



Spure Magazine, through its 2nd edition this year 2015, opens a presentation - platform of the Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations for Europe and North America (EFUCA).

In parallel, through the events presented in the present 2nd edition, it is intended to have a permanent dialogue with the new generation, which in the future will build a world where the profound human values as respect, morality and integrity are respected.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the UNESCO Club of Piraeus and Islands, especially to its President Ioannis Maronitis, who made great efforts for the publication of this magazine and to all the colleagues who have joined forces and that during this period, acting as a team, have prepared high standard events that could represent the impetus for positive changes tomorrow.

Partnerships have been created between the Civil Society members and the UNESCO National Commissions, trying to revitalize and strengthen our activities through a mutually beneficial collaboration.

At the celebration of 70 years from the creation of UNESCO, UNESCO Clubs activists from all over the world take part in the promotion of UNESCO's ideals and programmes, including building and maintaining "peace in people's minds".

*Dr. Daniela Popescu
EFUCA President*

AZURE

The magazine of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations (EFUCA)



Launch of the first issue of the EFUCA magazine “AZURE” New York, USA March 2014

For the first time the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations (EFUCA) met for an Executive Board (EB) Meeting in March 2014 in New York, USA, a few days before the EB Meeting of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA). The EB Meeting was hosted by the US Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (USFUCA), member of EFUCA which covers also the North American region.

Within this framework EFUCA members participated in WFUCA's events including the celebration of the International Women's Day at the United Nations building on the 8th March 2014. In addition, EFUCA members met with H.E the Ambassador of Romania in New York, Simona Miculescu.

On this occasion EFUCA launched the first issue of “AZURE” magazine, intending to be a bold step towards the solidarization of the UNESCO Civil Society, through the quality of the presented projects and through the permanent devoted actions made by each one of us for ideals and common values.

The title of the magazine, suggested by Dr. Mihaela Varga (Vice President of the Alumnus Club for UNESCO) invites us to meditation, calmness, trust in what we want to accomplish. Above all, this blue, which appears also on the UNESCO flag, represents the color of peace, of the intellectual opened to the blue that forms the sky.

Our magazine represents optimism, quietude and faith in what we are proposing to do in our future actions, gathering in this temple, identities that unify with the thought that we are part of the UNESCO constellation of this millennium.



Events in New York, USA, March 2014



International Meeting of Education
**“Global Ethics and Equal Opportunities: the Women Rate to Development of Europe
and Mediterranean”**
Within the framework of the
2nd Intermediate Congress of the
European Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations (EFUCA)
in collaboration with the UNESCO Centre of Turin
Turin, Italy 11th to 14th September 2014



The International Meeting of Education “Global Ethics and Equal Opportunities: The Women Rate to Development of Europe and Mediterranean” was organized within the framework of the 2nd Intermediate Congress of EFUCA, by the UNESCO Centre of Turin in collaboration with EFUCA and with the support of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA), in Turin, Italy on 11-14 September 2014.

The International Meeting in Turin aimed to contribute to the realization of the objectives of the UNESCO Gender Equality Action Plan 2014 – 2021. Presentations by experts and other delegates emphasized the importance of the role of women in social and economic development, in providing information on gender

equality issues in European and Mediterranean States in an effort to further promote and implement respect for the human rights of women.



The opening ceremony included a video message by the UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova to the participants of the International Meeting.

Three workshops took place;

Women and Culture

Women and Nutrition

Women and Violences

At the end of the International Meeting, a Press Conference took place for dissemination of information and the Declaration of Turin was adopted.



BUCHAREST RECOVERED

Metamorfoze VI



Expoziție de fotografie,
Bucharest, octomber 2014

The “**METAMORFOZE**” project is an international project which, by the yearly proposed subjects and by the carry out background (educational and creative camps), wants to stimulate the young people's ideas, talents and ambitions in order to create artistic works (such as exhibitions, movies and performances) and in order to create the concept of a virtual space for the European identity through the young people, seen under many aspects: cultural, ethnical, scientific, artistic.

The 6th edition of the project takes place at Bucharest his theme was: "Bucharest recovered".

