

Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA)

59th Coupe Mondiale in Asker, Norway

hosted by CIA Member: Norske Trekkspilleres Landsforbund (NTL)

59th CIA Coupe Mondiale in Asker, Norway a Tremendous Success Report by CIA President – Kevin Friedrich

Contestants, Delegates and Jury Members from more than 30 countries around the world gathered in Asker, Norway for the 59th Coupe Mondiale and 116th General Assembly Congress hosted by the CIA member the Norske Trekkspilleres Landsforbund (NTL). The event coincided with the 35th anniversary of the NTL and marked the first time in CIA history that the event had been held in Norway.

This years Coupe Mondiale was won by Vladimir Chernukh (Russia) a student of Viatcheslav Semionov. Capacity audiences enjoyed a spectacular array of music in the six Coupe Mondiale categories and concerts. Winners were as follows:

59th Coupe Mondiale:

- 1st - Vladimir CHERNUKH, Russia
- 2nd - Ildar SALAKHOV, Russia
- 3rd - Vincent LHERMET, France
- 4th - Victor SEMENKIN, Russia
- 5th - Ivan SVERKO, Croatia

Junior Coupe Mondiale:

- 1st - Petar MARIC, Serbia
- 2nd - Mirko JETOVIC, Serbia
- 3rd - Vitaly PUGACHEV, Russia
- 4th - Nicola KERKEZ, Serbia
- 5th - Marko STOJANOVIC, Serbia

International Competition for Piano Accordion:

- 1st - Vladimir ANIKIN, Russia
- 2nd - Alexandar STEFANOVIC, Serbia
- 3rd - Stanislav JUSUFOVIC, Netherlands
- 4th - Nikola GLAVAS, Croatia
- 5th - Aleksandr SATSENKO, Russia

International Competition for Chamber Music:

- 1st - DES CONCERTANTE TRIO, Portugal
Carisa MARCELINO (Accordion)
Sérgio NEVES (Clarinet)
Ana Luísa MARQUES (Cello)
- 2nd - Julien GONZALES (Accordion), France
Cyril CARBONNE (Clarinet)
- 3rd - Carisa MARCELINO (Accordion), Portugal
Carolina PATRICIO (Flute)
- 4th - Live Berger BREKKE (Accordion), Norway
Ida Løvli HIDLE (Accordion)
- 5th - ACCORDION DUO, Norway
Stian AASE (Accordion)
Lars RØYSENG (Accordion)

International Competition for Virtuoso Entertainment Music:

- 1st - Julien GONZALES, France
- 2nd - Dimitri SAUSSARD, France
- 3rd - Benoit CHABOD, France
- 4th - Jeremie BUIRETTE, France
- 5th - Anne-Mari KANNIANEN, Finland

Junior International Competition for Virtuoso Entertainment Music:

- 1st - Mario D'AMARIO, Italy
- 2nd - Vitaly PUGACHEV, Russia
- 3rd - Sarah VONAU, France
- 4th - Sammy THOMAS, USA
- 5th - Aldo CUPUA, Italy

Coupe Mondiale winner Vladimir Chernukh also received an award for the best performance of the Test Piece 'Fractals, Op. 142' written by well known Norwegian composer Mr. Wolfgang Plagge who was in attendance to hear his work performed by the Coupe Mondiale contestants as well as at the final closing concert. As the new CIA Coupe Mondiale Champion, Chernukh also received an award from the CIA Portuguese delegation from the Conservatório Regional de Castelo Branco (CRCB) of an all expenses paid concert tour to Portugal to present at least three concerts. Portugal will sponsor each year's Coupe Mondiale winner on such a concert tour for the next three years!

