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Invitation to the event “sing outside the box” including ECA-EC General Assembly 2018 with elections

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 November 2018 – Cappadocia - Turkey

Dear members and friends of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat,

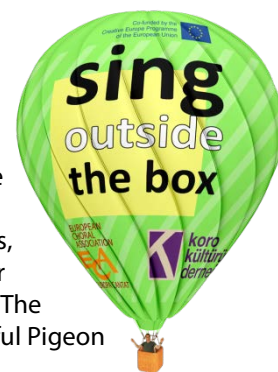
It is our pleasure to invite you to the 2018 ECA-EC annual event “sing outside the box”, hosted by Koro Kültürü Derneği, our Turkish member association, in the beautiful region of Cappadocia, Turkey.



During three days, you will have a unique chance to interact, learn, sing and meet with your fellow choral enthusiasts around the themes of the event, experience music in unusual venues, and to contribute to the development of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat. As a member of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat you will also be able **to elect the next Board of the association as well as two financial auditors, and to nominate proposals for the next Music Commission and Youth Committee of the association (see page 6).**

A public event The conference “sing outside the box”

Continuing the line of conferences discussing hot topics of the choral world, we are organising the 2nd edition of the public conference “sing outside the box”. We are setting up an exciting programme focusing on “different” ways to perform, to interact with (new and younger) audiences, and cooperation with other art forms. On Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, you will discover new ideas, exchange along practical sessions and maybe even sing (outside the box, of course...). The musical programme includes concerts in unusual venues and a “musical walk” through the beautiful Pigeon Valley.



The public conference is part of the cooperation project sing outside the box coordinated by the Estonian Choral Association in cooperation with ZIMIHC, Sulasol and ECA-EC, and co-funded by the European Union Creative Europe programme. The project develops an in-depth cooperation between the Eurochoir sessions 2017 in Utrecht (NL) and 2018 in Helsinki (FI) and the EUROPA CANTAT Festival in Tallinn (EE).

www.SingOutsideTheBox.eu

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Activities for members of ECA-EC

Membership Day / Friday, 16th November 2018

Members of ECA-EC are invited to attend the 4th edition of our "Membership Day" on Friday, November 16th in the morning and early afternoon. This is an exciting opportunity for our members to talk about the future of our association, bring in new ideas and develop new models with their peers, and to have a chance to present their own projects. Members interested in participating must plan to arrive on Thursday, November 15th in the evening. The programme and the call for project presentations will be communicated to the members separately.

General Assembly 2018 / Saturday, 17th November morning

The General Assembly will look back at the last year as usual, reporting about the EUROPA CANTAT Festival in Tallinn and the first year of the project **Upgrade – Connect – Reach Out**, co-funded by the European Union Creative Europe Programme. And it will look ahead at the next years of this multiannual project, as well as to the rich programme of activities 2019. (See Agenda on page5).

IMPORTANT: Elections – Call for Candidates

The members will have the opportunity to elect a new Board for the years 2018 – 2021. At the 2017 General Assembly the membership took two important decisions which will affect these elections:

- They decided to reduce the Board from 13 to 11 Board members (with the possibility of co-opting 2 more)
- They decided to make it possible for individual members, families and member choirs to make use of their voting powers through remote voting (member organisations can only vote with a direct representative personally present at the General Assembly).

See details on page 4.

The activities for the members of ECA-EC are part of the project **Upgrade – Connect – Reach out: Raising Awareness for Collective Singing in Europe**, co-funded by the European Union Creative Europe Programme.



How to register? / Deadline 30 September 2018

To attend parts or all of the event, please fill in the online application form under

<http://bit.ly/EcaEcConf2018>

before 30/9/2018.



The detailed programme, the practical information for your stay, as well as the documents for the General Assembly will be sent out to registered delegates beginning of October 2018.

Please note that English will be the main working language of the General Assembly, Membership Day and Conference, but individual or group translation into French and German may be provided when possible.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the beautiful region of Cappadocia!

With best wishes

Gábor Móczár
President of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat



Attachments: Schedule of the event (p.3), participation fees (p. 4), Agenda of General Assembly (p. 5)
Information on elections of the Board and financial auditors and nominations for the Music Commission (p.6)

Important practical information

Location

The accommodation and main activities will be held in Uçhisar.
Bus transfers will be organized to reach venues located in neighbouring villages.