The project included the organization of an exhibition witch includes photos with the most representative objectives of Bucharest , photos made by the famous photographer George Dimitriu

The project "Bucharest recovered - Metamorphosis VI" which during is performed the exhibition, it is addressed primarily to the young people, but also to the all the tourists romanian or from the other countries who visit Bucharest.

It was edited an album which includes all the photos from the exhibition, as well details about a glamorous Bucharest (album who was published in 3 languages, with accessible texts who contain numerous touristique and historical informations). The texts are signed by Mihaela Varga.



YOUTH and MUSEums VI

"Forgotten traditions and customs of national minorities"



International Conference Golești, Argeș, june 2014

Cultural education plays a fundamental role; it represents the key to the development on solid grounds of a society of communication, exchange of ideas, values and tolerance.

Museum – nucleus of research and reflection and as well space for meetings and dialogue- preserves relics of material culture, translating a means to public access to the non-material dimension of culture. Artistic, spiritual and identity values can thus be shared especially to the young people.

The 6th edition of the project takes place at the Golesti Museum, situated in the Arges county, having as core theme: "Forgotten traditions and customs of national minorities".

"Youth and Museums" aims at the same time to underline the importance of the national minorities' heritage through the development of some special programmes for the young generation.

During the conference, that takes place in a special setting, through the discussions carried and the paper presentations, it is followed the growth of the degree of awareness of the young generation towards the protection and international promotion of the indigenous heritage and of the national minorities. Thus, this project opens at the same time the perspective of a sustainable tourism in Europe.

As well, in 2014, during the conference it is celebrated the anniversary of 75 years from the creation of the Viticulture and Tree Growing Golesti Museum. The institution was founded on 7th June 1939 by the King Carol II, under the name ' Dinicu Golescu' Museum.

At this event participated personalities from 14 countries (Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Italy, India, Lebanon, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, Serbia, Syria, Spain) and representatives of national minorities.

The Guests had the opportunity to take part at the vernissage of two exhibitions one of folk art and the other sketches of village life signed by the architect Muger Kreeis.



MADRIGAL CONCERTS

- Bruxelles, may 2015, the Extraordinary concert in honor of Europe Day
- Bucharest, september 2015, the concert dedicated to European Day of Languages



The Chamber Choir **MADRIGAL** was established on April 11th, 1963 within “Ciprian Porumbescu” Conservatory at the initiative of Marin Constantin, full conductor and professor at this higher education institut from Bucharest.

Born under the sign of success, in the five decades of life, the Madrigal Choir has become the Romanian choir meant to reach perfection and purity in art, a true Romanian cultural brand who has collected year by year success after success:

- more than 4100 concerts and hundreds of tours in Romania and abroad;
- since 1964, participation in all editions of the International festival “George Enescu”;
- numerous recordings: LP-s, records, tapes and 46 CD-s out of which we only mention “Mysterium”, recorded together with Angela Gheorghiu and London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Ion Marin;
- full and short films made both in Romania and in Europe, Asia, and America such as “Songs of the Renaissance” produced by Mirel Ilesu, which won the “Palme d'Or” prize in Cannes International Festival in 1968, or “Monasteries in Bucovina” produced by BBC and starring Madrigal and Angela Gheorghiu, or “Madrigal in UNESCO constellation” produced by Laurentiu Damian;

The symbol of the Romanian interpretative craftsmanship, the **MADRIGAL National Chamber Choir** for more than twenty years, is part of the UNESCO Cultural Universal Patrimony. The honoring status was offered to the impressive choral group in 1992, in Paris.

In 2014, the European Federation of Associations, Clubs and Centres for UNESCO, in partnership with Alumnus Club for UNESCO organized two great concerts dedicated European Day and European Day of Languages.