The New Zealand Accordion Association (NZAA) is sponsoring the First Prize Winner of the CIA International Competition for Piano Accordion - Vladimir Anikin (Russia) in a Concert Tour to New Zealand and Australia to perform as Guest Artist at the 2007 South Pacific Accordion Championships and Festival in Auckland and at the 13th Australian International Accordion Championships and Festival in Sydney while the Methodical Center of Professor Marta Szokeova for Accordion (MCA) and the Patria Radio Bratislava from Slovakia are sponsoring Dimitri Saussard (France) the artist from the competition who inspired and captured the imagination of the organizer to perform two concerts in the upcoming concert season in Slovakia.

Other special awards were presented during closing ceremony concert including one to Carlos Semedo (Portugal) in appreciation for all his work in preparing the 58th Coupe Mondiale and CIA 70th Anniversary Festival in Castelo Branco, while Pauline Noon (UK) and June Jones (Australia) were presented the CIA Honored Friend of the Accordion Awards and Tibor Racz (Slovakia) the CIA Merit Award. As is becoming the tradition, the current Coupe Mondiale organizer from the host nation passes over the duties to the next organizer wishing them much success in their work ahead. This year Lars Arnevig presented 2007 Coupe Mondiale organizer Mrs. Faithe Deffner with a beautiful painting adorned with the names of all the host nations since the first Coupe Mondiale in 1938. Each year, the host will add the plaque of the future host nation and present it to the next organizer.

During the 116th General Assembly of Delegates, the CIA conducted their General Elections for the 2006-2010 term of office for all positions except that of the Presidency which was voted on the previous year. The CIA General Secretary Mr. Walter Maurer (Austria) retired from his position with the CIA after 35 years. In appreciation of his lifelong service to the CIA, he was made the first CIA Honorary member as well as being honored several times during the festival.

CIA Election results were as follows:

CIA Executive Committee:

- Vice President: Raymond Bodell (United Kingdom)
- Vice President: Tibor Racz (Slovakia)
- Vice President: Herbert Scheibenreif (Austria)
- Public Relations Manager: Harley Jones (Fiji)
- General Secretary/Treasurer: Kimmo Mattlia (Finland)
- Chairperson of the Music Committee: Frederic Deschamps (France)

CIA Music Committee Members:

- Vice Chairperson of the Music Committee: Joan C. Sommers (USA)
- Music Committee Member: Harley Jones (Fiji)
- Music Committee Member: Jacques Mornet (France)
- Music Committee Member: Jörgen Sundeqvist (Sweden)
- Music Committee Member: Zorica Karakutovska (Republic of Macedonia)
- Music Committee Member: Viatcheslav Semionov (Russia).

The Mayor of Asker Mr. Morton Strand attended several of the events and offered his warm welcome to all of the international visitors. Special thanks were given to 2006 CIA Honorary Vice President and Norwegian Accordion Association President Mr. Kjell Olsen and the 2006 Coupe Mondiale Organizer Mr. Lars Arnevig and their respective teams for all the work they did in preparing the outstanding event.

Looking towards the next Coupe Mondiale, the 60th Anniversary Coupe Mondiale organizer Faithe Deffner was appointed as the 2007 CIA Honorary Vice President. This milestone Coupe Mondiale being held in Alexandria, VA (Washington DC area) from 13-18 August, 2007 has already attracted many participants from around the world.

Upcoming 2007 CIA events include:

- CIA Winter Congress
Nagigia Island, Fiji
January 23-28th, 2007
Internet: www.accordions.com/cia/winter_07.htm
E-mail Winter Congress Organizer - Harley Jones: harley@accordions.com
- 60th Anniversary Coupe Mondiale
Alexandria, VA (Washington DC), USA
August 13-18th, 2007
joint host: Accordionists and Teachers Guild, International (ATG)
joint host: American Accordionists' Association (AAA)
E-mail 2007 Coupe Mondiale Organizer - Faithe Deffner: fdeffner@aol.com

For a full review of the 2006 Coupe Mondiale including contestants, jury members, delegates, guests, results (including all adjudicator's mark for each candidate) and a pictorial review of each day's activities and more, please visit www.coupemondiale.org This site will be updated with the information for our upcoming 2007 60th Anniversary Coupe Mondiale soon.