain St

Saint John,

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27 August 2019 – AITA/IATA Council meeting

09:00 AITA/IATA Council meeting

12:00 Lunch

13:00 AITA/IATA Council meeting

28 August 2019 – Forum & Symposium

09:30 Forum discussion on Diversity in Children & Youth Matters

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Forum discussion on Diversity in Children & Youth Matters

29 August 2019 – AITA/IATA General Assembly

08:30 Delegates arrive and collect voting slips for General Assembly from Villy Dall & Anne Gilmour

09:30 Formal welcome and opening by President Rob Van Genechten

10:45 Coffee break

11:05 General Assembly continues

12:30 Lunch

14:30 General Assembly continues

15:30 Coffee break

15:50 General Assembly continues

17:00 General Assembly ends

30 August 2019 – AITA/IATA Council meeting

09:00 AITA/IATA Council meeting

12:00 Lunch

13:00 AITA/IATA Council meeting

Agenda of the 35th AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly¹

Thursday 29 August 2019²

1. Official Opening of the 35th General Assembly
2. Introduction and Welcome from the President of AITA/IATA asbl, Rob Van Genechten
3. Appointment of the Presiding Chair of the 35th General Assembly Vote of GA
4. Agree the agenda of the General Assembly Vote of GA
5. Appointment of Tellers and Drafting Committees Vote of GA
6. Roll Call of Members present or represented
 - a. Confirmation of voting rights
 - b. Notification of proxy's
7. Confirmation that the GA is quorate
8. Ratification of and / or expulsion of Members 2018 - 2019 Vote of GA
9. Call for written questions to Candidates for Election to Council
10. Approval of the Minutes of the 34th General Assembly, Germany 2018 Vote of GA
11. AITA/IATA asbl Reviews 2018 - 2019
 - a. Council's Review by the President Rob Van Genechten Vote of GA
 - b. Financial Review by the Treasurer Villy Dall
 - i. Approval of the Financial Report Vote of GA
 - c. Discharge to Council Vote of GA
 - d. CYTheatre
12. Regional Reports
13. Preparation for the Elections
 - a. Statements of Intent from the candidates
 - i. President Beatrice Cellario, Monaco
Villy Dall, Denmark
 - ii. Councillor 1 Frank Katoola, Uganda
 - iii. Councillor 2 Aled Rhys-Jones, Great Britain
 - iv. Councillor 3 Carlos Taberheiro Rodríguez, Spain
 - v. Councillor 4 Rob Van Genechten, Belgium, Flanders
 - b. Elections Vote of the GA

The General Assembly goes into a short recess while the newly elected members take their place.
14. AITA/IATA Working Plan and Vision statement 2019 – 2020 by the new President
15. Budget for 2019 – 2020 Vote of GA
 - a. Fees and Subscriptions 2020 – 2022 Vote of GA
16. Other proposals submitted for consideration by the General Assembly Vote of GA
17. Announcement of host venue for 36th GA in 2020
18. Notification of host venue for 37th World Forum and GA in 2021 (Monaco)
19. Closing of the 35th General Assembly of AITA/IATA asbl

¹ The timing and order of the agenda is subject to change and is intended as a guide. This is a draft agenda until 14 August 2019

² 08:30 – 09:15 - the nominated delegate of each Member (National Centre) to register and collect 6 voting books from Villy Dall & Anne Gilmour

CONSTITUTION AITA/IATA asbl

I. NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, PURPOSE AND DURATION

Article 1

The association is named "Association Internationale du Théâtre Amateur - International Amateur Theatre Association - Asociación Internacional del Teatro Amateur", in short "AITA/IATA asbl", hereinafter referred to as "the Association".

Article 2

The Association is constituted as a Belgian non-profit organisation, according to the Belgian Law of non-profit organisations (asbl-vzw) of 27 June 1921, as amended on 2 May 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Belgian Law of non-profit organisations").

The registered office of the Association is established in Belgium, Rue Washington, 40 – 1050 Brussels, in the judicial district of Brussels. It is at Council's discretion to change the Registered address of the Association if necessary, subject to the approval of the General Assembly following the change.

The registered number of the Association is 0863.683.050.

Article 3

The Association is formed for the purpose of:

- a) Fostering dramatic art by all theatrical groups of the world devoted, without remuneration, to artistic and cultural aims;
- b) Promoting by permanent international contact and relationships those activities common to its members;
- c) Co-ordinating the actions of its members in their purpose of enriching human experience and educating through the medium of theatre;
- d) Facilitating international exchanges between all groups belonging to amateur theatre.

To establish these aims, the Association will employ the following means:

- a) The organisation or participation in the organisation of international congresses, conferences, seminars, festivals, courses, exhibitions and any other activity;
- b) The publication or assistance in the publication and distribution of books, periodicals and stage plays;
- c) The maintenance of one or more support, information or study centres on amateur theatre;
- d) Co-operating with other international organisations having similar aims or devoted to theatre and culture in general.

The Association may undertake or support any initiative and organise any activity that may contribute to establishing its aims or objectives.

Article 4

The Association has been constituted for an unlimited period of time.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 5

The number of members of the Association is unlimited. Its minimum is fixed to three (3).

Article 6

The admission of National Centre Members is decided by the General Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the GA) following the proposition of the Council. The Council may grant provisional admission to new Members, which must, however, be confirmed at the next GA.

A National Centre Member (hereinafter referred to as a Member) is a network, a concentrator of activities, local and global, working proactively in the field of amateur theatre and an official body representing amateur theatre activity on a national basis, where "national" indicates a "nation" or "self-governing territory".

Article 7

All Members are required to pay the appropriate annual Membership Fee, relevant to their Membership category, as determined by the GA. The maximum amount of this Membership Fee is set at five thousand (5,000) Euro.

Non-payment of the Membership Fee will result in resignation by default of the Member.

III. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 8

A Member who is up to date with their membership payments is entitled to six (6) votes in the GA.

A Member can delegate their votes by proxy to another Member. Each Member is limited to carrying one proxy.

A natural person can represent a maximum of two (2) Members.

Article 9

Resigning and resigned, suspended or expelled Members, as well as their heirs or those having rights over a deceased Member, have no rights over the assets of the Association. They cannot reclaim Membership Fees, claim or request statements, rendering of accounts, nor inventories. Neither can they affix seals or proceed to precautionary attachment ("saisie conservatoire").

Article 10

The legislative power of the Association is held by the GA. In accordance with Article 4 of the Belgian Law of non-profit organisations, powers that are exclusively reserved for the GA are the following:

- a) Alterations to the Constitution;
- b) The appointment and dismissal of Councillors and of the President of the Association;
- c) Granting discharge to Councillors regarding their obligations as Councillors of the Association;
- d) The approval of the budget and the accounts of the Association;
- e) The dissolution of the Association and the destination of the net assets of the Association following such dissolution;
- f) The expulsion of Members of the Association;
- g) The conversion of the Association into a company with a social purpose;
- h) All cases required by the articles of the Association.

In addition to the powers mentioned above, it is the authority of the GA to appoint one or more independent persons, who cannot be Councillors, as "third party" examiners of the accounts.

Article 11

The GA is chaired by the President of the Association or by any other chair appointed by the GA at the beginning of the GA.

Article 12

The President of the Association, on behalf of the Council, or upon request of at least one fifth (1/5) of the Members of the Association, will convene the GA by any appropriate means of communication as agreed by the Council. In both cases, notification which will include the draft agenda of the GA, will take place at least eight (8) weeks before the GA.

Any proposal to be considered by the GA must be supported by at least one twentieth (1/20) of the Members of the Association before it can be added to the agenda of the GA. Proposals must reach the Secretariat not later than four (4) weeks before the GA. The final agenda of the GA, containing all proposals by Members and all relevant documents, will be distributed to Members not later than two (2) weeks before the GA.

The GA can be held in any physical or digital format considered appropriate by Council. Voting procedures and/or systems in the GA are decided by the Council. Voting may be manual, postal, electronic or digital or by any means that the Council considers to be appropriate.

Abstentions and/or invalid votes are not taken into account when counting the votes and/or when defining majorities. Abstentions and/or invalid votes are not counted as a negative vote.

The GA can vote only on issues that are included in the Agenda.

Article 13

Attendance in the GA

Regardless of the number of Members in attendance (present or represented), the GA is **constitutionally valid**, except for the decisions relating to:

- a) alterations to the Constitution;
- b) changing the purpose of the Association
- c) the dissolution of the Association.

Decisions relating to alterations to the Constitution and the dissolution of the Association require the attendance of at least two thirds (2/3) of Members (present or represented).

A second GA may be called if, in compliance with Article 8 of the Belgian Law of non-profit organisations, the abovementioned attendance criteria are not met, regardless of the number of Members in attendance (present or represented). Such a second GA may not be held within sixteen (16) days following the first GA.

Decisions in the GA

All **decisions** are taken by a simple majority (fifty percent (50%) plus one (1)) of the votes of Members in attendance at the GA (present or represented), except, as is compliant with Article 7 of the Belgian Law of non-profit organisations, for decisions relating to:

- a) the expulsion of Members;
- b) alterations to the Constitution;
- c) changing the purpose of the Association;
- d) the dissolution of the Association.

Decisions relating to the expulsion of a Member, as well as decisions relating to alterations to the Constitution, will be taken by a majority of two thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Members in attendance (present or represented).

Decisions relating to alterations to the Constitution concerning the purpose of the Association, as well as decisions relating to the dissolution of the Association, require a majority of four fifths (4/5) of the votes of Members in attendance (present or represented).

IV. THE COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND NETWORKS

Article 14

The GA delegates the governance and day-to-day management of the Association to the Council.

The GA will, through an election process, appoint one (1) President and a maximum of eight (8) Councillors.

The President and the Councillors jointly form the Council. Their mandate ("the Mandate") is not remunerated by the Association.

The Council has the authority to appoint and dismiss from among the Councillors, officers as appropriate ("the Officers"), for example: Treasurer, Secretary, or any other function the Council considers appropriate.

Officers may resign or be dismissed from their assigned functions without effecting their Mandate as a Councillor.

The President and the Councillors of the Association are natural persons.

Article 15

The President of the Association and Councillors are elected for a mandated period of four (4) years ("the Mandate Term").

An individual can serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive Mandate Terms on the Council, of which a maximum of two (2) consecutive Mandate Terms as Councillor, or a maximum of two (2) consecutive Mandate Terms as President.

In exceptional circumstances, the GA can extend the Mandate Term of the President, a Councillor and/or several Councillors, for a period to be decided by the GA. This decision requires a majority of two thirds (2/3) of the Members in attendance at the GA (present or represented).

The Mandate of a Councillor and/or the President will cease:

- a) At the end of the Mandate Term;
- b) Should the GA decide to end the Mandate. This decision requires a simple majority by the GA;
- c) Upon receipt of a written resignation (by letter, email or any other form of text message) to the Council.

Should a Councillor (including the President) be unable to complete their Mandate irrespective of cause, this Mandate will count as a fully completed Mandate Term.

Should a position on the Council become vacant, owing to the death, incapacity or resignation of an appointed Councillor, the Council may appoint a temporary replacement until the following GA. The appointee will function as a Councillor without voting rights.

Article 16

The Council is convened by the President of the Association by any means that the Council considers appropriate and will meet at least twice between two GA's. The Council is constitutionally valid (quorate) if 5 out of 9 Councillors are present or represented.

Council meetings can be held in any physical or digital format considered appropriate by the Council. Voting procedures and/or systems during Council meetings are decided by the Council. Voting may be manual, postal, electronic or digital or by any means that the Council considers to be appropriate.

A Councillor can delegate their vote by proxy to another Councillor. Each Councillor can carry only one proxy.

Article 17

The Council has unlimited executive powers in matters relating to the governance and day-to-day management of the Association.

Unless a power is, under the Belgian Law of non-profit organisations or under this Constitution, explicitly stated to belong exclusively to the GA, all powers are under the authority of the Council.

The Council may appoint any contracted individual and determine their job description and remuneration.

The Council has the right to delegate the day-to-day management of the Association, including the authority of signature in relation to the day-to-day management, to any contracted individual.

Article 18

a) External relations

The Council can establish or terminate any operational relationship, at any time, with any appropriate party, natural person, de facto association or legal entity, in the interest of the Association. These operational relationships are called **Networks**.

b) Internal relations

The Council can establish or terminate, within the organisation, one or more **Committees**, where appropriate chaired by a coordinator or coordinating team. The Council will approve a Committee's internal rules.

The Council will appoint the members and the coordinator of any Committee. The Council can terminate the appointment of any coordinator or Committee member, at any time.

V. LANGUAGE

Article 19

The languages to be employed in all official business conducted by the Association are French, English and Spanish. In case of difficulties of interpretation of the Constitution and/or official documents of the Association, the French language will take precedence.

It is the responsibility of the Council to ensure that sufficient skills are available in the Council in order to address the Association's official languages and cultural issues.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Article 20

The Association is represented in legal agreements, including those where a public officer or a law official intervenes, and in legal actions, either by the President of the Association or by two Councillors.

Article 21

The financial year will run from 1 April to 31 March of each year.

Article 22

In case of voluntary dissolution of the Association, the GA will appoint two (2) liquidators and determine their powers.

