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EDITORIAL



We offer folk culture lovers a new issue of the IGF World Folklore Journal. We have recorded in these pages the important international events unfolded in the previous year. We are delighted that traditional events such as The Folklore Caravan, Folk Star, World Folk Star that have won more adherents and are unfolding considering outstanding circumstances. One can notice an expression of the seriousness with which IGF members regard these manifestations, as well as the ways of making them known to the local and national authorities. We have also attempted to provide in this issue the presentation of some activities carried out by National Folklore

Federations part of the IGF and we will continue to do so. We are always waiting for reports about the activity of each Federation and we will obviously publish them in our magazine. We will continue making our website available even for live international or national folklore moments on IGF - TV where they can be watched. We therefore consider that we have taken important steps in promoting and recognizing the IGF worldwide. Only by working in a team can we accomplish formidable things and the current IGF team thinks it is strong and the friendship that binds us contributes to our full affirmation. The international situation in this period increases somewhat our burdens and responsibilities. I think that we are called more than ever to demonstrate to the world that through music and dance the most difficult moments can be overcome. We need to demonstrate to the world that the artistic and beauty have always made people understand each other. The variety of IGF folk costumes, musical and choreographic rhythms have always made a good company with the spirit of tolerance, understanding and peace. It is what we all want to achieve this world - a peaceful life for us and our children, to live in harmony all over this planet and always coordinated by hope, faith and love.

*Dr. Dorel Cosma
President I.G.F.*

FESTIVAL IN SLOBODNICA - CROATIA



The National Federation „Klass” from Croatia has organized in Slovanski Brod – Slobodnica an excellent performance on the second day of Easter. The President of the Federation - Stefan Kovacievic - together with the fellows from his hometown had worked hard to produce an international event, inviting seven groups from different parts of Croatia and the folklore group “Cununa de pe Someș” from Bistrita - Romania. The numerous audiences had applauded the dancers, the music and the costumes on open stage. The hosts took care to offer diplomas and awards to all participants.

President of the I.G.F. - prof.dr. Dorel Cosma - took part in the event and he

had interesting talks regarding future collaboration with the Croatian authorities. The meeting with Mayor Josip Pavic from Slobodnica and with the Prefect of the District dr. Danijel Marusic were also fruitful.

The I.G.F. was given a full presentation with regards to its cooperation with the „Klass” Federation in major international events. Both the I.G.F. and the „Klass” Federation were present in the local TV network.

The Klass” Federation and the group from Slobosnica, led by Ștefan Kovacievic did a very fine job and deserve our congratulations.

*I.G.F. PRESS OFFICE
Adrian Pușcaș*



I.G.F. OFFICIAL DELEGATION IN VIETNAM



At the invitation of the Vietnam Ministry of Culture and Tourism, a delegation from the World Folklore Union, I.G.F. has carried out a working visit aimed at knowing the traditions and cultural values of this part of the world. The visit was intermediate by director Thanh Vuong Nguyen of the Vietnam Embassy in Paris, following Vietnam's adhering to the World Folklore Union I.G.F.

From the delegation, that was led by prof.dr. Dorel Cosma, president of I.G.F. was included also Nicolas Charlety - Deputy Chairman, Ameen Kassem - Vice President, Vladan Tesanovici - Vice President, Renee Sourissou - Treasurer, Pahone Pop - Deputy Treasurer, Birute Akelaitiene - Office Member, Michalis Lanitis - Adrian Pușcaș - adviser to the president.



One of the high-ranking meetings in Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, was at the Ministry of Culture, where a series of relationships were established that will be further exploited through the promotion of Vietnamese culture in the projects of the I.G.F.

Welcoming the World Folklore Union, the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism, Minister Vuong Duy Bien said, "I know your organization helps you preserve, protect and honor the values of folklore. I think every country needs to protect it, and to preserve and promote their cultural traditions. Especially the preservation of folklore is very necessary in the market economy."

Within the reception, president of the World Folklore Union - prof.dr. Dorel Cosma - offered the I.G.F. medal to the Minister Vuong Duy Bien and also made a brief presentation of the IGF organization, recalling that last year when Vietnam joined I.G.F. We felt very impressed with the music, the costumes, the



colors and the way of staging the traditional Vietnamese performances.

During the 5 days spent in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, the delegation of I.G.F. was able to enjoy many traditions, especially culinary. Perhaps the best-known way is Phở, a simple noodle soup eaten at breakfast at home or at Vietnamese restaurants. The capital of Vietnam fascinates you with a lot of things like French colonial architecture, Old Quarter with St. Joseph's Cathedral, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, or Lake Hoan Kiem





where you can learn the legend of the turtle. It's worth taking a tour through the Temple of Literature or taking part in a water theater show with dolls.

