

CIOFF® ANNUAL REPORT 2011

International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts



Conseil International des Organisations de Festivals de Folklore et d'Arts Traditionnels

Major Achievements

After intensive preparatory work 2010, CIOFF® implemented several priority projects during the year 2011

- Presentation of the new structure of CIOFF®
- Acceptance of 3 countries as full members : Congo RDC, Gambia and Honduras and one corresponding member : Uzbekistan
- Elections during the General Assembly in Recife-Brazil
- Folkloriada 2012 1-14th of October in Anseong (Korea) – Presentation of the programme
- 20 international festivals reconfirmed as recognized CIOFF® International Festivals

Publications

- CIOFF® Calendar of Festivals 2012-2014
- CIOFF® Electronic Newsletters (n°9-n°10)
- Annual Report of National Sections 2010

Membership

With the newly accepted members, the total number of CIOFF® Members is now:

- 69 National Sections
- 4 Associate Members
- 21 Corresponding Members

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New Members

Full members: Congo RDC,
Gambia, Honduras

Corresponding member:
Uzbekistan

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ADMINISTRATION /ACTIVITIES

Waynesville, North Carolina, USA, 27th April-1st May- EXCO-COUNCIL Meetings

FOLKMOOT USA played host to the 2011 CIOFF® EXCO & Council Meeting, and Joint Meeting of the Festivals Commission and Working Group on Public Relations, which took place in Waynesville, North Carolina, USA from 27th April to 1st May. The meeting was extremely well organized by volunteers and staff of FOLKMOOT USA and all the delegates was overwhelmed by the hosts' hospitality. All Council Sessions took place in FOLKMOOT Friendship Centre, the home of FOLKMOOT USA. The delegates were also treated to spectacular sightseeing tours along Smoky Mountains National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway and Museum of the Cherokee Indians, The Folk Arts Center and the city of Asheville and entertained by Cloggers and Bluegrass musicians. We are extremely grateful FOLKMOOT USA and especially to Rolf Kaufman and Karen Babcock for their warm hospitality, excellent organisation and for giving all of us a memorable experience we will all treasure.



41st CIOFF® World Congress - Recife, Brazil 12-18th November

41st CIOFF® World Congress and General Assembly took place in Recife, Brazil with over 140 participants from 31 National Sections with 15 proxy votes.

The following elections took place during the General Assembly: Vice President - Hugo Ifran (Argentina); Secretary General – Philippe Beaussant (France); Chairman of the Legal Commission – Cyril Renz (Switzerland); Chairman of the Cultural Commission - Alexander P. Durtka (USA); Representatives of North American Sector on the Council - Letitia Bulotano (Canada); North European Sector – Olga Maloney (UK); Central European Sector – Susanne Kramer (Luxembourg); South European and African Sector – Emil Pavlov (Bulgaria).

Honduras, Gambia and Congo were accepted as new Full Members of CIOFF®, Uzbekistan joined as a Corresponding Member. Twenty International Festivals were re-confirmed as Recognized CIOFF® international Festivals.

Council proposal for the New Structure was presented at the Sector Meetings.

CIOFF® Mexico and the City of Zacatecas will organize the Congress in 2013.

The organizers, CIOFF® Brazil, arranged a cultural trip to Olinda, where the delegates enjoyed a spectacular view.



41. CIOFF WORLD
CONGRESS

12 a 19 de novembro - Pernambuco
BRAZIL 2011

Council members

President*

Udomsak Sakmunwong – Thailand

Vice-Presidents *

Jerzy Chmiel – Poland

Alcides Hugo Ifran – Argentina

Secretary General*

Philippe Beaussant – France

Treasurer*

Esa Vilhonen – Finland

Chairman of the commissions

Cultural commission

Renaud Albasini – Switzerland

Alexander P. Durtka – USA**

Festivals Commission

Norbert Mueller – Germany

Finance Commission

Dan Ronen – Israel

Legal commission

Cyrill Renz – Switzerland

Representatives of the sector

Asian and Oceanian Sector

Muammer Arslan – Turkey

Central European Sector

Suzanne Kramer – Luxembourg

Latin American and Caribbean Sector

Socorro Maciel - Brasil

North American Sector

Barbara Campbell – Canada

Leticia Bulotano – Canada**

North European Sector

Olga Maloney – United Kingdom

South European and African Sector

Rafael Maldonado – Spain

Emil Pavlov – Bulgaria**

President of the Youth Committee

Irene Pimpinella – Italia

Representative to UNESCO

Magdalena Tovornik – Slovenia

*Executive Committee

**New elected member



CIOFF® AND UNESCO

CIOFF® decided to strengthen all possible relations to UNESCO in 2011. We followed with greatest interest the main UNESCO event in 2011 – the General Assembly – where New Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with NGOs proposed by Director General Mrs. Irina Bokova were discussed and accepted. This document clearly expressed the new UNESCO policy to improve the relations with civil society, to develop better cooperation with NGOs and to improve its visibility. CIOFF® maintained the consultative status with UNESCO.

In this capacity we participated to all meetings of UNESCO –NGO Liaison Committee and the International day of NGOs.

We made an important step forward also in the field of Intangible Cultural Heritage – the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee of ICH Convention decided to give CIOFF accreditation to ICH Convention – it must be voted at the next Assembly of State Parties in June 2012.

In December 2011 UNESCO Director General Mrs. Irina Bokova received CIOFF® delegation in UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. We presented her more than 40 years of CIOFF® activities and expressed our readiness to cooperate better with UNESCO bodies on international, national and local levels, mainly in the cultural field. She supported our activities and promised to participate in our next Congress 2012 in Paris. She also supported our Cultural Conference 2012 where a high representative of UNESCO will address the Conference.

During the year 2011, it became clear that CIOFF® National sections have an important role to play – they must absolutely develop better cooperation on local and national level with UNESCO National Commissions. Only National Commissions and relevant governmental bodies in the states – our members, can propose the patronage and the use of logo of UNESCO for CIOFF® events.