Article 23

In case of voluntary or judicial dissolution of the Association at any time and for any reason, the net assets of the Association will be allocated to an Association involved in similar works and with similar aims to the Association, as agreed by the GA.

This decision will be taken by a simple majority (fifty percent (50%) plus one (1)) of the votes of the Members in attendance (present or represented).

Article 24

All decisions of the GA and of the Council are recorded in the form of minutes and signed by the President of the Association. The record is kept at the registered office where all Members and third parties may consult it.

Article 25

All that is not explicitly stated in this Constitution will be determined by Belgian Law, in particular the Belgian Law of non-profit organisations.

Made in Lingen (Ems), Germany, 28 June 2018

Minutes of the 34th AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly, Lingen, Germany

1. Official opening of the 34th General Assembly – AITA/IATA President Rob Van Genechten declared the 34th AITA/IATA General Assembly to be open.

2. Introduction and Welcome from the President of AITA/IATA asbl, Rob Van Genechten – The President began by welcoming delegates to the first event 'between' events. He introduced Joke Quaghebeur who would be providing French language interpretation and thanked Nils Hanraets for inviting the 34th AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly to Lingen and to the beautiful World Festival of Children's Theatre. He welcomed Alfred Meschnigg as Honorary President and Stephen Tobias, Executive Director Saint John Theatre Company, New Brunswick, Canada.

3. Appointment of the Presiding Chair of the 34th General Assembly – Council proposed Anna-Karin Waldemarson, from the AITA/IATA National Centre of Sweden.

Unanimously approved by a show of hands³

Anna-Karin Waldemarson opened the proceedings by requesting patience from delegates and for speakers to go steadily to allow Joke Quaghebeur the time to translate as the translation will not be simultaneous. The Presiding Chair asked for an open debate and asked delegates to respect a three-minute maximum on the microphone for contributions from the floor. She explained that most of the voting procedures would be by a show of hands and a simple majority. For the proposals which require a two-thirds majority as changes to the constitution, the President will explain the voting procedures later in the agenda. For the voting on the proposals Anna-Karin Waldemarson explained that she would temporarily step down from the Presiding Chair and allow Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall to organise the vote.

4. Appointment of Tellers and Drafting Committees – Council proposed:

a. Tellers committee – Yosvany Gil Mesa, Noomi Reinert, Ute Handweg, Kevin Dowsett, János Regős, Anne O'Reilly, Philippine Salvo, Adrianna Kolpak

b. Drafting committee – Mary Pears, Béatrice Cellario, Carlos Taberheiro, Aled Rhys-Jones

Unanimously Approved by a show of hands

5. Roll Call of Members present or represented – The Presiding Chair confirmed that the GA was quorate and that delegates had received their election papers. Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall confirmed that delegates from the following **30** Full Members (NC) and **1** Affiliate Member were present and entitled to vote (164 votes):

Austria – 6 votes; Belgium (Flanders) – 3 votes; Belgium (Wallonia) – 3 votes; Cuba – 6 votes; Czech Republic – 6 votes; Faroes – 2 votes; Germany (BAG) – 3 votes; Germany (BDAT) – 3 votes; Great Britain – 6 votes; Hungary – 6 votes; Ireland – 6 votes; Italy – 6 votes; Japan – 6 votes; Lithuania – 6 votes; Monaco – 6 votes; Poland – 6 votes; Russia – 6 votes; Slovenia – 6 votes; Spain – 6 votes; Sweden – 6 votes; USA – 6 votes. [110 votes]

Proxies had been received from a further 9 Full Members (NC) and 1 Affiliate Member (56 votes):

- Denmark 6 votes by proxy to Sweden
- Estonia 6 votes by proxy to Austria
- Iceland 6 votes by proxy to Faroes
- Finland 6 votes by proxy to Ireland
- Indonesia 6 votes by proxy to Belgium (Flanders)
- Nigeria 2 votes by proxy to Poland

³ Counting members' votes by show of hands, one per member present and voting.

- Slovakia 6 votes by proxy to Czech Republic
- Switzerland 6 votes by proxy to Spain
- South Korea (Rep of) 6 votes by proxy to Japan
- Zimbabwe 6 votes by proxy to Great Britain

Following the ratification of new Full Members and Affiliate Members it was confirmed that there was a total of **166** votes: **84** votes would be required for a simple majority and **111** votes would be needed for a 2/3 majority.

6. Confirmation that the GA is quorate – the Presiding Chair confirmed that the GA was quorate.

7. Ratification of Affiliate Member 2017 – Council proposed that the following organisation be ratified as an Affiliate.

- Nigeria: ASSITEJ Nigeria (and be entitled to two votes) Approved
- Benin: (no votes for Benin as they have not yet paid) Approved

Unanimously approved by a show of hands

Nigeria's two votes passed to Poland by proxy.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the 33rd General Assembly, Monaco, 2017

The President of FNCD, Philippe Garcia came to the microphone to say that in his opinion the minutes could not be received for two reasons:

- 1 As they were circulated late.
- 2 As the CIFTA declaration was omitted from the minutes.

He went on to remark that all the decisions of the GA should be marked in bold according to Belgian Law and suggested that this was not observed in the minutes of the 2017 GA. He stated that in his opinion there are mistakes in the minutes which do not record the feelings and views of the CIFTA members.

Béatrice Cellario (Monaco): Wished to point out that as a member of CIFTA, Monaco did not support the CIFTA declaration.

Josef Hollos (Austria): If you had a problem with the minutes not being distributed why didn't you contact the Secretariat and ask for them? Or if you felt that the deadline was approaching why didn't you ask for them?

The President accepted the criticism that the minutes were late according to the old Byelaws (*which are the pre-2003 old AITA/IATA Constitution*). He declared that providing the minutes within 3 weeks after the Executive Board following the GA, as requested by the old Byelaws, is practically impossible. Furthermore, the 2017 GA in Monaco voted for the Executive Board to be abolished. The President pointed out that differences between the constitution and the bye-laws still need to be addressed. This is something which we are trying to adjust during this General Assembly with the proposed changes. We cannot comply with these Byelaws and we need to change the constitution and ensure that all governing documents in the three languages concur.

Philippe Garcia (Belgium Wallonia): Lamented that the CIFTA declaration was not attached to the minutes as it was agreed.

The President: It will be attached to the 2017 GA Minutes.

Philippe Garcia (Belgium Wallonia): I will approve the minutes if the specific sentence in the Minutes concerning the fact that all delegates approved the late amendments of the proposals will be removed. This was not the case.

The President: We are voting on the approval of the minutes if you are against then please feel free to vote against.

For: 19

Against: 4

Abstentions: 3

The position of CIFTA presented to the Monaco GA is at Appendix A

Approved by a show of hands

9. AITA/IATA asbl Review 2018 – 2019

a. *Council's Review by the President Rob Van Genechten* – Rob Van Genechten said that as a result of the voting at the Monaco GA in 2017, Council had to rearrange all the existing governing texts in order to reach a clear and transparent set of rules and guidelines. The congress books exist in all three languages and delegates can follow in their congress books. The President read to his report in the Congress Book.

Ron Dodson: Requested clarification on a remark regarding the lack of a Canadian National Centre and explained that it was not a problem of language or culture. Also, that it was not an issue for the World Festival of Children's Theatre in Stratford that there was not a National Centre. Could Rob Van Genechten clarify why he thinks that it is an issue not to have a National Centre when organising an event?

The President responded: It can be easier to organise an event when there is a National Centre.

Frank Katoola (Uganda): Requested clarification on the situation regarding Uganda and payment of subs and on when he will be able to vote.

Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall responded that subject to paying the membership fee, Uganda will have voting rights in 2019.

For: 28

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

The Council's Report was approved by a show of hands

b. *Financial Review by Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall* – referred to Page 56 in the Congress Book. He explained the layout of the figures. He reported that one of our Financial Controllers Dirk de Corte had had drawn our attention to the fact that our accounts reporting was following neither Belgian Law nor Belgian standards of chartered auditors. He reminded delegates that our income should be around 25000 Euros per annum but that the GA had taken the decision some years ago to reduce the membership fee to encourage new members. He reminded delegates that the World Festival of Children's Theatre in Stratford had donated the surplus of their money to AITA/IATA and that a letter had been received by hand via Ron Dodson this morning from Steve Rae, Director of the festival, requesting for these funds to be returned. This will be discussed in the next Council meeting.

Archives – Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall listed expenses 4,304 Euros in 2017 and 6,600 Euros in 2018 for work undertaken to save and preserve the archives and thanked BDAT for rescuing the archives.⁴

Report of Financial Controllers – Villy Dall drew the attention of the delegates to these reports.

⁴Total archive expenditure is: 2018 (3Q) - EUR 6,600; 2017 - EUR 4,304; 2016 - EUR 1,239; 2015 – zero; 2014 - EUR 3,393; 2013 – zero; Figures provided by Villy 21 Nov 2018.

For: 27
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously Approved

c. *Proposal to change the Solidarity Fund* – Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall outlined his proposed changes. He steered the delegates to page 54 of the Congress Book. He explained the amount of funds in the Solidarity Fund. He explained that having reduced the fees the monies in the fund are no longer needed for the waiver of fees.

Council proposes:

- a. That the GA decides to change the purpose of the Solidarity Fund
- b. That the new purpose is to support specific actions to further the mission of AITA/IATA in connection with important events throughout the world such as festivals, workshops, courses, meetings, provided they are of international importance
- c. That the primary focus of the Solidarity Fund will be countries or geographic areas in category II, III, and IV of the membership fee levels
- d. That grants to events in category I countries or areas can only be provided under extra-ordinary circumstances or when Council consider the specific action to be of decisive importance to the world association and its mission.

For: 29
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Unanimously Approved by a show of hands

d. *Discharge to Council* – As delegates had approved the reports, Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall asked delegates to confirm that they give their Discharge to the Council.

For: 28
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

Approved by a show of hands

10. Regional Committees

a. ARC

The President reported on behalf of Council, outlining some of the issues in the region where the President in 2017 Monaco, Liaquat Ali Lucky convened a meeting without circulating information to all members and appeared to have reinstated himself as President. This developed in to an internal conflict within ARC which has yet to be resolved.

b. CARA

Yosvani Gil reported: At a recent meeting in Cuba it had been decided to change the structure of CARA. They wish to reunite all the geographical zones in the area. The travel logistics and the geography of the region makes communication very difficult. They are working on communications as a priority. The Cuban National Centre accepts that they have a big responsibility to undertake in coordinating the region.

c. CEC

No additional comments.

d. CIFTA

No additional comments.

e. CIFTA claim GA Monaco 2017

The Presiding Chair invited the President of CIFTA, Phillippe Garcia to the microphone.

Phillippe Garcia explained that the CIFTA Council had sent a letter to the Council of AITA/IATA because the proposed new constitution had been sent to the delegates in Monaco only 8 hours prior to discussion. He explained the background to the complaint and restated the complaint. He informed the GA that CIFTA had sought advice from a lawyer. Phillippe Garcia stated that he was aware that the AITA/IATA Council had also sought advice from a lawyer who had based his considerations on the minutes of the 2017 General Assembly which, in his opinion, were incorrect and therefore, the AITA/IATA's lawyer's response was not valid. So, more than the legal battle the real question for Phillippe Garcia was, how can he, as a member who pays his fee, trust the AITA/IATA Council when it is violating the Byelaws, the Constitution and the Belgian Law.

The President responded on behalf of the Council. He referred to the CURIA memo (**Error! Reference source not found. C**) and the legal clarification of the rules relating to the amendments of proposals. The basis of the CIFTA complaint was the presumption that proposals to a GA cannot be amended during and by the GA before a vote takes place, which is what happened at the Monaco GA 2017. The day before the voting, a part of the proposals had indeed been amended following a discussion that had taken place in the GA. The CURIA memo states that at all times, amendments can be changed by a GA, as long as the new text stays in line with the originally, duly communicated proposal. Whether or not that was the case, did not need to be assessed as the relevant proposal was rejected by the GA. The CIFTA claim was therefore not considered justified by the CURIA memo. The full response of the full memo will be circulated to all members.

f. NEATA

The President of NEATA Kristiina Oomer has sent her apologies as she is attending a festival in Estonia. The NEATA biennial festival will take place in Lithuania in August.

g. NARA

No additional comments.

11. Standing Committee for Children and Youth (SCCY)

Harald Volker Sommer reported on behalf of the Standing Committee for Children and Youth. He explained that there had been a decision not to propose a Chair for the SCCY. He outlined the work of the SCCY in relation to the World Festival of Children's Theatre where two members of the SCCY had been involved in the selection process of the groups for Lingen 2018.

The Presiding Chair thanked Harald Volker Sommer for his report. He *promised to forward his report by email to be included in the minutes of the General Assembly. Attached as Appendix B.*

The Presiding Chair invited Ron Dodson to speak as he had requested permission to speak earlier in the proceedings.

