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## EDITORIAL

We maintain our tradition of annually publishing a number of our magazine. The intention is to keep awake the interest for the activity of I.G.F. Now became world Forum, our organization aims important objectives and scored in this period a number of achievements which contributes to the prestige of the folkloric movement. Dance, music are important elements of the international folklore witch are brought to life trough I.G.F. The present number of the magazine provides important information from the Board meetings from Voiron – France, Ravenna – Italy, Bistrita – Romania but also the appearance of new events made

under the I.G.F. flag like the International Festival from Gran Canarias. General space is dedicated to the I.G.F. Caravan event which is already traditional in Spain and Portugal. The arrangement of the historic headquarters from Voiron is another important moment of this year. A great success was enjoyed the I.G.F. Gold Star awards which took place at "Aligheri" Theatre from Ravenna and offered an elegant and attractive framework. Concerns to produce the artistic calendar and also the Academy of International Dances are aims that we hope next year to record celebration.

*Prof. PhD Dorel Cosma  
I.G.F.'s President*



## MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF I.G.F. HAVE COMPLETED THE ARTISTIC AGENDA FOR 2016



Friday, 18 March 2016, in Voiron – France took place the first meeting this year of the Executive Board of World Folklore Union, being present the following: I.G.F. President

Prof.Dr. Dorel Cosma (Romania), President adjunct Nicolas Charlety (France) and Benito Ripoli (Italy), vice-presidents Jose Antonio Vinas (Spain), Ameen Kassem (Israel), Vladan



Tesanovic (Serbia), general secretary Rosen Bogdanov (Bulgaria) general secretary adj. Zelida Charlety (France), treasurer Rene Sourisseau (France), treasurer adj. Pahone Pop (Romania), Special Adviser Franco Megna (Italy) and members of the council Zenon Kolybych (Ukraine), Birute Akelatiene (Lithuania).

The meeting began with the speech of the President of World Folklore Union, Prof. Dr. Dorel Cosma, that wished all official delegations welcome and at the same time bringing words of gratitude for the organizing Federation (France).

It has been proposed for debate among other points on the agenda, also the following cultural activities:

- Folk Caravan 2016 to be held in Portugal and Spain on 23-26 June, registrations taking place until April 15. This year has been proposed for participation 8 countries - Romania, Portugal, Spain, Lithuania, France, Israel, Cyprus, Poland - each having the opportunity to enroll up to 3 persons.

- I.G.F. Gold Star in 2016 - former award "Oscar" in folklore – this time will take place in Italy, in September and as a new feature, starting this year, a special prize will be given to the institutions or O.N.G that have significant contributions in the world and participates actively in promoting folklore and cultural heritage.

The first institution of its kind, targeted for 2016 is "UNESCO" – The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which advocates for world peace and security through collaboration among nations in education, science and culture.

Special congratulations to President Adjunct Nicolas Charlety, Ms. Zelda Charlety - Secretary General adj. – and to entire National Folklore Federation from French for the effort to organize this large-scale event.

I.G.F. PRESS OFFICE  
Doris Cosma  
Adrian Pușcaș





## OPENING OF THE WORLD FOLKLORE UNION SOCIAL-HISTORICAL OFFICE



A special moment of the I.G.F. Executive Board meeting in Voiron – France was the inauguration of the World Folklore Union social-historian office, which took place both in the presence of administrative officials in the south-east of France and President I.G.F. and official delegations from countries members of the World Folklore Union.



Have spoken in opening of the event: Mayor of Voiron, Julien Polat, gave a short but comprehensive speech on the importance and honor that the city has, given the fact that it houses the headquarters of the World Folklore Union.

Also Mr. Polat wished to reward I.G.F. President - Prof.Dr. Dorel Cosma - for the promotion and preservation of cultural activity in the world by granting the certificate of honor of the town Voiron - France;

Chokri Badreddine, the regional councilor from Voiron filled the speech of the mayor by saying that the folkloric tradition rooted in Voiron since the establishment of the organization – in 1947 – when countries like France and Italy have established the creation of I.G.F. , defining the moment as an historical one both for France and for the town of Voiron.

Michele Bonneton, deputy of France also highlighted the importance of preserving and



promoting cultural and folkloric heritage folk worldwide.

President of the Federation of folklore in France and also president adjunct of the World Folklore Union thanked to the entire cultural delegations I.G.F. for the presence and for great cooperation exhibited by.

The concluding word was reserved for the I.G.F. President, Prof.Dr Dorel Cosmam who thanked the organizers for their efforts to get an official office in the very center of the city of Voiron. On this occasion he wanted to congratulate the entire I.G.F. delegation for all cultural activities organized worldwide in both previous years and for events to be organized in 2016.

