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The European Choral Association - Europa Cantat elects a new Board and President and looks ahead to a rich programme and exciting developments in the coming years

The European Choral Association - Europa Cantat is happy to announce that Carlo Pavese from Italy was elected as President of the association on November 17th 2018 in in Uçhisar, Turkey.

The General Assembly elected a Board of 11 persons from 11 European countries which then elected a new Executive Board:

President: Carlo Pavese (Italy),

1st Vice-President: Mihela Jagodic (Slovenia),

2nd Artistic Vice-President: Jean-Claude Wilkens (France),

3rd Vice-President: Dermot O'Callaghan (Ireland), Treasurer: Martine Spanjers (The Netherlands)

Further members of the Board: Burak Onur Erdem (Turkey), Marti Ferrer (Spain), Loti Piris Niño (Belgium), Flannery Ryan (Germany), Raul Talmar (Estonia), Martin Wildhaber (Switzerland)



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The General Assembly was preceded by a Membership Day at which the members discussed their view and vision of the association and made proposals for the future development, especially commenting on a first draft of a strategy for the years 2021 and beyond, capacity building for members, peer-to-peer opportunities and youth involvement.

The programme of the weekend was completed by a conference under the title **sing outside the box** offering a choice of sessions with Greg Gilg (FR), Ömer Faruk Belviranlı (TR), Dóra Halas (HU), Cemi'i Can Deliorman (TR) as well as the Youth Committee of the European Choral Association – Europa Cantat.





The event was hosted by the Turkish member association Koro Kültürü Derneği in the spectacular region of Cappadocia and included concerts by A Cappella Boğaziçi and the Turkish State Choir as well as a musical walk through the Pigeon Valley. The participants appreciated the warm hospitality and excellent organisation by the Turkish team.



Burak Onur Erdem opening the conference at Hanedan Restaurant in Avanos, Cappadocia

The next General Assembly (15-17/11/2019) will be hosted by JSKD in the city of Ljubljana, host of the EUROPA CANTAT festival in 2021.

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