

CIM/LC-2082

Paris, August 23, 2021

To: **Music Directors and Heads of International Relations Departments
of Broadcasting Organizations**

cc: **IRC Delegates**

67th INTERNATIONAL ROSTRUM OF COMPOSERS
Belgrade, October 12 – 15 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your organization is hereby invited to take part in the 67th session of the International Rostrum of Composers (IRC) which will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, October 12 - 15 2021. We are very pleased to announce that this flagship program of the International Music Council will be held for the first time ever in Serbia, thanks to the invitation of our partner, Radio Television of Serbia – Radio Belgrade.

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the entire music ecosystem; radios and contemporary music and not exempt. It is for this very reason that, after having cancelled the 2020 edition and in close cooperation with its partners, IMC has decided to not cancel this year Rostrum as it will be an even more essential platform for exchange and promotion of contemporary music.

Since the foundation of the IRC in 1955, some 400 composers have been promoted and their works broadcast thousands of times within the network of participating radios. After 66 editions, the IRC continues today to be **the most important platform for the promotion of contemporary music** via radio broadcast with some 800 broadcasts of the selected and recommended works in the last season only. Moreover, the IRC is an invaluable occasion to meet colleagues from all over the world and exchange about contemporary music.

Selected and recommended works will benefit from the unique exposure offered by the broadcasts through the network of participating radios. In addition, selected composers in the two categories will be offered an additional opportunity. IMC will offer a bursary to the selected composer in the General Category while for the Under-30 category, thanks to our partnership with the Swedish Radio, the selected composer will benefit from a commission along with a short-residence program (with recording and live broadcast) with the Ensemble Norrbotten NEO from Sweden.

The **new Rules of Procedure** for the Rostrum are attached; we invite you to carefully take them into consideration when preparing your participation. We would like to draw your particular attention to the fact that the **time allocation per country/delegation is 30 minutes**. You are not obliged to use the whole 30 minutes allowed; this total duration being a maximum limit, not a minimum.

May we also kindly ask you to make sure that the recording presented includes **a recording of the correct pronunciations of the titles of the works and the names of the composers and performing artists**. Delegates of the past IRC editions have welcomed this addition as being very helpful for the presentation of broadcasts.

Any proposal for changes in the Rules on your part should be sent in writing along with your reply to this invitation.

Venue

All listening sessions will take place at:

**Radio Belgrade
Studio 6
Hilandarska 2, Belgrade, Serbia**

In cooperation with our colleagues in Serbia, we are preparing a rich program for networking, capacity building and also to provide delegates with a taste of the Serbian vibrant music scene.

You will find the preliminary schedule attached. Please note that delegates are invited to a **welcome cocktail**. A more detailed programme will follow in the coming weeks.

Accommodation

We are currently negotiating for you with some hotels in Belgrade to obtain the best rates and the closest solution to the venue. More detailed information will follow in the coming weeks.

Presentation Material

As indicated in the Rules, recordings and scores should preferably be brought to Belgrade by your delegate; otherwise, they may be sent **a minimum of two weeks** previous to the meeting to the following address:

International Rostrum of Composers
Ivana Neimarevic
RTS - Radio Beograd - Treći program
Hilandarska 2
11000 Belgrade
Serbia
+381 11 6553263/+ 381 11 655 3265

Rostrum FTP Server

Radios are requested **to upload the works they present to the dedicated Rostrum FTP Server before the Rostrum**.

Please make sure that the recordings **comply with EBU standard**. Please visit this link for more details: <https://tech.ebu.ch/publications/r128s1>

You may use a FTP Client software (i.e. Filezilla) using the following credentials:

For upload

FTP address: ftp://fileexchange.ebu.ch
Login: mbrupload
Password: ftp2euroradio

For download of the works presented by other broadcasters, (**available from the 10th of October**)

FTP address: ftp://fileexchange.ebu.ch
Login: mbrdownload
Password: ftp2euroradio

If you encounter some problems during the upload, you can transfer the files via Wetransfer (or similar) addressed to rostrum@imc-cim.org. Please note that IMC cannot be responsible for corrupted or missing files.

Registration and submission forms

Please fill in the attached registration and submission forms and send them to IMC Project and Communication Assistant, Giulia Zaghini, **by September 13th, 2021**: g.zaghini@imc-cim.org

Kindly follow exactly the instructions given in the attached documents.

The IRC Secretariat will aim to make the completed forms available for all delegates on the IMC website as of the first day of the listening sessions.

Participation fees

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the participation fees are **700 €** per radio station. An invoice will be sent to you after your registration; **payments should be made by September 13th, 2021.**

New and returning participants

Kindly note that broadcasting organizations that intend to participate in the Rostrum for the first time or after a certain period of absence, can do so without having to broadcast the selected and recommended works from the last Rostrum. The broadcasting obligations (of works presented at the 2019 Rostrum or at the Hidden Treasure Mixtape in 2020) will enter into force only upon the effective participation in the 2021 Rostrum.

Announcement of results

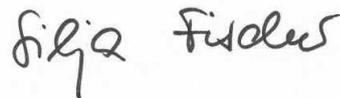
The public announcement of the Rostrum results will happen during a press conference to be held on **Friday October 15th at 13:00.**

We look forward to welcoming your delegate at the 2021 Rostrum, and we do count on your contribution to the success of our joint endeavor.

Yours sincerely,



Evert van Berkel
IRC Chairman



Silja Fischer
IRC Secretary

p.s. We draw the attention of countries unable to be represented by a delegate to the participation possibilities offered in article 3.2.2. of the Rules. Please let us know if you wish to avail yourselves of this alternative.