Mr. Dodson stressed that neither Harald Volker Sommer nor Christel Gbaguidi were aware of the content of his report. He listed the members of the SCCY: Ali Lucky, Bernd Ruping, Clari Zelada, Frank Katoola, Ines Škuflić-Horvath, Katharina Pongracz and Ron Dodson. He said that his dynamic group represents over 350 years of experience of children's and youth theatre work and some 100 years of involvement with AITA/IATA. He illustrated a background of work for the SCCY. He declared that this work will end in 48 hours as the members of the SCCY will resign en bloc at the end of the World Festival of Children's Theatre. He expressed his sadness at what he feels this great organisation has become and despair for the future. These resignations will give the Council the opportunity to review the role of the committee and decide on future strategy for the work for Children and Youth. The only member who has not resigned is Ali Lucky who is not present in

Lingen, but he is aware of the action that has been taken by the rest of the committee. The statement was passed to the President.

Josef Hollos (SCCY Chair 2013-2017): Requested the microphone to add: We are extremely fortunate that there are two very experienced colleagues with a background in Children's and Youth Theatre on Council and they will continue the work.

The President Thanked the members of the SCCY for their work.

Ron Dodson: Asked why Council had not consulted the SCCY in their selection of events for future World Festivals e.g. Saint John, New Brunswick?

The President: Explained that Council felt that having another children's festival in Canada so soon after the 2016 event in Strafford Ontario was not a good idea. He explained that therefore he had asked Saint John if they would consider an adult festival, which they are currently considering. It was at this point that Toyama offered to host a World Festival of Children's Theatre in 2020.

Ron Dodson: Repeated that the declared procedure for selection of a host for the World Festival of Children's Theatre is the inclusion of the SCCY and the SCCY were not included.

The President: As it is time to find and to decide on a host for the 2019 adult festival, this was a matter of dealing with matters urgently and Council therefore assumed the responsibility to decide, regardless of the standing procedures. The President apologised for not following the procedures to the letter.

Christel Gbaguidi + Harald Volker Sommer: We feel responsible for this matter and we will continue to focus on this work. This resignation is a surprise to us but we respect the process of democracy and we would like to celebrate the work of the SCCY over many years. Thank you for your work and let's meet again at some event soon.

12. Confirmation of host venue for 35th World Forum and GA in 2019 – The President outlined his visit to Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada in February with the Secretariat. He also mentioned that there is an interest to host the event from Brisbane, China and The Republic of Korea. This was covered earlier in the agenda when Stephen Tobias informed the GA that he is in Lingen to meet with the organisers of the Lingen festival and to get an idea of what will be expected. Saint John to decide soon after the Lingen event.

13. Announcement of the 16th World Festival of Children's Theatre in 2020 –

Mr Yukihito Funamoto Director of the Toyama Festival announced that the 16th World Festival of Children's Theatre will be held in Japan. He introduced plans for the festival with a slide presentation and noted the strength and depth of Toyama's knowledge of International Amateur Theatre which began in 1977 when the Theatre Company Bungeiza received the premium prize in the Irish Festival in Dundalk, Ireland. Toyama hosted International Theatre Festivals in the 1980's and 1990's and in 2000 hosted the AITA/IATA World Festival of Children's Theatre. The 2016 World Festival of Performing Arts was the 10th international theatre festival hosted by Toyama and, on behalf of the Executive Committee, he was delighted to announce that the 16th AITA/IATA World Festival of Children's Theatre would be held in Toyama 18 – 22 August 2020.

14. Call for preliminary proposals to host 17th World Festival of Children's Theatre in 2022 – The President, Rob Van Genechten expressed his hope that Lingen would, once again host the 2022 Festival this was confirmed by the Mayor at the reception prior to the opening ceremony of the Lingen Festival. He also reported that Rizhao prefecture in south-eastern Shandong province, China has made a formal bid to host a Children or Youth Festival, but the details of age-group and timeframe are unclear at the moment. But it is likely that we will be working in partnership with Rizhao in China in the near future.

15. Other proposals submitted for consideration by the General Assembly – No proposals were submitted by the deadline.

16. Proposed AITA/IATA asbl Constitution - The Presiding Chair invited the President to outline the background to the proposed changes and to explain the proposals, the voting process and to deliver a careful presentation on how to fill in the voting slips. Rob Van Genechten read the proposals from the Congress Book. He explained the differences between internal and external committees by comparing the (internal) regional committees (Regions) with the new (external) networks like Corredor Latinoamericano (Networks). In the old/current constitution, starting a new Region is the decision of the GA, as that creation automatically gives the Region the right to a Councillor. As this representation on Council had been terminated by the decisions at the Monaco 2017 GA, the new situation would permit the Council to create and dissolve alliances and sub-committees. An explanation was made in English and French by the President. The Presiding Chair explained that all questions would be welcome from the floor but that there would be a three-minute limit on contributions from the floor.

Questions to Proposal No 1

Christiane Ledoupe (Belgium Wallonia): Will there be a set of bye-laws?

The President: Yes, where there is a need for them, to be approved by Council only.

Christiane Ledoupe (Belgium Wallonia): Will Council be able to decide on terminating the regional committees?

The President confirmed and referred to the difference between a Region and a Network. He provided the GA with an explanation on what would happen if CIFTA registered as an independent NPO in France. The result would be that GA or Council would not be able to have any authority over CIFTA either through internal regulations or through Belgian Law. As such, an officially registered NPO, governed by its own constitution, can never be an internal committee (or Region) of AITA/IATA. If registered, CIFTA would automatically transfer to the status of Network. The creation of the new status of Network in the Proposals 1, 2 and 3 was inspired precisely because Council knew about CIFTA's intentions to become an independent NPO. Council felt the desire to keep CIFTA on board in the Association and remediated by offering the Network option.

Councillor Christel Gbaguidi: It's up to the regional committee or external alliance. You can either vote for or against... You can either be an internal committee or an external network. The choice is yours.

Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall: What possible benefit would there be in terminating CIFTA?

Carlos Taberheiro (Spain): What would be the situation if you received a request to deliver a certificate of cooperation from an Associate in Spain?

The President: Then we would discuss it with the National Centre.

Carlos Taberheiro: (Spain) What would happen if an application for Affiliate Member status was received from an organisation in Spain.

The President: This would not be possible. You cannot have an affiliate membership where there is already a national centre.

Proposal No: 2

The President explained the background to Proposal 2 which would remove the category of Affiliate Membership.

Béatrice Cellario (Monaco): What happens to today's Affiliates?

The President: They would become members.

Alla Zorina (Russian Federation): Can you give examples?

The President explained the process of assessing new members with reference to Sri Lanka and China which was exclusively done by checking through internet and social media. He went on to explain the autonomous region situation for the Affiliate Memberships of The Faeroes and at one

time, Aruba and the special cases e.g. Belgium, Switzerland, GB, Germany etc. with reference to National level or self-governing territory.

Proposal 3

The single difference between Proposals 2 and 3 was explained by the President.

He further explained the upcoming and proposed changes to Belgian Law (expected early 2019) which would enforce the equality of voting rights for all members of an ASBL, regardless their category of membership. This situation would entail the approval of Proposal 3 as it is presented today. The President expressed his hope that Members would enable the Association to function fully in line with all legal requirements. He stressed that changing the constitution requires a two-thirds majority of the votes available.

Proposal 4

Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall explained the legal address situation regarding correspondence from the Belgian authorities sent to Rue de Bellone. On two occasions the organisation did not receive two official reminders from the Belgian Monitor and on one of these occasions had received a fine for not submitting our accounts by the deadline. Between Xmas and New Year 2017 we were fined for littering the street when letters addressed to AITA/IATA were found on the street in Rue de Bellone. We submitted the Monaco 2017 constitutional changes to the Belgian Monitor following the 2017 General Assembly but for some reason this did not happen. We questioned the Belgian Monitor on this matter and they explained that they had contacted AITA/IATA asbl for clarification on some matters, but we did not receive this communication either from, Rue de Bellone. Therefore, we would like to change our address to somewhere more reliable.

Philippe Garcia (Belgium Wallonia): We are at the same address and we suffer with the same problems.

35 fully paid up members – 31 present or represented therefore we are quorate (2/3 presence is 24).

166 voting books handed out therefore 2/3 majority is **111**.

a. *Introduction*

b. *Vote on Proposals 1, 2 3 & 4*

Proposal 1	Yes 106	No 59	Void 1
Proposal 2	Yes 121	No 45	Void 0
Proposal 3	Yes 101	No 65	Void 0
Proposal 4	Yes 160	No 6	Void 0

Proposals 1 and 3 were defeated and Proposals 2 and 4 were passed. Therefore, Proposals 2 and 4 became constitutionally live with immediate effect.

17. Comments on the voting results and planning 2018 – 2019 - The President explained that the decisions keep the organisation operating illegally. He despaired that the organisation cannot make a majority decision to operate legally and remove the illegal contradictions within the governing documents of the organisation. Criticism is levelled at the Council for not delivering a programme of development but if we have to keep trying to find ways of operating within the law then that is where our focus must be.

18. Budget for 2018 – 2019 **Vote of GA** – Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall outlined the information in the General Assembly Book. He reminded delegates that every year is now a Congress Year and that has a cost. There will be further expenditure to finalise the work on the archives. We will also have to seek further legal advice on how we progress under the restrictions that you have voted upon the Council.

Councillor Christel Gbaguidi: Forewarned the GA that the budget for Children and Youth work at 2,000 Euros was not sufficient to make any progress and that he and Harald Volker Sommer would be making a proposal to Council for increasing this budget.

Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall: The Children + Youth Committee does not have a budget for a programme – the 2,000 Euros is for contributions towards travelling from one continent to another.

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

Approved by a show of hands

19. Other business

Mary Pears (Ireland): – this is not a good situation for the sake of 5 votes that we prevent the organisation from moving forwards. Could we not have a second vote?

Josef Hollos (Austria): I warned delegates in Monaco that if they do not accept change, they will destroy the organisation.

Honorary President Alfred Meschnigg: President 1983 to 1989. The parliament is preventing the government from working, please don't do this.

Councillor Harald Volker Sommer: There is a wall preventing us from moving forward please tell us what that wall is so that we can understand.

The President: In response to Mary Pears we can only have a revote if there is a unanimous agreement to have a revote. Is there any one against having a revote?

Against: Belgium Wallonia

Béatrice Cellario (Monaco): I just wish to draw the delegates attention to the fact that we have 35 paid up members. Sending out a call for applications for the next Mondial to only 35 Members seems insufficient to select the necessary 24 participating groups.

Councillor/Treasurer Villy Dall: Council has been left with a situation that we will have to call an annual GA to deal with the legal requirements of the organisation. Thank you for agreeing the changes to the Solidarity Fund.

Closing of the 34th General Assembly of AITA/IATA asbl

Following the closure of the General Assembly, it became clear that misunderstanding had arisen with regard to the implications of the voting. During the Council meeting the following day, Council agreed to send the following message to Members:

Addendum Post General Assembly

At the 2018 General Assembly in Lingen, Germany held during the World Festival of Children's Theatre, delegates were offered four proposals for consideration and for voting upon. All four proposals appeared in full in the General Assembly Book in all three official languages.

There are currently 35 fully paid up members. At the General Assembly, to comply with the legal requirements for changes to the Constitution, two thirds of the members must be present or represented by proxy. Two thirds of the membership on 28th June was 24 members. 31 members were present or represented at the General Assembly, therefore, the Presiding Chair Anna-Karin Waldemarson declared the meeting quorate.

To pass, each proposal for constitutional change requires a two thirds majority of the votes available. 166 voting books were handed out therefore, two thirds majority of the vote was 111.

The results of the vote were as follows:

The Voting Results on Proposals 1, 2, 3 & 4

Proposal 1	Yes 106	No 59	Void 1
Proposal 2	Yes 121	No 45	Void 0
Proposal 3	Yes 101	No 65	Void 0
Proposal 4	Yes 160	No 6	Void 0

Proposals 1 and 3 were defeated and Proposals 2 and 4 were passed. Therefore, Proposals 2 and 4 became constitutionally live with immediate effect.

On realising that Proposal 1 had been defeated, the assumption was that we did not have a clear way forward. However, delegates voted to accept or refuse each single full proposal as published in the General Assembly Book circulated to Members on 27th April 2018 (Proposals 1,2&3) and (Proposal 4) on 21st June 2018.

Proposal 2 combined the old Constitution, Bye-laws and Standing Orders and the decisions taken in Monaco 2017. This proposal solved the existing inconsistencies and added simplifications. It included the removal of the Affiliate Membership Category. It removed inconsistencies in terminology between the current situation in the organisation and the current constitution such as; "nation", "country" and "self-governing territories". Each member will continue to carry six votes in the General Assembly. Existing Affiliate Members became Full Members with immediate effect.

Proposal 4 resulted in an agreement to change the legal address of the association which will now be organised by Council.

The Council apologises for any misunderstanding at the culmination of the General Assembly but at the end of a very long, exhausting and emotional day, our minds were not fresh.

We thank the General Assembly for giving us the tools to take the organisation forwards and we celebrate the future of AITA/IATA asbl.

Position du CIFTA

Les membres du CIFTA sont unanimement pour un renouveau de l'aita/iata asbl et une modification de ses statuts. Mais nous considérons que cette version ne répond pas à une question cruciale pour la survie de l'aita/iata asbl à savoir pourquoi depuis 1985 avons-nous perdu près de 50 membres. Changer la structure et ne pas répondre à cette question ne résoudra pas le problème et ouvrir l'association n'empêchera pas « l'hémorragie » de continuer.

