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131st GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

Eastern Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

February 28 – March 2, 2014

Executive Committee			
	Raymond Bodell (President)		Herbert Scheibenreif (Vice President)
	Kimmo Mattila (General Secretary)		Frederic Deschamps (Chair - Music Committee)
	Kevin Friedrich (Ambassador)		Werner Weibert (2014CIA Honorary Vice President)
Music Committee			
	Frederic Deschamps (Chairperson)		Vitacheslav Semionov (Vice Chairperson)
	Grayson Masefield (Member)		Andreas Nebl (Member)
	Vladimir Blagojevic for Vojin Vasovic (Member)		
Delegates			
	Anna Bodell - Chairperson National Accordion Organization of the UK (NAO)		Anica Karakutovska Ljubitelji na Klasicnata Muzika in Skopje
	Alison Worthington - Delegate National Accordion Organization of the UK (NAO)		Zorica Karakutovska Ljubitelji na Klasicnata Muzika in Skopje
	Georg Hettmann - Delegate Deutscher Harmonika-Verband e.V. (DHV)		Elizabeta Ilievska Ljubitelji na Klasicnata Muzika in Skopje
	Jörgen Sundeqvist - Delegate Sveriges Dragspelares Riksförbund		Alexander Poeluev International Music Center "Harmony"
	Werner Weibert - President Harmonikaverband Österreichs (HVÖ)		Alexander Selivanov Russian Alliance of Harmonica & Accordion Performers
	Ville Mattila Suomen Harmonikkaliitto (SHL)		Viacheslav Semenov Interregional Assoc. of Bayanists & Accordionists (MABA)
	Jaakko Vikman Suomen Harmonikkaliitto (SHL)		Vladimir Borovikov Interregional Assoc. of Bayanists & Accordionists (MABA)
	Vladimir Blagojevic Dept. of Acc. at Faculty of Art Kragujevac (FILUM)		Mirco Patarini Italian Accordion Culture (IAC)
	Frederic Deschamps - Delegate European Music Academy (EMA)		Grayson Masefield New Zealand Accordion Association (NZAA)
	Zoran Rakic Muzicka Akademija Istocno Sarajevo		Kevin Friedrich USA - AAA and USA - ATG
	Danijela Rakic Muzicka Akademija Istocno Sarajevo		Andrej and Ina Stashevski - Guests at Congress Ukraine
	Danijela Gazdic Muzicka Akademija Istocno Sarajevo		Proxies Assigned
	Valentina Dutina Muzicka Akademija Istocno Sarajevo		Anna Bodell for Tibor Racz (Slovakia) Methodical Centre of Acc. "Marta Szokeová" (MCA)
	Sandra Ivanovic (Guest) Muzicka Akademija Istocno Sarajevo		Kevin Friedrich for Joan Sommers (Vice President) CIA Executive Committee
Appologies			
	Joan Sommers - Vice President CIA Executive Committee		Tibor Racz - Vice President Methodical Centre of Accordion "Marta Szokeová" (MCA)
	Harley Jones - Public Relations Manager CIA Executive Committee		Vojin Vasovic - Member CIA Music Committee Dept. of Accordion at Faculty of Art in Kragujevac (FILUM)
	Mindaugas Labanauskas - Vice President Lithuanian National Accordionist's Union		Aleksandr Petrosyan - President Interregional Assoc. of Bayanists & Accordionists (MABA)
	Dalibor Boljun - CIA Contact Okud-Istra Pula		Miljan Bjeletic Faculty of Arts of the University of Niš
	Betty Jo Simon - President USA-ATG		Linda Soley Reed - President USA-AAA

The Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA) held its 2014 CIA Winter Congress in Eastern Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina from February 28 – March 2, 2014. The General Assembly and associated receptions were hosted by the CIA member Muzicka Akademija Istocno Sarajevo (Eastern Sarajevo Music Academy) under the direction of Zoran Rakic.

President Raymond Bodell welcomed all those in attendance to the CIA's first event held in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the 131st General Assembly of Delegates and Winter Congress and then gave thanks were given to Aleksandar Milojevic and his team for the successful hosting of the 66th Coupe Mondiale in Victoria, BC, Canada hosted by the CIA member the BC Accordion Society.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Executive Committee: Raymond Bodell (President), Herbert Scheibenreif (Vice President), Kimmo Mattila (General Secretary), Frederic Deschamps (Chair - Music Committee), Kevin Friedrich (Ambassador), Werner Weibert (2014 CIA Honorary Vice President). CIA Music Committee: Frederic Deschamps (Chairperson), Vitacheslav Semionov (Vice Chairperson), Grayson Masefield (Member), Andreas Nebl (Member), Vladimir Blagojevic for Voijin Vasovic (Member)