Delegation of I.G.F. was invited to a special reception at the Embassy of Romania in Hanoi. His Excellency Ambassador Valeriu Arteni together with his wife, Mrs. Maria Arteni, received with great warmth all the members of the delegation with information from the Romanian-Vietnamese collaboration, but also with general aspects of the history and traditions of this country. There was no lack of Vietnamese and

Romanian products. Mr. President Prof.Dr. Dorel Cosma thanked for this invitation to the Embassy and offered Ambassador I.G.F. In turn, Ambassador Valeriu Arteni offered to all members of the delegation a small symbol to remind them of the historic visit made to the capital of Vietnam.

One of the most impressive visits made in Vietnamese territory was at Halong Bay, where UNESCO has put the "universal heritage" stamp. Like any place that man's mind and soul cannot comprehend and catalog quickly, and here was the intervention of a fantastic being, endowed with great powers, to explain what the eye sees. It is said that, at the time Vietnam began to cling to the country as a country and faced fierce enemies, the gods sent a family of dragons to help. These, and here the legend separates, whether they have started spitting jewels and jade that then turned into the islands and the islets of the bay, or they shake vigorously from the tails and created the valleys, the



crevasses and the heights that point the bay today.

After the 5 days spent in Hanoi, Vietnam, the time has come for the delegation to move to the middle of the country, in the city of Hue, a city with more than 1 million inhabitants, hosting one of the largest and most important festivals international music and traditional dance from the Asian region.

Delegation of I.G.F. had another important reception in Hue with the main actor and organizer of the festival, which is also the Vice Chairman of the Provincial People's Committee, Mr Nguyen Dung. It was discussed the possibility of expanding the festival with groups from I.G.F. but also the participants from the Hue Festival to take part in the activities and projects of the World Folklore Union. Finally, the president of I.G.F. - prof. Dorel Cosma offered in gratitude to Mr. Nguyen Dung the I.G.F. medal together with the magazine of the organization and the promise of a beautiful collaboration.

Hundreds of thousands of visitors can enjoy a colorful and large opening ceremony with unique performances by several art groups from Vietnam and other countries. The Hue Festival has become a cultural



exchange space between peoples. During the festival a variety of cultural events take place thanks to the tens of scenes located all over the city.

Two days before coming back home, the delegation of I.G.F. also made a small stop in Ho Chi Minh, the largest city in Vietnam, located near the Mekong Delta. Under the name of Prey Nokor was the main port of Cambodia before being conquered by the Vietnamese. In the most crowded city of the country, even the banal crossing of the street becomes an adventure. It is worth visiting Notre Dame Cathedral, Municipal Theater, Reunification Palace, Ho Chi Minh Museum, the traditional Lam Son Market in the stylish Dong Khoi.

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Doris Cosma*



IGF CARAVAN 2018



The VII International Festival of the folkloric songs I.G.F. CARAVAN 2018 was held from June 20 to 24.

In the present edition we had enjoyed the quality of the participating groups from abroad Romania, Italy, Bulgaria, Israel and Galicia, and from our own territory, with which we get the names of Ourense, Galicia and Spain to appear within the world circuits of Folklore.

Because it is the only Festival of these characteristics that takes place in Spain, we seek to bring about greater knowledge and sensitivity to this aspect of our popular folklore.

From the point of view of the social profitability of the project it is necessary to emphasize that it is an event with a universal and socializing character among the



participants and assistants. This character is provided through the promotion of the festival aimed at all audiences: children, youth, adults and the elderly, but fundamentally to families, a value that in Galicia is passed on from generation to generation and which we showed during the festival.

On the other hand, from Q.D.P (Queixumes dos Pinos), we consider that every cultural act should not forget the past generations, who were the source of our current generation. For this reason, we visited several residences for the elderly, neighborhood associations and sociocultural centers, with which we will carry out a small reminiscent exercise, not free of a certain nostalgic character, with more than 500 of our elders.

This year we also went one step further, as the participants of the Festival were received

by the president of the Parliament of Galicia as well as by the Vice President of the Provincial Council of Ourense and the mayor of the city.

With the present project we set ourselves a double objective: on the one hand, to promote interpersonal relationships through the promotion of singing culture among young people and adults of different nationalities and, on the other hand, to bring Folklore and the image of our song traditional at higher levels in the panorama of International Folklore. In this way and as we have already mentioned, one of our main aims was to offer an intergenerational dynamiting activity that would sensitize new audiences in the field of popular culture, fundamentally to the new generations.

