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FOCUS ON EXCO/COUNCIL MEETING

CIOFF EXCO & COUNCIL SPRING MEETING, SANTA FE, ARGENTINA 5th—9th April 2008

Following the invitation of CIOFF Argentina, the extremely successful and fruitful Spring Meeting of CIOFF EXCO & COUNCIL took place in Santa Fe from 5th to 9th April 2008. All of the Council Members with exception of Dan Ronen (who was not able to join us due to health problems) were present at the meeting and enjoyed the tremendous hospitality extended to us by CIOFF Argentina. The Opening ceremony took place at the Official Opening of the Exhibition of Dolls in National Costumes from around the World. On the last day of the meeting we had a very interesting presentation from CIOFF Argentina, which gave us an insight in their work and culture and attended a performance by “Compania Argentina de Danzas”, but the highlight of our stay in Santa Fe was the most memorable evening we spent at Hugo & Bety’s house, where we enjoyed a great meal prepared by their friends, followed by an impromptu music and dance display by the hosts and visitors. The whole stay



in Santa Fe was a wonderful experience and we are very grateful to Hugo and his team for their organization of the meeting and outstanding hospitality.

Olga Maloney

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CIOFF COUNCIL MEETING - NEW CIOFF STRATEGY

CIOFF Council at its meeting in Santa Fe performed a detailed analysis of the present situation in CIOFF, its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and relations to other NGOs.

As a result a new draft of CIOFF Strategy was developed, dedicated to future development of CIOFF: The aim is to promote Intangible Cultural Heritage including Festivals and Traditional Arts.

As the result of the analysis it was confirmed that CIOFF is strong in Festivals but has some weaknesses in National Sections.

Therefore:

The Priority Objectives of the New Strategy are:

1. Improvement of National Sections by enhancing average level of information, being restrictive when approving new full members, motivating National Sections to Excellency, conducting a survey and involving



youth in the work of National Sections.

2. Establish flagship cultural project to strengthen finances and find an overall sponsor or contributor to cultural projects by commissions and National Sections.

The other objectives of CIOFF were established as follows:

1. Developing a renewed structure of CIOFF International
2. Keeping and improving the quality of the Festivals
3. To find out the objectives of placing the UNESCO Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage in our work (diffusion through festivals and identification through National Sections)
4. Keep the current status with UNESCO



FOCUS ON NATIONAL SECTIONS

CIOFF AUSTRIA - 100th Anniversary of Bund der Österreichischen Trachten- und Heimatverbände



In 1908 the first Austrian folklore organisation was founded in Salzburg, in memory of the 60th anniversary of regency of Austrian Emperor Franz Josef. First members of this organisation were from the Tyrol and Salisbury.

In 2008 the 100th anniversary of Bund der Österreichischen Trachten – und Heimatverbände was celebrated in Salzburg, the place of founding.

On May 31st, the festival started at 15:30 with a mass held in St. Peter. One element of the ceremony was the bene-

diction of the Notburga statue. St. Notburga is the Saint of all folklore groups since 2008. At this point, thanks to Herbert Ullmann for writing to the [Episcopal conference](#) for the official homage to St. Notburga.

The opening ceremony was held in the Stieglkeller, where we had the joy of receiving our guests from the whole of Austria, Bavaria and other regions. Jerzy Chmiel, Vice-President of CIOFF took the



and a fashion show of traditional costumes accentuated the anniversary evening.

On June, 1st, all members of the organization and folklore groups



opportunity to present Herbert Ullmann with the golden pin of CIOFF. After the speeches of the politicians and members of honour and a power point presentation the cordial part of the festival began.

Several music groups

met in the open air museum of Großgmain, where the folklore groups danced at several places of the museum. This festival started at 10:00 and lasted until the evening hours with best weather conditions.

