



Report on the AITA/IATA Council Meeting 21 August 2025 Monaco

Dear National Centre & Associate Members

Introduction - On 21 August 2025, AITA/IATA Council held a hybrid Council Meeting in Monaco, two councillors, Stephen Tobias and Heidi Troi, and Secretariat Anne Gilmour attended the meeting via Zoom. The proposed Presiding Chair of the General Assembly, Dirk De Corte and Alexandra Mihály as future secretariat were also present. President Aled Rhys-Jones chaired the meeting. Contact details of Council Members are on the AITA/IATA Website [HERE](#).

1. *Finance and legal* – Council noted the account balances of €15,560.83 (current) and €56,430.39 (savings) as of 16 August, acknowledging that reserve funds had been used due to Children & Youth matters and expressing concern at the limited financial flexibility. No issues were raised regarding the accounts or budget figures presented in the Forum Book.

2. *AITA/IATA General Assembly (GA) 23 August 2025*

Council noted that the 2025 General Assembly in Monaco will include 25 of 30 National Centres and 28 of 65 Associate Members, with voting conducted in two blocks (National Centres and Associate Members) via show of hands or Zoom, and approved the appointment of Tellers (Michalis Karampelis, Hörður Sigurdarson) and a Drafting Committee (Brigitte Auguet, Mary Pears, Gilles El Zaim). The GA agenda, including elections, member applications, finance review, Council Discharge, and festival presentations, was confirmed. Sofia Wegelius and Kelli McCloud-Schingen led an interactive Forum session to encourage networking and collaboration among delegates, using a sticker-based matching system and multilingual translation support. General arrangements were finalised, including participation of the next ITI Director at a round table lunch, and the involvement of Council Members by invitation to present the Homage du Festival to each performing company.

3. *Children & Youth Festival - Louder Together 14 – 30 August 2026 and AITA/IATA International Amateur Theatre Festival February / March 2027 Wellington, New Zealand* – Council noted that Joke Quaghebeur and Paul Percy were in Monaco and will make presentations on the 2026 World Children's & Youth Performing Arts Festival and the Wellington, New Zealand festival proposal, and agreed that Council members will introduce themselves to them.



4. *2030 General Assembly & Festival – Rizhao, China option* – Council noted that the option to hold the 2030 World Festival of Children’s Theatre in Rizhao, China remains open, and that local contacts are keen to resume discussions following pandemic-related delays.

5. *2031 General Assembly & Festival – Martin Festival, Slovakia option* – Council noted that Matej Mosko, President of the Slovakian National Centre, raised the possibility of hosting the 2031 World Festival of Children’s Theatre and General Assembly in Martin, Slovakia.

6. *Secretariat succession* - Council noted that Anne Gilmour will step down after the General Assembly and assist with the transition, and that Alexandra Mihály has confirmed her intention to take over the Secretariat role. Council approved a contract for Secretariat Services at €11 per hour for a 20-hour week during a six-month probationary period, increasing to €12 per hour upon successful completion.

7. *Future meetings* – the next AITA/IATA Council meeting will be held in Monaco on 24 August 2025, following the General Assembly.

The Council of AITA/IATA offers best wishes and good health to all Members.

The Council of AITA/IATA

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