De plus, nous sommes contre le fait de supprimer la représentativité des comités régionaux.

Enfin, nous refusons que le texte des statuts soit voté lors de ce congrès car :

1. Il y a un problème de forme car il n'y a pas de version espagnole ; or il s'agit de la troisième langue de l'aita/iata asbl
2. Les documents sont arrivés trop tard donc hors délais pour que nous puissions en discuter valablement au sein de nos centres nationaux respectifs.
3. De plus, nous demandons que les prochains statuts amendés soient validés par un organisme juridique indépendant, étant donné que plusieurs illégalités ont été détectées dans le texte proposé.

English version

Position of CIFTA

The members of CIFTA are unanimously for a renewal of the aita / iata asbl and a modification of its statutes. But we consider that this version does not answer a crucial question for the survival of the aita / iata asbl as to why since 1985 have we lost nearly 50 members. Changing the structure and not answering this question will not solve the problem and opening the association will not prevent "bleeding" from continuing.

In addition, we are against suppressing the representativeness of regional committees.

Finally, we refuse that the text of the statutes be voted at this congress because:

1. There is a problem of form because there is no Spanish version; it is the third language of the aita / iata asbl
2. The documents arrived too late, so that we could discuss them properly within our respective national centers.
3. In addition, we ask that the next amended constitution be validated by an independent legal body, as several illegalities have been detected in the proposed text.

Spanish version (google traduction)

Posición de CIFTA

Los miembros de CIFTA aceptan por unanimidad la renovación de la aita / iata asbl y una modificación de sus estatutos. Pero consideramos que esta versión no responde una pregunta crucial para la supervivencia de la aita / iata asbl como por qué desde 1985 hemos perdido casi 50 miembros. Cambiar la estructura y no contestar esta pregunta no resolverá el problema y la apertura de la asociación no impedirá que continúe el "sangrado".

Además, estamos en contra de suprimir la representatividad de los comités regionales.

Finalmente, rechazamos que el texto de los estatutos sea votado en este congreso porque:

1. Hay un problema de forma porque no hay una versión en español; es el tercer idioma de la aita / iata asbl
2. Los documentos llegaron demasiado tarde, por lo que pudimos debatirlos adecuadamente en nuestras respectivas centrales nacionales.
3. Además, pedimos que los siguientes estatutos modificados sean validados por un cuerpo legal independiente, ya que se han detectado varias ilegalidades en el texto propuesto

Report from SCCY for Activities 2017/ 2018 in GA in Lingen, 28.6.2018

- 2 members were on the selection jury for this WKT 2018 in Lingen (Bernd Ruping, Ines Škuflić-Horvath)
- Working on a plan to refocus the committee's work in the Berlin Meeting in January 2018
- Answering inquiries about AITA and the work of the SCCY
- Connecting AITA members and non-members with drama resources including other experts in children and youth theatre
- Participation and Representing AITA at regional, national and international events and meetings, such as the Drama in Education Congress in Austria last spring and Theatre Ontario annual general meeting in Canada.
- Searching for new members
- Assistance in organizing the Director's Forum at the WCFT 2018 in Lingen
- SCCY communicated regularly with the president and secretariat to stay up to date on AITA renewal plans and supported their implementation, including writing revisions to the six guidelines which are related to our work.
- SCCY met timeframes and deadlines required by the Council.

Date: 25 June 2018

MEMO

From: Curia Brussels, Marleen Deneff and Benoit Spitaels
To: Rob Van Genechten, President AITA/IATA vzw/asbl
Concerns: General Assembly, Monaco, August 2017

I SUMMARY

- Based on the legal analysis of the provided documents, it appears that the **Monaco GA** was **validly organized** and that the **decisions** have been **adopted in a valid manner**. The proposed changes to the AoA which received at least 152 votes have therefore validly been adopted/decided.
- **None of the decisions** taken by the GA regarding the amendment of the AoA **are affected by a violation of formalities**. A nullification of (a part) of the decisions taken by the Monaco GA is not relevant.
- The **power to convoke and determine the agenda of a GA** lies with the **Council**. Provisions who stipulate that the GA can only meet every two year are violations of the NPO-law. Since the Council has the obligation to comply with the NPO-law, it must convene the GA annually.
- Provided that the essence and the impact of the initial proposal of amendment of the AoA for which the convocation formalities have been complied with, remains unchanged/untouched, **amended proposals can validly be put to a vote without having to convene a new GA**.
- If **formalities** requirements are breached, the decisions affected by the **breach** can be **nullified** in court. A judge will **not** nullify a decision **automatically**. The person claiming the nullification (i) should in fact be a party which is **protected by the breached formality**,(ii) should have a **legitimate interest** to nullify the decision and (iii) must also **reasonably demonstrate** if the formalities would have been followed, the outcome of the vote could have been different.
- Under the current NPO-law, it is possible to **differentiate the voting rights** of categories of actual members (cfr. Full Members, 6 votes vs. Affiliate Members, 2 votes). Under possible future Belgian law this might no longer be possible.
- The modus operandi where **each autonomous region** located within a Full Member **exercises** independently **a part of the voting rights** of the concerned member is a mechanism which is **not entirely compliant** with NPO-law nor with the provisions of the current AoA.
- Putting an item on the agenda only two weeks before the GA is a **breach of the AoA**. Such a decision can be **nullified** based on the breach of the AoA.

II INTRODUCTION

- Rob Van Genechten, President of AITA, has requested legal advice in view of a letter the Council of AITA had received from Philippe Garcia, president of CIFTA, on behalf of the Board of CIFTA on May 17, 2018.
- Said letter claimed that the decisions taken during the General Assembly of August 2017 (Monaco) were invalid and therefore requested that the Council:
 1. re-establishes the Articles of Association in the version pre-Monaco;

2. organizes a new General Assembly in Monaco 2021, and not sooner, as it was the only location which guarantees the true proper representation of the members.

• In addition, legal advice was also requested on the following questions:

1. Differentiating voting rights actual members.
2. Is it possible to amend the text proposal of the amendment of the AoA during the GA, and subject the amended version of the text proposal to a vote?
3. If the voting mechanism and the eligibility criteria for membership are not amended, is the division of the voting rights of a member which in reality is composed of several autonomous regions, still compliant with the law (this in view of possible future law (draft Code of Companies and Associations))?
4. Is it possible to add an item to the agenda of the GA two weeks before the GA and thus breaching the notice period of two months?

III LEGAL ANALYSIS

1 RE. LETTER MAY 17 2018

1.1 GA of August 2017 in Monaco

(1.1.1) Was the GA of August 2017 properly convoked?

- Pursuant to Article 6 of the law of 27 June 1921 concerning non-profit organizations, foundations and European political parties (hereafter the "NPO-law"), the members of a non-profit organization ("vzw" / "asbl") must be invited at least 8 days prior to the meeting of the general assembly (hereafter "GA"). The agenda of the GA must be attached to the invitation. In addition, when the agenda contains the amendment of the articles of association (hereafter "AoA"), article 8 of the NPO-law stipulates that the proposed modifications must be mentioned in the invitation.

The purpose of this rule is to make sure that the members are informed prior to the GA, what the essence and impact of the proposal is. However, pursuant to the majority in legal doctrine⁵, it is not required to have a word-by-word reproduction of the proposal included.

- Article 18 of the AoA of AITA prescribes that the GA is convened at least two months before the GA.

Based on the information we have been provided, the GA of August 25, 2017 in Monaco (hereafter the "Monaco GA") was convened on June 7, 2017 (= more than two months before the GA), and the text proposal of the Council regarding the amendment of the AoA (hereafter the "Initial Text Proposal") was (i) included in the convocation, and (ii) available online in the Forum Book Volume 1 in English, in French and in Spanish - www.aitaiata.net/resga.html

- Based on the aforementioned info, we can confirm that:
 1. the Monaco GA was convened in compliance of the notice periods provided by article 6 of the NPO-law (at least 8 days) and article 18 of the AoA (at least 2 months);
 2. pursuant to article 6 of the NPO-law, the invitation contained the agenda;
 3. pursuant to article 8 of the NPO-law, the invitation contained the Initial Text Proposal.

(1.1.2) Were the deliberations/decisions of the Monaco GA in compliance with the AoA and the NPO-law?

⁵ See: F. HELLEMANS, "Hoofdstuk 4: De organen van een vzw en hun werking" in M. DENEFF, De VZW, Die Keure, 2015, p. 186, n° 25

(a) Agenda

- Pursuant to article 7 of the NPO-law and article 20 (last sentence) of the AoA, *"the GA cannot vote on any issue that are not included in the agenda"*. With respect to amendments of the AoA, as mentioned under (1.1.1), it is not required to have a word-by-word reproduction of the proposal included in the agenda/invitation. It is however essential that the members, based on the information provided, prior to the GA can assess the impact and the essence of the proposal.
- Provided that the agenda contained the actual text proposal, and this proposal subsequently was amended during the deliberations, but still with respect of the essence and impact of the initial proposal, it is allowed to vote on the amended proposal. The agenda-item as such was not changed.
- Amendments which fall out of the scope of the Initial Text Proposal (=amendments which deviate from the essence and impact from the Initial Text Proposal), must be considered as new agenda items which were not included in the convocation. In order to be able to validly vote on this proposal, a new convocation should be complied with.
- Conclusion:
 1. Based on the information provided, the decisions which have been put to a vote and which were subsequently adopted, were taken based on text proposals which had been circulated more than two months before the GA.
 2. Since the amended proposals were rejected (insufficient votes), it is irrelevant to determine whether these were "in" or "out-of-scope" of the agenda. The fact that the amended proposal were proposed by the Council, does in any event not affect the validity of the other decisions taken during that GA (see (1.1.4)).

(b) Attendance quorum?

- Pursuant to Article 8 of the NPO-law, the GA can only validly deliberate on the amendment of the AoA when at least two third of the members is present or represented. The AoA do not provide for a stricter attendance quorum.

Based on the information provided to us ⁶ 40 members were present or represented (29 members present and 11 members represented) during the Monaco GA. We have been informed that AITA has 44 members . In order to be quorate, at least 30 members should be present or represented.

- Conclusion: attendance quorum provided by article 8 NPO-law (and AoA) has been complied with.

(c) Majority?

- Pursuant to article 8, 2nd paragraph of the NPO-law, the decisions on the modifications of the AoA must be adopted by two third of the votes of the members present or represented. The AoA do not provide for a stricter majority.

Taking into account the fact that Full Members have 6 votes and Affiliate Members have 2 votes, a total of 228 votes were presented/represented at the GA. A two third majority is obtained with 152 votes. In the information provided ⁷ we read that the decisions with respect to Block I and Block III (change 1, 2 & 3) were adopted with 179, 155 and 178 votes. The other Blocks were not adopted.

For the avoidance of any doubt, for the decisions which have been adopted, the requirements regarding the convocation as described in (1.1.1) were complied with.

⁶ See: Draft minutes 33rd AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly

⁷ See: Draft minutes 33rd AITA/IATA asbl General Assembly

- Conclusion: The proposed changes to the AoA which received at least 152 votes have validly been adopted/decided.

(1.1.3) Can the Council, based on a deliberation between the members during a pre-GA meeting, amend the Initial Text Proposal and put it to vote the next day during the GA?

- Provided that the essence and the impact of the Initial Text Proposal for which the convocation formalities have been complied with, remains untouched, such amended proposal can validly be put to a vote (for more information see (1.1.2)(a)).
- The purpose of the convocation formalities is to safeguard the interests of the members who cannot be / are not present at the GA. Based on the agenda and the text proposal of the amendment of the AoA as attached to the agenda, the members determine whether (i) to attend the meeting, (ii) grant proxy or (iii) not to attend the GA without granting a proxy.

A member who is not able to be present, and decides not to grant a proxy, agrees in fact implicitly with the text proposal as he/she did not attempt to influence the voting in either way. However, if during the GA, the text proposal would be amended in a manner that changes the impact and the essence of the initial proposal, the member who initially decided not to be present, could have decided differently regarding his presence/proxy/absence if he had known the scope of the initial was changed.

- Therefore the member who was not present could claim his interests have been violated when the amendment that was approved during the GA, deviates from the Initial Text Proposal. However, the breach of formalities will not automatically lead to the nullification of the concerned decision.
- Such claim can only be lodged by a party which is protected by the breached formality⁸ and who holds a legitimate interest in nullifying the decision. In this case, the claimant will need to argue that if he had known that the GA would be deciding on proposal X instead of proposal Y (as it was included in the invitation), he would have been present or given his proxy, this in order to attempt to influence the voting.

In addition the court will also review whether the claimant, in the event that he would have been present, actually could have had an impact on the outcome of the voting. This will not (only) be assessed based on a count of the votes and required majority (extra vote "for" or "against" the proposal), but also based on the possibility to influence other members when he/she would have addressed the GA.

(1.1.4) Does the invalidity of one decision affected by a breach of formalities, affect the validity of the other decisions which are not affected by such violation of formalities?

