

## ***“Volunteers Connecting our Choral World”***

### **NEW IFCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

At the IFCM General Assembly in Seoul, Korea on August 10, Dr. Michael J. Anderson was re-elected as IFCM President and a new IFCM board was elected.

The newly elected board members are:

- Cristian Grases
- Emily Kuo Vong
- Jean-Sébastien Masiala
- Stephen Leek
- Philip Brunelle
- Theodora Pavlovitch

Together with the representative from the founding members – Gábor Móczar, Tim Sharp, Håkan Wickström, Thierry Thiebaut and Saeko Hasegawa and one appointment by the President, Sang-Kil Lee, the IFCM board was completed.

During the first meeting of the IFCM Board, the President's selection for an Executive Committee was presented and, in the manner prescribed in the newly accepted Statutes, was voted in by the Board.

The IFCM Executive Committee is:

- Michael J. Anderson (President)
- Håkan Wickström (Treasurer)
- Emily Kuo Vong (Vice President)
- Stephen Leek (Vice President)
- Phillip Brunelle (Vice President)
- Francesco Leonardi (Project Manager appointed to the ExCom)

Congratulations to all the elected representatives who will represent the IFCM membership and take the IFCM into a bright future under the new operational plan.

### **WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON CHORAL MUSIC FOLLOW-UP**

The Tenth World Symposium on Choral Music was held in Seoul, Korea (6-13 August) with 24 international choirs and 10 Korean choirs participating. The international choirs represented all continents with children's choirs, youth ensembles, adult choirs and smaller ensembles. This year's theme - Healing and Youth - was captured in the repertoire presented by the choirs, offering very thoughtful insights into the ways that music reflects this theme. More than 1000 delegates attended the Symposium and responded enthusiastically to the choirs' presentations.

More than 30 lecturers were present (again, from all corners of the world) providing fascinating lectures on a

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host of topics that drew large crowds to the various sessions. Information on their presentations is found in the summer ICB. Each morning began in the National Theater with a "Morning Sing" led by an internationally-known conductor providing music each had selected and which appeared in the very handsome "Morning Sing" songbook - a wonderful resource for every attendee to take home!

The Symposium featured three festive concerts to open the Symposium, celebrate the mid-point, and provide a suitable conclusion to the Symposium. The opening concert included six international choirs each providing a soupçon of music from their country followed by a musical welcome from several Korean choirs. The concert on 10 August featured the Asia Pacific Youth Choir followed by 3 Korean choirs combined, conducted by Dr. Anton Armstrong. The closing concert included the World Vision Children's Choir, the African Youth Choir, an invitation to the 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium (to be held in Barcelona, Spain in 2017) concluding with a very moving rendition of Brahms' "Requiem" featuring a combined international choir from Korea, Sweden and the USA conducted by Dr. Sang-Kil Lee, co-chair of the artistic and executive committees of the World Choral Symposium. It was also fitting that the concert was emceed by Ambassador Young-shim Dho, Honorary Chair of the Symposium who guaranteed its success.

*Philip Brunelle, Executive Director, Tenth World Choral Symposium and Vice President, IFCM*

## IFCM WORLD YOUTH CHORAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

This event took place for the second time in combination with the 12th China International Choral Festival which was held in Beijing from 29 July to 4 August 2014.

Many of the presenters, conductors, and board members of IFCM met in Beijing to assist the China Choral Association in adjudicating the festival-competitions, and gave lectures and master classes/workshops for the Educational Conference.

A great success, which will be, repeated in future in which the role of IFCM for educational purposes will be even bigger.

## IN BRIEF - NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

VALE – Peter Sculthorpe (April 29, 1929 – August 8, 2014)

Internationally renowned Australian composer Peter Sculthorpe, whose work was shaped by his love of the Australian landscape, has died aged 85. His many remarkable compositions were strongly influenced by Asian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, and centered around his deep love for Australia and its landscape.

(Extracted from) [www.abc.net.au/news/2014-08-08/tasmanian-composer-peter-sculthorpe-dies/5484044](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-08-08/tasmanian-composer-peter-sculthorpe-dies/5484044)

## VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to join with others around the globe in volunteer work for the IFCM? The IFCM is currently compiling a database of people such as you who wish to have their name included for consideration for assistance in various choral projects throughout the world, as they are required. The process is simple. Just send a CV, a photo, and any suggestion of ways you might be able to help us to [leonardifra@yahoo.it](mailto:leonardifra@yahoo.it). Please write "Volunteer's database" in the subject line of your email, and preferably send your material in English.

*Remember the IFCM slogan "Volunteers connecting our choral world" - come and join us in our work!*

## FEEDBACK

Remember that the IFCM wants to hear your feedback about our projects and other choral issues. HAVE YOUR SAY is an important feature of the current IFCM website. The IFCM would love to hear from you.

## MEMBER ORGANISATIONS and CHOIRS

Remember to forward this newsletter to your individual members! This will assist the IFCM in its mission to "connect our choral world".

## WHAT'S ON IN OUR CHORAL WORLD

2-7 : 5th Korofest, Istanbul, Turkey - [www.korofest.com](http://www.korofest.com)

3-6 : Cantogrande International Choral Festival for Older Adults, Mendoza, Argentina - [www.cantapueblo.com.ar](http://www.cantapueblo.com.ar)

4-7 : International Mountain Song Festival, Bonn, Germany - [www.musicultur.com/en/trips/reisen/international-choir-festival-nice-2014-cote-d-azur.html](http://www.musicultur.com/en/trips/reisen/international-choir-festival-nice-2014-cote-d-azur.html)

4-8 : 2nd Choral International Festival Let's Sing Under the Sun of Sardegna - info@gigliorinaldi.com

8 Sep : Jimena de la Frontera Music Week, Chippenham, United Kingdom - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)

9 Sep-4 Oct : Incheon Asian Games Incheon 2014, Korea (Rep. of) - <http://incheon2014.kr>

10-14 : 2nd Per Musicam Ad Astra, International Copernicus Choir Festival and Competition, Pohlheim, Germany - [www.meeting-music.com](http://www.meeting-music.com)

11-14 : Liviu Borlan International Choral Festival, Baia Mare City, Maramures County, Romania - [www.festivalborlan.ro](http://www.festivalborlan.ro)

12-14 : European Congres for Choral Conductors, Lyon, France - [www.choralies.fr](http://www.choralies.fr)

14 Sep : Jimena de la Frontera Music Party, Chippenham, United Kingdom - [www.lacock.org](http://www.lacock.org)

16-21 : 4th International Choir Competition and Festival Canco Mediterrania, Lloret de Mar, Spain - [www.serrabrava.eu](http://www.serrabrava.eu)

19-21 : 3rd International Choir Festival CorInfesta, Bazzano Bologna, Italy - [www.scholacantorumbazzano.it](http://www.scholacantorumbazzano.it)

20 Sep : Master Class with Dr. Kirby Shaw, the art of a cappella singing for Middle and High School Singers, Nashville, USA - [www.nashvillesingers.org](http://www.nashvillesingers.org)

24-27 : 8th Cantapueblo for Children, Mendoza, Argentina - [www.cantapueblo.com.ar](http://www.cantapueblo.com.ar)

25-28 : VIII Rimini International Choral Competition, Rimini, Italy - [www.riminichoral.it](http://www.riminichoral.it)

26-28 : Tonen2000 International Choir Festival, Poeldijk, Netherlands - [www.tonen2000.nl](http://www.tonen2000.nl)