*I.G.F. Vice-president
Jose Antonio Vinas Mira*



I.G.F. BOARD MEETING IN SOFIA – BULGARIA



In 14th of April 2018 took place the first I.G.F. Board meeting, in Sofia – Bulgaria. The delegation that attended at this event: president of the I.G.F. prof.dr. Dorel Cosma, Nicolas Charlety – president adj., Jose Antonio Vinas Mira – vice-president, Nidal Kassem, Franco Megna – law expert advisor, Giorgio Cutsak – scientific council, Vladan Tesanovic – vice-president, Benito Ripoli – president adj., Michalis Lanitis – member in the board council, Rene Sourisseau – treasurer, Zelida Stuelsatz – general secretary adj. , Rosen Bogdanov – general secretary.

The following order of discussion regarding this important meeting was:



- Joining in the I.G.F. of the new member from Russia (Chelyabinsk) and presentation of the International Festival "Sinijorie";

- Organizing and participating of the I.G.F. members at the IGF Folklore Caravan 2018;

- Organizing I.G.F. Gold Star and World Folklore Star between 6 and 10 August in Cyprus.

- Establish of the I.G.F. delegation for the meeting in Vietnam;

- Release the I.G.F. Magazine 2017/2018

- Organizing the International Festival of Folklore Music from Tîrgu-Mure;

- Analyze of the financial situation and measure for warnings and exclusions for those one who does not respect the IGF Status;

- Other problems.

The meeting was ended with congratulations from the president of I.G.F.- prof.dr. Dorel Cosma to the organization from Bulgaria and especially to Mr. Rosen Bogdanov – general secretary of I.G.F.

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FAIRY WEDDING IN BISTRITA OVERSEAS AND DOMESTIC FOLKLORE GROUPS AT “NUNTA ZAMFIREI”

Whatever translations Coşbuc's poem would have, it would not be able to cross the earth, long and wide, as it happens every year through the event faithfully hosted by Bistrita for so many seasons. A time when many of the inhabitants of the world were and are names such as: Romania, Bistrita, Zamfire's Wedding.

Any literary festival, under the sign of George Coşbuc, would not have succeeded in promoting both the Bistrita wedding custom, traditions related to the Transylvanian culture, besides the notoriety of the poet, the literary field and so on.

But the passing of the rhythm of poetry, of folkloric inspiration, into the rhythm of the





diversity of dance, drawn from the ancestors, represents a permanence, recognized and assured in the future.

The International Folklore Festival “Zamfira’s Wedding” is one of the oldest manifestations dedicated to folk art and tradition all over the world. The idea belongs exclusively to Professor Dorel Cosma, the first edition being organized 23 years ago. Every year, this festival brings to the public the diversity of folk traditions from different cultures.

Bistrita annually hosts towards the end of July one of the biggest international folklore festivals, bearing the name “Zamfira’s Wedding”, which is inspired by the poem of George Coșbuc. Thus, our city becomes for several days the capital of international folklore, where over 500 artists are to be

seen on stage to present what they have most beautiful and precious in their respective folklore. An explosion of color and rhythm that brings much joy to the face and soul of the audience. Exhibitions, music and dance color our city for a week.

There have been performances with artists from all over the world in Bistrita this year as well, with openness to new cultures and friends, because this is the purpose of this festival. United by the same heart beating for folklore and tradition, ensembles from 15 countries have been hosted this year at the “Zamfira’s Wedding” 2018 - Lithuania, Bulgaria, Belarus, South Korea, Republic of Moldova, Philippines, Costa Rica, Mexico, Israel, Poland, Slovakia and Gran Canaria - Spain!





Authentic folklore, the exuberance of popular costumes and the beauty of the world's traditions, these are the ingredients of an international wedding, the only gift to the world. At "Zamfira's Wedding" we want the artists who evolve on stage together to bring peace, understanding and harmony, all contained in a common heart that fights for authentic folklore, and the beautiful

ties and friendships that connect artists from the different corners of the world that are certainly unforgettable. The saddest moments are when the festival ends ... we notice the tears on everyone's faces, the final hugs, the exchange of phone numbers, pictures, small gifts, but we encourage each other to see us along the years and we will keep the link via the internet. Even this year,



we had the opportunity to revisit our dear friends in Italy, who 10 years ago were also present at our festival, which became a part of their story, as the generations of dancers change annually. It was an enormous joy, to them anew, to share memories, but especially to see them again on the stage of our festival.