Airports

Nearest airports are Nevsehir / Kapadokya Airport (**NAV**) and Kayseri Airport (**ASR**)
Nevsehir / Kapadokya Airport (NAV) to Uchisar: 30 minutes
Kayseri Airport (ASR) to Uchisar: 50 minutes

Visa

Please check if you may need a visa to enter Turkey (also applies to some EU countries!)
<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>
Prolonging your stay / booking tourist attractions: See bottom of next page

Schedule of the event "sing outside the box"

Uçhisar, Cappadocia, Turkey – 16 to 18 November 2018

Wednesday, 14/11/2018: Arrival of the Board of ECA-EC

Thursday, 15/11/2018

- ECA-EC Board meeting all day / Meeting of the Youth Committee in the afternoon/evening
- Arrival of members who wish to participate in the Membership Day
- No dinner arranged this evening for members - enjoy the recommended addresses selected by our Turkish hosts!

Friday, 16/11/2018

- **Membership Day in Uçhisar**
 - Morning: Project presentations in Hotel Argos: exchange about your model projects and inspire your peers.
 - 12:30 Bus transfer from Hotel and lunch
 - Afternoon: Interactive sessions: elaborate the future of the choral sector and of your network
- Arrival of participants of the Conference / members not attending the "Membership Day" and Registration in the hotel
- 18:00 Bus transfer from the hotel
- **18:30: Opening of the Conference "sing outside the box"** in Avanos with **Keynote speech: Cem Mansur (TR)** and dinner with musical surprises

Saturday, 17/11/2018

- 8:45 Bus transfer from Uçhisar
- Morning: **General Assembly of ECA-EC** with elections (only for members of ECA-EC) in Uçhisar
- Afternoon: **Public Conference "sing outside the box"** – in Uçhisar

Short plenary followed by parallel sessions and interactive (singing) workshops dealing with new approaches to collective singing, with a focus on relation to rehearsal and performance spaces. Some sessions presenting the Turkish tradition and innovation in choral music.

Ways to upgrade performances:

Maria van Nieuwkerken (NL) – *Surprise your audience!* / Dóra Halas (HU) – *Involve your singers!* / Greg Gilg (FR) – *Sonic choir for non-singers* / Youth Committee of ECA-EC – *Atmosphere, singers outside the rehearsal*

Innovation in Tradition:

Ömer Faruk Belviranlı (TR) - *Traditional singing techniques of Anatolia* / Cemi'i Can Deliorman (TR) - *Discover Turkish Tunes*

- Evening: **Concert of the State Choir Turkey** in the Güray Museum

Sunday, 18/11/2018

- 10:00 – 13:00: Musical Walk: Discover the Pigeon Valley in music, and share with your peers
- 09:30 – 12:30 Meeting of the newly elected Board, with elections of the Executive Board (important: all candidates to the Board have to plan their departure earliest on Sunday afternoon, not before 15.00)
- 09:30 – 12:30 Sing Outside the Box project meeting

The schedule is subject to changes! *The exact programme of the conference with the final names of the speakers and information about the choirs will be published on our website in summer*

There will be the possibility to display information material on associations and projects on tables.

Participation fees

Price per participant for members / Non-members pay 20 € in addition.

The fee includes accommodation with breakfast and meals as described below, as well as all coffee breaks, the performance on Friday evening and the concert on Saturday evening, and participation in the different events.

Parts of the programme are co-funded by the European Union Creative Europe programme through the **sing outside the box** project coordinated by the Estonian Choral Association, and through the network project **Upgrade - Connect - Reach Out** of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat.

For local conference-participants and others who don't need a hotel, separate fees will be communicated on demand.

To make your registration easier, we offer two packages that you can combine to stay for the full duration.

- **"Membership Day" package**, with 1 night at the hotel from Thursday to Friday and lunch on Friday
- **"Conference" package**, with 2 nights at the hotel from Friday to Sunday, as well as dinner on Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday

If you need another arrangement, please contact us directly so we can try and find a solution.

Costs for Single Rooms	Country Group 1	Country Group 2	Country Group 3
Membership Day package	120 EUR	100 EUR	80 EUR
Conference package	230 EUR	190 EUR	150 EUR
Total all packages (= full event)	350 EUR	290 EUR	230 EUR
Costs for Double Rooms	Country Group 1	Country Group 2	Country Group 3
Membership Day package	85 EUR	75 EUR	65 EUR
Conference package	170 EUR	150 EUR	130 EUR
Total all packages (= full event)	255 EUR	225 EUR	195 EUR
Countries by country group	AT, AW, BE, CA, CY, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, HK, IE, IL, IS, IT, JP, LU, NL, NO, SE, SG, UK, US	CG, CN, CZ, EE, GR, MT, PE, PT, SI, SK, TW and some other overseas countries, see below*	AL, AM, BA, BG, BY, GE, HR, HU, KZ, LT, LV, MD, ME, MK, PL, RO, RS, RU, TR, UA
* For countries outside Europe the rule is that countries belong to group 1 according to the HDI index used by IFCM (see http://ifcm.net/membership-fees) are in country group 1, countries belonging to HDI groups 2 and 3 are in country group 2 country group 3 is only reserved for European countries. If you are not sure which country group you belong to, write to info@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org			

You will receive an invoice with payment modalities some time after your online registration.

