From the Artistic Director

Our 11th Annual IASJ Jazz Meeting in June 2000 in Paris was a great success with participants from nearly thirty countries as has been the case for the last few years. The people at the Paris Conservatory Laurence, Emmanuelle, Andrew were fantastic and everything worked perfectly. The facility is incredible and we appreciate the school allowing us to use their premises so freely. My deepest appreciation to Francois Theberge, Francois Janneau and Hervé Sellin who had big parts in the organization and played as well on several occasions. With jam sessions at Le Duc des Lombards and the final ensemble concerts as part of La Villette Festival, the students and faculty were definitely part of the Paris scene for the week. Our visitors from the IAJE were duly impressed with the positive and loose atmosphere which pervades our meeting. I may repeat it many times, but the main aspect that is important to me is the way students and teachers communicate-embracing each other's strong and weak points in order to serve the higher cause of playing music. The level of the students continues to rise and those of us who have been to a lot of the meetings just can't imagine it getting better, but sure enough it does. On the organizational side, I am very pleased with the progress made by the Daily Board, Walter Turkenburg, Charlie Miklin and Bernard Hofmann toward delegating responsibilities so that the IASJ can continue to grow and prosper. I think we have finally turned a corner in this regard. At the last group gathering in Paris we handed the IASJ wall banner over to Greg Badolato who is in charge of next year's event at the Berklee College in Boston for which we have some very special things happening. From Caris, Lydia and myself, we wish you a successful school year.

David Liebman
Artistic Director

From the IASJ Board

During the Annual IASJ Jazz Meeting in Paris a number of IASJ Representatives took up certain tasks. Here is a list of their names and their tasks.

- Ronan Guilfoyle will help in making clear what the ongoing activities between IASJ members are. Reports on these activities will be published in the IASJ Newsletter.
- Teri Lucas will research the past and present benefits of the IASJ Membership. Also she will help to expand the IASJ Personal Relations.
- Ulf Radelius will help building the new IASJ Homepage. He will try to establish the ongoing dialogues on jazz topics in cyber space.
- Cennet Jönsson will try to interest possible member schools in Scandinavia and will invited them to come to the meeting in 2002 in Helsinki.
- Lola Huete and Suso Atanes will expand and maintain the contacts the IASJ has with other international organizations such as the IMC of the Unesco.
- Ed Sarath will take care creating a list of interesting topics for the ongoing dialogues.
- Dimitrius Vassilakis will investigate the various credit system that exist.

All these activities will be supported by the IASJ Service Bureau. Results from the activities will be published in the IASJ Newsletter and on the Homepage.

From the IASJ Service Bureau

At this moment the IASJ is an organization with 14 Ordinary Members, 56 Associate Members, and 48 Individual Members. I am putting together a list of every important jazz school in the world that is not yet a member. With help from the Region Coordinators I will try to broaden, or better, deepen, the jazz network and hopefully recruit new members.
For the IASJ Service Bureau I have developed a new computerized administration. Therefor, I have more time now to expand the network, and to provide a more professional organization. The revising of the website is the next tool to support my work. Together with this Newsletter, you will receive the new IASJ Membership List. If you find any mistakes, please inform me by preference by E-mail.
In the next few months I will contact Ronan Guilfoyle, Teri Lucas, Ulf Radelius, Cennet Jönsson, Lola Huete, Suso Atanes, Ed Sarath and Dimitrius Vassilakis to see how I can support them. They have taken upon them certain tasks as is described elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you have any questions, ideas, or remarks, please contact me.

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