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)
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](image)

**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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