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The Czech AITA/IATA Centre Activity Report

For CEC General Assembly 2013

Monaco (August 2013)

The Czech AITA/IATA centre is composed by twelve collective members – amateur theatre associations that work on regional, but mostly also national level. New member is international festival of children and youth theatre Ostrovské soukání.

The President of Czech centre is Mrs. Lenka Lázňovská, the Vice-president is Mr. Jaroslav Provazník, and the new administrator is Mr. Karel Tomas (since March 2013). The Czech AITA/IATA centre closely cooperates in almost all its activities with National Information and Consulting Centre for Culture in Prague (NIPOS), an institution established by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic.

Since the CEC General Assembly in Tromsø (Norway) Mrs. Lenka Lázňovská held the position of CEC-Vice-President, Kateřina Klementová worked as the CEC General Secretary (till the end of February 2013). In November 2012 and in May 2013 the Czech NC hosted the CEC Board meeting in Prague. The CEC Secretariat has been moved to NIPOS (Prague) and several negotiations with the former CEC Secretariat in Germany and the new elected Board members were made.

Also the responsibility for the CEC website has been moved to Prague Secretariat. The work of the CEC Secretariat as well as bigger part of the running of the CEC website are done on the own costs of NIPOS.

Main Activities of the Czech National Centre in 2011/2012:

1) Organizing the 83st Jiraskuv Hronov Festival, National Festival with international participation

The Czech National Centre is a guarantor of foreign participation for Jiraskův Hronov. The festival accepted 3 foreign theatre groups in 2013 (Divadlo Comedia and Divadlo Gasparego from Slovakia and Tampereen Ylioppilasteatteri from Finland). The visit of selected performances was part of international Amateo conference in Nachod, which has been organised by NIPOS.

2) Cooperation with national AITA/IATA centres abroad; Exchanges of Groups & Tutors

The Czech centre is the main coordinator for cooperation with foreign national AITA/IATA centres. It is responsible for the selection of foreign tutors, teachers and jurors from abroad for Czech theatre festivals and workshops everywhere it is agreed with organizers of the particular festival (mainly national festivals (co)organized by NIPOS). Czech National Centre is a member of selection committees of various national festivals in the Czech Republic. It recommended groups/performances from abroad. Also, the Czech centre is responsible for the selection or recommendation of Czech performances which should represent our country abroad at different

theatre festivals organized by other national AITA/IATA centres (where organizers want to have such recommendation).

Participation of Czech groups at festivals abroad – with Czech centre's recommendation – for example:

- Mondial Monaco 2013 (World festival of amateur theatre), - DS Geisslers Hofcomoedianten Kuks: The Miser
- Speranze Giovani Castellana Grotte (Italy, May 2013) - Children Theatre Group DIPACAPI Prague: Zajic and Owls
- Proposal for the World Children Theatre Festival Lingen 2014 – DS Tři boty Třebotov: Nu, vot!

Prague, August, 2013

Lenka Lázňovská
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