Herbert Ullmann

FOCUS ON NATIONAL SECTIONS

CIOFF SPAIN -

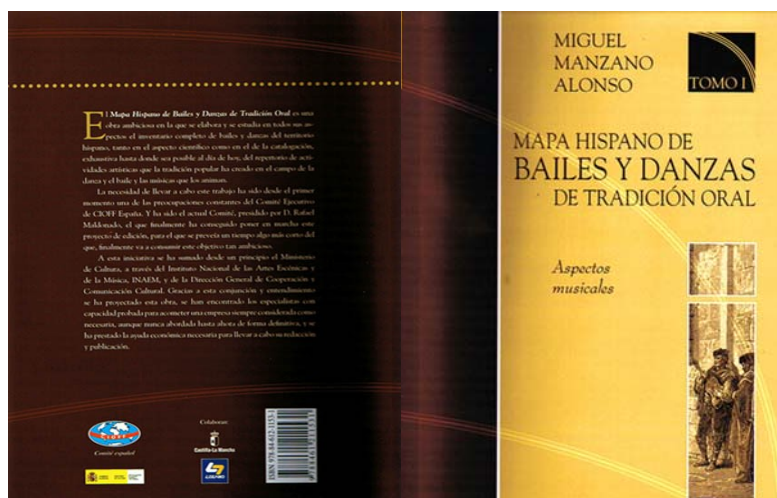
Hispanic Map of Dance and Dances of Oral Tradition

CIOFF Spain has recently published the first volume of "Mapa Hispánico de Bailes y Danzas de Tradición Oral" ("Hispanic Map of Dance and Dances of Oral Tradition"), an ambitious work that studies in all the aspects the complete inventory of dances from the Hispanic territory and the music that goes with them. CIOFF Spain commissioned a team of recognized specialists to undertake this work. These specialists have informed that several years will be required to finish this task, because it involves a complete study and complete cataloguing of the dances of the Hispanic popular tradition. An analysis so wide is needed to be able to give some satisfaction to the specialists who in the future could be interested in this area of the Spanish culture.

The first volume, with 1069 pages, that now is published has been realized by Professor Miguel Manzano Alonso, one of the most prestigious ethnomusicologist from Spain, and he refers to the musical aspect and the songs that serve as support to the dances.

We hope that the second volume, that studies the historical, geographical, linguistic and descriptive aspects, can be displayed in a short-term. The cover of the first volume is pictured below.

*Rafael Maldonado
CIOFF Spain*



CIOFF ARGENTINA -

Meeting of the Argentina National Section

The Assembly and Congress of the Argentinean National Section was held in Bell Ville city (Córdoba Province), with a record number of members coming from all over the country; including new people interested in joining, and they have been admitted as observers for the pe-

riod of one year. Different cultural activities were organized, including the excursion to the Museum of the Universal Traditional Costumes created by the Section in 1992. The National University of Río Cuarto, responding to the importance of the Cultural Forum,

has been requested to publish a book reflecting the conferences and results of the Forum, following the commitment of CIOFF Argentina to the cultural activities and the permanent support of the University in relation with the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The Assembly has given its approval for the youth projects "Rescue of Traditional Works" and "Revaluation of Traditional Games"; the edition of the International Festival 2009 with three different host cities in different regions and the Children Festival in 2008 and 2009 in Río Cuarto; the realization of the annual EX/CO meeting in Santa Fe; designation of groups for festivals outside the country.

*Hugo Ifran
CIOFF Argentina*



FOCUS ON NATIONAL SECTIONS

CIOFF ISRAEL- Preservation of Cultural Heritage

CIOFF Israel set as its main objective in 2007 and the years to come, the preservation of cultural heritages. Israel is a very pluralistic society with people from 80 different cultures.

In line with this objective CIOFF joined the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance, in organizing an international conference on the subject : The contribution of Music and dance Education to the preservation of traditional cultures of living entities" under the auspices of Israel committee for UNESCO, the conference took place in December 2007, with experts from China, Sweden and Kenya.