- In the event that the GA would take a decision with the required attendance quorum and majority, with respect to a agenda item for which the notice/convocation formalities were not complied with (i.e. item was not placed on the agenda, or when the proposal of the amendment of the AoA was amended during the meeting in a manner that the impact and essence of the initial proposal was abandoned/amended), such decision could be nullified in court due to the breach of the formalities (subject to the conditions as laid down in (1.1.3). This breach of formalities will however not affect the entire deliberation - decisions of the GA but only the concerned decision for which the formalities were breached.
- Based on the information provided to us, it appears that during the Monaco GA only proposals were adopted for which the notice/convocation formalities were complied with. This means that (i) none of the decisions taken by the GA regarding the amendment of the AoA are affected by a violation of formalities and (ii) the claimed breaches of formalities can not lead to the nullification of the concerned decisions.

⁸ See F. HELLEMANS, "Hoofdstuk 4: De organen van een vzw en hun werking" in M. DENEFF, De VZW, Die Keure, 2015, p. 209, n° 67

1.2 Organization of a new GA in 2021 in Monaco

- The power to convoke and determine the agenda of a GA lies with the Council (art. 18 AoA).
- Pursuant to article 6, a. of the Bye-laws, the "GA shall only meet every two years". This provision is clearly a breach of the legal obligation for the GA to convene at least once a year. The obligation to convene annually results from article 17, §1 NPO-law pursuant to which the Council must present each year, the budget for the following year and the annual accounts for the previous year, for approval to the GA. Subsequently, the approved accounts must be filed annually either with the clerk's office or with the National Bank of Belgium (depending on the size of the organization).
- In the hierarchy of the provisions, the NPO-law surpasses the AoA and the bye-laws, which means that the Council has (i) the obligation to convene a GA annually regardless of the bye-laws (or AoA) which might stipulate differently and (ii) has the right to determine the agenda of the GA and propose amendments of the AoA as it sees fit.
- Since the Council has the obligation to comply with the NPO-law, it could in addition be argued that the Council has in fact the obligation to align the internal documents (such as AoA or bye-laws) with Belgian law, and NPO-law especially, and thus proposing the amendment of the AoA and the bye-laws.

2 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

2.1 Differentiating voting rights actual members

- At present, pursuant to the AoA there are two categories of "actual" members: (i) Full Members (= each has 6 votes) and (ii) Affiliate Members (= each has 2 votes).
- Under current NPO-law, it is possible to differentiate the voting rights of certain categories of members. Please note that under possible future Belgian law this might no longer be possible. In the law proposal of the Code of Companies and Associations as deposited in parliament on 4 June 2018 by the Minister of Justice, the possibility of differentiating the voting rights per category of member, has been abolished.

2.2 Is it possible to amend the text proposal of the amendment of the AoA during the GA, and subject the amended version of the text proposal to a vote?

- Provided the text which is put to a vote remains in line with the initial proposal from a content and impact perspective, the GA can decide on the amended version without having to convene a new meeting of the GA (cfr. (1.1.3) above).

2.3 If the voting mechanism and the eligibility criteria for membership are not amended, is the division of the voting rights of a member which in reality is composed of several autonomous regions, still compliant with the law (this in view of possible future law (draft Code of Companies and Associations))?

- The modus operandi where each autonomous region located within a Full Member exercises independently a part of the voting rights of the concerned member is a mechanism which is not entirely compliant with NPO-law nor with the provisions of the current AoA. Although the validity of this mechanism has been ratified/confirmed by the long standing practice within AITA, it is advisable to amend the AoA in order to clarify the position of these autonomous region located within a Full Member, especially in view of the questions, "who is from a legal perspective the member" and "who can exercise the membership rights".
- Should the future law abolish the option to have multiple votes in the GA, the current modus operandi of AITA shall have to be reviewed and amended in any event.

2.4 Is it possible to add an item to the agenda of the GA two weeks before the GA and thus breaching the notice period of two months?

- Such an item shall have been placed on the agenda in breach of statutory notice formalities. The AoA prescribe that the agenda should be circulated as least 2 months prior to the GA and that the GA cannot vote on issues which have not been placed on the agenda.
 - If despite the obvious breach of formalities, this agenda item is put to a vote, and this proposal is accepted by the GA, a party having a legitimate interest regarding the concerned decision, can file a claim for nullification in court due to the breach of the AoA. As previously mentioned in (1.1.3), the judge will however not nullify a decision automatically. The person claiming the nullification must (i) be protected by the breached formality and (ii) also reasonably demonstrate if the formalities would have been followed, the outcome of the vote could have been different.
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Council Activity report 2018-2019

Shortly after the 2018 General Assembly in Lingen, Council worked towards finalising the agreement with Saint John for the organisation of the 2019 AITA/IATA festival in New Brunswick, Canada. During the Council meeting in Antwerp (Belgium) in December 2018, the last details were discussed with Stephen Tobias in attendance. Soon after the New Year, the formal invitation was sent to Members and Associates.

During the Lingen General Assembly, delegates from Toyama presented their plans to organise the 2020 Children and Youth Festival in Japan in close cooperation with AITA/IATA. The last AITA/IATA edition of this event had taken place in Toyama in 2000. A new set of Festival Rules was drafted based on the input of AITA/IATA and discussed during the December 2018 Council meeting. A Joint Committee will be formed to select the participating groups and AITA/IATA specialists will contribute to the organisation of workshops accessible for the festival participants and the public attending the Toyama festival.

It is no surprise that Council has been facing more and more difficulties with finding hosts for meetings and for future events, given the shrinking budgets in many countries. Strong economies in Asia are therefore increasingly keen to work with our organisation. Contact with officials from the city of Rizhao, Shandong Province in China during the Welt Kindertheaterfest in Lingen June 2018, followed by a visit to the city in October 2018, led to a formal proposal from China to host a children and/or youth event in the early summer of 2021. A delegation from Rizhao will pay a short visit to the Saint John Festival to discuss further details of the possible cooperation. This would mean that we will be able to offer our Members two festivals in 2021, one in late spring for children and/or youth and one for adults at the Mondial du Théâtre in Monaco, probably late August 2021.

The same pro-active attitude led to a new contact with PBITF Pohang Bada (Beach) International Theatre Festival in Korea, a mid-sized beach town, 75 km north of Pusan. The festival joined AITA/IATA as an Associate and with the support of our organisation, they attracted five foreign performances from Lithuania, Germany, Spain, South Tirol (Italy) and Viet Nam. This was achieved for the first time in the history of the festival which has been organised since 2001 in Pohang. Visiting this festival in July, I learned that the city has many qualities to offer to our organisation. The festival is being managed by a skilful team and is supported by the city and provincial government. They can offer many venues, indoor theatres of different sizes and several outdoor stages close to the beach area and the city has a very cheap, fast and easy to use train link with the capital Seoul. AITA/IATA will be able to extend the co-operation to future editions of the festival, possibly leading to the organisation of an official AITA/IATA Festival in the years to come.

Over the past year, Council continuously succeeded in considerably raising the visibility of AITA/IATA by the use of permanently updated social media and our website. The successes above have been initiated by the proper use of our electronic communication channels followed by more than 2,500 people worldwide.

Building on the above, there are many opportunities to develop the return for our Members' or Associates' contribution. Members and Associates and partnering Regions and Networks who are sufficiently ambitious to go international with their work while challenging their thinking with new, maybe unexpected but inspiring insights, will certainly gain from what the Association has to offer.

Financing the organisation's functioning has been difficult as Membership fees were dropped in the expectation that we would get more Members and be able to fully change the Membership structure into a "open to anyone" Membership system. This has not happened. More on this and on a proposal to slightly increase the fees and contributions, and to introduce an additional participation fee for Associates is presented by our Treasurer Villy Dall in the financial chapter of the General Assembly Book.

Most of the practical problems we faced under the old legal structure have been solved. Unfortunately, some National Centres continue to experience difficulty due to the rejection of the HUB system in 2017 and the more recent changes to our Constitution in 2018. Nevertheless, we hope that compromise will be possible to also remedy these last hiccups.

Unfortunately, Harald Volker Sommer who was one of the elected Councillors, active in children and youth work, had to resign from Council due to an overload of professional duties. After the resignation of the Members of the former AITA/IATA Children and Youth Committee during the General Assembly in Lingen 2018, Council has taken time, reconsidered all options on the best way to take this issue forward. A new strategy in relation to children and youth work will be presented to the General Assembly in Saint John by Councillor Christel Gbaguidi, coordinator of "AITA/IATA CY Theatre".

A programme aiming at the active involvement of AITA/IATA in the celebration of World Theatre Day on 27 March 2020 is being prepared by Councillor Aled Rhys-Jones and will also be presented to the Saint John General Assembly.

I will finish my Presidency in Saint John and can look back on a productive and inspiring, very busy and intensive 4 years, leading the organisation to new challenges. I insist on thanking everyone who contributed in a positive way to largely solve the problems and challenges the association was facing. I'm thanking my colleagues on Council who were available when needed, who committed to tasks and subsequently delivered by the agreed deadlines. Last but not least, I thank our Administrator Anne Gilmour who was available at all times and to whom I could turn, when in need for a listening ear.

If appointed on the new Council I'm prepared to continue the hard work, sharing the responsibility with both the new President and fellow Councillors I have known for many years. In the absence of competition, as we have received less candidates than there are vacant positions, I sincerely hope that all candidates will receive the full support of the Assembly.

Thank you in advance for the continuous cooperation.

Sincerely,

Rob Van Genechten
President AITA/IATA asbl

Antwerp, 8 August 2019

AITA/IATA asbl Council 2018 - 2019

Council

President	Rob Van Genechten (Belgium, Flanders)
Councillor (Vice President)	Tim Jebsen (United States)
Councillor (Treasurer)	Villy Dall (Denmark)
Councillor	Aled Rhys-Jones (Great Britain)
Councillor	Pierre Cellario (Monaco)
Councillor	Cyril Walter (France) (resigned August 2018)
Councillor	Sofia Wegelius (Finland)
Councillor	Christel Gbaguidi (Benin/Germany)
Councillor	Harald Volker Sommer (Germany) (resigned April 19)

AITA/IATA asbl Council Meetings 2018 – 2019

Since the last World Congress in Lingen, Germany, in June 2018, the Council of AITA/IATA asbl has met:

- June 2018 Lingen, Germany (post-GA)
- December 2018 Antwerp, Belgium
- April 2019 Monaco
- August 2019 Saint John, Canada (pre-GA)

Current Membership of AITA/IATA asbl

AITA/IATA asbl Membership Figures at 29 June 2019⁹:

- Member (National Centres) 34
- Associates 70

Countries and territories represented 62

Associates to 29 June 2019:

Since the end of June 2018, **15** new Associates have joined AITA/IATA asbl

New Membership Applications 2018 – 2019 to be Ratified by the General Assembly:

Benin: AITA Benin (Affiliate up to June 2018 General Assembly)

Nepal: AITA Nepal (Tanka Chaulagain former Associate)

Zambia: CHIEZA Trust (former Associate 295)

Morocco: FNTA (new Moroccan organisation)

The changes to the constitution agreed at the 2018 GA, the following now have full Membership rights:

Faroës (The): Meginfelag áhugaleikara Føroya, MAF (Affiliate to June 2018 GA)

Belgium (Flanders): Opendoek now the full Member for Belgium (Flanders)

⁹ No payments will be accepted in Saint John, Canada.

AITA/IATA asbl Finance 2018 -2020

To delegates at the General Assembly 2019

Statements of Profit & Loss and Balance 1 January 2019 – 31 March 2019

- AITA/IATA Income and Expenditure 2018 / 2019
- The Statement of Balance at 31 March 2019
- Cash statement
- The Account Controllers' report 1 January 2018 – 31 March 2019
- Budget Proposals 2019 - 2020
- Profit and Loss 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020
- Council's Proposal for Membership Fees and Subscriptions 2020 - 2021

On behalf of the AITA/IATA asbl Council as Treasurer, I submit the accounts for your approval.