Spectacular, cultural diversity, richness of traditions was offered to us during the seven days at Zamfire's Wedding Festival, and our message - love, peace, friendship in the world - was certainly transmitted to the entire globe!

Costumes, accords, story, symbols - all in a fever of colors for dream evenings. The Center of Bistrita's old town turns every year

for several days during the quiet summer evenings, into a meeting place, on everyone's way to the stage, an attraction from the general point of view, waiting for dense, well-metered performances, able to convey the poetry of the place which has created or inspired other artistic accomplishments.

We do not know whether the countries invited to the Bistrita Festival also have a poem or a poet, who deals with the subject of wedding. Cosbuc, through the "Zamfira's Wedding", also walks on the path of folk dance. And where the name of the Festival is voiced, another space is formed on the ground where it all started.

Doris Cosma



I.G.F. GOLD STARS AND WORLD FOLK STARS 2018

This year Limassol Municipality and World Folklore Union I.G.F. had organized the annual festival I.G.F. GOLD STARS and WORLD FOLK STARS, at "Marios Tokas" municipal Garden Theatre in Limassol – Cyprus.

During this year's edition of - I.G.F. "Gold Star" - the acting President of the World Folklore Union – Prof.Dr. Dorel Cosma, awarded prizes to five outstanding personalities of the cultural-artistic life: Mr. Vladimir Karachincev from Russia, Mr Krzysztof Trebunia Tutka from Poland, Mr Bernard Caillet from France, Mr Morsi Saeed Biadseh from Israel and Mrs. Kalliopi Protopapa from Cyprus.

A quality artistic program was assured by Michalis Tertikas, Michalis Hatzimichael, Aris Limassol Choir, Choir "Romanos Melodos", Patouchinos Band, the Philharmonic of the Municipality of Limassol and also by the dancers from the following dance groups:

Dancing Club "Dionysos"
Limassol Folk Group

Zedros Cultural Club
Folklore Research Group
Workshop for traditional dance "Alexandra"
Cultural Group "Close to Tradition"
Music editing by Nicolas Vryonis.

Moments full of emotion and excitement took place at "Marios Tokas" municipal Garden Theatre from Limassol. Elegant and kept gripped by emotion at the sound of chanting the national anthem of each Country, Gold Star Award nominees from this year went on stage, receiving reward for their work.

Congratulations to all winners I.G.F. Gold Star 2018 and also for Michalis Lanitis – Member in the Board Council of the I.G.F. 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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*Awarding the prize to
Mrs. Kalliopi Protopapa from Cyprus*



*Awarding the prize to
Mr. Trebunia Tutka from Poland*



*Awarding the prize to
Mr. Bernard Caillet from France*



*Awarding the prize to
Mr. Morsi Saeed Biadseh from Israel*



*Awarding the prize to
Mr. Vladimir Karachincev from Russia*

33rd INTERNATIONAL SUMMER OF FOLKLORE IN POLLINO PARK CASTROVILLARI – ITALY

It's a wrap on the 33rd Estate Internazionale del Folklore e del Parco del Pollino, a season plenty of emotions and colours. More than six thousand people have joined this journey around the world held near the Town Hall with groups coming from Africa, Poland, Mexico, South Korea, France, Martinique, Ecuador and Italy with the group "Pro Loco di Castrovillari" and the host group "Città di Castrovillari", who kept the audience captivated for more than 3 hours. Equally thrilled was the co-host Doris Cosma, promoter of a Folklore Festival in Romania where the Italian group was previously hosted, always artistically headed by Antonio Notaro

Emotions strongly lived during the first festival night with people crowded in Via Roma for a bursting Flash Mob, thanks to an idea of Carlo Catucci and also harmoniously choreographed by Tilde Nocera, with all the guest groups, who breathed life into a mix of dances, music, songs and glowing colours. A sensational success for this festival that has been going on for 33 years, involving young and old. Another fascinating event was the evening spent on a panoramic tour around the city with all the groups on two wheels



thanks to Clubs, Vespa and Lambretta. People jammed in Piazza Municipio where Radio attiva RLB gave its audience a joyful evening of music led by the energetic Mariarosaria Gairo. It's time for the "Festival Olympics", popular games with one aim: being together in the name of cheerfulness and enjoyment, key factors who have always led Folklore Festival. Next up, AFRICA E DINTORNI by Burkina Faso, a moving performance filled with colour sand rhythms from West Africa along with the ancient legends of a multi-century culture.

