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*Dear Member,
dear Honorary Members and Benefactors,*

We have finally come to the end of the year 2023, a special year, a year of restart and rebirth for the entire population of our small planet and thus also for music.

A year that has seen the entire world resume its activities with extraordinary joy and strength, but which has also been scourged by events that we would never want to remember such as wars and attacks that should never be part of human life.

In this context, the world of wind bands also experienced a new propulsive thrust, with many activities being organized in the various member states and with the reactivation of exchanges and meetings, which in some cases exceeded the pre-Covid activities.

In Amiens, the CISM planning, and office renewal assembly was held, which saw the reappointment of the previous directors and the addition of Vincente Cerda Garcia (ES) to the board as Director for Relations.

The auditor was also renewed with the appointment of Noel Camilleri (ML).

The foundations for a pan-European partnership with ECWO were laid at the Amiens event and a note on this will be sent out separately with the directions and development of the CISM-ECWO partnership strategy.

This year's international youth band competition was held in Schladming (AT), which saw the participation of various representatives from outside Europe; for 2024 the CISM international competition will be held in PESARO (IT) on 01/02-06/2024, with a great programs part of the Pesaro2024 Capital of Italian Culture celebrations.

On the other hand, the Brawo hosted the classic European Championship of Böhmisches-Mährischen Wind Music 2023, which was a remarkable success with the public and saw the participation of important wind orchestras and the presentation of performances of the highest level. For 2024, the competition will be held in Cortina d'Ampezzo (IT) on 12-13/10/2024 and all the information required for participation and registration for the competition will be provided shortly.

It is also worth mentioning the Certamen of Valencia and Altea, competitions in which CISM delegations took part, which made it possible to forge closer relationships and begin to build innovative musical and artistic paths.

The CISM portal has been further renewed and is constantly being improved. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all members to send in information and news of national and international relevance to be published and integrated into our official portal and thus contribute to the development of an effective and global information network.

With great admiration and thanks to all the musicians for the great dissemination and social action carried out in this new period in the life of our Europe, We extend to you all our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2024.

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