

# **IFCM Welcomes a New Board and a New Editorial Board for the International Choral Magazine (2023-2026)**

## **IFCM GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS 2020**

The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) held its General Assembly on 25 April 2023. Prior to the General Assembly, the election of the new Board of Directors was organized fully online (1 March – 1 April 2023). We can proudly say that this event has an historical significance in our association since this was the first time all individual IFCM members had the opportunity to vote individually, due to a change in the Bylaws approved at the General Assembly in Lisbon in September 2022. Other election changes include more democratic representation (votes) for the following member organizations: choirs (2 votes), local organizations (3 votes), national and regional organizations (10 votes), and international organizations (20 votes).

The election of the new Board of Directors was organized through an online voting system. An election committee was appointed to overlook the process and ensure fair and democratic results. The results were announced during the General Assembly, and, on 28 April 2023, the new Board named its Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Governance Advisor.

## **The Board of Directors 2023-2026**

- Emily Kuo Vong (Portugal), President
- Jan Schumacher (Germany), Vice-President
- Burak Onur Erdem (Türkiye), Vice-President
- Roula Abou Baker (Lebanon), Vice-President
- María Guinand (Venezuela), Vice-President

- Yoshihiro Egawa (Japan), Vice-President
- Dominique Lecheval (France), Treasurer
- Ki Adams (Canada), Board Member
- Ana Patricia Carbajal (Mexico), Board Member
- Yveline Damas (Gabon), Board Member
- Niels Graesholm (Denmark), Board Member
- Darius Lim (Singapore), Board Member
- Gábor Móczár (Hungary), Board Member
- John Rosser (New Zealand), Board Member
- Kaie Tanner (Estonia), Board Member
- Anthony Trecek-King (USA), Board Member
- Cameron LaBarr (USA), co-opted Board Member

### **Internal Auditors**

- Montserrat Cadevall (Catalonia, Spain)
- Ingrid Meka (Burundi)

### **Governance Advisor**

- Sonja Greiner (Germany)

Congratulations to all those elected, and thank you to all candidates who applied.

A big thank you also to the board members who are leaving IFCM's Board of Directors after completing their 2020-2023 mandate: Saeko Hasegawa (Japan), Victoria Liedbergius (Norway), Jo-Michael Scheibe (USA), Tim Sharp (USA), and Thierry Thiébaud (France).

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### **The IFCM Board Elected a New Editorial Board for the International Choral Magazine (IMC)**

The call for the 2023-2026 Editorial Board of the *International Choral Magazine* was launched in early April 2023. IFCM received 24 applications from 19 countries around the world. The IFCM Board selected eight applicants according

to the specifications in the call and the regions they represent. Congratulations and welcome to the new Editorial Board.

- Debra Ann Shearer-Dirié (Brisbane, Australia)
- Godfred Edusei Derkyi (Tema, Ghana)
- Brett Scott (Cincinnati, Ohio, USA)
- Sinem Taşseven Erentürk (London, UK / Bodrum, Türkiye)
- Tomoko Yokoyama (Tateshina, Japan)
- Ana María Raga (Caracas, Venezuela)
- Arjay Viray (Cavite, Philippines)
- Aksel Dalmo Tollåli (Oslo, Norway)

Together with ICM Managing Editor, Isabelle Métrope, IFCM Board members Ana Patricia Carbajal and Yveline Damas, and Honorary Member and Editor Emerita Jutta Tagger, the Editorial Board will work on ICM's content for the next three years.



First zoom meeting of the ICM Editorial Board on June 27, 2023