



# IDEA2024 Congress

Beijing China July 15-20

Final update

Now that the IDEA2024 Congress is finished, this email is a last opportunity to celebrate and to thank you for your support.

Dear IDEA 2024 Congress participants,



As IDEA President, I want to personally thank you for making this 10th IDEA Congress such a remarkable event. You contributed with your knowledge, dedication and passion in sharing this common vision of drama/theatre and education spreading all over the world to make it a better, more

creative and safer place for all of us to live in.

I have received a lovely message from Liwen, one of the Congress participants, that I want to share with you:

*" Thanks to the dedication of you and your colleagues, a sumptuous drama education banquet was provided for all attendees."*

As food was a recurring theme, it seems to appear again as a metaphor. It was indeed a banquet, a feast for our minds, hearts and souls.

**Sanja Krsmanović Tasić**

President,

Chair of the World Alliance for Art Education -WAAE (May 2024/May 2025)

**August 2024**

International Drama/Theatre and Education Association  
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Association Internationale Théâtre et Éducation  
Asociación Internacional Teatro y Educación  
国际戏剧/戏剧和教育协会

## **A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE IDEA 2024 CONGRESS JULY 15-20, 2024, BEIJING CHINA:**

The Congress was organized by IDEA member from China **IDEAC** (International Drama/Theatre and Education Application and Cooperation Congress)

### **IDEAC Committee consisted of six members:**

Mr Wu Hui, Congress director as well as Wang Liying 王丽, Deputy Secretary-General of IDEAC, Su Yi 苏毅, Director of the Fresco IDEAC Teaching Center, Cindy, 王志新 International Project Manager , Ali 李婧菡, Coordinator for Experts and Ma Yihan 马艺涵, Coordinator for Young IDEA projects.

### **For IDEA, the Coordinating Committee consisted of five members:**

Sanja Krsmanović Tasić, IDEA President  
Robin Pascoe, IDEA Past Immediate President  
John O'Toole, IDEA '95 Congress Co-Convenor  
Ása Helga Ragnarsdottir, IDEA GMC Vice-President  
Clair Young, 杨霏 IDEAC

### **The members of the International Advisory Committee Members were:**

Ma Wenqi 麻文琦 , China; Fresco Su 苏毅, China; Au Yi-Man, 欧怡雯 TEFO, Hong Kong; Xiaohua Zhang, 张晓华 Taiwan ; Christopher Odhiambo, Kenya; Mercy Mirembe Ntangaare, Uganda; Peter Duffy, USA; Liliana Galván, Peru; Aishwariyah Shanmuganthan, Singapore; Beng Cabangon , Philippines ; Naoko Araki, Japan ; Stig Eriksson, Norway; Maria van Bakelen, France/Netherlands; Janinka Greenwood, New Zealand; Olafur Gudmundsson, Iceland

### **The Special Interest Groups**

**Working group** consisted of Joachim Reiss as well as Peter Duffy.



A team of 108 implemented the Congress itself in Beijing: media staff, activity leaders, catering staff, lighting and technical staff, photo and video recording staff, drivers, medical staff, cleaning staff, volunteers and coordinating staff.

About **580 participants from more than 30 countries** and regions attended the conference, including **6 keynote speakers**, with **5 children's drama performances, 3 roundtable forums, 1 Young IDEA international cooperation project with performance, 5 SIG-special interest groups**, 10 paper presentation sessions (a total of **48 papers** were shared, including 1 paper presentation sessions) and **41 workshops**.

**More than 30 mainstream media** including Beijing TV Station, China Net, China Youth Daily China Performing Arts Network reported on the meeting. There were also many social media posts from participants.



In addition, the translated and produced recording of the Congress events with English subtitles will be available as the outcome of the Congress.

There will be **a bi-lingual (Chinese and English) publication** of the Congress paper presentation, after the process of peer evaluation and editorial team led by Beth Murray, IDEA Director of Publications as well as **a special edition of the DaTEAsia Journal with the Congress outcomes**.



## General Council Meeting

The **IDEA General Council Meeting** was also held during the Congress, in a blended form (online and in person), with elections for the new IDEA Elected Officers.

A General Council Meeting was held during the Congress and met in 3 sessions. With the help of technology, members who could not be in Beijing joined the meeting through the IDEA ZOOM account and VPN. We thank our IDEAC partners, particularly Clair Young Fay for helping with this.

While, sometimes, the link dropped out, frustratingly, the General Meeting Committee managed a successful and productive meeting chaired by Ása Helga Ragnarsdóttir with support from the General Meeting Committee.

*Minutes of the General Council Meeting will be prepared and shared with IDEA members.*

## Elections were held.

The successful candidates are:

### **Executive Committee**

President: Sanja Krsmanovic Tasic

Vice President: Olafur Gudmundsson

Secretary: Nancy Franco

Treasurer: Nikos Govas

Director Communications: Christine Hatton

Director Research: Zeki Ozen

Director Publications: Beth Murray

Director Young IDEA: Fredyl Hernandez

Director Projects: Miao Bin

### **General Meeting Committee**

President General Meeting Committee:

Ása Helga Ragnarsdóttir

Vice President General Meeting

Committee: Matthew Sheahan

Secretary General Meeting

Committee: Tom Willems

### **Accountancy Committee**

President Accountancy

Committee: Dagmar Hoefferer

Vice President Accountancy

Committee: Roberson Nunes

Secretary Accountancy

Committee: Aishwariyah Nathan



During the meeting, Adriana Nichting, participating from the Netherlands representing VONC, documented the meeting in drawings.



Congress Director Wu Hui welcoming delegates to the GCM

**If you want access to photos of the event, please visit:**

<https://live.photoplus.cn/live/pc/75318980/#/live>

**The IDEA2024 website will now be closed. Please see the main IDEA website for further information about IDEA.**

<https://www.ideadrama.org>

**Thank you for supporting IDEA2024 Congress. We celebrate all who made this event possible. We look forward to you supporting IDEA in the future.**