In this regard all CIOFF® National Sections received all information about their respective UNESCO National Commissions and are seriously invited to find new possibilities for a better cooperation with them. There is no progress on CIOFF®-UNESCO relations without good work on National level!

CULTURAL COMMISSION

CIOFF® FLAGSHIP EVENT

The Cultural Commission continues to conduct the thought process on the topic of Flagship. In 2012 we will have two important events: Folkloriada important to define

- the flagship or slogan,
- the strategy to promote it,
- the channel of diffusion,
- the financial budget to realise it.

ACCREDITATION OF CIOFF® AT UNESCO FOR THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE
CIOFF® will receive the definitive accreditation during the next General Assembly of the states parties. Now it will be important for CIOFF® to define the contribution of our organisation as an accredited NGO.

For Ms. Cecile Duvelle, the main goal of the Convention is to assure over the long term the viability of the intangible cultural heritage through the communities and groups.

CULTURAL CONFERENCE DURING THE CONGRESS OF RECIFE

During the World Congress in Recife, the Section of Brazil organized, with the collaboration of Ms Magdalena Tovornik, a Cultural conference on the topic: Cultural Diversity.

CIOFF®
Representative to
UNESCO:
Magdalena Tovornik -

Cultural commission
Chairman:
Renaud Albasini – Switzerland.
Alexander P. Durtka – USA
Members:
Ingrig Rüütel - Estonia
Beatriz Sangoy - Argentina
Wang Guilin - China
Ksenia Fokina - Russia
Youth Member:
Ramiro Mansutti - Argentine
Member ex officio
Magdalena Tovornik - Slovenia
Representative at UNESCO
** New elected member



CULTURAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS – CONGRESS 2012

Paris 2012 will be very important for CIOFF®. In collaboration with the French Section and Ms Magdalena Tovornik some meetings are planned for discussions with a delegation of UNESCO.

The goals of this conference are:

- to show the capacity of reflection of CIOFF® on the topics of interest to UNESCO and NGO's,
- to establish new contacts and relations in the field of the Convention,
- to develop the image of CIOFF® as a cultural organization,
- to define a strategy for the future actions on the national and international level.

REPORT OF SECTIONS ON CULTURAL TOPICS

The commission takes in consideration the reports of some Sections on the cultural actions.

Argentina continues the work with the children through the revitalization of traditional games and Switzerland on the topic of the viability of the intangible cultural heritage conducted by the University of Neuchâtel.

We encourage all National sections to present reports on cultural actions in order to complete the panel of activities of CIOFF®.

FESTIVALS COMMISSION

In 2011, the Festivals Commission had two meetings. The spring meeting was in Waynesville / USA and the second meeting in Recife during the World Congress.

As in all years in the past, a big part of the work was the preparation of the Festivals Calendar 2012. Since last year, all National Sections have the possibility of making the updates themselves directly online. In 2011 68 National Sections did this and these are 73 % of our members. Sometimes some assistance was necessary, but the Commission hopes that in 2012 all members will update online. Although the compilation of the calendar is much easier, now that the data are edited by the National Section itself, it is still necessary to check all these updates which take many hours of work. In addition to this come the hours for the layout of the calendar. In total there are more than 250 hours of work for the calendar.

The deadline for updating was July 15, 2011. Unfortunately many NS did not respect this and some updates came 2 month later. Even when the Festivals Calendar was already in printing, updates were made. This is the reason why the calendar could not be published and delivered to the National Sections earlier than 6 weeks before the World Congress.

As in prior years, some packages with calendars came back, because they could not be delivered to the recipients. Sometimes it takes about 9 months until the package is back. Those late returned packages were not sent again.

A success for the Festivals Commission was the advertising program. The income through this program was at the same level as last year. The experiences of the festivals which placed advertisements were very positive.

The Reports on Festivals and Groups and the Problem List were sent to all National Sections on November 07, 2011 by email from our Secretary General. Because of technical problems (crash of the hard disc) all data had to be edited twice. It is very distressing that the number of returned questionnaires is again lower than last year. We have several National Sections with festivals which did not reply. These National Sections will be requested to urge their festivals to send the questionnaires for the reports. The results of this program are not yet at the point that we would like to reach in future years. Full participation by festivals and performing groups is needed for the purpose of helping festivals to improve

Festivals commission

Chairman:

Norbert Mueller - Germany

Members:

Susanne Kramer -
Luxembourg

Arturo H. Cueto Juárez -
Mexico

Rolf Kaufman - USA
An Van Achter - Belgium

Member ex Officio:

Wolfgang Denke-Otterbein
Coordinator of the Festivals
Calendar

Youth member

Emerson Farith Fandino
Orozco - Colombia



themselves and to give them the opportunity of checking the evaluation of groups, and to fully demonstrate the quality of our festivals and participating groups.

22 festivals had sent Applications for Recognition (or renewal of expiring Recognition) as CIOFF® International Festivals. Out of these 22 applications one was withdrawn by the relevant National Section and one application was not accepted. In total the Recognition was awarded to 20 Festivals. The Certificates were handed over to the National Delegates during the Closing Ceremony of the General Assembly.

The application form for the Recognition of CIOFF® International Festivals was reworked to facilitate the completion of the form for festivals and National Sections.

FINANCE COMMISSION

The Finance Commission, in its meeting, prior to the GA in Recife Brazil on Nov. 2011, (chaired by Emil Pavlov), went over the auditor "CIOFF® Financial Statement 2010".

Based on the auditor recommendation, the commission recommended to the council and the GA to adopt it.

The commission reviewed the 2011 yearly estimate.

In the proposed 2012 budget (presented by the treasurer Esa Vilhonen), no deficit is expected, the forecast is: income 43,950, expenses 43,309 Euros.

The commission recommended to the council and the GA to adopt it.