BRUXELLES, may 2015



BUCHAREST, september 2015



Members' activities / under the aegis of EFUCA 2014- 2015

AUSTRIA

- World Water Day Photo Competition
- World Theatre Day
- World Environment Day
- 40th Anniversary of World Music Day
- International Summer Academy Drosendorf
- Rapprochement of Cultures
- Series of art exhibitions on bio-cultural diversity
- 15th Anniversary of the Earth Charter
- 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Austrian Section of the International Organization of Folk Art
- "The Art of Living: Water and Sustainable Tourism"
- ASTANA 2017
- "Peace Lies in Our Hands" in support of UNESCO's 70th Anniversary Celebrations.



BELARUS

- 25th Anniversary of the Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs
- Youth Internet Relay UNESCO Clubs "70 years of UNESCO"
- Youth auto-marathon UNESCO Clubs "Route of the world"
- International linguistic camps "Bridges of education"
- Gymnasium Model United Nations 'The Worlds Will Collide'



CYPRUS

- Elements of Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Human Rights : Raising awareness
- Quality Education - UNESCO ideals and Global Ethics in School Education
- Celebrations of the 70th Anniversary of UNESCO



FRANCE

- Paths of citizenship
- World and international days
- Research laboratories
- Exhibitions



GREECE

- Acropolis – A Unique World Heritage Monument – The Return of the Marbles
- Multinational Festival
- Theater Festival
- International Art Exhibition
- Educational Seminar for Executives "Operation of NGOs for UNESCO. Use of logo. Project Design and Management"



ITALY

- International Meeting of Education “Global Ethics and Equal Opportunities: The Women Rate to Development of Europe and Mediterranean” and Follow up Meeting
- The Mediterranean Sea
- From Place of Conflict to Place of Encounter
- Feed the Planet Duty of and for Everybody
- National Forum of Contemporary Sculpture
- The Factory in the Landscape



ROMANIA

- Asia-Europe Forum on Education
- Youth & Museums
- Metamorphoses Project – Symposium on Art and Civilization in the Monastic Space
- Romanian – Maroccan Forms of Manifestation in the European Space
- DISCRIPTIO CANTEMIR 3D Exhibition



PORTUGAL

- International Meeting “ Heritage, Diversity and Tradition”



RUSSIA

- Everyday activity: Leader School
- Internships of UNESCO Club leaders from different towns from all Russia
- Video conference between Youth Parliament of Ural-Siberian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations and UNESCO Club Sorbonne (Paris)
- UN Model in Ural University
- Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Great Patriotic War
- Celebration of the International Children Day with Children's Cancer Center



SERBIA

- Youth and UNESCO Ideals
- Study tour in European countries to learn about other cultures and civilizations and visit of the European institutions and the UNESCO headquarters, to appreciate how they work.
- Establishing UNESCO Clubs in countries of former Yugoslavia.



SPAIN

- Paraguay indigenous training on economical aspects



2015 The 70th Anniversary of the establishment of UNESCO



The Asia-Europe Forum on Education (AEFE) is dedicated to the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of UNESCO.

This edition of AEFE is the first one to be hosted on European soil, namely in Romania from 7-11 October 2015. The forum is dedicated entirely to *Sustainable Development in Education* with the following subtopics:

- Future education and the Alliance of Civilizations
- Excellence in language studies and intercultural education, bilingualism and multilingualism, education through the acknowledgement of patrimony, access to education for disadvantaged groups
- The partnership between school and business in professional/vocational/dual education
- University: Tying technology and innovation on the labor market.

Change and progress can only come through people and our times call for bold, intelligent, responsible people who think in global terms. We need global citizenship and global solidarity and in order to achieve these goals we need to promote through education values such as responsibility, empathy and long-term strategic planning which need to be applied constantly by everybody.

This forum aims specifically at promoting innovative solutions for a meaningful intercultural education and promoting intercultural dialogue which would lessen the existing tensions between different cultures and help everybody work together in order to create a better world for themselves, their loved ones and future generations through sustainable development.

Sustainable development in education means to invest in people and create a mindset of responsibility and ethics which whose outcome would be an international, all-inclusive dialogue. Interdisciplinary cooperation is needed in order to encourage responsible behavior and actively engage citizens.

Europe and Asia can work together in order to achieve a harmonic environment balanced by the different philosophies which have been harbored by the two and which have marked humankind; a perfect equilibrium between the Occident of Roman law and Greek philosophy and the Orient of the Spring and Autumn Period.