Hurup Thy, Denmark, 25 June 2019

VILLY DALL

Treasurer

AITA/IATA asbl Income & Expenditure

1 January 2018 – 31 March 2019

<i>All amounts in Euros €</i>	INC/EXP 2018/2019
<i>INCOME</i>	
SUM Membership fees	€ 10,506.18
National centres	€ 10,156.18
Affiliated members	€ 350.00
Waivers granted	€ -
SUM Subscription fees	€ 2,884.00
Associated groups	€ 2,324.00
Associated persons	€ 560.00
SUM Grants	€ -
General grants	€ -
Earmarked grants	€ -
SUM Withdrawals	€ 4,250.00
Withdrawals C&E Fund	€ 4,250.00
Other Withdrawals	€ -
SUM Financial income	€ 94.67
Bank interests (after tax)	€ 94.67
Realised exchange gains	€ -
SUM Extraordinary Inc	€ -
Income from Festivals	€ -
Other extraordinary Income	€ -
TOTAL Income	€ 17,734.85
<i>EXPENSES</i>	
SUM Personal	€ 15,000.00
Salaries	€ -
Subcontracting	€ 15,000.00
Other expenses*	€ -
SUM Office expenses	€ 11,306.24
Housing	€ 271.00
Office expenses	€ -
Stationery	€ -
Printing costs	€ -
Postage & freight	€ 111.33
Telephone	€ 572.61
Internet & Web	€ 251.30
Archives	€ 10,100.00
SUM Running costs	€ 6,179.48

Registration Belgium	€	256.28
Auditing	€	-
Congresses/Forum/GA	€	2,148.06
Translations	€	-
Other organisations	€	250.00
Other expenses	€	3,525.14
SUM Operation costs	€	12,487.27
Meeting expenses	€	6,047.18
Travel expenses & grants	€	5,879.09
SC Children & Youth	€	400.00
Representation	€	161.00
SUM Expenses from Alloc Funds	€	5,500.00
Expenses C & E Fund	€	5,500.00
Expenses Solidarity Fund	€	-
Expenses SCCF	€	-
SUM Financial costs	€	745.81
Interests	€	-
Fees	€	451.73
Realised exchange losses	€	294.08
SUM Depreciation	€	-
Depreciations	€	-
TOTAL Expenses	€	51,218.80
Profit or Loss	€	(33,483.95)

The Statement of Balance at 31 March 2019

<i>All amounts in Euros €</i>	BAL 2018 -19	BAL 2017	Change
ASSETS			
SUM Fixed assets	€ -	€ -	€ -
Tangible assets	€ -	€ -	€ -
SUM Current assets	€ 86,733.22	€ 117,827.07	€ (31,093.85)
Investments	€ -	€ -	€ -
Bank 1: Current account	€ 2,139.79	€ 6,460.76	€ (4,320.97)
Bank 2: Special account	€ -	€ -	€ -
Bank 3: Savings account	€ 83,893.79	€ 110,799.12	€ (26,905.33)
Cash Treasury	€ 257.57	€ 81.62	€ 175.95
Cash Secretariat	€ 73.39	€ 73.39	€ -
Differences	€ -	€ -	€ -
PayPal account	€ 368.68	€ 412.18	€ (43.50)
SUM Accruals	€ 384.01	€ -	€ 384.01
Accruals	€ 384.01	€ -	€ 384.01
TOTAL ASSETS	€ 87,117.23	€ 117,827.07	€ (30,709.84)
LIABILITIES			€ -
SUM Net worth including allocated Funds	€ 75,200.13	€ 113,684.08	€ (38,483.95)
Results carried forwards	€ 89,392.78	€ 105,647.08	€ (16,254.30)
Result bookyear	€ (33,483.95)	€ (16,254.30)	€ (17,229.65)
Old USD account cancelled *	€ -	€ -	€ -
SUM allocated Funds & Provisions	€ 19,291.30	€ 24,291.30	€ (5,000.00)
Funds Culture and Education	€ -	€ 5,000.00	€ (5,000.00)
Funds Solidarity Fund	€ 10,698.04	€ 12,698.04	€ (2,000.00)
Funds SCCY	€ 6,593.26	€ 6,593.26	€ -
Provision World Theatre Day	€ 2,000.00	€ -	€ -
SUM Debts	€ -	€ -	€ -
Long term debts	€ -	€ -	€ -
Short term debts	€ -	€ -	€ -
SUM Accruals	€ 11,917.10	€ 4,142.99	€ 7,774.11
Accruals	€ 11,367.10	€ 4,092.99	€ 7,274.11
CEC Fees	€ 550.00	€ 50.00	€ 500.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	€ 87,117.23	€ 117,827.07	€ (30,709.84)

RESULT ALLOCATION	
Profit or Loss Bookyear	€ (33,483.95)
SUM Withdrawals from allocated funds	€ (8,250.00)
Withdrawals (and exp) C & E Fund	€ (6,250.00)
Withdrawals Solidarity Fund	€ (2,000.00)
Withdrawals SCCY	€ -
Withdrawals WTD	€ -
SUM Transfers to allocated Funds	€ 3,250.00
Transfers C & E Fund	€ 1,250.00
Transfers Solidarity Fund	€ -
Transfers SCCF	€ -
Transfers WTD	€ 2,000.00
Withdr from/Transfers to alloc funds	€ (5,000.00)
Profit or Loss Carried forward BY	€ (38,483.95)
Profit or Loss previous years	€ 89,392.78
Total Profit or Loss Carried forward to nxt	€ 50,908.83

CASH STATEMENT			
Cash Position start Bookyear		€ 117,827.07	X
Tot MF	€ 10,506.18		
Tot Subs	€ 2,884.00		
Tot Fin Inc	€ 94.67		
Tot withdrawals	€ 4,250.00		
Tot Extraordinary Income	€ -		
Tot Pers	€ (15,000.00)		
Tot Office	€ (11,306.24)		
Tot run	€ (6,179.48)		
Tot op cost	€ (12,487.27)		
Tot expenses from Funds	€ (5,500.00)		
Tot fin costs	€ (745.81)		
Total cash movements inc/exp		€ (33,483.95)	A
Change accruals assets	€ (384.01)		
Change accruals liabilities	€ 7,774.11		
Total cash movements balance		€ 7,390.10	B
Change in funds	€ (5,000.00)	€ (5,000.00)	C
Total cash movements bookyear	€ (31,093.85)	€ (31,093.85)	Y = A+B+C
Cash Position end Bookyear		€ 86,733.22	X+Y
Cash Position in Balance sheet		€ 86,733.22	
allocated Ch & Edu			
start book year	€ 5,000.00		
addition to fund	€ 1,250.00		
withdrawal from fund	€ (6,250.00)		
end book year	€ -		
total change fund	€ (5,000.00)	AA	
allocated SF			
start book year	€ 12,698.04		
addition to fund	€ -		
withdrawal from fund	€ (2,000.00)		
end book year	€ 10,698.04		
total change fund	€ (2,000.00)	BB	

allocated SCCY		
start bookyear	€ 6,593.26	
addition to fund	€ -	
withdrawal from fund	€ -	
end book year	€ 6,593.26	
total change fund	€ -	CC
World Theatre Day		
start bookyear	€ -	
addition to fund	€ 2,000.00	
withdrawal from fund	€ -	
end book year	€ 2,000.00	
total change fund	€ 2,000.00	DD
TOTAL allocated FUNDS		
start bookyear	€ 24,291.30	
addition to funds	€ 3,250.00	
withdrawal from funds	€ (8,250.00)	
end book year	€ 19,291.30	
total change fund	€ (5,000.00)	AA+BB+CC+DD

Account Controller Certificate

1 January 2018 – 31 March 2019

Background

In 2013 a system of account controllers serving for four years and appointed by the General Assembly to oversee the finances of AITA/IATA asbl were established. Mats Wenlöf was ratified at the 2017 General Assembly and will serve until 2021. Dirk De Corte was ratified at the 2015 General Assembly. The new Constitution carried at the Lingen General Assembly 2018, means that Council now appoints the Controllers.

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Ghent / Stockholm, 2 June 2019

Dirk De Corte / Mats Wenlöf

As a result of AITA/IATA decision to change the book year from January-December to March-April, the book year under scrutiny comprises 15 months and runs from 1 January 2018 to 31 March 2019

We have examined the financial statements of AITA/IATA asbl for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprised the Profit and Loss Account, The Balance Sheet and related notes together with supporting accounting reports and copies of Bank Statements. We have also been supplied with copies of all Council Meeting Minutes which outlined decisions taken in regard to financial transactions in 2018 and first three months of 2019.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary to carry out our role as Account Controller and can confirm that proper books of account have been kept by AITA/IATA asbl, the financial statements are in agreement with the books of accounts, and that those financial statements are compliant with Belgian Accounting Practices for Not for Profit Organisations (*verenigingen zonder winstoogmerk-associations sans but lucratif*).



Signature
Dirk De Corte



Signature
Mats Wenlöf

Council's Proposed Revision of AITA/IATA asbl Budget

Profit and Loss: 1 Apr 2019 - 31 Mar 2020

	Proposed 2020
INCOME:	
Fees National Centres	€ 11,000.00
Fees Affiliated Members	€ -
Grants	€ -
Waivers granted	€ -
SUM Membership fees	€ 11,00.00
Fees Associate Groups	€ 2,500.00
Fees Associate Individuals	€ 500.00
SUM Subscription fees	€ 3,000.00
Bank interests	€ 100.00
Realised exchange gains	€ -
SUM Financial income	€ 100.00
TOTAL Income	€ 14,100.00
EXPENSES:	
Subcontracting Secretariat	€ 12,000.00
SUM Personnel	€ 12,000.00
Misc Office Expenses	€ -
Stationery	€ -
Printing	€ -
Postage & freight	€ 100.00
Telephone	€ 500.00
Internet & web	€ 400.00
Archives	€ -
SUM Office expenses	€ 1,000.00
Registration Belgium	€ 150.00
Auditing	€ 1,000.00
Forum/congress	€ 1,800.00
Other organisations	€ 150.00
Other expenses	€ 75.00
SUM Running costs	€ 3,175.00
Meeting expenses	€ 5,000.00
Travel expenses & grants	€ 5,000.00
SCCY	€ 1,000.00
Representation	€ 500.00
SUM Operation costs	€ 11,500.00
Bank fees	€ 300.00
Realised exchange losses	€ 150.00
SUM Financial costs	€ 450.00
Depreciations	€ -
TOTAL Expenses	€ 28,125.00
DEFICIT	€ (14,025)
Net worth at 31 March 2019 is € 55,908.83 + Allocated funds € 19,291.30	

Council's Proposal for Membership Fees and Subscriptions 2020 - 2021

Council proposes:

- a) a reasonable increase in the Membership Fee and Associate Subscription
- b) the introduction of a Participation Fee for certain categories of organisations selected to take part in an AITA/IATA Festival.

Increase in the Membership Fee and Associate Subscription

Council noted that in real terms, the value of the AITA/AITA income is dropping and propose a reasonable increase in Fees and Subscriptions as follows:

Category	National Centre Euro current fee in ()	Associate Euro current sub in ()	Participation Fee (see below)
Category 1	475 (350)	75 (50)	25
Category 2	350 (250)	50 (50)	25
Category 3	200 (150)	50 (50)	25
Category 4	50 (25)	25 (10)	25

Participation Fee

Council noted the small number of Members (NC) who recommended a group(s) for this Festival and how many applications came from non-Members and Associates. This confirmed that AITA/IATA needed to move in the direction sought in 2015. Council propose that groups who applied to take part in an AITA/AITA Festival and were selected but who were not supported by a National Centre nor were an existing Associate of AITA/AITA would not only have to pay the annual Associate subscription but also pay a Participation Fee before they were officially invited to participate in the festival.

Situation of the NC and the Associate and influence on the Associate Subscription				
Existing Member (National Centre)	Existing Associate?	Support of NC	Associate Subscription	Participation Fee
Yes	No	No	To be paid	YES
Yes	No	Yes	To be paid	NO
Yes	Yes	No	Paid	YES
Yes	Yes	Yes	Paid	NO
No	No	n/a	To be paid	YES
No	Yes	n/a	Paid	NO

June 2019

Call for nominations: 35th General Assembly Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada 2019

October 2018

In accordance with the **Constitution**, the General Assembly of 2019 in Canada will proceed to the renewal of Council. The following three Councillors and the President will reach the end of their four-year term of office:

- **President Rob Van Genechten**
- **Councillor Tim Jebsen (Vice President)**
- **Councillor Aled Rhys-Jones**
- **Councillor Sofia Wegelius**

In accordance with the **Constitution** of the Association, the three serving Councillors declared their availability to renew their mandates as Councillors: Cyril Walter resigned from the Council in August 2018. As President, I declared my intention not to seek re-election for a second term as President of the Association.

In accordance with the **Constitution** of the Association, only Members (National Centres) with voting rights can support candidates. Members with voting rights are those who have paid their 2018 membership fee. As approved by AITA/IATA Council in November 2016, each candidate needs the written support of at least two (2) Members (National Centres).

In accordance with the **Constitution** of the Association, the 2019 General Assembly will, therefore, be called upon to elect **four Councillors and the President who will all be appointed and take office immediately following election.**

Candidates who believe that they can fulfil the duties of the President, or of a Councillor, are called upon to declare their intention to stand for election. Following the approval of candidates by Council, approved candidates must comply with the precise terms and procedures of the timetable attached to this notification.

Please, send your letter of intention to the Secretariat by **7 December 2018.**

It is my sincere hope that the 2019 General Assembly will elect individuals who will serve the Association and facilitate its development throughout the five continents.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Van Genechten, President AITA/IATA asbl

Renewal of the AITA/AITA asbl Council

Description of functions under the current constitution

Under the Constitution, the role of President of AITA/IATA and four Councillor posts will be available for election at the 2019 General Assembly in Saint John NB, Canada. These posts take an active role in the general management of the Association.

President

Councillor 1

Councillor 2

Councillor 3

Councillor 4

Duration of mandates: The Councillors elected in Canada in 2019 will serve for **four (4) years** as specified in Article 15 of the Constitution¹⁰.

President – The President of AITA/IATA asbl represents the Association officially upon all occasions.

President and Councillors share the joint responsibility, delegated to them by the GA, for the strategic governance and the day-to-day management of the Association by ensuring that the vision, mission, values and practices are in line with the objects of the Association.

The President and Councillors of AITA/IATA take office immediately after election.

In accordance with Article 14 of the Constitution, the Mandates of President and Councillors are not remunerated by the Association nor do they receive any allowances. To enable Council to deliberate validly, candidates **agree to participate in all statutory meetings** and will have secured the provision for funding their travel expenses before submitting their application. These points should be **clarified explicitly** in the Candidates application letter.