Special grant for organizations from Central-Eastern and the Mediterranean Area

In order to increase the involvement of member organisations of ECA-EC in Central-Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean area in the activities of the association, we have the opportunity, in the frame of our network project, to offer grants for up to 5 representatives of 5 different member organisations, to cover or contribute to travel expenses and participation fees. If you are interested in such a grant, please contact us before August 31st 2018.

Prolonging your stay / booking tourist activities

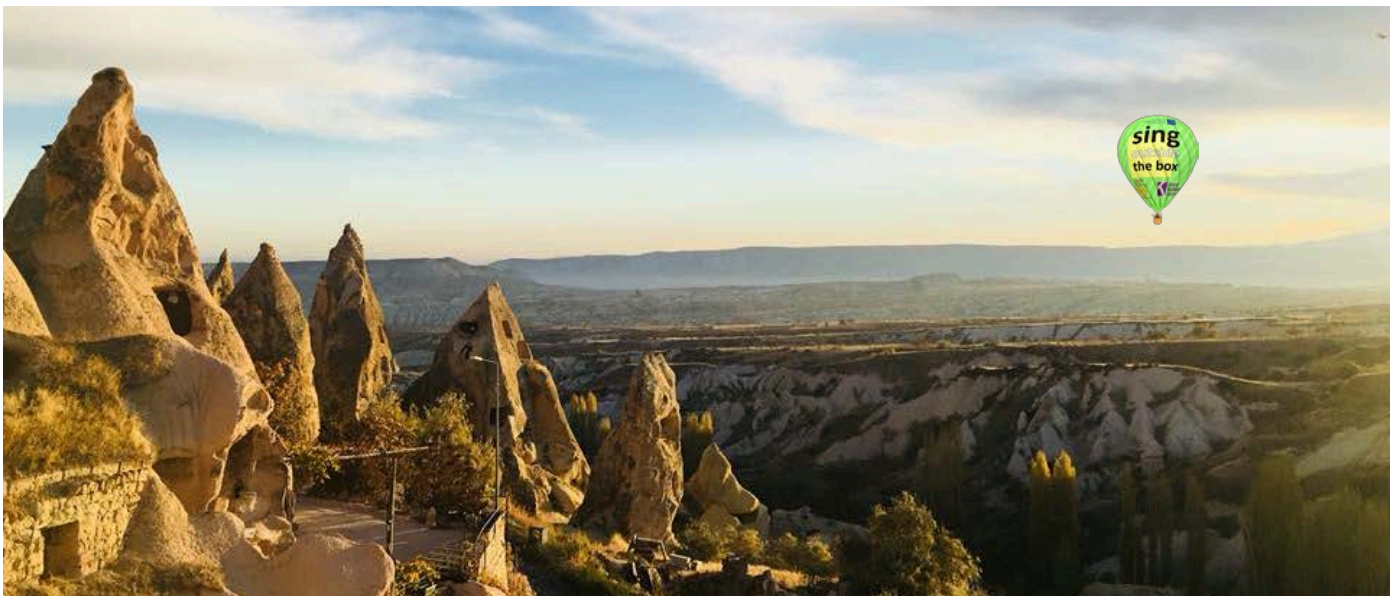
If you wish to prolong your stay, arriving earlier or leaving later you may book additional nights in the conferences hotel directly through the Argos Hotel, <http://www.argosincappadocia.com/EN/> which will also be happy to book tourist attractions such as excursions or balloon flights if you are staying in their hotels.