In closing program took place also an important event, the book release of the writer

Dorel Cosma with “Biletul de călătorie” and “Flight”, which were presented for the auditor in English and German by Doris Gîța.

During the meeting were presented a number of cultural projects that will be organized by the Culture Palace Bistrita - Romania. On these events were invited to cooperate and participate a number of ensembles and groups from Europe and outside Europe. In the spirit of this collaboration, in Voiron-France will be present this summer three exhibitions of artists from C.C.M Bistrita and also on the international folklore festival in Voiron - France will attend the folk ensemble “Cununa de pe Someș”.

At the international folklore events like “Nunta Zamfirei” and “Oktoberfest” has already announced the participation of Spain, Italy, France, Argentina and Israel.

It was successful also for the organizing of the religious choral music “Bartolomeu Anania” where we expect international participation.

*“It’s an historical event, this space that we own now officially, we want to turn it into a place of promoting cultural folk traditions worldwide”*

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## THE MEETING AT THE VATICAN



A bleak morning in Rome. It is the 14 th of May and it seems to be an ordinary day. Yet... We wake up early and jointly with the Italian delegation, run by Benito Ripoli, we set off toward the subway that is to take us to Saint Peter's Square. Few people in the street. A few drops of rain are fooling around. We get to the subway station and head toward our destination. The time is 6:30 a.m. and the subway is not crowded at all. We only count around 10-15 people. We get to the Octavian station and set off on foot toward our location – the Vatican. Even though very early, we spot plenty of groups sharing the same way with us. At the San Angelo gate we even notice a considerable queue of tourist groups from South America and Asia. We wait for a few minutes until Benito Ripoli sets up the connection with the organisers. Then we enter the gate of the special delegations and the

amazing Saint Peter's Square opens up in front of us. Everything is prepared for a feast.

The chairs and the traffic limitations are very well indicated and the special security



services are doing their job outstandingly. We are taken over by one of the organisers, who is leading us pass the filter where we admire the Swiss Guard's representatives. 'Acrier et fideliter', meaning 'brave and faithful', is the motto of these young men aged between 19 and 30 and who have the Swiss citizenship, the Catholic religion, the military service undergone within the Swiss army and completed against a 'proper conduct and behavior certificate' and the mandatory height of more than 174 centimetres.

Everywhere you look is order and discipline. A real team wearing a tuxedo and a butterfly tie comes out from amongst the event organisers. We are elegantly having our papers checked, then we are invited, with Benito Ripoli, to the lodge where Pope Francis is to come up. My colleagues, Doris, Ady and Pahone, are guided toward the places indicated for journalists. I regret this separation, because I no longer had

the photo and video cameras around. We are assured that a special company will immortalize all the moments of the event.

Nonetheless, I did not count on that and I took advantage of the cell phone, which would be of great help to us. In the meantime, we met our colleagues from France, Israel, Argentina, who sat down, in their turn, on the places reserved to the groups. The square is getting filled with people. Real torrents of crowd from various corners of the world were flowing there. From the lodge where we were we had the fantastic image of Saint Peter's Square.

At a certain moment, the folk row comprising approximately ten thousand dancers, orchestras and soloists in folk suits showed up in the middle of the crowd and joined the representatives of the countries arrived for this event.

The Cardinals of the Vatican began coming to the official tribune, whereas the special





Guard was getting ready for the arrival of His Holiness. The rain kept on fooling around. It began to rain finely, yet no one moved from the waiting position. The local and national authorities showed up beside us, in the special lodge. Everybody was heroically bearing the rain that would not cease.

At a certain moment we heard the applause and the cries of joy burst. Standing

up in the Popemobile, His Holiness came up, greeting the crowd with great pleasure. He made a few rounds in Saint Peter's Square in this way, in everybody's cheers and to everyone's satisfaction. After getting down the Popemobile, he headed toward the tribune specially prepared for the event.

He most warmly greeted the delegations present there, while listing them. Then there was a service carried out by the Pope Cardinals in several languages. The rain would not stop. It was raining in big drops and everybody present was receiving them as a heavenly bless, as a wash from the evil and as a real purification. Pope Francis blessed everyone present and congratulated them for the heroism of withstanding the rain. We were soaked to the bone, as it had never happened to me, yet it was wonderful. We felt as if we were in another world, full of power and energy. The joy became magnificent when Pope Francis headed toward our delegation. I most respectfully explained to



him that we were representing the I.G.F. World Folklore Union and I handed the I.G.F. gold medal to him.