To note:

Post of President – Members voted to change the Constitution at the 2017 General Assembly (GA) and agreed that the elected President should immediately take up the post (rather than be a President elect for two years). Members have also, however, indicated that they wish the election of the AITA/IATA President to take place during the Monaco GA, and Council agreed to find a way to make this happen. Council proposes, therefore, that any candidate standing for the post of President in 2019 will include in their application a clear indication that, if they are elected, they are prepared to resign in 2021 so that the election of the President once again returns to Monaco. The candidate elected in 2019 will of course be eligible to stand for re-election at the 2021 GA.

¹⁰ The President of the Association and Councillors are elected for a mandated period of four (4) years (“the Mandate Term”).

Electoral Process and Timetable 2018 - 2019

To prepare the elections with greatest transparency in time for the General Assembly of 2019, Council will proceed according to the following timetable, which is limited to change only within the Constitution.

- **31 August 2018:** date by when candidates who wish to renew their mandate announce their intention to do so. Please note that Cyril Walter resigned from the Council in August 2018.
 - President of AITA/IATA Rob Van Genechten
 - Councillor Tim Jebesen (Vice President)
 - Councillor Aled Rhys-Jones
 - Councillor Sofia Wegelius
- **31 October 2018:** date by when the call for candidates to the role of President and four (4) Councillor posts will be sent to all Members (National Centres) with voting rights. Any natural person can announce their candidacy. For a candidacy to be valid, a candidate must have the support of at least two (2) Members of the organisation¹¹.
- **7 December 2018:** date by when a candidacy must have been received by the President and Secretariat. The Secretariat will check all candidacies received and acknowledge their receipt.
- **28 February 2019:** date by when Members (National Centres) will receive the first call of the General Assembly by email.
- **31 March 2019:** date by when the complete list of individual candidates will be sent by email to Members (National Centres) with voting rights: these will be Members (National Centres) accepted by the AITA/IATA Council as having membership rights for 2018¹².
- **25 April 2019:** date by when the Secretariat of AITA/IATA asbl must receive at least two Member (National Centre) Support Forms for each candidate. In accordance with the Constitution of the Association, only Members (National Centres) with voting rights can support candidates.
- **28 June 2019:** date by when Council will have examined the validity of and agreed the list of candidates. These will be emailed to all Members (National Centres) together with the Statutory documents of the General Assembly, at least two months prior to the meeting of the General Assembly on 29 August 2019 in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

¹¹ In order to be valid, the support of at least two (2) Members must be on a Support Form which will be emailed to all Members. (As approved by Council in October 2016.)

¹² i.e. Members and Associates whose fees and subscriptions are fully paid up for 2018. If in doubt about status and eligibility, please consult the Secretariat: secretariat@aitaiata.net

Candidature for President: Statement of Intent by Béatrice Cellario



Dear Members and Friends of Amateur Theatre,

The mission for which I am running is a short one! The new AITA/IATA Council will have only two years to take on substantive work while it continues to undertake day-to-day business of the Association.

If I aim to reach this high and responsible position, it is because of my experience as a manager of a company that I also chair; as an organiser of a significant festival of which I am the General Secretary; and as a former member of the Council as the French speaking Secretary. These roles have trained me for this task.

Before making a decision, I have thought deeply about the needs of our Association. The first of these needs is to increase the membership of AITA/IATA; indeed, the increase in the number of contributions would ensure a solid foundation and create new projects.

The dialogue with National Centres and Regions and the Networks has to be intensified to maintain the relationship. Also, I propose that a statement of Council decisions be sent to Members after each Council meeting.

The festivals, workshops and colloquies organised by the NC, which are ideal places of encounters and exchanges, need to be able to rely on a logistic support from AITA/IATA. Therefore, I believe it would be interesting to make a list of prospective workshop leaders, asking NC to communicate the names of competent and available persons.

Without amending the Constitution of our Association, or the structure of Council, I suggest assigning a task to each Councillor to share the work fairly.

There are two other goals on which I have my heart set : the construction of an entity dealing with children and youth issues, as well as the creation of a monitoring unit that could initially observe theatrical trends by browsing the web and social networks to study what is being done in terms of amateur theatre. These two entities are key for the future.

These goals are feasible. They rely on the will of each and everyone to work for the benefit of the Association. Amateur Theatre is everywhere, from African villages to deep in Asian provinces, from South American shanty towns to European suburbs, both in cities and the country, mankind needs this form of expression. It plays a key role in education and society.

Founded in 1952, AITA/IATA is a wonderful invention bringing together Amateur Theatre from around the world. The Association is rich in its history and made up of truly passionate people. And even though I am not an actress, I have grown fond of this institution, what it represents, its internationality, and the art it promotes. It is the reason why I am standing for the presidency.

Béatrice CELLARIO

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Candidature for President: Statement of Intent by Villy Dall

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

I offer to serve as President of AITA/IATA asbl at the General Assembly to be held in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, on 29 August, 2019.

If elected, I shall respect the outspoken preference of many of our members to 'bring back' the presidential elections of the Association to the general assemblies held in Monaco every four years as it is our experience that most of our present national centres find it possible to attend these general assemblies by delegates and not only by proxies. Therefore, I shall leave the position as President open for renewal at the 2021 General Assembly in Monaco, and then open it for a four year term in accordance with the Constitution.

I find that we after six years of necessary discussions about structure have attained a legal and workable Constitution for the Association, wherefore time has come to focus on the aims and activities – and the financing of same.

I shall, therefore, as President, put my emphasis on inspiring and moderating discussions among all members – and interested partners, i.e. not the least the regional committees and other partners, which I believe will serve a fruitful and constructive part of the future shaping of AITA/IATA asbl as a true world association that seeks to include all kinds of amateur theatre and by its motto of 'Understanding and Education through Theatre' must be based on the acknowledgement of all cultural diversities.

I have been following AITA/IATA since 1989 when I first was involved in DATS, myself later on being part of the activities holding different positions nationally, regionally, and



Villy Dall . Hurup Thy . Denmark

Educated as an international financial controller and worked as a bookkeeper and controller. MA in journalism and worked as a journalist and editor in private media, especially on print but more and more on web, and occasionally in tv and radio.

Involved with amateur theatre since 1986 as an organiser, producer, director, and actor.

internationally 1994-2003, as a consultant 2005, and since 2013 as a councillor and the Treasurer of the Association.

11 May 2019

Candidature for Council: Statement of Intent by Frank Katoola, Uganda

I am writing to tender in my intention letter to be among the candidates to be elected on the AITA/IATA Council at the next GA in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

I have been motivated by the need to have my Region and continent represented on the council.

Among my Objectives is to see the new structure of AITA/IATA take shape. My opinion though is of a hybrid that would allow a role of a coordinating National or Regional Centre.

I am also interested in seeing new projects, New Ideas and innovations that would be borne by the Members (National Centres).

I am equally interested in a cross-continental program that will see active Regional participation.

Best Wishes,

Frank Katoola,

DIRECTOR TENDER TALENTS MAGNET SCHOOL/TENDER TALENTS THEATER 1995 -1999

Background

- Founder ABANTU MUBUNTU DANCE TROUPE. ,2003
- Studied at: Makerere University Kampala BA Performing Arts Diploma Music Dance and Drama 1991-1995, and 2007-2010
- Kyambogo University Kampala
- Diploma, Teacher Education. 1993-1995
- Shimoni Teachers' College 1987- 1999
- Certificate Primary Teacher Education.
- I have taught in Kampala, held workshops in USA ,Germany, Austria, Japan, Kenya and Rwanda.
- Links, Brass for Africa, Creative connections USA .
- I am a board member at Shimoni Core Primary Teacher' College.

Candidature for Councillor: Statement of Intent by Aled Rhys-Jones



To the Membership of IATA/IATA asbl

I would like to put my name forward for consideration for election to the Council of AITA/IATA.

My relationship with AITA/IATA has been long: I attended my first AITA/IATA World Congress in 1995 in Ankara and have attended all subsequent Congresses. I sat on the Joint Selection Committees for the Mondial du Théâtre, Monaco 2001 and 2017 and World Theatre Festivals in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada in 2003 and Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada in 2019. I chaired the colloques at the Mondial du Théâtre in Monaco in 2009 and the World Festival of Amateur Theatre in Tromsø, Norway in 2011. I served as the elected English-Speaking Secretary for the Association from 1999 to 2007. In 2013, the AITA/IATA Council appointed me to the role of Interim English-Speaking Secretary (without voting rights), and I was elected to the role at the General Assembly in Ypres in 2015.

I am an active member of the Board of the International Theatre Exchange (ITE), which is the AITA/IATA National Centre for Great Britain and have served on that Board since 1994 and in the role of Vice President since 2001.

I trained as an actor at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff and the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, London; graduating with a BA. I worked regularly in television as an actor and presenter for over 10 years, mainly in the Welsh language. I joined the staff of the Drama Association of Wales (DAW), in 1990, becoming Director in 1995, a position I held until 2008, when I resigned to take care of my health. I have edited over seventy plays for publication and was Director of fifteen Theatre Summer Schools.

I served as Vice Chair of the Central Council for Amateur Theatre UK for over ten years. I was invited to become a Fellow of the UK Royal Society for the Arts in 2007. I developed and signed the first Voluntary Cultural Sector Compact with the Welsh Government and I represented the voluntary arts at regular Ministerial Meetings with the Welsh Government from 2010 to 2012. I am the current Chair of Disability Arts Cymru, the disability led umbrella body for disabled artists in Wales. I was President of AMATEO, the European Network for Active Participation in Cultural Activities, from 2012 to 2017. I led AMATEO through a period of business development to apply for EU funding and was successful in achieving its first 1€ million in 2017.

AITA/IATA is uniquely positioned to connect and support those organisations and companies across the World, seeking to participate in international amateur theatre activities and to facilitate exchange through amateur theatre. I would like to see the AITA/IATA Council becoming more strategically pro-active in stimulating amateur theatre events and creativity; building partnerships to help create localised events on different continents, providing a connecting and linking factor in international amateur theatre and expanding the global membership. I am committed to the ethos of AITA/IATA and regularly attend and support amateur theatre festivals at home and internationally. I am currently leading on a project to develop a stronger connection between AITA/IATA and World Theatre Day.

As candidates are now required to identify how they will support their travel to Council meetings; I have always supported my own travel to meetings and, if elected, will continue to fund my own travel.

Aled Rhys-Jones BA FRSA

May 2019

Candidature for Councillor: Statement of Intent by Carlos Taberheiro Rodriguez



*Carlos Taberheiro
(Caracas, 1953)*

I have a background in Technical Architecture and advertising design.

Since the beginning of the seventies, my personal and professional activity focused on the Plastic Arts and Performing Arts, a link that would mark my personal trajectory to the present.

In 1976, I had my first contact with the performing arts at the Polytechnic University of Madrid, creating a university theatre group. With him, and during the ten years that the group remained active, we participated in the university theatre circuit and in several national and international festivals.

I worked until 1988 as a freelance in production and commercialization of theatre crafts and in the design, production and direction of theatrical shows. I also taught several courses of non-regulated education and workshops related to the plastic and scenic arts.

In 1987, I started working in the Culture area of Móstoles City Council (Madrid). Among other functions, I was in charge of the management and programming of a University Theater Festival in collaboration with the Rey Juan Carlos University, during three editions; Festival of Puppetry for four editions and the National Amateur Theater Festival "Villa de Móstoles" for ten editions. In a parenthesis of my working life, I was an elected councillor of the City Council, participating in government tasks for eight years (1995-2003).

I edit, since 2007, a blog specialized in Amateur Theater and I participate in social networks distributing and expanding the contents of the Blog. Currently, I collaborate with the Performing Arts newspaper "ARTEZBLAI".

I am presenting my candidacy to the AITA / IATA Counsellor because I want to contribute my collaboration and experience, in the associative non-profit world, for the development of this exciting collective project, a melting pot of cultures, which is AITA / IATA.

I have been part of the Executive Boards of various neighbourhood associations, professional, union, political and, above all, performing arts. In this field, I have been President of the Union Internationale de la Marionnette (UNIMA) of the Community of Madrid for 4 years. In 2009, I participated, as founding partner, in the creation of the Escenamateur Federation, which a year later became a Confederation. I actively collaborated in the development of various projects. In recent years, I was responsible for International Relations.

I have been Vice President of the Conseil International des Fédérations de Théâtre Amateur de Culture Greco-latine (CIFTA). I went as a delegate, through the National Center AITA / IATA Spain, to the last three general assemblies of AITA / IATA, forming part of the Drafting committee.

I believe that the association, and the active collaboration between people, facilitates the achievement of common objectives and interests. It could be said that I am a non-profit associationist activist.

I think that in a group, there is a convergence of knowledge, experiences, opinions, ways of thinking, in short, a variety of criteria, which requires the exercise of dialogue and the realization of consensus, enrichers in the personal plan, and fundamental for the design common strategies of action.

Within an association, and with respect to its methods of work and internal organization, I prefer "uncomfortable" teamwork and collective elaboration and democratic and adaptive leadership, to the "comfort" of the "order and command" of autocratic leadership. I am a supporter of dialogue and constructive debate. I prefer to convince to conquer by the "force of the reason" to the "reason of the force" and the "auctoritas" to the "potestas".