Our main budget problem is the fact that we rely mainly on one source of income – the membership fees. This does not let us to develop new projects.

The commission recommended increasing our sources of income by:

- Recruiting new members
- Employing a professional Fund Raiser
- Producing international projects, which will be also attractive to donors and the International Participation Programs.
- Encouraging our commissions, committees, working groups and the national sections to produce and develop ideas for new projects.
- Use more the calendar and the Internet for advertisement.
- Urge national sections to increase the amount of their self-assessment additions to their membership fees.

The commission recommended procedures and regulations for NS, groups and festivals, regarding invitations of groups by festivals.

The trend of "commercialization" by which festivals ask groups to pay fees for participation and accommodation; the increase in the activities of "commercial" agents to ask for fees from groups and festivals for their services to get invitations to festivals.

All these and more new developments may undermine CIOFF® objectives.

The commission recommended to develop "CIOFF® Code of Ethics".

Ethics deal with all the areas of activities which are not governed by legal regulations and by-laws.

The Code of Ethics is a set of norms of "what is done and what is not done", to which we commit ourselves voluntarily.

The Code of Ethics should include normative set of behaviors for festivals, groups-choreographers, directors and members and for the National Sections of CIOFF® commissions and committees.

Finance Commission Chairman

Dan Ronen - Israel

Members

Emil Pavlov - Bulgaria

Humberto Valdivia Yoplac -
Peru

Hassim Salim - Malaysia

Muammer Arslan - Turkey

Jean-Claude Menard -
Canada

Youth Member

Martina Fey - Germany

Member ex officio

Esa Vilhonen - Finland



LEGAL COMMISSION

Members

The Legal Commission (LC) elected for the new administrative period (2011-2015) is composed of Cyrill RENZ, Switzerland, chairman, Vlasta ONDRUSOVA, Czech Rep., member and Antonio MALOZZI, Italy, youth representative. All Sectors have been invited to propose additional members for a broader representation.

Work Plan

During the past administrative period 2008-2011, a general work plan served as guideline for the *conceptual* work, for the implementation of the *operative* and the *development* tasks defined in the Terms of Reference as well as for the *general* tasks decided by the Council.

OPERATIVE TASKS

1. New membership

The recruitment of new members is now under the responsibility of the regional Sectors. The LC assisted the Sectors in their efforts and assessed the legal aspects of the applications presented to the Council.

2. Survey of the National Sections and Associate Members

The new "Report on Membership Requirements" can now be filled out directly on Intranet through the TRANSPARENCY PROGRAM. The Sector Representatives assess the filled reports and present a relevant report at the Council Spring meeting. – In addition, each CIOFF® member has the possibility to consult the current state of the survey program on Intranet.

3. Commitment to Excellence★

This program has been developed to enhance the commitment of the CIOFF members on the following items: Legal obligations, festivals, cultural policy, Internet visibility and Youth movement. The General Assembly recognized the following CIOFF® members as committed to Excellence★:

2009-2012: Argentina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, United Kingdom.

2010-2013: Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, France, New Zealand, Switzerland, USA.

2011-2014: Brazil, India, Mexico, Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Thailand.

A first global assessment will take place during the current year for the next General Assembly.

4. Transparency Program

The Transparency Program of the LC is now operative on Intranet. This program allows not only an online implementation of the main *operative* tasks like the survey of National Sections and the Commitment to Excellence★ but also a permanent consultation of the current *development* tasks like the revision of the By Laws and the revision of the Internal Regulations.

DEVELOPMENT TASKS

During the past administrative period the LC worked mainly on the following development tasks: the new CIOFF® objectives, strategies and operative programs, the new CIOFF® structure and the revision of the By Laws and Internal Regulations. Decisions are expected during the current year.

GENERAL TASKS (decided by the Council)

One of the recurrent items was the question on the *legal sense* of the term "a significant service" for the attribution of the CIOFF® Golden Pin. A report is planned for the General Assembly 2012.

Legal commission

Chairman:

Cyrill Renz - Switzerland

Member:

Vlasta Ondrusova -
Czech Republic

Youth Member:

Antonio Malozzi – Italy

Legal Adviser: Vacant



WORKING GROUP ON CIOFF® WORLD FOLKLORIADA

At the Folkloriada Working Group meeting at the Assembly and World Congress in Recife, the Organizing Committee of the 4th CIOFF® World Folkloriada presented the activities program that will take place between October the 1st and 14th 2012 at Anseong City, Korea.

It has been confirmed that in the Folkloriada – the most important CIOFF® artistic realization – 1500 folklorists of 48 countries and 24 Korean groups with 500 folklorists, will participate, realizing the biggest folkloric manifestation of the world as a contribution to peace and fellowship among all the countries. The general infrastructure has been completed and the Pre-Folkloriada was an important opportunity to check the perfect operation of all the installations.

A natural park area with trees and a lake has been specially prepared for the Folkloriada including -after a welcome arch-: parking, bus stop, plaza, information office, the area of global folklore, 7 stages for the performing arts, the crafts village, the “area of agriculture”, cafeteria, halls devoted to world cultures, food places, etc. etc.

The program includes opening and closing ceremonies, performances, crafts and other subjects, 5 days of traditional games, presentation of products and companies of Anseong, etc. It is possible that one of the most emotional moments of the Folkloriada may be the special tribute to the founders of CIOFF® and the creator of the idea of Folkloriada, including the commitment of participants to work for peace, friendship and preservation of cultural heritage of people.

A special tribute has been programmed to remember the creator of the Folkloriada idea, the founder of World CIOFF® and those who shared his idea of the creation of CIOFF®; this will be an important opportunity to convince the participants to confirm their commitment to work for peace, friendship and the preservation of Cultural Heritage of all their towns.

The participant groups will have accommodations, 3 meals, transport in Korea and opportunities to visit places of historical, cultural, landscape, economic and industrial interest of the country.

