

**ANNUAL REPORT – EXTRACT**

**INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM THEATRE ALLIANCE – EUROPE**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2009**

**(Company Number – 3765707: Charity Number – 1080494)**

**COMPANY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2009**

**DIRECTORS and TRUSTEES:** Robert Forshaw  
Loic Benot (resigned October 2008)  
Anna Farthing  
David Mosley  
John-Paul Coyle  
Lynne Ashton  
Oliver Klaukien (co-opted February 2009)

**COMPANY SECRETARY:** John-Paul Coyle

**COMPANY NUMBER:** 3765707

**CHARITY NUMBER:** 1080494

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 1, Heath Drive  
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## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2009**

The Directors present their Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

### **LEGAL STATUS**

The International Museum Theatre Alliance – Europe is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and therefore is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

### **AIMS and OBJECTIVES**

The Aims and Objectives of the charity are to advance the education of the public by the promotion of the growth of the use of theatre as an interpretive technique in museum and heritage settings.

### **RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM THEATRE ALLIANCE**

The International Museum Theatre Alliance – Europe is the European arm of the International Museum Theatre Alliance, a charitable corporation duly constituted under the laws of the state of Massachusetts, USA.

### **REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

#### **Membership report.**

	June 2008 – May 2009	June 2007 – May 2008
Total IMTAL – Europe members:	<b>80</b>	<b>87</b>
Individual members:	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>
Institutional members:	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>

Members are located as follows:-

**49** in England

**4** in Germany

**3** each in Northern Ireland, Wales and the Netherlands.

**2** each in Scotland, Sweden, Guernsey, Italy, France and Norway

**1** each in Jersey, Austria, the Republic of Ireland, Belgium, Greece and Australia

#### **Publications Report.**

- 2 IMTAL- Europe ‘Insights’ newsletters produced.

It is the opinion of the Board that to ensure the continuity and regular appearance of 'Insights' a volunteer Editor, from the membership of IMTAL-Europe but not necessarily a member of the Board, is urgently needed.

- 'Insights' remains available online as does, to members only, the membership resource directory at [www.imtal-europe.org](http://www.imtal-europe.org)

- Much of the year has been taken up with the development of a new website. Following the resignation of our French director, Loic Benot, the Board felt it sensible to move the location of the website host back to England and develop a site which can be used by the membership as a source of information but also a marketing tool.

### **Activities Report.**

The 2008 AGM was held at Bath in July during a 'mini-Conference' organised by director Anna Farthing. The Natural Theatre Company provided thought-provoking performances and venues included the Roman Baths, the Pump Room, the Costume Museum at the Assembly Rooms and the American Museum at Claverton Manor.

The IMTAL –Europe Board met at Bath (July), Belfast (October) and Manchester (February).

Two well-attended and well-received Training days were held during the year: 'Developing Engaging Characters for your Museum or Heritage Site' at the Victoria and Albert Museum in October and 'Less of the Verbal' at the Manchester Museum in April.

The Board's thanks are due to presenters and delegates alike.

### **Board Developments 2008 -2009**

Jo Kemp stood down as Company Secretary at the AGM, the Board wishes to record its thanks to Jo for all her hard work on behalf of IMTAL-Europe.

John-Paul Coyle took over as Company Secretary but as he is based in Northern Ireland and the rules only permit IMTAL-Europe to have a registered address in either England or Wales then members will have noticed that the Treasurer's address is now also the registered Company address.

Lynne Ashton was elected to the Board at the AGM.

Loic Benot resigned from the Board in October and Oliver Klauken from the Freilichtsmuseum, Hessenpark was co-opted onto the Board in February.

The full list of Directors who served during the year of this report are listed in the company information section.

## **Transactions and Financial Position**

A full statement of Financial Activity shows a **surplus** for the year of **£1801** with accumulated funds of **£6618** (all unrestricted) to be carried forward.

## **Projected Activities for 2009-10**

- Hold 3 Board meetings in the year
- Run a minimum of 2 Training Days for members and potential members within the year
- Organise the AGM for Autumn 2010
- Continue to promote IMTAL-Europe, and thereby increase membership, at Conferences, seminars and exhibitions throughout the year.
- Publish 3 editions of 'Insights' through the year. Recruit a volunteer editor for 'Insights' and confirm and deliver set publications dates.
- Continue to develop a business plan for the period 2009-2012 which maximises the benefit of membership of IMTAL-Europe.

## **Small Company Rules**

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the Directors and Trustees on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 and signed on their behalf.

**David Mosley**  
**Director and Trustee**

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**Those members wishing for a full copy of the accounts for the year June 2008 – May 2009 should contact the Treasurer, David Mosley, at the Company's registered address.**