This event paid homage to a member of "Città di Castrovillari" group, Benedetto Marino, who died prematurely. His





daughters, Tiziana and Cinzia were on stage to deliver a souvenir plaque of the evening. During the “Mass of Peace” officiated by His Eminence Francesco Savino, Bishop of the diocese of Cassano Jonio and Father Carmine De Bartolo in the Sanctuary of Madonna del Castello, so many voices turned into a chorus in favour of peace. Regardless their religious faith, Poland, South Korea, Ecuador, France, Martinique, Mexico and of course Italy have joined the ceremony allowing peace to overcome every barrier. A great focus as well on society with a trip to the hospice “Villa Iride” in Castrovillari. This event was headed by Massimo Ventricini and Tilde Nocera

who have highlighted sympathy – using Art, Dance, Folklore and Music – for those families who have children with disabilities.

All of this and much more was the journey of the 33rd Estate Internazionale del Folklore e del Parco del Pollino; a journey made of colours, dances, knowledge, music and traditions from foreigner lands, all held in Castrovillari in the name of integration between different ethnic groups and cultures. These are the factors who not only make the “Festival” great but also it’s a reminder for us of two important values: Fraternity and Peace among people.

Anna Rita Cardamone



35th EDITION OF THE FESTIVAL OF CULTURES OF THE WORLD



The 35th festival of cultures of the world took place in Voiron from June 28th until July 8th 2018. Several groups coming from foreign countries participated: Macedonia,

Philippines, Paraguay, Madagascar, Quebec (Canada), Israël-Palestine.

They performed many times in the city and around. We organised special times for children to share their traditions through dances, music and traditional games.

A new artistic field was present in the festival with street-artists. They painted some special creations on the theme of festival.

The groups participated in many other festivals, led by Voiron. The group of Philippines ended his tour by his participation in the festival of Bistriza, together with the group ATP Salmorenc of Voiron !



*President Adj. Of I.G.F.
Nicolas Charlety*

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FROM ISRAEL I.G.F. SECTION



Immediately after finishing off with 2017, which was a very busy year full of activities and projects for our Israeli and international audiences, and with 2018 around the corner, the Israeli Federations of the IGF, under the supervision of the Israeli section to improve the productions significantly. The management started to gather all artists, specifically folklore and music, to draft and approve an annual work plan emphasizing



the development in professional state of the art productions.

The Israeli IGF section, led by Mr. Ameen Kassem produced and executed many festivals and cultural events, especially folklore events. These took place on January till April if 2018 in the Galilee and supported by the local IGF. The later succeeded in improving its musical productions of dance and folklore groups.





In 2018, due to the unique cultural structure of Israel, and due to the multicultural groups residing in Israel, Logos and the local groups signed a “Peace Treaty”. This had major effects upon activities, and during June-September 2018 there were more than 13 cultural events that took place in Northern Israel, with the participation of Jews secular and Ultra- Orthodox, Arabs Muslims and Christians, Ethiopians and Druze who all danced on stages in events organized by the Israeli IGF section.

I.G.F Israel Initiated the “IGF Cultural Week” in August (13-20 august) the event is about hosting professional groups from Europe to show in multiple events in villages and towns in Galile region – Israel , therefore they hosted folklore groups from Romania, Bulgaria, Spain and Poland who all gave excellent performances and took part in the Festival. The main shows were part of the festivity supported by Logos

federation called “ Logos international folklore festival “ which was launched in 15th August 2018.

The Israeli IGF section management, known for its strong bonds and good relations with neighboring Federations, has started to implement the Peace Treaty in Israel and in neighboring Arab countries through its activities and events.

Albadia Federation opened new 3 ensembles during the year 2018 in periphery areas specially in the negev region & villages round Nazareth holy city mont – to give a chance for economical weak areas to give it professional art for the general audience of the igf Israeli section by encouraging dancers & musicians to stand in the line of Folklore activities.

*President Adj. Of I.G.F.
Nicolas Charlety*



IGF BOARD IN VILNIUS - OCTOBER, 2018



In the period of October 12-14, 2018, a meeting of the IGF World Folklore Board took place in Vilnius, Lithuania. Through the care of Mrs. Birute Akelaitiene - President of the National Folklore Federation of Lithuania and member of the IGF Board, the meeting took place in optimal conditions and managed a rich organizational program. The following board members were present: prof.dr. Dorel Cosma - IGF President, Nicolas Charlety - Acting President, Ameen Kassem - Vice President, Jose Antonio Vinas Mira - Vice President, Vladan Tesanovici - Vice President, Rosen Bogdanov - General Secretary, Pahone Pop - deputy treasurer, Birute Akelaitiene - member and Jozef Revák - member.