Beginning February 15th the groups of National Sections that completed their applications correctly will start to receive the corresponding invitations directly from the Korean organization.

WORKING GROUP FOR CHILDREN

During the past year the WGC concentrated its efforts on developing criteria for organizers of children’s festivals. The final draft was sent to the Festival Commission for opinion and consultation.

The collection of children’s most popular songs from CIOFF® members was finished, with the support of the WGC and the Sector Representatives-WGC started the work for publishing the book with these songs from 54 countries.

The creation of a database for children’s festivals and children’s groups is still in its preparatory stages. While there is minimal interest, from the National Sections at this time, we encourage all NS to cooperate with the WGC and submit the data on the forms previously distributed.

The planned CIOFF® International Cultural Conference devoted to the problems of children’s and tutors’ education, will finally be held as part of the 20th International Festival of Children’s Folk Ensembles “Festival of the Children of Mountains” in Poland – Nowy Sącz, 22 –29 July 2012. The title of the Conference is „Ethnopedagogy and contemporary education of children”.

Working Group on Folkloriada

Chairman:

Hugo Ifran - Argentina

Members:

Xu Zhang - China
Guy Landry - Canada
Eva Héra - Hungary
Stiliana Yorgova - Bulgaria
Savas Tugsavul - Turkey
Joe Maloney - U. Kingdom
Mario Garcia Siani - Paraguay
Nam Yong Kim – Korea
Christian Hidalgo-Mazzei-Canada

Youth Coordinating Committee:

Hwang Yoogin - Korea

Working Group for Children

Chairman

Jerzy Chmiel - Poland

Members:

Barbara Campbell - Canada
Vlasta Ondrusova - Czech Republic
Jozsef Szigetvari - Hungary
Meng-Chien Wu - Chinese Taipei
Eugenia Cirano-Rojas – Chile
Alexander Petrov-Bulgaria
Youth Member
Daiana Jacquier - Argentina



WORKING GROUP FOR TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Working Group on Training and Education (WGTE) welcomed its new member Gian Carlo Michelini (Chinese Taipei) and reviewed the educational role of CIOFF®. WGTE continues to seek representation from South European and African Sector.

- The members of the WGTE reviewed the articles submitted by experts from four of the six Sectors. The articles will be translated into both Spanish and French and published electronically during 2012. One additional Sector's paper will be submitted within the next two months. The WGTE will seek one new article from each Sector to add to the collection of papers. It was agreed that papers will be published with a variety of styles of writing, research and recording of training, presenting and preserving of intangible cultural heritage.

- The members discussed the dissemination of information about the present sessions of training and education conducted by Sectors and National Sections and how to make these resources and their information available to CIOFF® members.

- WGTE will continue to work together with the CIOFF® Youth to research, interview and publish articles that demonstrate best practices in the area of educating and training teachers, performers and festivals. The WGTE CIOFF® Youth representative will contact the Youth representatives of the National Sections to conduct interviews with their Sector's author to collect information about the practical application of their papers.

- The Youth representative shared the new "Playing Together" magazine having implemented the recommendations of the WGTE, such as giving credit to editors, documenting sources of information, photographs, etc. They would like to include a shortened piece from one of the papers in their next publication after having discussed this with the author of the paper.

- The WGTE will organize a joint education cultural conference with The Working Group for Children during the Festival of the Mountain Children. The process and planning of a four-day conference on training and education of teachers and instructors of children is to be convened in Poland during the last week of July 2012. Each participant will be required to present a paper that the festival will collect and publish. The WGTE will also include these in their web page.

- WGTE continues to encourage festivals, cultural performances and demonstrations to communicate with their audiences and educate them to facilitate an increased understanding and appreciation of traditional culture. When people understand the presentation, they deepen their understanding of the culture and by understanding the culture, the audience better understands the performance and continues to support preservation and transmission of the traditional culture.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

CIOFF® Youth is growing up more and more during recent years, and we had many important achievements and activities as explained briefly in the following lines.

Since 2009 we cooperate, actively, with YAG of IMC. Laura Liinat, the youth representative of North European Sector and member of WG for Training and Education, attended the 3rd World Forum of Music of IMC in Tallinn in September 2011 and our relationship with the YAG became even stronger. We ask to French NS to invite the representative of YAG to our next World Forum in Paris next November. French NS agreed.

We, finally, finished the CIOFF® Youth Manual, also called Handbook. It will help the youth movement in many countries to grow up and also many youth to establish their national Youth Commissions. It will be published on the website of CIOFF® and also it will be sent to the youth contacts that need and ask for it. It is a

Working Group on Training and Education

Chairman:

Sharon Durtka - USA

Member:

Gian Carlo Michelini –
Chinese Taipei

Bill Thomas - New Zealand

Alejandro Camacho – Mexico

Riitta Korhonen - Finland

Anne-Wietske Enequist –
Netherlands

Youth Member:

Laura Liinat - Estonia



very good working document that can be updated every time it may be needed. It is in English version but YCC is translating it into French and Spanish through the ad-hoc WG for Translation created during the 4th Forum in Brazil. Also it could be translated into national languages of Youth Commissions.

During the GA in Brazil YCC delivered the 1st Medal of Honor of CIOFF® Youth to the Vice – President of CIOFF® Hugo Ifran. He has been chosen as one of the people who helped the youth movement to develop through the years from the beginning to now. This special recognition was established during the 4th World Youth Forum in Brazil in 2010.

CIOFF® Youth printed the 3rd edition of the Magazine on traditional games “Playing Together”. This year we cooperated with the WG for Training and Education by putting a detailed explanation about games and more educational items into the articles. It was printed in Italy and it was distributed during the General Assembly in Brazil.

During the 41st WC in Brazil, CIOFF® Youth presented the theme “CIOFF® and Volunteering” during the cultural conference on 17th November in order to celebrate 2011 as “European Year of Volunteering” and to underline the importance of volunteering, especially young volunteering, during festivals all over the world. The lecture was presented by Irene Pimpinella, the Chairman of YCC and the moderator was Udomsak Sakmonwung, the President of CIOFF®.