Candidature for Councillor: Statement of Intent by Rob Van Genechten, Belgium (Flanders)



Dear Members, Associates and colleagues on Council,

Some might wonder why the exiting President of the organisation is standing for election on Council. The reason is very simple, I'm convinced that I can continue to serve the organisation in other capacities after having been its President for four years. There is unfinished business and I'm convinced that my skills will be an added value on Council to take up future challenges.

During my Presidency, Council succeeded to raise considerably the visibility of AITA/IATA by the use of permanently updated social media and our new website. More than 2,500 people are following the almost daily messages send out by the AITA/IATA Secretariat through different channels.

Council promoted worldwide exchange of know-how in the arts by creating new meeting places on different continents, celebrating the cultural differences. We searched for international co-operation and achieved success by establishing new contacts with hosts for events: festivals, international workshops, symposia, fora and meetings, mainly in Asia, Central and South America. We made a careful start in sub-Saharan Africa. Many are linking with our organisation providing first contacts with existing events or creating opportunities for new initiatives in the coming years. Council can present to you a full agenda to 2022/2023 with planned events in Japan, China and South Korea, added to the scheduled festivals in Lingen, Germany and in Monaco. I'm looking forward to assisting in making all this (and more) happen during a new mandate as Councillor.

Building on the above, there are many opportunities to develop the benefits to Members, Associates, and partnering Regions and Networks who are sufficiently ambitious, to go international with their work. But at the same time challenging their thinking with new, maybe unexpected but inspiring insights. I'm looking forward to being part of that.

If appointed to the new Council, I'm prepared to continue the hard work, sharing the responsibility with both the new President and fellow Councillors. I have known both candidates to the Presidency, the current Councillors and the incoming candidates for many years and I'm sure that together we are able to take this organisation to new horizons. As there are insufficient candidates to fill the five or six vacancies on Council, depending on which candidate to the Presidency will be successful, I sincerely hope that all Councillor candidates will receive the full support of the Assembly.

Thank you in advance for the continuous co-operation.

Sincerely,

Rob Van Genechten

Antwerp, 20th May 2019



CEC – Central European Committee Report August June 2018 – August 2019

Alla Zorina, Russia – President of CEC

Kevin Dowsett, Great Britain – Secretary General and CEC Treasurer

János Regös, Hungary – Artistic Coordinator of CEC

During this period the following events were carried out:

- Meeting of the Council of CEC and GA of CEC in June 2018 as a part of the World Festival of Children Theaters in Lingen, Germany.

Ex-President of CEC Lenka Lázňovská received in Lingen the CEC Honorary Diploma, established in 2017, for many years of work at CEC and contribution to the development of amateur theatre art in Europe.

- The next meeting of CEC was held in the end of January 2019 in Budapest.
- International Stanislavsky seminar was held on 21-27 August 2018 in Finland. More than 30 people took part in it – from Germany, Great Britain, Russia, Finland, Brazil, Ukraine, Greece, USA, Canada.
- The international project "Play one play" is in progress. The first part of it was successfully held in November 2018 in Russia: three theatres from Russia, Lithuania and Latvia played one play - "The Jubilee" by Anton Chekhov. Stefan Schnell and Karina Startseva from Berlin attended as observers. The second part of project was held even more successfully on 9-12 of May 2019 in little town Kaisadoris in Lithuania. Three theatres not only showed their performances which are changed and became more interesting after the discussions in November 2018 but prepared a joint performance "Jubilee" (directed by Alla Zorina) for a short time. Three theatres played together and artists spoke Russian, Lithuanian and Latvian. Lithuanian audience accepted enthusiastically all three performances and especially the joint performance. Interesting discussions were held with the audience. The third final part of the project will take place on 5-7 of September 2019 as a part of the international festival "TALVILS-2019" in Valka, Latvia.
- On the recommendation of CEC Council, a theatre from the United Kingdom which represented CEC at the NEATA festival in Lithuania in August 2018 was selected and recommended. President of CEC Alla Zorina attended at the festival as a guest.
- International Theatre Festival "Theater Revolution" will take place under the patronage of CEC from 31.10.2019 to 06.11.2019 in Tyumen (Russia). Tyumen will host 20 theatres. After the creative competition the festival program includes performances from Germany, the Czech Republic, Greece, Egypt, Malaysia, Poland, Estonia, Lithuania and Brazil. Specialists from Finland and Estonia will work with Russian critics and theatre teachers in the international jury. Observers from several European countries are expected.

Council of CEC, June 2019



NEATA – North European Amateur Theatre Alliance Report 2018-2019

Body of cooperation for the Nordic, Baltic and neighbouring countries founded the 8th of August 1998 in Harstad, Norway.

List of countries that are members of NEATA: Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden

The aims of NEATA, since its establishment in 1998, has been:

1. To prioritize the facilitation of international exchange between amateur groups and the Establishment of networks between amateur groups.
2. To plan and implement common educational projects such as courses, workshops and/or conferences.
3. To organize on a regular basis with a two-year interval, official NEATA Regional amateur Theatre Festivals.

Xth NEATA Official Regional Amateur Theatre Festival

Was held in Lithuania, in Anykščiai, July 31st - August 5th, 2018. NEATA 2018 was a festival that brought together theatre enthusiasts from all Nordic and Baltic countries for five days of theatre, workshops and get-togethers. In total, the festival gathered around 200 amateur actors and around 40 officials and elected officials who work with amateur theatre in the Nordic and Baltic countries. The organiser of the 2018 NEATA Festival was the Amateur Theatre Association of Lithuania. The festival brought together many good theatre friends from all over world; former NEATA presidents Villy Dahl and Thomas Hauger from Denmark, representatives from UK - Anne Gilmour and representative of Russia - Alla Zorina.

The NEATA Youth project was also held during the festival. NEATA Youth prepared a play/show/demo during a one-week workshop before the actual festival started. The goal was to perform the piece during the week at the festival. We hoped to get to know each other well and create a good atmosphere based on our common interest.

Now we have been in all NEATA countries and will be starting the festival round again. We still have something to share; we have lot of knowledge of theatre.

NEATA festival "BALTIC FLIGHT": The motto of the festival: TRADITION CREATES FUTURE
July 31st - August 5th, 2018 Anykščiai, Lithuania

Performances:

Opening of the festival NEATA Youth Performance:

- * Theatre ARLEKINAS (Vilnius, Lithuania) by William Shakespeare HAMLET
Director - Tatjana Timko
- * Lendteater (Estonia) Jean Genet THE MAIDS
Director - Ain Saviuk
- * Hokksund ByTeater (Norway) Witold Gombrowicz
- * YVONNE – THE PRINCESS OF BURGUNDY
Director - Damir Dado Pudar
- * Anykščiai Cultural Center Theatre (Lithuania)
Justinas Marcinkevičius MINDAUGAS
Director – Jonas Buziliauskas
- * MaF (Faroe Islands) Ria Torgard FAROESE SAGA
Director - Ria Torgard
- * Teater FABULA (Sweden) Jean Genet THE MAIDS

Directors - the actors themselves

- * THE QUESTORS Theatre (UK) Brian Friel after Anton Chekhov THE BEAR
Director - Sarah Stoddart
- * Theatre EZHNO (Denmark) Casper Mohr A TOXIC MAN
Director - Judith Rothenborg
- * EKSPERIMENTS Dace Umbraško and theatre group EXAM SESSION. LATVIAN FOLKSONGS. WEDDING
Director – Dace Umbraško
- * Huoneteatteri (Jyväskylä, Finland) Lee Hall COOKING WITH ELVIS
Director - Matti Tolvanen
- * Theatre LEIKFÉLAG KÓPAVOGS (Iceland) Hrefna Friðriksdóttir THE BLACK BOX
Director - Ágústa Skúladóttir

Written on behalf of the NEATA countries, Kristiina Oomer

ARC Report – Asian Region

Background

Although an ARC Member offered to compile a report, and all ARC Members and Associates were aware of this, the report's deadline was not met. Two reports were, however, received from new Associates Community Theatre, New Zealand and from Patrick Russell, Australia. Their reports are below:

New Zealand - COMMUNITY THEATRE, NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand has a proud tradition of theatre, both indigenous and international. We celebrate with interest the trends in production from all over the globe, and these are often produced in New Zealand. We nurture youth productions, and encourage New Zealand theatre in all types.

We share the stage with a rich Polynesian, Maori and Local European offerings which extend beyond classical dramas to include dance, performance, installations, ceremony and interactive theatre. Indeed in 2017 a local teenage Pacific Island duo, won our national competition with a set of stand-up routines, held together in a narrative style. The 2018 winner was an original Russian depression inspired drama, performed with adults and children using music and slapstick comedy. Our entries, often number over 40 per year, include short pieces (under 50 minutes) and longer full length plays. There are many small community groups that support and run their own theatre programmes as well as the THEATREFEST which is the annual national competition.

As with other countries we note the best financial winners are comedies, musicals and those with a big cast. The more 'experimental' and 'artistic' offerings are often well done but not as well supported by the public. Theatre New Zealand supports and celebrates all performance art, and so provides an outlet for the smaller and more unconventional theatre productions.

New Zealand maintains several professional theatre schools, but only a few full-time professional theatres. The majority of New Zealand theatre is produced by contracted individuals as professional performers, or community theatre productions. We are pleased to be celebrating 70 years of organised community theatre in 2020. The venue for which will be the beautiful city of Christchurch. Christchurch has suffered both Earthquakes, and terrorist shootings in the past decade; which have attracted International support. The Earthquakes compromised the provision of performing arts, as theatres and stages were at a premium. The Terrorism has challenged the morale of the city. The spirit of theatre, however, is strong, and will rise again.

Our national body is not funded publicly, and so we have 10 volunteers from throughout the country meeting regularly to support community theatre. We are delighted to have a dedicated body of fully accredited theatre adjudicators to support us in our challenges to raise the quality, and appreciation of theatre. Theatre New Zealand also provides theatrical workshops in technical, directing, acting, and performance. We provide information via a website (www.theatrenz.co.nz), and Facebook page and have a quarterly newsletter, and other competitions such as the annual poster competition, and the 24 hour theatre challenge.

Pleased to report New Zealand community theatre is alive and well.

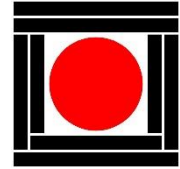
Steven Arnold, President, Theatre New Zealand

Australia – Patrick Russell

The Australian Council for the arts notes that "The theatre sector in Australia is a 'broad church' which encompasses several spheres of activity. This includes commercial, professional subsidised, unsubsidised independent, participatory, community, and amateur theatre. Within these spheres there is a diversity of genres, including: plays and scripted work, music theatre and cabaret, circus and physical theatre, installation theatre performance, puppetry, media-based theatre work, live art, and contemporary inter-disciplinary performance." As the sole and proud member of IATA/AITA in Australia, I only represent myself and my personal interests, which certainly differs from the most active representative body in community theatre in Australia and

whose activity is primarily in music theatre. Outside of this, I am acutely aware of other groups in Australia who participate in the world-wide activities of IATA/AITA, however do so without having membership or formal associations with the organisation. The only other comment I should make at this time is to express my regret that Members at the 2017 AITA/AITA General Assembly voted (without consultation to ARC members) for no direct Regional Representation to Council. It should be noted at your forum that the repercussions of this decision include the fact that there is no longer a structure for collaboration between members of association in the ARC region.

Delegates official nomination form: AITA/IATA asbl 35th General Assembly, 29 August 2019



Each National Centre Member can nominate delegates to the 35th General Assembly of AITA/IATA asbl.

Under the current constitution, each delegation of a Member (National Centre) that has paid its 2019 membership fee, will carry 6 votes for all proceedings, regardless of the number of delegates attending.

Please list the delegates attending the General Assembly below and validate this by the signature of the Legal Representative of your organisation. **The name of the delegate entitled to receive the voting slips must be underlined.**

Please return this form to the Secretariat secretariat@aitaiata.net by midnight GMT on **Friday 9 August 2019**

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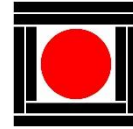
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**Voting by Proxy: 35th AITA/IATA asbl
General Assembly 29 August 2019**



To: President Rob Van Genechten

I write on behalf of the Member of AITA/IATA asbl who is not able to attend the Forum and General Assembly of AITA/IATA asbl in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

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(name of Member not able to attend)

I declare that the Member has paid the 2019 Fee.

On behalf of the Member I would like to delegate our / my vote(s) by proxy to the following Member who **has agreed that** they are willing to carry our votes¹³

.....
(name of the Member who will carry the proxy votes)

Signed :

Position in Organisation (if applies) :
(Legal Representative)

Date :

Please email this form to the AITA/IATA asbl Secretariat secretariat@aitaiata.org by midnight GMT **Friday 9 August 2019**

Anne Gilmour
Secretariat AITA/IATA asbl
secretariat@aitaiata.org

¹³ Please note that AITA/IATA asbl Council Members may **not** receive proxy votes under the current Constitution. If you need assistance to identify or to contact a representative from a Member (National Centre) who will attend the World Congress and General Assembly in Saint John, Canada, please contact the Secretariat.