

Dear Colleagues,

As the period full of activities is fast approaching, I would like to inform you of what we have done so far and what is of great importance to us in the forthcoming days.

The Training - Out of five Trainings that are planned for this year, two are finished already and with great success, too. From March 3rd through March 7th 2003, the CR Technical Training for cameramen was held in Pinewood Studio with AVID sponsorship and thanks to Karol Cioma. Seven cameramen from Germany, Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, France and UK, took part in the Training. It is very important that some of them, thanks to the knowledge they have got on the Training, will join us for the Training for Young Journalists in Grado.

The Middle Management Seminar was held from March 12th through March 15th 2003 in Zagreb, sponsored by HRT and Thomson Foundation. Nineteen participants representing eight countries attended. Positive participation and feedback demonstrate that the needs were satisfactorily addressed. I would like to thank Roel Dijkhuis who this year again joined the Seminar as an excellent trainer. The themes and questions that were addressed show how much needed such a Seminar is and I sincerely hope that we shall have the possibility to have such a Seminar next year, too.

The Ethnic Minorities Seminar is to be held from April 28th through May 2nd 2003 in Budapest. The Seminar is sponsored by CoE and hosted by Judit Klein. The Seminar is for the participants from all the CR countries and those who have interest in Ethnic Minorities issues, please register.

The Judging for Prix Circom will start this week in Sinaia, Romania, thanks to the colleagues from Romanian Television and to Elena Spanily.

The co-productions "Enlargement, the New Teenage Europe" and "The Last Straight Line" are progressing very well, primarily thanks to Tim Johnson and Peter Sauer. I do hope that we shall have the opportunity to see some of these programmes in the course of the Annual Conference in Grado.

And now to the issues I need your help for:

1. The 4 Questionnaires related to CIRCOM work (Membership, Prix Circom, Training, Euromusica)

I do thank all those who returned the 4 filled-in Questionnaires and I do ask those who still have not done that (Andres Psaila, PBS Malta, Angei Urreiztieta, RTVE, Anne Flinskila, YLE, Maria Eugenia Baptista, RTP, Mikkjäl Helmsdal SVF, Faroe, Pier Luigi Malesani, RAI, Sergei Erofeev, Russia, Tito Malaguerra, SRG and Zorica

Kostovska, MRTV) to send the Questionnaires. This is particularly important, as the CR Secretariat would like to up-date the database until the Annual Conference.

2. The Questionnaire: The Survey of Regional TV in Europe

So far we have received the filled-in Questionnaire from Ahmed Hadzijamakovic, PBS BiH, Judit Klein, MTV, Kjell Jarle Hoyheim, NRK, Per-Ake Krook, SVT, Pierre Couchard, RTBF, Piotr Borys, TVP, Roel Dijkhuis, RTV Noord, Tim Johnson, TVSyd and Vladimir Spicer, HRT.

I kindly ask the colleagues who have not returned the filled-in Questionnaire yet, to do it soonest possible, because we do need those data to prepare a Survey for the Conference.

3. Annual Conference, Grado

- If you, or some one from your Television, wish to take part in a Workshop, please let us know. So far, the participation of the very high and strong delegation of the BBC (thanks to Anita Bhala) and of France 3 (grâce a Jean-Marie Belin) have been confirmed

- Please send your Accreditations ASAP (all the Forms are on the web.site)

- For the Grado Training we already have many applicants. However, if there is interest in your Television for the Training, do apply, particularly if you have not applied so far.

- The Grado Training will have a special two-day Workshop for Video Journalism. Information and Application conditions for young journalists will be sent shortly.

With best regards,

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