The conference program included a concert by the "Artistic

Arabic Orchestra of the Academy"; a combined presentation of a "Druze Debka group" with a modern dance group. As CIOFF chairman I presented the opening lecture: "The Dilemmas of Cultural Pluralism" "Continuity and change" "Diversity and Unity"

In April we had a special festival in Jerusalem for dance groups from all over Israel whose dancers are at the age of 30 + and who do their best to preserve the flavour of our first folk dances; we also had an "Arabic Culture Month" in Haifa; and a "Bedouins of the Desert festival" in the "Negev" – southern desert of Israel.

In CIOFF workshop for choreog-

raphers we discuss the problems caused by the tendency of choreographers to "showmanship" in their performances, and the problems of the impact of the stage on the preservation of authentic folklore. We also discussed the ways to convince choreographers they need to continue and learn more about choreography and folklore.

On the evening of 7/7/08, we are going to have in the city of Haifa a "Memorial Evening" devoted to the memory of the late Shmuel Bialik, with a presentation of Haifa folklore groups, a visual presentation, and "friends telling the story of Bialik - Papa Folkloriada".

*Dr. Dan Ronen
CIOFF Israel*

CIOFF PARAGUAY— NEW ACOMPLISHMENTS

Important collective tasks have been accomplished by CIOFF Paraguay, through its associated groups and its membership as a whole. Among these accomplishments, the following should be emphasized:

Project "SOS Indigenes (Native People)"

A project was presented to the Paraguay Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO to involve the youth of CIOFF Paraguay in an intercultural dialogue with the native people "Ava Guarani" in the settlement of Paso Cadena, located in Upper Parana. This project will be carried out jointly by CIOFF Paraguay, together with the Music and Dance Group Itakyry, members of other groups associated with CIOFF Paraguay, and the Itakyry Foundation, which will administer the resources. The proposal was selected with high priority by the Commission of UNESCO in Paraguay. The execution of this program will take

place from July 2008 to June 2009.

Children's Games

The work of promoting children's games continued with all the groups associated with CIOFF Paraguay, in various locations in the country. The Delegate of the National Section has summarized fourteen years of investigation in a book, which is being edited at this time. The children of CIOFF Paraguay not only play the games, but also, on the basis of the games, while playing, give wings to their creativity by coming up with choreography.

Folkloreada in Hernandarias 2007

In addition to the Folkloreada organized in the month of May last year, an additional one was organized in the city of Hernandarias in November 2007. In this manner, they became united in a journey of intense togetherness:

-National Assembly of members
-Youth forum

-Meeting of the children (traditional games and dances)
-Parade on the principal avenue of the city of Hernandarias
-Ecumenical Mass emphasizing the spiritual values which are implicit in the objectives of CIOFF.

-Performance with all the groups of CIOFF Paraguay, coming from various regions of the country. The extensive competition and enthusiasm of all the participants were unquestionable signs overall success.

*Mario Garcia Siani
CIOFF Paraguay*



FOCUS ON NATIONAL SECTIONS

CIOFF ITALY - 35th Assembly of the CIOFF Italy National Section

On the occasion of the traditional "Cavalcata sarda" (Sardinian Cavalcade), the 25th General Assembly of the CIOFF Italy National Section has been held in Sassari in May 2008.

The meeting, chaired by the National President Sergio Piemonti, unanimously approved the Final Balance for 2007, the Budget for 2008, the activity plan and the membership drive for the current year. The applications for new membership have been examined in depth; three of them have been

approved, while four applications will require further inquiry. In accordance with the By-laws, those member-festivals which did not renew the affiliation and did not pay the membership fee for 2008 have been pronounced forfeited.

As a result, the CIOFF Italy National Section's membership officially comprises now 22 Festival Organisations.