The agenda included the following issues:

- Analysis of IGF activities during 2018;
- Projects for the year 2019;
- Miscellanea.

The meeting was opened in the presence of national and local representatives of the Lithuanian authorities who welcomed the presence of all delegates at this meeting. Mrs. Birute Akelaitiene also welcomed all the colleagues present.

The IGF President thanked both the Lithuanian authorities and our colleague Birute Akelaitiene for their effort to host this meeting. There was a review of the event in Limasol - Cyprus, where our colleague



Michalis Lanitis struggled to organize the two IGF Gold Star and World Folk Star. The good connection and the support of the City Hall, which was congratulated and stipulated with a distinction, is worth mentioning. The special IGF distinction was given to Mr. Michalis Lanitis for his excellent organization and involvement in the two events mentioned above.

With reference to the "IGF Caravan" the organizer of which has been - Jose Antonio Vinas Mira, who thanked his colleagues for the presence of vocal soloists, guided to participate in this event by colleagues from the World Folklore Union. He also thanked the deputy chairman Nicolas Charley, who was present at the event organized as the representative of the IGF Presidency. Congratulations to Mr. José Antonio Vinas Mira and IGF President Dorel Cosma for the effort made in realizing and keeping alive this great event as is the "IGF Caravan".

Short interventions were also made by the following colleagues:

Ameen Kassem, who this year organized the second edition of the IGF Festival in

Israel that will continue in the future. Congratulations!

Vladan Tesanovici - who spoke about activities in Serbia and about participating in international events, thanks to colleagues and their support. He said he had talks about joining the IGF with the Federation of Bosnia, Georgia, Algeria, Egypt, Argentina and Hungary. In the following period, confirmations from these countries are to be expected.

Rosen Bogdanov - talked about the Bulgarian events and the respective collaborations.

The IGF President congratulated all colleagues on the accomplishments of this year and asked them to send videos from these international meetings as soon as possible, so these could be promoted on the official website of the World Folklore Union - www.igfunion.eu the IGF Live TV section. Written materials for the next issue of IGF Folklore Magazine were also requested.

Neither the issue of the levy was forgotten. It was urgently required to pay up to date all arrears, debtors will be posted on the IGF site and even excluded, where appropriate.



By the end of 2018 there will be several events to which colleagues are invited:

1-3 November Târgu Mureș, Romania - Festival of vocal soloists. 2 representatives from IGF member countries can participate with negative recordings and obligatory popular costume. Arrival in Targu Mures is scheduled for 31st of October, in the evening or at the latest on 1st of November. The participation must be announced by November 25, 2018 at Bistrita Cultural Palace, Romania.

23-25 November San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy - Commemorating Padre Pio;

The invitation is on the site of the IGF World Folklore Association and on the What's App API IGF Board.

Towards the end of the meeting, the IGF President presented and evaluated the visit of the IGF Office to Vietnam and also the good collaboration with this new Federation. The return of the Federation of the Czech Republic and Portugal, with which the IGF President held talks this summer, was also discussed. Replies are also expected from Costa Rica and the Philippines.

All members of the Board have been asked to keep in touch with the federations they have under their authority, to visit their members and to support them in various national and international events.

The proceedings went to point 2. For 2019 actions were set as follows:

March 29 - 31, 2019 - Spain, IGF Board meeting;



20 - 24 June 2019 - Spain and Portugal, IGF Caravan with the participation of the Federations of France, Israel, Serbia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania. Other Federations may be announced, the deadline being 31 March 2019;

July 25 - 30, 2019 - Bistrita, Romania, extended IGF Board meeting with the participation of all IGF members, IGF Gold Star, World Folk Star;

September 2019 - Puy du Fou, France, IGF General Assembly

In the end, the colleagues wished to be more involved in all the events that the World Folklore Union organizes. It was reiterated that all information on IGF can be found on the official website www.igfunion.eu.

For outstanding merit in organizing, Ms. Birute Akelaitiene received the open IGF distinction followed by an extraordinary folklore program supported by the Lithuanian Federation ensembles, followed by a visit to the tourist town of Trakai.

Congratulations once again to the President of the Federation of Lithuania, Mrs Birute Akelaitiene, for her organization, involvement and the warmth she waited for and surrounded all IGF members in the Board.

All IGF colleagues have the obligation to prepare their programs, send materials for the magazine and TV, pay their annual membership fee and, of course, meet the tasks set by the Board members.

