



## Croatia for regional choral collaboration at EUROPA CANTAT XIX

Initiated by the collaboration between the partner organisations Croatian Cultural Association (Hrvatski Sabor Kulture, HSK), European Choral Association – Europa Cantat (ECA-EC) and the organising team of the EUROPA CANTAT XIX international choral festival in Pécs, Hungary in 2015, a delegation composed of Dražen Jelavić, Secretary General of HSK, Srdjana Vrsalović, Head of Music Department of HSK and Gábor Móczár, President of ECA-EC and Head of the EUROPA CANTAT XIX Pécs 2015 Organising Team paid a successful visit on December 18th 2013 to the President of the Republic of Croatia.



President Ivo Josipović

The visit was a continuation of an already started cooperation between Hungary, Croatia and other South neighbour countries of Hungary (Serbia and Slovenia) for developing the regional artistic programme of the EUROPA CANTAT XIX Pécs 2015 festival, aiming also for the promotion of musical treasures from these countries. Besides the strong cooperation of cultural organisations the partners intend to involve also the highest level of cultural and political authorities. On behalf of Croatia, President prof. dr. sc. Ivo Josipović – being a composer and music professor – accepted with great pleasure the invitation to contribute to the festival programme through a planned lecture and an eventual performance of his music. On this occasion the delegation of partner organisations had a fruitful meeting also with the Deputy Minister for Culture of the Republic of Croatia, prof. Berislav Šipuš. While presenting the festival there was a strong emphasis on creating musical bridges between Croatia and Hungary, also by giving opportunities to Croatian choirs, conductors and composers to get involved at the festival, preferably through the financial support by the Ministry for Culture.



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