The Assembly has decided that the CIOFF Italy Section, together with the CIOFF Sections of Austria, Croatia and Slovenia, will organize the 5th "ALPE ADRIA Folklore Festival" in Go-

rizia, on May 30th-31st, 2009.

The Organizing Committee for the "Youth Movement of CIOFF Italy" has been formally established and Irene Pimpinella, from the Minturno Festival, has been charged with the responsibility for its coordination.

Before the closure, the Assembly reasserted the willingness to host in Italy, in Agrigento, the CIOFF World Congress 2010, stressing however the conditions already communicated to the CIOFF central offices.

Sergio Piemonti
CIOFF Italy

FOCUS ON SECTORS

South European & African Sector

South European and African Sector Meeting took place in Samac City, Republica Serpska, in Bosnia and Herzegovina May 08th - 11th, 2008.

The Delegate from Bosnia & Herzegovina, our friend Anka RAIC had been preparing it since last year strongly supported by Samac City. Mr Madlen RADOVIC, President of the Municipality Parliament of Samac City took part in our sector meeting last year in Oridh (FYR of Macedonia) and offered his Municipality to host the next Sector meeting.

Because of the political situation and the great involvement of the local cultural actors such as the one of Anka, everyone was aware of the particular value of hold-

ing the meeting there, as an illustration of CIOFF's work for Peace.

Supported by Samac Municipality, by the Federal Ministry of Culture and encouraged both by the Bosnia & Herzegovina Permanent Delegation to UNESCO and Bosnia & Herzegovina Na-

tional Commission to UNESCO, this meeting coincided with the year when CIOFF Associate Member Bosnia & Herzegovina organised its National Section. Congratulations!

Jean Roche
Sector Representative



FOCUS ON SECTORS

Latin American Sector

The meeting of the Latin American Sector of CIOFF took place from 20 to 25 May, 2007 in the cities of San Jose and Cartago, Costa Rica. The meeting demonstrated a notable level of dynamics achieved by the Sector, based on the reports of activities of its various National Sections. The host National Section of Costa Rica provided an excellent and propitious environment to accomplish good work, and further prepared adequate programming, which, in addition to the internal working sessions of the representatives of the Sector, also included activities in association with important cultural institutions.

Already in the first day of the Sector Meeting, a fertile interchange was developed with a specialized team of the National University of Costa Rica, in the facilities of the Museum of

Popular Culture. This was a tremendously enriching experience, enabling the participants to become acquainted with an advanced concept of musicology. Another high point was participation in the meeting dealing with indigenous culture, held at the facilities of the Ministry of Culture. Also very valuable was the trip to the city of Cartago, where, in the House of Culture, a productive meeting was organized, in addition to visiting the

Cathedral and other cultural monuments of the area.

Thanks to the intensity of the working tours, the Sector Members completed one day ahead of schedule their deliberations on the Agenda proposed by the EXCO, as well as the analysis of joint and individual projects of the National Sections, as well as the ideas for new projects.

Mario Garcia Siani
Sector President



Central European Sector

The Central European Sector meeting was held in Szentendre, Hungary between May 8 - 12, 2008 and the warm hospitality in this ancient village was great. Friday evening we had the opportunity to listen to the Vujicics Band – excellent Hungarian musicians playing southern Slavic music on Tamboura. The performance was so impressive that we could hardly believe what we had seen and heard. The performance of the folk dance group of Szentendre was another perfect performance, which all participants appreciated very much.

On Saturday afternoon we did sightseeing in Budapest and we saw the Buda Castle which was the location of Folkloriada 2004 – but without the stages.

In the evening we travelled to Bag and learned the history of a

small village 40 km north of Budapest. Here the whole village heartily welcomed us with the local Whitsuntide (Pentecost) Sunday tradition. The village people, children, youth, adults and the elderly (from 0 till 80), were present in their marvellous

national costumes. We were able to witness an event which we could hardly see anywhere else: Grandmothers dancing and singing together with their children and grandchildren, three or even four generations on the stage. This performance sparkled with the charisma of warm

living culture.