*IGF President Counselor
Doris Cosma*



THE 3rd EDITION OF "PETRE SĂBĂDEANU" FOLK MUSIC CONTEST



At its 3rd edition, the "Petre Săbădeanu" Folk Music Interpretation Festival was organized by the Șopterean Cultural Foundation and the Romanian National Folklore Association, together with the Bistrita Palace of Culture. The contest held at the Palace of Culture in Târgu Mureș was attended by 12 young people who passed the preselection, representing all areas of the country and having special vocal qualities, declared the President of the World Folklore Union and the jury, Prof. Dr. Dorel Cosma. The instrumental music was provided by the Orchestra of the professional ensemble "The Wreath of the Somes", which proved, under the baton of Alexandru Demeter, professionalism, being both competitors and invited guests in the gala.



The 16 instrumentalists from Bistrita have impressed both through the artistic execution and the stage performance, as it is expected from a professional band, demonstrating their skills through the smooth execution of the melodic lines in all areas, as well as an orchestra suite from the repertoire of the beloved artist Petre Săbădeanu, who would today be 85 years old.

The artist Mărioara Sigheartau managed to make an interesting presentation of the festival, interacting with the interpreters on the life and activity of Petre Săbădeanu, thus painting a portrait of the artist.

The jury, chaired by the Bistrita Cultural Palace manager, Dorel Cosma, including Dorina Oprea, Leontina Pop and Nelu Șopterean, the





folk art creator Virginia Linul (also presenting an exhibition), the Satu Mare Creative Center's Director Robert Laszlo. They decided that the grand prize should remain in Mures County, awarded to Cristina Farcas. The first prize was awarded to Alexandra Togănel from Mures, the second prize to Alexandra Antal from Salaj and the third prize to Carina Avram from Mureș.



The gala performance brought on stage, together with the professional orchestra from Bistrita, Roxana Suci, Ovidiu Furnea, Maria Neag, Virginia Linul, Petre Petrus, Anton Todica, Mugurel Gabor (Petre Savadeanu's nephew), Ancuta Crișan Toncean.

The festival's gala was supported by the ensemble "The Wreath of the on Someș" with a wide variety of stage dances (from Transylvania, Maramureș, Moldova, Banat, in the choreography of Teodor Pușcaș), greeted with applause by the audience.

50 years since its inception, Bistrita's benchmark ensemble has proven its professionalism through the Centenary tournament in the twin cities in Europe, but also by supporting such a festival.

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**23 - 25 NOVEMBER 2018, SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO ITALY
HOMAGE OF OVER 4,000 PEOPLE IN ITALIAN
TRADITIONAL COSTUMES TO SAINT PADRE PIO!**





More than 4,000 people participated in the 50th anniversary of Padre Pio, one of the declared saints of Italy, after his passing away. During the event, an impressive pilgrimage took place in the center of the Italian city, on a route of about 8 km, the statue of Padre Pio being accompanied by thousands of people who sprinkled flowers.

Ahead of the procession was the head of the World Folklore Union, Dorel Cosma, along with Constanzo Cascavilla, FITP President Benito Ripoli and many priests from all denominations, Romania being represented by the priests Nicolae Feier and Vasile Beni from Bistrita.

There was a mass celebrated in the shrine of the saint, after which people spent hours in a row praying for health and thanking him for the blessing he brought over the city.

During the international symposium, debates, book launches, concerts, took place. The manager

of the Palace of Culture from Bistrita launched the Italian edition of "The Shore of Silence" from which he recited the poem "At Padre Pio's Home". The priests Nicolae Feier and Vasile Beni spoke about the importance of promoting peace through religion, their speeches being received by the organizers as a sign of appreciation and distinction of the city.

