

Activities – Project Groups (Committees)

International Dance Committee

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Left: 9 in a row by Hamilton Monteiro
Right: Narcissus Mirror in the Mirror by X-it Dancetheatre

Report of the International Dance Committee IDC

Activities 2012:

- Annual meeting of the IDC on 25th of April at the Headquarters of UNESCO in Paris.
- 30th International Dance Day: The IDC founded the International Dance Day in 1982. It assists in the organization of the event in collaboration with the General Secretariat. In 2012 choreographer Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui was selected as message author.
- Pilot project: 2nd Dance Symposium. Celebrating the 30th anniversary of International Dance Day. The Dance Symposium is a pilot project to be evaluated and adopted as a joint project by the IDC. It is a thematic symposium organized by the Cyprus Centre of ITI with the support of the Cypriot Ministry of Culture. As a part of the celebrations of 30th anniversary of International Dance Day, the 2nd Dance Symposium "Body and Music" took place in Nicosia, the 1st May 2012. Choreographers, composers, musicologists and theatre directors from Cyprus, Sweden, Croatia and Serbia performed and lectured about the relationship between dance, music and the spoken word.

Activities 2013

- The board of IDC underwent a reform as President Joseph Fontano and the other World Dance Alliance Europe members resigned. Vice President Andromachi Dimitriadou Lindahl (Cyprus) took over as an Interim President until the next Congress in Yerevan. The remaining further board members are: secretary: Marcia De la Garcia (USA), members: Bettina Miltz (Germany), Nicolle Vieira (Brazil). The board encourages national ITI Centres to embrace dance by creating their own dance departments. The board agreed on adopting the Dance Symposium as an IDC long term joint project.
- International Dance Day: Choreographer Lin Hwai-min was selected to write the message for 2013.
- 3rd Dance Symposium "Body in conflict and reconciliation", 28 April - 3 May 2013, Nicosia and Limasol. Hosted by the Cyprus Centre of ITI, with the collaboration of Dance House Limasol, Dance

House Nicosia, the New Movement of dancers and choreographers, Mitos Centre of performing arts. Featuring performances, lectures, video screenings by artists and academics from Cyprus, Slovenia, Serbia, Israel and Australia. With the support of the Cypriot Ministry of Culture.

Activities 2014

- IDC Annual meeting: Skype meeting of the board members: Interim President: Andromachi Dimitriadou Lindahl (ITI Cyprus); Secretary: Marcia De la Garcia (USA); Member: Nicolle Vieira (Brazil). The board decided to propose a dance project for the Yerevan Congress. Presenting a contemporary dance choreographer who will lead a workshop and present a "work in progress" with local dancers.
- International Dance Day: IDC participated as usually in the selection of the message writer. The message of the International Dance Day was written by the honored choreographer Mourad Merzouki.
- 4th International Dance Symposium "Body and gender - the performativity of gender in the performing arts" 1 - 4 May 2014, Nicosia and Limasol. Organized by the Cyprus Centre of ITI, with the collaboration of the Dance House Nicosia, the New Movement of Dancers and Choreographers, Mitos Centre of performing arts. With the support of the Cypriot Ministry of Culture, the Brazilian ITI, the Radio and Television of Cyprus. Workshop on release and contemporary dance technique. Performances by artists and lectures by academics from the field of gender studies, dance history, psychoanalysis, anthropology. Participations from Cyprus, UK, France, Serbia, and Greece.

Board:

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