We are grateful to Eva Hera and her team, who organized this meeting very well and we will all cherish the very nice memories of it.

Susanne Kramer
Representative
of the Sector



FOCUS ON OPEN FORUM

Coordination of the Festival Tours

According to the Proposal adopted by the Open Forum Session in Monterrey: **networking and cooperation between festival directors** each Sector at the Spring Meeting 2008 should have nominated one representative to take charge of coordinating of Festival Tours within the Sector:

The first meeting of festival Tour Coordinators from all the Sectors will take place during the World Congress in Istanbul, Turkey in November 2008.

The person responsible for Festival Tour coordination on behalf of the Festivals Commission is Susanne Kramer.

The Meeting will be looking at the Festival Tours 2009.



FOCUS ON COMMISSIONS & WORKING GROUPS

Festivals Commission & PR Working Group

Festivals Commission and Working Group on Public Relations had an extremely fruitful joint meeting in Santa Fe, prior to the Council Meeting.

As a result the two CIOFF bodies came up with several important initiatives and announce-

ments, some of which were already distributed to all the National Sections.



Attracting more Festivals into CIOFF Network

In order to attract more Festivals into CIOFF Network and encourage them to get CIOFF recognition -

We have written to all the National Sections which, according to the Festival Calendar, do not have any Festivals, asking them:

- If they do hold Folklore Festivals, why

they do not submit the information to list them in CIOFF Calendar

- If they do not hold any Festivals, what are the reasons for that

We also wrote to all the National Sections, which have Festivals listed in the Calendar

without CIOFF recognition, asking them:

- Why those Festivals do not strive and apply to get the CIOFF recognition

Please send your replies to the Chairman of the Festivals Commission Norbert Mueller at:

norbert.a.mueller@gmx.de

FESTIVALS COMMISSION & PR WORKING

Joint Survey of the Festivals Commission and PR Working Group

Festivals Commission and PR Working Group would like to conduct a survey of National Sections in order to get their feedback regarding the work of both bodies.

The Survey has been distributed to all the Sector Representatives before the end of April and this point was included into the Agenda of the Spring Sector Meetings.

Please send your completed surveys to Olga Maloney, Chairman of Working Group on Public Relations at:
survey@cioff.org

Sponsorship Proposal—Festivals Expression of Interest

Following the release of the new CIOFF Presentation Brochure and the Airline Survey, CIOFF PR Working Group together with the Festivals Commission is preparing a letter for potential CIOFF Sponsors.

To make the Sponsorship more attractive to the potential Sponsors for CIOFF, we would like to **include in each potential sponsorship package 10 CIOFF International Festivals in 10 different countries through CIOFF National Sections.**

Each participating Festival would then receive 5% of the sponsorship money, with 50% going to CIOFF and 50% going to the 10 participating Festivals.

(Example: Sponsor gives CIOFF 20000 Euros, CIOFF will retain 10000 Euros and each participating Festival will then receive 1000 Euros)

The CIOFF Festivals involved will be obliged:

- To sign a contract with CIOFF through their respective National Section
- Advertise the Sponsor in all their Festival literature and at all their Festival Events

All the Festivals, which expressed an interest will be then presented to a potential Sponsor and the Sponsor will be able to choose the 10 Countries to benefit from each particular sponsorship deal. CIOFF will nominate the Festivals in each country

chosen by the Sponsor.

All the festivals which expressed their interest and were not selected by any particular sponsor will be then put on a waiting list for the next potential sponsorship deal. The priority will be given to the Festivals which reply first.

So far we have already received quite a few “Expression of Interest” Forms from CIOFF Festivals.