Federação Portuguesa de Associações de Centros e Clubes UNESCO



Comissão Nacional da UNESCO Portugal
Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO



Montalegre

EFUCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND INTERNATIONAL MEETING “HERITAGE, DIVERSITY AND TRADITION” IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PORTUGUESE FEDERATION OF UNESCO CLUBS, CENTRES AND ASSOCIATIONS PORTO AND MONTALEGRE, PORTUGAL 10TH -14TH JUNE 2015

In June 2015 (10th -14th), EFUCA in collaboration with the Portuguese Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (FPACU) organized the International Meeting titled “Heritage, Diversity and Tradition” held in Porto and in Montalegre with the support and the participation of the local authorities and the Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO. Within this framework, an Executive Board Meeting of EFUCA took place in Portugal.

During the International Meeting participants discussed about the world UNESCO heritage in each respective country, including elements of the intangible cultural heritage and exchanged information on how to preserve and respect the heritage.





The founder President of the UNESCO Centre in Florence, Marialuisa Stringa, died yesterday 15th June 2015, in Florence. She was born in Venice and she graduated in Philosophy with a thesis about ethics. Afterwards, she devoted herself to the library world, with a particular attention to UNESCO Publications.

In 1971 she founded the UNESCO Centre in Florence which, under her guidance, became a UNESCO Associated Library. Since its foundation until today she directed the UNESCO Centre in Florence and in 1979 she contributed to the creation of the Italian National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres (FICLU). She was formerly General Secretary and then President of FICLU from 2001 to March 2013, when she was acclaimed, from the Assembly, Honorary President.

As President of FICLU, she significantly contributed to spread all over Italy the ideals and action programmes of UNESCO, supporting the creation of many Clubs and always maintaining direct contacts with UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. The Italian Federation was active member in the constitution of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres (WFUCA) in 1981 and of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres (EFUCA) in 2001. Thanks to her engagement within the WFUCA, as Vice President before and then as Honorary Member, in 2013 the Executive Board of WFUCA and the International Conference on Global Ethics took place in Lucca and Florence. After this Conference, it was adopted the Florence Declaration on Global Ethics.

Until the end, she participated in several Conferences in Italy and worldwide, spreading, through her interventions, the UNESCO ideals and its action programmes. She was appointed "Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic" by President Ciampi and afterwards "Officer" by President Napolitano. She was also President of the Italian Association Fulbright.

Best regards,

Prof.ssa Maria Paola Azzario

***President of the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres
(FICLU)***



Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU)
European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

17 June 2015

**Memorial message from the President of EFUCA, Daniela Popescu
And the Executive Secretary of EFUCA Marina Christophides
To the President of FICLU, Maria Paola Azzario
To the Secretary General of FICLU, Annateresa Rondinella
To the Vice-President of the UNESCO Centre of Firenze, Vittorio Gasparrini
To the staff members and volunteers of FICLU and the UNESCO Centre of Firenze**

It was with great sorrow that we received the sad news regarding the death of our dearest colleague Honorary President of the European Federation of UNESCO, Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA) Dott.ssa Marialuisa Stringa, an important personality and great leader of the UNESCO Clubs movement in Europe and in the world.

Marialuisa Stringa, Honorary President and founding member of EFUCA was present in all EFUCA events and her death caused and to our UNESCO Clubs family a great and indispensable loss. Her altruistic contribution and spirit of voluntarism towards the UNESCO Clubs movement, as well as her significant work in the promotion of UNESCO's ideals and principles will remain an example for us for which we will always be grateful with respect to her life which was dedicated to UNESCO, for which she was honoured during the General Assembly of EFUCA in Romania, in 2012 at the ceremony titled "A life dedicated to UNESCO".

Marialuisa Stringa's presence in the UNESCO Clubs movement will always be remembered for her kind and open spirit as well as for her ongoing efforts and strong determination in the promotion and preservation of the ideals of UNESCO. Her passion towards global ethics and UNESCO Clubs values have inspired everyone who had the chance to meet her and cooperate with her within the framework of UNESCO Clubs programmes.