We have got new National Commissions in Panama, New Zealand, Venezuela, Mexico and Germany. We have several contacts in Northern Cyprus - Festival of Iskele, Tahiti, Greece, Spain, Lithuania and Latvia. They were asking support and advice on how they can start a Youth Commissions in their own countries. Youth representatives of the sectors are charged to be in full contact with them. Also we will send the Handbook to help them in a more practical way.

CIOFF® Youth is cooperating with South Korean NS about the organization of the Game Days during the Folkloriada which are programmed from 8th to 12th October 2012. Also, we are at their disposal for any kind of help the organizers could need before and during Folkloriada.

During the WC in Brazil the YCC was working closely with the French delegation for the organization of the 5th World Youth Forum which will be held in Paris from 8th to 11th November 2012, a few days before the 42nd WC. Official invitation, General Information and Program will be sent by French NS at the same time as official Invitation to the World Congress and General Assembly in Paris.

SECTORS

ASIAN AND OCEANIAN SECTOR

As usual, tasks of CIOFF® Asian and Oceanian Sector members in the year 2011 focused on the celebration of the cultural events, mainly festivals in their countries and the participation of folk groups from their countries in international festivals abroad.

As for the major event in 2011 for CIOFF® Asian and Oceanian Sector, first was the 2011 CIOFF® Asian and Oceanian Spring Sector Meeting, held between 21 and 25 April in Küçükçekmece, Istanbul, Turkey, in which the delegate from Jordan joined the Sector event for the first time, while the 6th CIOFF® Asian and Oceanian Children’s Folklore Festival, originally scheduled to take place at the same place between 19 and 25 April 2011 was postponed due to insufficient participation from the Sector.

With regard to the members in the Sector, it was decided in the Sector meeting in Recife, Brazil that CIOFF® Tahiti will have full support from the Sector to become a full member of CIOFF® and the related application work would be undertaken

Chairman:

Irene Pimpinella - Italy

Vice-president:

Ramiro Mansutti - Argentina

Secretary:

Antonio Mallozzi - Italy

Treasurer:

Fanny Mathinier - France

Festival Commission:

Emerson Fandiño - Colombia

Legal Commission:

Antonio Mallozzi - Italy

Cultural Commission:

Ramiro Mansutti - Argentina

WG for Children:

Daiana Jacquier - Argentina

WG for Folkloriada:

Hwang Yoohin - South Korea

WG for Training and Education:

Laura Liinat – Estonia

WG on Public Relations:

Freddy Gomez - Colombia

Latin American Sector:

Daiana Jacquier - Argentina

Northern European Sector:

Laura Liinat - Estonia

Southern European and African Sector:

Julie Landrevie – France

Asia and Oceania:

Hwang Yoohin – Korea

Central European Sector:

Masa Kumberger – Slovenia

North American Sector:

Asian and Oceanian Sector

Mr. Muammer Arslan - Turkey



accordingly, while the Sector was happy to have Uzbekistan as new Corresponding member. Moreover, the Sector Representative, Mr. Muammer Arslan will have further contact with entities in Bhutan and Tonga to see the possibility of having them as members of CIOFF®.

With reference to the future events in the Sector, taking factors such as economy, traveling loading, etc. into consideration, there will be only a video conference for the spring sector meeting in 2012 first, plus a half- day Sector meeting during the 2012 CIOFF® World Folkloriada in Anseong, Korea while 11 folk groups, proposed by National Sections in the Sector participate in this major CIOFF® event in 2012.

The pending Sector issues are proposals from CIOFF® Tahiti to host the 2013 spring Sector meeting, the celebration of the 12th CIOFF® Asian and Oceanian International Folklore Festival in Thailand, and CIOFF® Indonesia or CIOFF® China as possible candidates host for the 6th CIOFF® Asian and Oceanian Children's Festival in 2014, which would be confirmed at future Sector meetings.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN SECTOR

The spring meeting of the CES was hosted by CIOFF® Russia in Novgorod, from June 2 – 6, 2011. CES supports the new re-structuring proposal with some reservations and suggests these reservations be discussed at the GA.

Seeing that our Sector has no representative within the Cultural Commission, the CES proposed to nominate a new member. Proposed and unanimously nominated was Ksenia Fokina from CIOFF® Russia. This proposal was forwarded to the Chairman of the Cultural Commission.

Regarding the CIOFF® History part 2 from 2000 until the present, Central European Sector proposes Bruno Ravnikar to coordinate part of this history. Bruno agreed to render his help on this project.

New countries in our Sector: Here we still have Slovakia where we now have some good contacts, but the infighting nationally is still strong.

The fee of participation to the General Assembly is accepted with the remark that this will result in a drastic decrease in participation.

Elections: Central European Sector Representative was scheduled for election, and Susanne Kramer was re-elected.

Council received a request regarding senior membership and forwarded this request to our Sector. Here our Sector agreed that the Senior Members should belong to their own National Section and their knowledge and experiences should be used in the frame of activities of their own Nation Section if required. Any potential request from CIOFF® International addressed to the Senior Members should be transferred to the respective National Section.

CES proposes that the Sector should think further regarding how and in what form Senior CIOFF® members and those with expertise can best be utilized in the work of CIOFF®.

It was decided to award the Silver Pin to Yuriy Gourianov from Russia.

Our Sector meeting on November 16 in Recife: The self assessments were made and the National Sections not present will be requested to do so by email. The total list of our self-assessments will be sent to Esa Vilhonen by the end of this year.

The New Structure was discussed and the comments will be sent by end of January 2012 to Philippe Beaussant, member of the Ad Hoc working group.

Our Representative on the Working Group on Folkloriada Eva Héra informed us about the progress of the organization of the Folkloriada. We learned that the deadline for sending the material to S. Korea was to be end of November.