If your Festival is interested in this proposal please complete the “Expression of Interest Form” attached and return it to:
survey@cioff.org

or fax to 44-1642-602839

CIOFF Congress Questionnaire

At The CIOFF World Congress and General Assembly in Monterrey CIOFF Council has distributed the questionnaire to all the delegates. The purpose of the questionnaire is to get the feedback from all the delegates on the Congress organisation as a whole and on different aspects and events, which take place

during the Congress.

We have already received a good feedback from both the Congress in Bulgaria and Monterrey

If you have not already submitted your completed questionnaire, please send it by post or e-mail it to Olga Maloney at
survey@cioff.org
or fax to 44-1642-602839

All the results of the questionnaires will be analysed and presented at the next CIOFF Congress in Istanbul, Turkey.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FESTIVAL COMMISSION & PR WORKING GROUP

CIOFF CALENDAR OF FESTIVALS ADVERTISING AND WEBSITE LINK PROGRAM

The Festivals Commission has announced that the program for Advertisements in the CIOFF Calendar of Festivals, together with a one-year free website link on the CIOFF website, will again be available in the 2009 Calendar.

Black and white advertisements are available in three sizes ranging from a quarter page at 100 Euros to a full page at 250 Euros. All advertisers should also submit their logo in full color for use in the Festival Links section of the CIOFF website. To view samples of the one-year website links that are made available to all advertisers on www.cioff.org, it is necessary only to click on the jigsaw puzzle to open the site, then click on "Festival

Links."

All Festivals listed in the Calendar are eligible for participation in this program.

For the Participation Form and a full explanatory memo, please contact Festivals Commission member, Rolf Kaufman at rolf@wellco.com. The deadline for submitting advertisements for the 2009 Calendar has just been extended to **10 August**. You should contact Mr. Kaufman well ahead of that date, to allow adequate time to complete layouts and necessary documentation. It is the intent of the Festivals Commission to have the 2009 Calendar ready for distribution earlier this year than in the past; consequently there

is no opportunity for further extension of this deadline.

Rolf Kaufman

Member of festivals Commission



New CIOFF Photo Competition

Following the success of the First CIOFF Photo Competition held in 2006, we are preparing to launch Second CIOFF Photo Competition at the CIOFF Congress in Istanbul, Turkey.

The 2nd Competition will include the following categories:

- Action Performance
- Friendship
- Portrait in National Costume

All the rules and further details will be announced at the Congress in Istanbul and published in the next edition of the Newsletter.



FOCUS ON PEOPLE IN CIOFF

Alderman Harry Lonsdale Davies MBE 1930 – 2008



It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of Alderman Harry Davies MBE. Harry died on Thursday 8th May 2008, following a short illness. Harry was a major part of the Festival, getting involved at the beginning through Billingham Urban council, then continuing through the years until three years ago he had to resign from the Board of Directors through ill health. Harry has had many roles within the Festival including Chairman, Vice Chairman and even Uncle BIFF, and some of

us who are old enough will remember Judy, Harry's dog, who went everywhere with him and was the only canine member ever of the Uncle BIFF Club. Then in 1989-1990, Harry became Mayor of Stockton Borough Council, but still was involved with the Festival at grass roots level, when the mayoral robes came off, in true Harry style, there he was sleeves rolled up, doing anything he could to help out.

Harry was very involved with CIOFF since it was founded in 1970, and recently, before his illness, for two years he was president of the Northern European Sector, Chairman of PR Working Group, and Member of CIOFF International Council. For all Harry's dedicated work he was awarded the CIOFF Sil-

ver Pin in 2008. We have received messages of love and support from all over the world, we feel this is a true tribute to the wonderful man Harry Davies really was.

He will be greatly missed, not only by everyone at the Festival, but from friends he made throughout his life, from all over the world.



How we will always remember him, full of fun and mischief. On his last CIOFF duty trip to Bergen, Norway.

