

**Official Invitation to the IFCM Extraordinary General Assembly
Lisbon, July 29th, 09.00 – 12.00**

Dear IFCM members,

On behalf of the Board of IFCM I would like to invite you to an extraordinary General Assembly on July 29th in Lisbon, Portugal, during the World Choral Expo (July 28th to 31st, see www.worldchoralexpo.com).

The Board decided to hold this extraordinary General Assembly because we realized that there are some changes which need to be made, need the approval of the Membership and cannot wait until the next ordinary General Assembly in July 2020 in Auckland, New Zealand. At the same time, we would like to introduce the new IFCM Main Office in the Palacete dos Condes de Monte Real in the Lapa District of Lisbon.

The changes we need to make concern the legal basis of IFCM and the Membership Structure.

We discovered that IFCM has to renew its certificate of incorporation and accompanying legal documents registered in the United States in order to regain its non-profit status. Since laws and requirements have changed over the last years, IFCM has to approve new Bylaws that will then be registered together with a new version of the Certificate of Incorporation.

The consequences are:

1. The current "Statutes" of IFCM have to be replaced by a document called "IFCM Bylaws" which contains all elements that are legally required by US law (most elements from the current IFCM statutes are included, but the order of the document differs).
The wording of the Bylaws is mostly defined by current US and Oklahoma law and has been confirmed by a US attorney. At the same time, we ensured that all important elements of the current IFCM statutes are maintained.
The new Bylaws will have to be approved by the membership before they can be registered. It will not be possible for the members to ask for changes in the text.
2. The changed Certificate of Incorporation (with excerpts of the new Bylaws) also has to be approved by the membership before it can be registered.
3. The current "Bylaws" of IFCM have to be replaced by a document called "Internal Policy Document" (which will include elements from the current statutes not included in the new bylaws, as well as elements from the current bylaws)

All these documents will be made available to the full IFCM membership latest by June 29th 2019 for consultation.

In addition, the new IFCM Board has discovered some inconsistencies in the membership structure and has upgraded the benefit system for members as part of a long-term membership development strategy, facilitating an efficient outreach to areas where IFCM is currently not reaching out to the choral field sufficiently.

The full agenda for the General Assembly is attached to this invitation.

In order to make sure that the current statutes and bylaws can be fully respected concerning the voting rights and procedures, **all members wishing to attend the Extraordinary General Assembly will have to register until July 10th 2019 under the following link: <http://bit.ly/IFCMExtraGA>**



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Since this General Assembly is happening during the World Choral Expo in Lisbon, we would like to encourage you to consider participating in the full event (July 27th to August 1st 2019, including arrival and departure day). You will find further details on the programme and registration options on www.worldchoralexpo.com

Looking forward to meeting many members in Lisbon in July
Best wishes

Emily Kuo Vong
President of IFCM

IFCM Extraordinary General Assembly

Date and time: July 29th 2019, 09.00 – 12.00, followed by lunch

Venue: Lisbon, Rua Buenas Aires 39: Palacete dos Condes de Monte Real (new IFCM Main Office)

Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda
 2. Minutes of last General Assembly
 3. New versions of legal documents of IFCM (Certificate of Incorporation / Bylaws replacing current Statutes / Internal Policy Document replacing current Bylaws)
 4. Changes in membership structure and benefit system
- Around 10.30 Coffee and Voting Break
5. Activity Report August 2017 – July 2019
 6. Activity Plan 2019 – 2020
 7. Presentation of the 12th World Symposium for Choral Music in Auckland (NZ) 2020
 8. Financial report 2017 – 2018
 9. Budgets 2019 – 2020
 10. Approval of the Reports
 11. Announcement of the voting results on agenda points 3 and 4
 12. Miscellaneous

12:00 Visit of the building, time to talk and network

12:30 Common lunch offered to members in Palacete dos Condes de Monte Real

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