He curiously asked me what it represented and I explained that it was a sign of our appreciation for His Holiness. Then I told him that I was a Romanian from Bistrița, Transylvania, and I asked him to receive the plaquette of the Bistrița Palace of Culture. He looked at it very closely, caressed it and blessed the institution, the town and the inhabitants. There were truly soul-uplifting moments, which made me think of the beginnings of our town. Back then (around 1200-1300), a document coming from the Pope was mentioning Bistrița. And now, in 2016, His Holiness blesses the Palace and our town. My Italian colleagues also offered him a splendid model from the fatherland of Padre Pio – San Giovanni Rotondo. His holiness thanked us and blessed the entire cultural-folk movement, notably Bistrița and San Giovanni

Rotondo, through my agency and Benito Ripoli's.

There were moments that one can never forget! Even though I am an Orthodox Christian, I felt wonderful and I think we have to regard all Christians with respect and appreciation and to have the ultimate certainty that there is only one God.

*Doris Cosma*



## I.G.F. CARAVAN – 2016



I.G.F. Caravan is organized by the World Union of Folklore - initiated by Prof. Dorel Cosma, President I.G.F. – it reached this year's IV-th edition. The event is meant to promote folk music, traditions and singers from different parts of the world and debuted three years ago in Romania, Colibița resort. It was a first effort



made by the National Federation of Folklore from Romania, Italy, France and Spain.

This year, the I.G.F. Caravan It was developed under the careful coordination and organization of Vice-president of I.G.F. - Antonio Vinas - President of the Federation of Folklore in Spain. Close collaboration with the President of the Federation of Folklore in Portugal - Carlos Olivera has enabled support a program in neighboring Country – Portugal, where was called actually gathering at Porto airport. It should be noted that although in another country, Antonio Vinas was marked by organizational spirit and dedication to the colors.

At this year's Caravan, responded with valuable singers National Federation of Folklore from Lithuania, Israel, Romania, France, Spain, The performances were successful both in Portugal and Spain. The accommodation and meals in Spain – at Caldaria were outstanding offering to



delegations the possibility of relaxing moments thoughtful and determined by President I.G.F. - Prof. Dr. Dorel Cosma was present at the events in Spain and awarded prizes from I.G.F.

Each delegation was awarded with certificates of excellence made in a very artistic way, also they received magazines, badges and various symbols of World Union I.G.F. Was welcome also the meeting with Mayor of

Qurense - Mr. Jesus Vazquez Abad which for the support of the folkloric movement from Spain was awarded with: Gold Medal I.G.F. as otherwise the gold medal I was awarded also to the Vice-president I.G.F. - Antonio Vinas.

Congratulations to all participants, organizers and supporters of this.

*Counselor of the I.G.F.'s President  
Adrian Pușcaș*







**I.G.F. GOLD STAR (EX. OSCAR) – RAVENNA – 2016 – ITALY**



Italy hosted the other day the awards ceremony - IGF Gold Star (Ex. Oscar in folklore).

Ravenna, the host city of the awards I.G.F. Gold Star has once been the capital and was chosen the most sensational Byzantine mosaics in Western Europe, which they kept as Italians know how to take care of art. A long history, sparkling, colorful, which brought eight magnificent monuments inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage.



At Ravenna, every year, the Theatre "Dante Alighieri" in addition to opera and classical music festivals, hosts once a year an international event. So in September 22 in the week when in Romania they celebrated 150 years of the birth of George Coșbuc - who made the first and the best translation into Romanian of the "Divine Comedy" - at the "Dante Alighieri" Theatre was receive awards in folklore - IGF Gold Star - 2016.

Major international event, perhaps one of the most awaited cultural events in folklore is held every year in different locations and this year, the



Executive I.G.F. has decided that the event should take place in the Italian city of Ravenna.

From the event did not lack representatives of the executive I.G.F. Bureau as Birute Akelatiene from Lithuania, Meni Papanicolau from Greece, Benito Ripoli from Italy and of course the president of the World Folklore Union - I.G.F. - Prof.Dr. Dorel Cosma.

In a festive atmosphere, Nidal Kassem - Vice President Federation of folklore from Israel, Nikos Sagrosis from Greece, Stefan Kovacicvic - President of the Federation of folklore from

Croatia, Rima Moisejenkienė from Lithuania, Ivonne Espinoza from Mexico, Pahone Pop from Romania and Angelo Moris from Italy were rewarded for all their work done over the years for the benefit and promotion of the authentic folklore.

Moments full of emotion and excitement took place in the hall of the theater "Dante Alighieri" at the awards I.G.F. Gold Star – 2016. Elegant and kept gripped by emotion at the sound of chanting the national anthem of each Country, Gold Star Award nominees went on stage, receiving reward for their work.