Billingham Festival & CIOFF UK

Dr. Udomsak Sakmunwong—CIOFF President

Dr. Udomsak Sakmunwong, President of CIOFF has been awarded The Semar Dhammachakra Golden Trophy on the occasion of Vesak Day of the United Nations 2008 (2551)

On the occasion of the celebration of Vesak Day of the United Nations in Thailand for 2008, Dr. Udomsak Sakmunwong, the President of CIOFF has been conferred the Semar Dhammachakra Golden Trophy by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn at the Thailand Buddhist Centre (Buddha Monthon) on 15 May, 2551 (2008). The award is usually conferred to those who have contributed to the Buddha Dhamma for enhancing the concept of Buddhism in the field of peace and happiness to meet the ideal of UNESCO which reads "since

wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that defences of peace must be constructed..."

Vesak Day falls on the day of the full moon in the sixth lunar month to commemorate *the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha*. Vesak Day has been recognized by the 54th Assembly of the United Nations on 15th December, 1999 as an international day for world peace, which is the main concept of Buddhism. The Vesak Day for 2008 is on 19th May, 2008 and a holiday in Thailand. All the member states of the UN and its agencies are encouraged to take part in the celebration. In this connection, the International Conference on Vesak Day of the UN is held at the UN Conference Hall in Bangkok on 18th May, 2008. Buddhist and non-

Buddhist scholars worldwide are invited to participate in the great event and take part in the Viantian ceremony which means circling the Buddhist temples with lighted candles, incenses and flowers three times to commemorate the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha, and to help diffuse Loving Kindness to all the beings by chanting the Pali words:

Sabbe Satta Avera Hontu Abhyapajja Hontu Anigha Hontu Suddhi Attanang Pariharentu, which can be translated as follows:

May all sentient beings be free from enmity, be free from ill will, be free from suffering and live a happy life.

CIOFF Thailand

FOCUS ON PEOPLE IN CIOFF

Lucien Loiselle —CIOFF Canada



In 2007, Folklore Canada International, the Canadian national section of CIOFF, gave a tribute to Lucien

Loiselle by highlighting his involvement and support for intangible Cultural Heritage

Given Lucien Loiselle's implication not only at the local level but as well at the international level, the North-American sector of CIOFF decided to also honour him with the CIOFF Silver Meritorious Service Award.

Originally from Saint-Boniface, a suburb of Winnipeg in the province of Manitoba, Lucien Loiselle is an inspiration and a true model. This social science teacher was also an extraordinary cultural animator in his community. Being one of the Co-founders of the Red River Folkloric Dance Ensemble in 1970, among other groups, re-giving life to a cultural organization of the French minority in Manitoba. In the early 1980's he also was part of the organizing committee of Folklorama, a multiethnic festival that presently is one of the most recognized events in the city of Winnipeg.

In 1986, Lucien Loiselle co-founded an NGO, Folklore Can-

ada International and served as president for a period of 20 years, from 1986 to 2006. Within these two decades he chaired all the Canadian cultural expressive Heritage conferences held in cities across Canada.

As President of CIOFF's Canadian section, Lucien Loiselle participated in five World Congress and assumed responsibility as the North-American representative on the CIOFF Council from 2003 to 2006. His engagement contributed to the safeguard of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Canada.

*Guy Landry,
Folklore Canada International*

Alexander & Sharon Durtka —CIOFF USA



CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY AWARDS HONORARY DEGREES TO AL AND SHARON DURTKA - Recognized for Contributions to International Relations and Cultural Understanding.

Alexander P. Durtka, CIOFF-USA President, National Delegate and Member of the Cultural Commission and Past President of the National Folk Organization and a member of the Advisory Council and

Sharon Rae L. Durtka, CIOFF-USA Secretary/Treasurer and Chair of the Working Group on Training and Education, received honorary doctor of humane letters degrees from Cardinal Stritch University at Spring Commencement, May 18, 2008. Marna E. Boyle, Ed.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, made the presentation. Dr. Al Durtka is president and CEO of the International Institute of Wisconsin, and Dr. Sharon Durtka, is an educator, international consultant and volunteer.