Agenda of the General Assembly 2018

Saturday, 17/11/2018, 9.30 – 13:00

0. Opening
1. Approval of the agenda
2. Minutes General Assembly 2017
3. Report of the President
4. Activities' reports 2018, including report from the Membership Day
 - 4.1 Music Commission
 - 4.2 Regional Centres
 - 4.3 Year 1 of the project "Upgrade – Connect – Reach Out" including training offers for members and new communication tools
 - 4.4 Looking back – the Festival EUROPA CANTAT XX Tallinn 2018 and other activities in 2018
5. Report of the Treasurer: Finances 2017 - 2018, Preliminary Budget for 2019
6. Discharge of the Board of Directors
7. Welcome to new members
8. Proposal for new membership fees for the period 2019 - 2021
9. "Friends of Choral Music in Europe"
10. A look into the future: Activities 2019 – 2021,
 - 10.1 year 2 of the project "Upgrade – Connect – Reach Out"
 - 10.2 other activities in 2019
 - 10.3 EC junior 2020 / EC Festival 2021 and other major events ahead
11. Presentation by the Youth Committee
12. Invitation to General Assembly 2019 in Ljubljana, Slovenia
13. Elections
 - 13.1 Explanation of election procedure for Board elections
 - 13.2 Live presentation of candidates
 - 13.3 Board elections
 - 13.4 Election of two financial auditors
 - 13.5 (at the end of the afternoon): Announcement of results
(The Executive Board will be elected on November 18th in the morning, results will be disseminated by mail and Social Media)
14. Miscellaneous

Subject to changes



We look forward to seeing you in Cappadocia in November 2018!

European Choral Association – Europa Cantat Elections 2018 – General Explanations

Board elections

- **Candidates:** Any member of the European Choral Association - Europa Cantat, (individual or family member, representative of a member choir or organisation) can be a candidate to the Board or can be nominated by others. Candidates are elected for a mandate of 3 years (November 2018 to autumn 2021), which is renewable twice (maximum duration on the Board = 9 years).
- All candidatures (including those of present Board members) must reach the General Secretariat in written form as soon as possible, but **no later than September 15th 2018**. Late candidatures will not be accepted since the membership must have the possibility to review candidatures in advance.
- Submissions should include the **motivation** for being a candidate (including a possible field of focus while on the Board), a personal **biography**, a photo and the candidate's **answers to questions** (see separate document for candidates, available on the Website or from info@eca-ec.org)

Important: Since the General Assembly 2017 decided that individual and family members as well as member choirs will be able to participate in the elections through remote voting, candidates will also have to submit **a presentation video of maximum 2 minutes** for the online campaign which will run from October 1st to 31st 2018. Please provide a link to a youtube or vimeo video.
- Once a candidate has been elected, **the travel expenses to the meetings and food and hotel accommodation** during the meetings will be covered by the European Choral Association Europa Cantat, if the budget allows; economic difficulties should not prevent anyone from presenting their candidature!
- Candidates to the Board must be prepared to **attend at least two or three Board meetings per year** of 4 days each (including arrival and departure day), one of which is in connection with the annual General Assembly. They must be prepared **to work between the meetings** by e-mail, video-conferencing and other online communication tools and to represent ECA-EC at other events from time to time. The working language of the Board is English.
- **Candidates to the Board (and to the Music Commission) of ECA-EC** should be aware that they will not be allowed to conduct at any of the "Activities of ECA-EC" for which the programme is (partly) decided by the ECA-EC Music Commission during their term of office, especially during the EUROPA CANTAT festivals and at the European Academy for Young Conductors (conducting at "Activities in partnership with ECA-EC" is possible). Also they will not be able to get fees for any work done for or during one of these activities (exceptions to be approved by the Executive Board).
- Candidates to the Board must **plan to stay in Cappadocia** until Sunday, November 18th afternoon since the **new Board will have its first meeting on November 18th from 9.30 – 12.30**, during which they will also elect the new Executive Board (President, 2-3 Vice-Presidents, treasurer)
- **Proxies:** Due to the change of statutes decided in 2017 which grants individual and family members as well as member choirs the right to remote voting, proxies will no longer be possible!
- **Membership fees:** Members who wish to be candidates to the Board and members who wish to vote at the General Assembly need to have paid their 2018 membership fee (and for previous years) before September 30th 2018! Members who have not paid their membership fee may attend the General Assembly and speak, but will not have active or passive voting rights.

Financial auditors: In addition, two financial auditors will be elected by the General Assembly among its members or other competent persons (see Art. VIII of the statutes) - candidatures may be sent in advance or presented in Cappadocia.

Music Commission: The new Board will appoint the members of the new Music Commission. Proposals from the membership are welcome until 30/9/2018. Members of the Music Commission will have to attend a meeting of 2-3 days twice a year, usually in the host country of the festival. They will prepare the programme for the next EUROPA CANTAT festival and will work on the artistic aspects of the other activities of ECA-EC.

Youth Committee: For the next Youth Committee a call will be published and presented at the General Assembly in Cappadocia. Proposals from the membership will be accepted until 31/12/2018, then the Board will appoint the new Committee for the years 2019 – 2021