Congratulations to all winners I.G.F. Gold Star 2016 and also for Benito Rippoli – President of F.I.T.P. Italy and the entire Federation of folklore F.I.T.P. for the excellent organization of this major international event, supported substantially by the Bureau of the World Folklore Union - I.G.F.

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**I.G.F. GOLD STARS AWARDS – 2016  
WINNERS**



*Pahone Pop – Romania*



*Stefan Kovacicvic – Croatia*



*Angelo Moris – Italy*



*Nidal Kassem - Israel*



*Rima Moisejenkienė –Lithuania*



*Ivonne Espinoza – Mexico*



*Nikos Sagrosis -Greece*

**I.G.F. BOARD MEETING BISTRITA (2016)**



The Mayor of the city of Bistrita welcomes as well members of the IGF Board. He explains how it is important for him to support culture and folklore. He doesn't forget that when he was young he danced in a folklore group. He reminds that at communism time, to be member of a folklore group was a way to travel abroad, to go out of the country. Today frontiers are free. Young people don't have the same purposes. He is aware that leaders of groups

have to find other objectives for young people to participate. He thinks it is very important to professionalize folklore groups as it is already the case in Ukraina, Russia.... For him, political people of local and central authorities are responsible for it. He confirms his support to Dorel Cosma, he says he is lucky to have him in his town.

Then Nicolas Charléty, Antonio Vinas, Benito Ripoli, Ameen Kassem, Vladan Tesanovic, Rosen





Bogdanov, Zenon Kolybich and Michael Lanitis say a few words. All of them are impressed by the mayor's sensitiveness to culture and folklore. Then Dorel Cosma explains that he travelled a lot during the last months to participate in several events: - Caravan in Spain and Portugal - Festival in Voiron - Festival in Canarias (new IGF festival) - Ravenna for Folk Stars. He thanks and congratulates all people for their organisation and for all the work done.



T.V. I.G.F.: There is TV Bistrita already. By the end of December there will be TV IGF. It is necessary that the federations send material (cultural programs) to begin this channel. Prof.Dr. Dorel Cosma wants to show cultural activities from all over the world. Proposal of Nicolas Charléty : if a federation sends a document made by tourism office to promote a country or a region, then it would be good that



the tourism office pays something to TV IGF, as a sponsor. Answer of Mr. Prof.Dr. Dorel Cosma: it is the matter of each federation. He doesn't want that money comes directly to TV IGF. He only wants material (informations, recorded activities, interviews...) from federation. If a federation finds a sponsor, the money goes to the federation.

Regarding the I.G.F."Gold Stars", Valdan Tesanovic thinks it was good to give a prize to UNESCO. It is also important to reward national institutions to develop collaborations. He also suggests that Adi or Mihai, follow a group making a tour of festival during two months to show on TV. It could be a very good TV report giving an excellent image of IGF.

Prof. Dr. Dorel Cosma answers it would be difficult because two months is quite a long time. But each festival can film and send it to the studio in Bistrita. Nicolas Charléty proposes that the Romanian team, Vladan Tesanovic and another person work together and elaborate a communication plan.

Mr. President Prof.Dr. Dorel Cosma concludes by thanking all members for the quality of work done.

General Secretary adj. of I.G.F.  
Zélida STUELSATZ



## "CITALISTA" - BULGARIA, IN CELEBRATION



In Bulgaria, Sofia and Blagoevgrad were conducted extensive cultural and artistic events, celebrating 160 years of the organization "Citalista". On this occasion were offered distinctions and awards for those who over the years have made important cultural activities at national and international level.

Attending these events, manager of Culture



Palace from Bistrita and also President of I.G.F. , Prof. PhD. Dorel Cosma received and awarded distinctions for gentlemen: Nikolai Doinov - president "Citalista" Rosen Bogdanov - President of the National Folklore Federation from Bulgaria and Mr. Vasily Novoselsky - manager of the "Blagoevgrad" Culture Center.

This large-scale manifestation was held at the National Palace in Sofia in the presence of over 5000 spectators and a numerous official authorities, both national and local level.

In the collaboration between Cultural Palace from Bistrita, I.G.F. and "Citalista" It was mentioned in official meetings underlining the brilliant results at folkloric and literary level.