Information from all the Commissions and Working Groups was presented.

Central European Sector

Susanne Kramer -
Luxembourg



LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SECTOR

The Sector at its meeting in Recife, Brazil, documented activities of Argentina in the area of “Living Memories Bank”; record of “Endangered Jobs”; documentation of the “Program of Re-valuation of Traditional and Popular Games”; sending groups to International festivals; incorporation of 5 groups as Full Members; realization of Cultural Forums at the Section Assemblies, activities of the Youth Commission that ended with the edition number 15th of their news magazine; extension to new regions of the country, and Training Courses for Directors and Members of Artistic Groups. Brazil continues with the training work with Teachers for the development of tasks in the most vulnerable social environments. Abrassofoa, Corresponding Member in Brazil, has developed the First Forum of Popular Arts; important activities at the university related to Popular Culture; training youth to become volunteers and leaders. Colombia realized a new Youth Camp and national meetings of different characteristics. Costa Rica has been working on a Second Forum about Immaterial Cultural Heritage; Native Cultural Meeting CIOFF®-FUNDEICO; youth have developed work for the re-valuation of traditional games and activities in schools. Panama: has structured its actions by extending itself to different regions of the country with the involvement of technicians and experts who are dedicated to the goals of Working Commissions and Advisory Council; positive action in the development of their youth, and they have organized the First CIOFF® Folkloric Dances National Festival. Paraguay: has emphasis on Training Courses for youth leaders of the CIOFF® movement, which constitutes an important basis in the Section; a project of Mr. Mario Siani stating Immaterial Cultural Heritage and Paraguay National Drink the “terere”, has been presented at the Nation House of Representatives, and the book “Ajeapy”, with six DVD’s produced in the project “SOS Native”, with UNESCO support, has been declared of Educational Interest.

Extension to new countries: the Sector’s strong commitment that recently incorporated Panama, Ecuador and Honduras continues now through Costa Rica CIOFF® Delegate H. Leitón Gutierrez specifying contacts in Central America, especially in Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua. The vice-president Hugo Ifrán has developed contacts in Bolivia, Puerto Rico and Uruguay.

Folkloriada: Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Chile, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela, have committed their presence at the World Folkloriada in Korea. This huge effort demonstrates the commitment of the Sector to the proposals that show the importance of CIOFF® in the world of Folklore.

Youth: 9 of the 14 Sections of the Sector have Youth Commissions. This position the Sector as the one most developed in the World CIOFF® Youth Movement, also, indicating the confidence the Sections place in those who will become the immediate future leaders. The diversity of tasks they self-imposed, gives us a report too long for this synthesis.

UNESCO: the realization of Seminars, courses, workshops and investigations, and publications related to the Immaterial Cultural Heritage demonstrate the commitment of the Sector to the UNESCO proposals.

NORTH AMERICAN SECTOR

The North American Sector held two meetings in 2011. The first took place in Montreal on May 20, hosted by Folklore Canada International, which is the Canadian National Section of CIOFF®, in conjunction with the 26th Canadian National Heritage Conference which took place May 20 to 22. The Sector Meeting was attended by five representatives of Folklore Canada International and three representatives of CIOFF®-USA, as well as eight observers. Eight workshops were

**Latin American and
Caribbean Sector**
Ms. Socorro Maciel - Brazil

North American Sector
Barbara Campbell – Canada
and Leticia Bulotano –
Canada **
** New elected member



held on May 21 with a number of additional participants. Four of these workshops were especially designed for the attendees representing CIOFF® Youth.

The second meeting of the North American Sector took place in Recife, Brazil, on November 16, 2011, as a part of the 41st CIOFF® World Congress. Ten representatives of the US and Canadian National Sections were in attendance.

The Sector was honoured to be the site of the annual Spring Meetings of the CIOFF® Executive Committee and Council, as well as the joint meeting of the CIOFF® Festivals Commission and Working Group for Public Relations. These events were hosted April 26 to May 1, 2011 by FOLKMOOT USA in Waynesville, North Carolina, USA.

At the closing session of the 2011 General Assembly, Leticia Bulotano Wheeler (Canada) was named as the North American Sector Representative on the CIOFF® Council, succeeding Barbara Campbell (Canada), who regrettably had to terminate her service on the Council, due to a serious illness. Rolf Kaufman (USA) served temporarily as Acting Representative of the Sector on the Council in 2011, until Leticia's nomination was implemented. Alexander Durtka (USA) was named Chairman of the CIOFF® Cultural Commission and will, therefore, represent that body on the Council. Karen Babcock (USA) was appointed to membership on the CIOFF® Working Group for Public Relations. Five additional representatives of the North American Sector continue to serve as members of other CIOFF® Commissions and Working Groups.

The principal topics which were dealt with by the North American Sector during 2011 were:

- In keeping with the UNESCO Convention for the Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage, the Sector initiated an effort to promote improved recognition by CIOFF® member's world-wide of the need to consider talented ethnic/multi-cultural groups for participation in CIOFF® International Festivals.
- Efforts by the Sector are continuing to promote the expansion of CIOFF® Membership among non-Hispanic independent countries in the Caribbean Basin. Members from this region are presently Trinidad and Tobago, which was admitted to full membership in 2010, and Belize (Corresponding Member).
- Continued development of the CIOFF® Youth movement in the Sector remains a priority.

* The Sector facilitated the National Sections in their selection of candidates for FOLKLORIADA 2012. In addition the Sector supported CIOFF®-USA's letter of interest in hosting FOLKLORIADA 2016

NORTH EUROPEAN SECTOR

This year, in 2011, NE Sector has had two meetings: Spring Meeting in Dublin (Ireland) and Autumn Meeting in Recife (Brazil). 5 out of 9 National Sections have been present in Dublin and only 2 National Sections were present in Recife.