The commencement address was given by Ambassador Kenton W. Keith, senior vice president, Meridian International Center. In his address, Keith acknowledged the Durtkas' work through the years to promote understanding of global cultural differences.

Cardinal Stritch University is the second largest private university in the state of Wisconsin. As a comprehensive, Franciscan Catholic institution rooted in the liberal arts, Stritch provides graduate and undergraduate education to a diverse population of men and women of all ages.

*Saron Durtka
CIOFF USA*

FOCUS ON CIOFF WORLD CONGRESS

38th CIOFF World Congress and General Assembly

The invitations to the 38th CIOFF World Congress 2008, which is organised by CIOFF Turkey and will be held in Istanbul from 8th to 16th November 2008, have been sent out and preparations are well under way.

The Congress will take place at the MARIN HOTEL—a five-star

hotel, 40 km from Istanbul Airport on a seaside, where all the Congress participants will be staying.

The cultural programme of the Congress will include visit to Istanbul, city tours, Sultan Ahmet Mosque/Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, grand Bazaar and Miniaturk.

The deadline for registration is 31st July 2008.

CIOFF Turkey is looking forward to welcome all the Participants !!!



TEN REASONS TO ATTEND CIOFF WORLD CONGRESS..

The Congress is a meeting which is fundamental for the development of any organization, especially such NGO as CIOFF. It gives a unique opportunity for dialog between the members, and for this one reason, it is instrumental for the success of the organization. Participation of all the delegates is extremely important and is the main principle for the healthy development of the organization. Based on the replies received from the Congress Questionnaires, the top ten reasons for attending CIOFF World Congress are:

- Personal meetings between the participants, exchange of their experiences.
- The greatest networking opportunity for networking formal and informal (informal networking means personal contact with other festival directors, group directors, etc.)
- Contact with groups and Festivals around the World
- Knowledge and Information
- Promoting Festivals in National Sections
- Cultural Exchange opportunities
- Feeling proud and getting great motivation from being a part of a World-wide Organisation.
- Popularization of the work developed on behalf of CIOFF.
- International cooperation in the development of strategies for promotion of cultural diversity.
- Meeting friends in CIOFF

FOCUS ON CIOFF NEWSLETTER

Letter from the editor

Dear Friends,

First of all I would like to thank all of you who submitted their contributions and information to the new electronic CIOFF Newsletter "Entre-Nous". The feedback from our members has been extremely positive.

You can send your contributions to the new e-mail address:

newsletter@cioff.org

Please send us information on any interesting projects of your National Section, Sector, Commission or Working Group, People in your National Sections, Festival Anniversaries or any relevant other events in your Section or Sector.

When you submit your information please:

- Send your contribution as a word document with maximum up to 200 words.
- Please always send 1-2 photos in JPG Format to accompany your contribution. Please make sure that the size of each photo is not bigger than 500kb Maximum. We recommend to use "Microsoft Office Picture Manager" or similar photo programmes to resize and reduce the size of any large photos.
- Please DO NOT send text or photos in pdf. Format, they will not be accepted.

We also would be interested to hear from you any suggestion on what you would be interested in to read in the CIOFF Newsletter.

Olga Maloney
Chairman of PR Working Group

www.CIOFF.org

NEXT PUBLICATIONS OF CIOFF NEWSLETTER

The new CIOFF Newsletters will be published twice per year: after the Spring Council Meeting and after the CIOFF annual Congress.

The sixth CIOFF newsletter will come out in January 2009 with the deadline for information submission of 31st December 2008.

If your Festivals, National Sections, CIOFF Sectors, Commissions or Working Groups have any interesting or important information, which you would like to submit to be included into the next CIOFF Newsletter, please send it to:

CIOFF Working Group on Public Relations by e-mail:

newsletter@cioff.org



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