We mention that "Citalista" is the largest cultural organization in Bulgaria comprising over 3,000 cultural organizations from the whole territory of this Country



## INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL FROM VOIRON – FRANCE



In Voiron – France, where is also the Social – Historical I.G.F. Siege located, took place in July 2016, an International Folklore Festival. During this period five Folklore Groups from Argentina, Mexico, France, Romania and Vietnam participated to the activities organized by the France Folkloric Federation “ATP Salmorenc” – President Nicolas Charley

Present at this event was also the president of the World Folklore Union, Prof.Ph.d. Dorel Cosma who told us about the meetings that we had, during the festival in Voiron, with delegations from all over the world including with the ambassador of Vietnam in France.

In the official reception, that was held at the City Hall in Voiron, President of the I.G.F. Prof.Ph.d. Dorel Cosma, awarded with the Gold Medal on the President of the France Folklore Federation for his entire activity and also on the Mayor of the city Voiron for his support provided for folklore.

Also, very important to mention is the fact that as a result for the intense meetings, it seems that the cooperation with Vietnam will be more intense now because they have shown interest to join the IGF as we inform us the president of the World Folklore Union, Prof.Ph.d. Dorel Cosma.



## A NEW IGF. FESTIVAL - GRAN CANARIA COUNTRIES LIKE ROMANIA, PORTUGALIA, SPAIN AND SERBIA PARTICIPATED AT THIS FIRST EDITION OF THE FESTIVAL



This year in Gran-Canaria, Spain, took place the first edition of the International Folklore Festival “ El Salitre de Faycan” where participated countries like Portugal, Romania,

Serbia and Spain. The invitation to participate at the Folklore Festival “Salitre del Faycan – Telde y Valsequillo de Gran Canaria” from 14-18 September, came from I.G.F.’s vicepresident





- Jose Antonia Mira Vinas who have a very good cooperation with the festival director Gustavo Hernandez.

The first day of the festival was reserved for visits, so the formations present from 3 countries - Romania, Serbia and Portugal - had the opportunity to stop for a moment to Maspalomas Dunes in Gran Canaria; Puerto Rico beach and of course the most popular shops and malls from the area. Formed on the south coast of Gran Canaria, between the tourist resorts of Maspalomas and Playa de Ingles, Maspalomas Dunes are a natural reserve and a paradise for lovers of sun. They were declared a national park since 1994.

The first performance of the ensemble "Cununa de pe Someș" took place on national television "TVE", where members of the assembly have been invited to participate in the famous program of folklore "Tenderete".

"Cununa de pe Someș" was present at the International Folklore Festival "El Salitre of Faycán" and perform on the stages from the Canary Puerto de Mogan, Playa del Ingles, Telde - Plaza de San Juan and Valsequillo - Plaza Tifariti. In all four days of the festival, the two cities were represented by local authorities present at both events, which also congratulated and awarded all participants from Romania, Serbia and Portugal.

At the end of the festival, the president of the World Folklore Union Prof. Phd. Dorel Cosma and vicepresident - Jose Antonio Vinas Mira announced that the Festival "Salitre del Faycán" will be part since 2017 in the festival calendar under the auspices of the World Folklore Union, which is a guarantee of quality and artistic value of the groups participating in any festival of this kind.



## PRESIDENT IGF. - POETS, WRITERS VISITED NEW YORK

### THE POETRY FORM BISTRITA ARRIVED AT NEW-YORK



For the first time, the poetry from Bistrița, passed the Ocean, with ample events that took place in New York. Three writers from Bistrița were invited to launch their books in the great metropolis of the world.

The past days Dorel Cosma, Elena M. Cîmpan and Menuț Maximinian were invited to the USA Embassy in Bucharest for preparing documents, and all 3 were receiving, ease visa for 10 years.

Dorel Cosma, Elena M. Cîmpan and Menuț Maximinian had presented their poems in an anthology in English, published by Gracious Light in New York, USA.

The presence in America took place from October 8 to 22 in a project of Bistrița Writers' Society "Conexiuni" with The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York and writer Theodor Damian.



It is the first time when a delegation of writers from Bistrița will present literature from Romania in USA, and their translation in English for an anthology, published across the ocean, is an extra point, so they must be congratulated.



# IGF PRESIDENT VISITED MALAYSIA

Meeting with the Sultan and Prime Minister from Malaysia



NEW COLABORATIONS FOR I.G.F. – WITH MALAYSIA

# I.G.F. ACTIVITIES DURING 2016





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## CALENDAR 2017

### IGF ACTIVITIES

- **I.G.F. BOARD MEETING IN PARIS - In march 2017**



- **I.G.F. CARAVAN IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN – In June 2017**



- **I.G.F. GOLD STAR IN KOSOVO-SERBIA – In August 2017**



- **I.G.F. BOARD MEETING IN INTERLAKEN- SWITZERLAND – In 1-3 September**



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