The main activities and events of the year 2011 were:

- Successful Baltica Festival in Lithuania;
- Folklore Day „PäriMusi“ and concert of folklore minority groups in Estonia; Celebration of 110 year anniversary of Association „Friends of Finnish Folk Dance“ (member of CIOFF® Finland and close friend of CIOFF® Estonia);
- The government of Finland has started to explore the possibilities of signing the UNESCO Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage and CIOFF® Finland was invited to take part in the process;
- preparations of Finnish-Estonian joint festivity “Tanssipidot” which will be held in June 2012 in the city of Tampere (Finland), and will gather

<p>North European Sector Olga Maloney - United Kingdom</p>



together 5000 Finnish and Estonian dancers to a huge joint performance at Ratina Stadium;

- improved relationship with local UNESCO office and Masks Festival in Latvia;
- project „World Cultural Ambassadors“ within the framework of Billingham Festival in UK, which gave the primary school children the possibility to accompany the international performers in their activities during the festival;
- traditional music teaching and learning system in Irish Culture Centre Clasac (Ireland) – the programme aimed at understanding and teaching the appreciation of your own culture;
- Liana Ose (National Delegate from Latvia) was recognized with CIOFF Silver Pin.

Youth movement is very active in Estonia and Finland. Contact with other members has been made to encourage the work with children and youth in the other countries.

North European Sector will have its next meeting in May 2012 in Estonia. Future work will concentrate on better networking and discussions of good practices and problems within the Sector.

SOUTH EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN SECTOR

The Sector had its spring meeting from 19th to 22nd May 2011 in Varna, organized and hosted by the CIOFF® Bulgaria National Section. 36 people from 9 Full Members, and 2 Corresponding Members were present. NS CIOFF® FYRO Macedonia has a new president – Mr Boro Rutevski. Serbia was also represented, and the Sector is now working for reintegration of NS CIOFF® Serbia.

New Conditions for Sector Assemblies were approved during the meeting. A motion presented by NS CIOFF® Spain was supported by the Sector. The motion concerns problems of organizing events in countries where National Section exists, together with other CIOFF® members. Its idea is that, in order to organize events in the country of another NS it is necessary to have the authorisation of the CIOFF® National Section in such country.

During the meeting elections were held for a new board as Rafael Maldonado expressed his inability to continue his work as Sector President due to his health. The newly elected board is as follows – Emil Pavlov – president, Anna Maria Boileau – secretary, Rafael Maldonado – treasurer.

At the 41st CIOFF® World Congress in Recife, Emil Pavlov was approved as Sector Representative to the Council during the Sector meeting. A new strategy for involving African countries was presented. In the Sector there are two CIOFF® National Sections /Bulgaria and Portugal/ accredited to provide advisory services to the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO for Safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage. These sections are able to use contacts in UNESCO for establishing relations with organizations in African Countries interested in becoming CIOFF® members. The board is working hard toward improving relations with those countries. Contacts are maintained with associations in Algeria, Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Chad, Togo, and Uganda. Hopefully, some of them will eventually succeed in organizing their CIOFF® National Sections.

During the Congress two new Full Members of the SEA Sector were approved – RD Congo and Gambia. Still there is a lot of work to be done to improve our positions in Africa.

Next Sector meeting will be held in FYRO Macedonia in May 2012. The 42nd CIOFF® World Congress and General Assembly will be held in France in 2012.

South European and African Sector

Rafael Maldonado – Spain

Emil Pavlov – Bulgaria**

** New elected member



The Sector activities will continue, through the year 2012, according to the guidelines of the "Plan of Action at short and medium term" and the Strategy for involving new African countries.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

NATIONAL SECTIONS' ANNUAL REPORT 2010

The Annual Report of National Sections 2010 was prepared based on the reports received from 55 National Sections. In 271 international and 77 national folklore festivals, 1.561 foreign and 3.647 national folklore groups with 132.576 participants took part. Festival presentations were observed by 10.774.102 spectators; there were 1.013 TV and 3.903 radio transmissions from these events. During the festivals, various complementary programs and activities were organized:

- Conferences, seminars at 74 festivals
- Festivals exhibitions at 157 festivals
- Meetings, discussion with audience at 84 festivals
- Handicraft's programs at 139 festivals
- Music programs at 167 festivals
- Meetings of friendship at 187 festivals
- Parades at 234 festivals
- Typical food at 117 festivals
- Children's games at 73 festivals
- Educational programs for children at 68 festivals
- Educational programs for adults at 64 festivals
- Activities for handicapped/sick people at 29 festivals
- Workshops at 117 festivals
- Free excursions (to learn the country's culture) at 142 festivals
- Religious (oecumenic - multireligious) services at 57 festivals

National Sections organized 80 cultural conferences, seminars and workshops with attendance of 39.139 participants and prepared 48 printed publications.

During the year there were 74 General Conferences of National Sections, 179 meetings of Executive Boards and 172 meetings of committees and national councils.

WORKING GROUP ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

CIOFF® Newsletter "Entre Nous"

In 2011 two editions of CIOFF® electronic Newsletter "Entre Nous" have been published in three languages and distributed among the CIOFF® Network. The January 2011 edition was dedicated to 40th Anniversary of CIOFF®. The latest newsletter, which came out in June 2011, featured tributes to the creator and founder of CIOFF® Henri Coursaget. "Entre Nous" is proving to be extremely popular and the amount of interest shown by CIOFF® Members is growing all the time. CIOFF® Working group on Public Relations would like to express their thanks to everyone who sent their contributions for the Newsletter and to CIOFF® France and CIOFF® Spain for taking care of Entre Nous translations into French and Spanish.

International Group Directory

After the original launch of the international group directory on the "Intranet" pages of CIOFF® Website, has now been extended to include links to CIOFF® Members' Websites which already have their group directories.