Delegates: Anna Bodell and Alison Worthington (National Accordion Organization of the United Kingdom), Anica Karakutovska, Zorica Karakutovska and Elizabeta Ilievska (Ljubitelji na Klasicnata Muzika in Skopje, Macedonia), Georg Hettmann (Deutscher Harmonika-Verband e.V. - DHV), Jörgen Sundeqvist (Sveriges Dragspelares Riksförbund, Sweden), Alexander Poeluev (International Music Center "Harmony" - Russia), Werner Weibert (Harmonikaverband Österreichs - HVÖ), Alexander Selivanov (Russian Alliance of Harmonica & Accordion Performers), Ville Mattila and Jaakko Vikman (Suomen Harmonikkaliitto - SHL, Finland), Viacheslav Semenov and Vladimir Borovikov (Interregional Assoc. of Bayanists & Accordionists - MABA, Russia), Vladimir Blagojevic (Dept. of Accordion at Faculty of Art Kragujevac - FILUM, Serbia), Mirco Patarini (Italian Accordion Culture - IAC, Italy), Frederic Deschamps (European Music Academy - EMA, France), Grayson Masefield (New Zealand Accordion Association - NZAA), Kevin Friedrich (USA-AAA and USA-ATG), Zoran Rakic, Danijela Rakic, Danijela Gazdic, Valentina Dutina and Sandra Ivanovic (Muzicka Akademija Istocno Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Andrej and Ina Stashevski (Guests at Congress from Ukraine)

The longstanding Premier Voting member from the Netherlands the Nederlandse Organisatie voor Accordeon en Mondharmonika (NOVAM) withdrew CIA membership while two new members were admitted. Two new Voting Members that were accepted to the CIA membership are:

- VZW Accordeon Salon (Belgium)
CIA contact: Jef de Haes
- International Art Centre and Acco Holiday Festival of Kiev (Ukraine)
CIA contact: Yan Tabachnik.

In other membership items, the organization previously known as the Kaunas Accordion Society is now formerly known as: Lithuanian National Accordionist's Union with Kazys Stonkus (President) and Mindaugas Labanauskas (Vice President).

The 2015 Winter Congress will begin the year long 80th Anniversary Celebration of the CIA which was founded in 1935 in Paris. To celebrate this, the CIA will host their 133rd General Assembly of Delegates and Winter Congress from 6-8 March 2015 in Paris at the

Hotel de Louvre in the center of Paris. This promises to be an exciting beginning to our 80th Anniversary year, and already plans include inviting many of the former World Champions to join our festivities.

As plans for the Coupe Mondiale in Austria are well underway, the 2015 Coupe Mondiale is also being prepared in Turku, Finland from the 6-11 October. President Raymond Bodell attended a Press Conference in Turku just prior to the Winter Congress, where he viewed the venue and met organizers in Finland. Plans are underway to have an extensive exhibition of the CIA Archives at this event. Raymond and I will be assisting in this work and will spend some time in Finland working on the project.

Three nominations had been received for our CIA Awards. All were accepted as follows:

- CIA Merit Award: Luigi Brutti (Italy)
- CIA Merit Award: Herbert Scheibenreif (Austria)
- CIA Honored Friend of the Accordion: Marco Cinaglia (Italy)

The Music Committee finalized plans for the promotions of the new compositions that were accepted into the CIA Composers Portfolio. The new works will be promoted through the CIA website and social media with the performance of the work and a sample of the score being available as well as bio information on the composer and ordering information. They will also publish information online to assist composers in writing for the accordion. This will be updated periodically and coordinated by Grayson Masefield.

The Austrian Accordion Association (Harmonikaverband Österreichs - HVÖ) will hold a special category of competition under the auspices of the CIA to celebrate their famed composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Rules will be published very soon, but the competition will be for 1 - 6 accordion(s) with a 15 minute time limit. Candidates performing their favorite Mozart work will be chosen from submitted videos and adjudication will be open to all members of the CIA International Jury as well as the audience and Internet viewers watching on Livestream. The Trossingen Conservatory is donating a first prize of 1000.00 Euro.

As previously announced, this year World Accordion Day will be broadcast from the CIA Headquarters from the evening of May 6, through the evening of May 7th 2014, in Ikaalinen. Host this year include Grayson Masefield, Frederic Deschamps, Raymond Bodell, Kimmo Mattila and Kevin Friedrich. CIA members have been contacted concerning details of submitting material for inclusion.

The General Assembly in Salzburg, Austria will oversee General Elections for all CIA committee positions (except President which was held in Victoria, Canada), will be held on Tuesday 28th October at 11.00 am. Positions up for election include Vice Presidents (3), General Secretary, Public Relations Manager, Chairperson of the Music Committee as well as the Music Committee itself, with positions of Vice Chairperson and five members all be open for election.

The 2014 Coupe Mondiale in Salzburg will be both Livestreamed as well as provide immediate playback. Will multiple venues, this will afford the cyber audience a chance to enjoy all the performances as soon as they have been completed.

President Raymond Bodell offered sincere thanks to the host of the Winter Congress, the Muzicka Akademija Istocno Sarajevo (Eastern Sarajevo Music Academy) under the direction of Zoran Rakic. For all information on upcoming events please visit www.accordions.com/cia and www.coupemondiale.org.