



## **ECWO annual report 2018**

### **ECWO2018**

In advance of the ECWO contest there was organised an International Round Table Conference on Friday May 25, 2018 in the Bozar conference center (Brussels). Main theme was the impact of playing music on society.

The second ECWO contest was organised on Saturday May 26, 2018 in the Bozar concert hall (Brussels). Orchestras from 9 countries participated. The jury consisted of 3 adjudicating jury members (Mark Heron-UK, Jan van der Roost-B and Annick Villanueva-F) and an independent chairman (Jan van den Eijnden-NL). The orchestras played the test piece "Mutations" written by the Belgian composer Bart Picqueur and their own chosen program. The winner was Harmonie St. Michael van Thorn (NL).

### **General Meeting**

The fifth General Meeting (May 27, 2018) was held in Brussels after the ECWO2018 contest. A special General Meeting was organised in August 2018 by e-mail.

The General Meetings approved the annual report 2017 and the proposed budget 2018 (incl. the membership fee of € 500 per annum). The treasurer and the board were discharged for the 2017 period.

### **Board of ECWO**

The General Meeting re-elected Berit Handegard as Board member and President of ECWO.

### **New memberships**

The Schweizer Blasmusikverband (SBV) registered for ECWO membership. The General Meeting approved the membership starting on September 1, 2018.

### **Board meeting and meeting of the contest group**

The ECWO board met on January 5, 2018 in Copenhagen. On April 7, 2018 the contest group (Berit Handegard, Jan Matthys and Toon Peerboom) met with Bill Connor in Manchester (during NCBF). Main issues were the preparation of the second ECWO contest in Brussels in 2018 and the introduction of the potential contest venue in Manchester.

### **Sponsorships**

Buffet Crampon is the main sponsor of ECWO and will sponsor the ECWO organisation during a period of three ECWO contests (2016, 2018 and 2020), from 2018 with instrument prizes instead of prize money.

### **Financial overview**

For the financial overview 2018 see the separate document.

*Approved by the General Meeting of the ECWO Association on May 24, 2019.*