Working Group on Public Relations

Chairman

Olga Maloney - UK

Members

Shu-Tzeng Chang - Chinese Taipei

Socorro Maciel - Brasil

Dr. Sunny Bhavsar – India

Karen Babcock – USA

Freddy Gomez - Colombia

Member ex Officio

Philippe Beaussant -

Secretary General - France

Webmaster

Norbert Mueller – Germany



So far the following members join the Group Directory: Argentina, USA, Germany, Estonia, Finland and UK.

CIOFF® Presentation USB Memory Card

The work on CIOFF® Presentation USB Memory Card has been started and the Presentation Card will include Facts & Figures about CIOFF®, Main Projects of CIOFF®: Folkloriada; Youth Project on Traditional Games; Cultural Conferences; Photo Competitions; Commitment to Excellence, any other current projects and short Folkloriada DVD.

Promotion of CIOFF® World Folkloriada 2012 in Anseong, South Korea

The Working group on Public relations had several meetings with the Folkloriada Working Group to develop a strategy of promoting Folkloriada 2012 as a flagship CIOFF® event Worldwide. The promotion will be launched in April 2012

CIOFF® on Twitter and Facebook

CIOFF® has launched its presence on Twitter as @CIOFF_NGO and CIOFF® Facebook group, which now has over 2000 members

WEBSITE

In 2010 the new CIOFF® Website was set online. After the two languages English and French, the Spanish language has now finally been added in 2011. The translation was made by CIOFF® Spain. This year many improvements were done for the website which cannot be seen directly on the website. These improvements were made to support the generation of the Festivals Calendar and the CIOFF® list. The CIOFF® list can now be generated by the Secretary General whenever it is necessary and there is normally no additional manual work necessary.

In the Search Events section it is now possible to search for festivals in a special period. You can now specify an exact beginning and ending date for the search. This was impossible in the past.

One very important advantage is that the National Sections are now able to make updates directly online on the website and all changes are in force immediately. So, it is now possible to keep the data of National Sections and Festivals up to date throughout the whole year.

In the Documents section, many missing documents were uploaded. Also the section "How to become a member" is used very frequently.

It is also possible now to upload photos of the National Delegates. The photo will then be displayed with the information about the National Section.

A few months ago CIOFF® was added successfully to Wikipedia. The article is available on the English and German sites of Wikipedia.

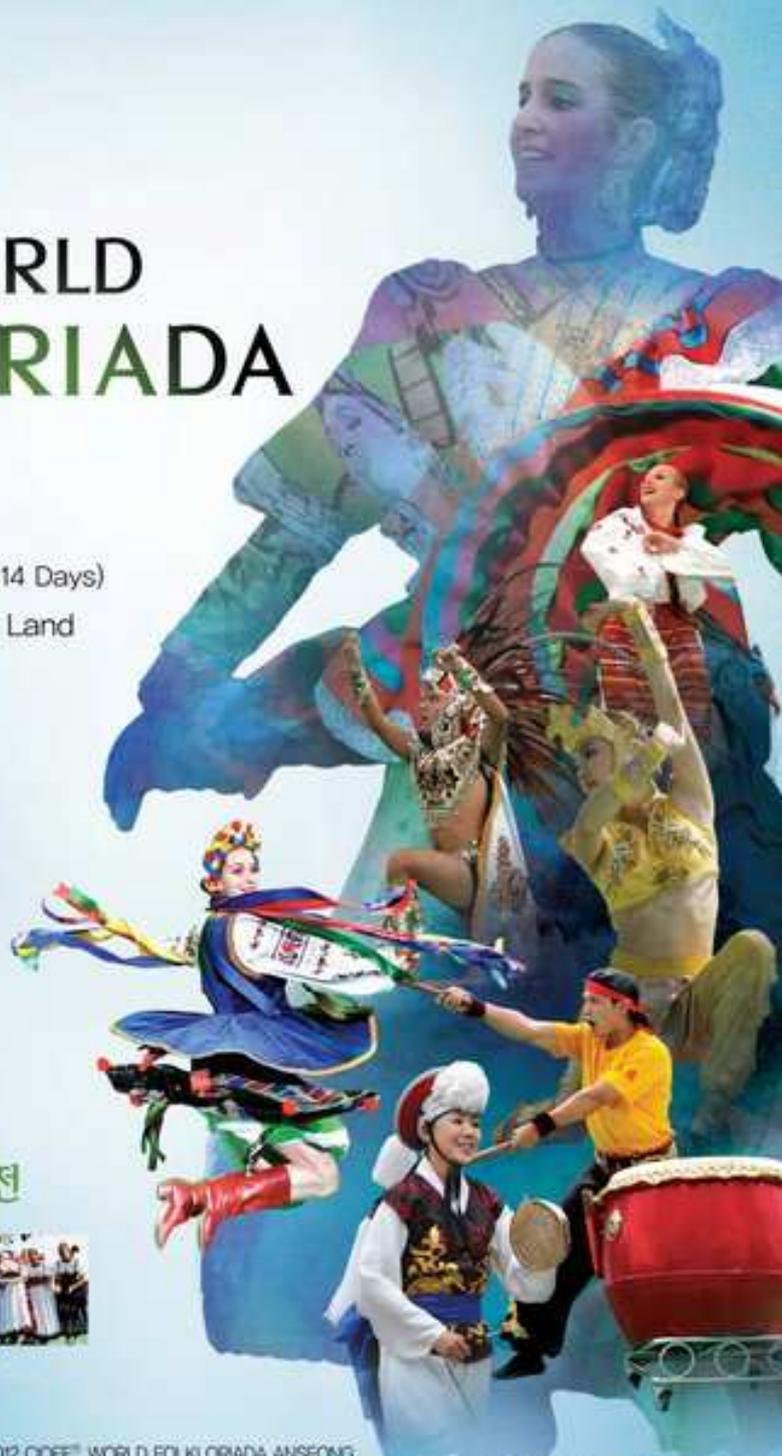
These days, a lot of positive comments saying that the website is now more visible and more informative are received. The website will be steadily improved.



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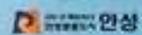
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Sub, NH Farm Land



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