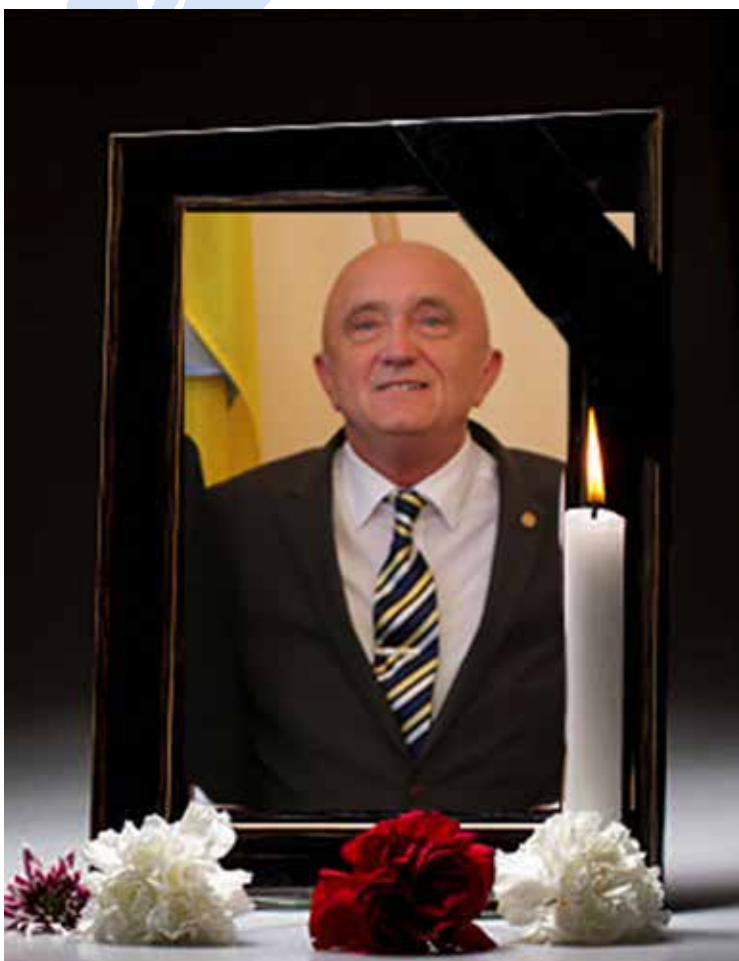
During the festivity, IGF President Dorel Cosma received the Honorary Citizen Award of San Giovanni Rotondo from the City Hall and the Local Council for his support in promoting Italian culture and folklore.

At the end of these 3 days of celebration, the great artist, Al Bano was the special guest star. With a full team of professionals alongside, Al Bano has performed for 60 minutes giving the audience a true royal of evergreens from the 70s and 80s!

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IN MEMORIAM



These days the great artist, director and conductor, president of the National Folklore Association of the Ukraine - Zenon Kolobych - distinguished with the title Artist of the People in his homeland and many other prizes in the international folklore movement - also a member of the Board of the IGF who has promoted in his entire activity professionalism, friendship understanding and a humanist spirit. His passing away is a great loss both for his family, for the Ukrainian culture and for the world folklore.

The members of the IGF board express their sympathy to the mourning family and show their moral support in this tragic moment.

May his soul rest in peace.

*PRESIDENT I.G.F.
Prof.phd. Dorel Cosma*

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I.G.F. ACTIVITIES DURING 2018



LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA – ESPAÑA – 29-31 de march 2019

Friday 29 march:

Arrival of the IGF members at the Las Palmas de Gran Canaria airport.

Transfer to the hotel.

20.00 h : Official ceremony to welcome the members of the IGF, and reception in (Government of the Canary Islands)

21.30 pm: Dinner at the restaurant.

Saturday 30 march:

07.30-08.30 hours: Breakfast at the hotel

09.00-12.00: IGF Board meeting.

13:00: Reception to the members of the IGF of the Consuls of the Consular Corps of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

14:00: Lunch in Restaurant.

15:00: Departure excursion on the Island by bus

20.30: Arrival in San Juan de Telde where they will be received by the authorities of the City Council of Telde.

21:15: Folklore of the Canary Islands performance in the Plaza de San Juan de Telde for the members of the IGF Board .

22.30 : Official dinner at Restaurante en Melenaras

Sunday 31 de march:

07.30-08.30 hours: Breakfast at the hotel

09.00-12.00: IGF Board meeting.

13:00 : Lunch in Restaurant.

Farewell to all members of the IGF Board and brought to airports.



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CALENDAR 2019

I.G.F. ACTIVITES

- I.G.F. BOARD MEETING – *21-31 March in Spain*



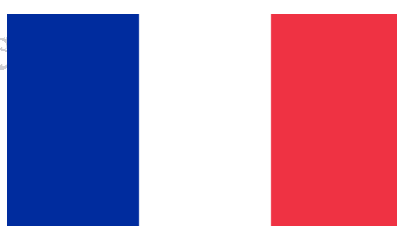
- I.G.F. CARAVAN – *Spain – 20-24 June*



- I.G.F BOARD MEETING and I.G.F. "GOLD STAR" and "WORLD FOLK STARS" – *26-30 July in Bistrița, Romania*



- I.G.F. GENERAL ASAMBLEY – *September in France*





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