

EVTA NEWS FOR COUNCILLORS

OCTOBER 2013

Dear EVTA Councillors,

EVTA COUNCIL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen, Denmark on September 20-22, 2013.

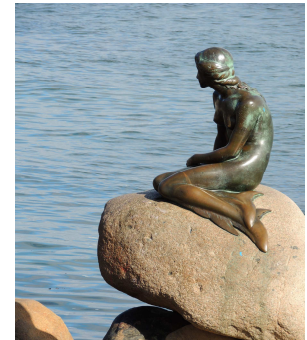


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The EVTA Council had not met since April 2012 in Munich, as we gathered in cozy Copenhagen this autumn. Our hosts Nana Fagerberg and Malene Bichel had really done their best to ensure a successful meeting. Everything was well arranged and they offered us a very friendly welcome. Thank you so much! There were 15 of 21 countries present which can be considered a very good representation. The minutes of the meeting have already been sent to councillors by our secretary Susan Yarnall-Monks. This time there were no elections. The European Forum discussion gave us many good ideas and initiatives for the future, especially the next Eurovox Congress in 2015. The next EVTA Council will gather in Mechelen, Belgium, Sept. 26-27, 2014!



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NEW MEMBER ASSOCIATION

Serbia was unanimously voted the 21st member of EVTA. Their application was thoroughly prepared and showed they are eager to join the European singing teachers community. Our warmest welcome to the new member!

SUMMER OF 2013

Two fine congresses marked the world of vocal pedagogy during this summer.

“*For the Love of Singing*” was the theme for the **ICVT Congress** in Australia in July. EVTA was well represented in Brisbane by members from several European countries. The majority of participants were obviously from Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Asia. The congress was a great success with over 500 people. The Australians’ friendly welcome and pleasant atmosphere impressed us all, as did the varied and interesting congress programme.

PEVOC (Pan European Voice Congress)

PEVOC, another highly valued gathering of voice professionals from all over the world, was held in Prague, Czech Republic August 21-24, 2013. EVTA hosted its own satellite session on August 21, 2013 before the actual PEVOC began. Two sessions led by international experts, Prof. Kenneth Bozeman (USA) and Dr. Filipa Lã (Portugal) continued the topic of our LEO project, *Digital Resources in Voice Training*. We had fewer participants than expected but the quality content made all those attending very satisfied. The PEVOC itself is a smorgasbord of everything to do with voice. This time vocal pedagogy was also well represented among other disciplines. The theme was, indeed, interdisciplinary cooperation between voice research, the medical field, singing, speech and other practical applications. Prof. Norma Enns, EVTA Past President, was very active in organising the EVTA event, as well as member of the PEVOC Advisory Board, which is headed by Prof. Johan Sundberg. Thank you, Norma, for your valuable work! After this PEVOC, President Outi Kähkönen will take her place and continue efforts to ensure the presence of singing and vocal pedagogy in future congresses. It was announced that the next PEVOC will be held in Florence, Italy, in 2015.

DIGITAL RESOURCES HANDBOOK

The LEO Project of the years 2010-2012 finished with great success, even receiving accolades from the assessment boards of the European national agencies. The concrete outcome of everything is now on our website www.evta-online.org in the section HANDBOOK. I encourage you to go and take advantage of the wealth of information found there! It is truly a great resource and I’m sure many of us enjoy re-studying the things already learned in the LEO sessions. Please, let all your members also know about this and continue to spread the information. The important last phase of any project is dissemination of the results! Once more, a big thank you to Norma Enns and Scott Swope for the completion of this work.

NEW LEONARDO DA VINCI PROJECT

Much to our surprise EVTA was awarded a new LEO grant for the project *Diversity of Singing Practices in Europe*. News of this came only after the Council meeting, so no information has been spread about it yet. The project was initiated by the French organisation *Plate-forme Interrégionale* headed by Stéphane Grosclaude. They friendly insisted that EVTA should be a partner in this and despite the first notice that we were not granted money, still continued to plan. And remarkably, so it happened that EVTA did indeed receive the grant after all! The Executive Board will now proceed to plan further together with the other partners. So far we know that the project sessions will be:

1. Spain, Barcelona, February 2014 – how to become an adult singer? Amateur or professional through school, music school, university levels.
2. Denmark, May 2014 - conducting „rhythmic music“ ; innovative, creative, improvisation
3. France, Tours, October 2014 - collective practice link with EVTA France and Polyphollia. Choral conductors and teachers.
4. Freiburg, Germany, 2015 - EVA Professional cooperation. What can we do in the future?
5. Denmark 2015 a shorter session concluding project. Results of project still to be presented at EUROVOX in Riga.

More information about applying for the project and use of mobilities will be sent as soon as the plans allow.

TRAVEL FUND

"EVTA Council / LEO II Partners create special travel fund for small member associations to send councillors to future council meetings."

The remaining LEO II Partners have agreed to create a special travel fund for small member associations from the remaining LEO II Project Pool Funds. The funds are to be used to subsidize future travel expenses for member associations with less than 50 members to send a representative / councillor to future EVTA Council meetings. Requests for a travel subsidy to an EVTA Council meeting should be made in writing to the EVTA Executive. Member associations currently eligible to apply are Spain, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia and Ireland. The next EVTA Council meeting will be held in Belgium in Sept. 2015.

NEW HONORARY MEMBER

Congratulations to **Prof. Norma Enns**, EVTA President 2004-2012, for being unanimously appointed Honorary Member of EVTA by the Council in Copenhagen!

EVTA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2014	LEONARDO PROJECT Diversity of Singing Practices in Europe 1. session	Barcelona, Spain
May 2014	LEO Project 2. session	Aalborg, Denmark
September 26-27, 2014	EVTA Council Meeting	Mechelen Belgium
October 2014	LEO Project 3. session	Tours, France
Summer 2015	LEO Project 4. session	Freiburg, Germany
Summer 2015	LEO Project 5. session	Denmark
June 18-22, 2015	XIII. EUROVOX	Riga, Latvia
August 2015	PEVOC	Florence, Italy
August 2017	ICVT 9	Stockholm, Sweden



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left: Paul Deegan (Ireland) Scott Swope (Germany), Outi Kähkönen (Finland), Martin Vácha (Austria). Back row: Antra Jankava (Latvia), Susan Yarnall (UK), Claudia Phillips (France). Photo: Georges Regner.