A book of condolences was created in the social network of EFUCA and special tribute will be paid in EFUCA's AZURE magazine in the honour of our beloved Honorary President Marialuisa Stringa for her dedicated and valuable contribution in the UNESCO Clubs movement.

On behalf of all members of EFUCA we convey our sincere and deepest condolences to Marialuisa Stringa's family and to all friends and colleagues of the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres (FICLU) to which Marialuisa Stringa was for many years President, as well as to her colleagues of the UNESCO Centre of Firenze which she founded and was President until her death last Monday.

Dearest Marialuisa Stringa, our love and thoughts are with you, keeping you always with us in our hearts.


Daniela Popescu
EFUCA President


Marina Christophides
EFUCA Executive Secretary



Yuri Borisikhin was born on 30 January 1944 in the village of Koptelovo, near Yekaterinburg, Russia.

After graduating from the Journalism Department of the Ural State University, he worked as a staff writer at the Ural Pathfinder magazine. In 1982-1983 Yuri Borisikhin became one of six members of the transcontinental polar expedition of newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya, which covered 10000 km on dogsleds in extreme conditions of Arctic. He was decorated with the Order of the Badge of Honour for his heroism during this expedition.

In 1987, Yuri Borisikhin created one of the first UNESCO Clubs in the USSR. In 1991 he established the Ural Association of UNESCO Clubs and transformed it later into the National Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations. In 1994 he founded the Ural-Siberian UNESCO Centre in Yekaterinburg. Thanks to his enthusiastic work more than a hundred of UNESCO Clubs have been created in Russia.

In 1999 Yuri Borisikhin hosted the V WFUCA World Congress. In 2003 he was elected a Treasurer of WFUCA.

Late Yuri Borisikhin dedicated his life to the UNESCO Clubs movement. Thanks to him, thousands of young people in Russia have learnt about UNESCO and its activities.

He was extremely energetic until the very last moments of his life. On the day of his death last Saturday he was conducting a big UNESCO annual event in one of the local towns and died within minutes after returning back home.

A unique soul, Yuri had great sense of humour and was very approachable. He will be greatly missed. Yuri Borisikhin is survived by his wife Natalia, five children and several grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Yekaterinburg, Russia (today) 28 April 2015.

Ural-Siberian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations



Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU)
European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

27 April 2015

Dear family members,
Respected colleagues of the UNESCO Clubs movement,
For the last time, dear Yuri,

All your colleagues from the UNESCO World who met you will remain with a noble and lasting memory of you in their hearts. You were for us a shining example of what a true club leader should be, actively involved in public life and in the true development and spreading of UNESCO ideals.

Your untiring efforts and permanent evaluation of our organization's ideals strongly took root over your decades of untiring work.

In 1987, you created one of the first UNESCO Clubs in the USSR. In 1991, establishing the Ural Association of UNESCO Clubs and transformed it later into the National Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations. In 1994 you founded the Ural-Siberian UNESCO Centre in Yekaterinburg. As a reward of your amazing work, over a hundred of UNESCO Clubs have been created in Russia. In 1999 you hosted the V WFUCA World Congress and for the first time in Yekaterinburg, I could witness the exemplary organization of the Congress. In 2003 you were elected Treasurer of WFUCA and Romania was one of the countries that supported you for your candidature. Following that, in 2008 the Ural Siberian Federation became member of the European Federation for UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations.

With distinction you constructed posterity from actions given to everybody with such smoothness and dedication.

THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF UNESCO CLUBS, CENTERS AND ASSOCIATIONS DECREES:

**27 APRIL 2015,
DAY OF MEMORY OF OUR DEAR COLLEAGUE YURI BORISIKHIN**

On the facebook page of the European Federation we open today the **BOOK OF CONDOLENCES YURI BORISIKHIN** and we ask all the friends from the UNESCO Clubs world to pay him their respect there, following to have all these messages received sent to the Ural-Siberian Federation for UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations.

With deep respect,

In the name of the European Federation for UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations

Dr. Daniela Popescu
President of EFUCA

