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Research Commission has been working on its aims formulated last year after UNIMA Congress in Perth. The main aims of RC is to reflect the most important results of researchers in the world, publish commission's outcomes, mainly contributions from conferences and symposiums which RC co-organize and give its professional patronage.

First conference under the title „Old traditional techniques in ancient and contemporary puppet theatre“ was organized on academic field and was dedicated to student's audience at the Department of Puppetry in Bratislava, Slovakia on 9th and 10th December 2008. Contributions were presented by Ida Hledikova (Slovak puppetry traditions) and Juraj Hubinak (Theatre Louis Richard) from Slovakia, Alain Lecucq (Paper Theatre) from France, Eszter Papp (Géza Blattner) from Hungary and Alice Dubska (Wandering of Pratte puppetry family) from Czech republic. An artistic documentary film The Last Caravan was presented in the frame of this event.

The film Last Caravan presents a history and a contemporary view on descendants of two hundred years old puppetry families in Germany, Slovakia, Czech republic and Hungary.

The film was awarded the prize at International Film Festival „ETNOFILM“ in Čadca, Slovakia, and has been presented in film, television and puppetry festivals. The film arised thanks to co-operation of independent producer, public televisions in Slovak and Czech republics, Ministry of Culture of Slovak republic, German foundation Robert Bosch Stiftung and UNIMA members in countries of Middle Europe. The film of duration of 64 min. has English subtitles and has been distributed also on DVD by its producer FURIA FILM. Available for museums, cinema-clubs, libraries, schools, art and educative institutions and individuals. Contact: livia_filusova@yahoo.com Selling price per DVD is 24 EUR.

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Research Commission will enter into grant activities with its scholarly and academic personal potential.

Research Commission will take part in a theatrological conference in Finland in 2009 which is prepared by UNIMA Finland and Tampere University.

Next conference will be organized in Slovakia in 2010. The RC is prepared to co-organize other conferences and symposiums in the world.

Research Commission has prepared contributions which will be published by Publication Commission in a new UNIMA internet periodical *Research Reviews*.

Research Commission is working on updating of a document *International Directory of Scholarly Researchers of Puppet Theatre* from 2007, which is published on UNIMA web on link of Research Commission. Please, contact Ms. Hledikova and Ms. Karen Smith.

Co-operation with other commissions:

Ida Hledikova, President of Research Commission and Mr. Alain Lecucq, President of Publication Commission have already met 3 times and spoke about common activities.

President of Research Commission and its members are opened to ideas and co-operation with other UNIMA commissions and colleagues.

Contact us, please.

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