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Alliance of the Universities of Artistic Education (UNIART)

INTRODUCTION TO UNIART ALLIANCE

Alliance of the Universities of Artistic Education (UNIART) is a legal international non-profit organization for innovation activities in the field of artistic higher education, voluntarily initiated by universities along the CEEC (China and 16 Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries) Initiative. Alliance of the Universities of Artistic Education UNIART (hereinafter referred to as „Alliance“) is initiated by Academy of Arts Novi Sad - University of Novi Sad, Serbia with the support of Association for Educational Exchange between China and Serbia. Alliance will act as a bridge between different Universities of the member countries within the CEEC for their better communication and cooperation. It is also a shared community to boost the innovation and development in artistic higher education.

Alliance aims to boost the cooperation in artistic innovation among countries within the CEEC and serve for their development and progress.

Members of the Alliance will share information by close communication and mutual learning as well as provide an open and inclusive platform for further development.

PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE ALLIANCE

The Alliance is established with the purpose to promote and develop cultural, artistic, educational, scientific and research activities in the field of education of young artists within CEEC countries, establish effective mechanisms to link the CEEC artistic educational institutions in various countries and promote the countries involved in the Initiative and concerned in the artistic education, academic research, etc. In order to support the sustainable development of education in arts, Alliance's gain is to provide a platform for

research and communication among professors, students, faculties, experts and scholars in the art education sector. Its cross-disciplinary quality makes Alliance unique as a network. Alliance advocates for higher arts education by empowering and creating new opportunities for its members and facilitating the exchange of good practices.

UNIART international Alliance should provide a dynamic platform for professional exchange and development in higher arts education and should advocate for higher arts education by empowering and creating new opportunities for its members and facilitating the exchange of good practices. UNIART should collaborate with international and national networks in the fields of education, arts and culture.

Main objectives of the Alliance are:

- to strengthen the position of higher arts education;
- to support the free development of education in the arts;
- to promote the arts as a central contributor to social and economic development;
- to encourage cultural diversity and foster communication between cultures.

The principal mission of UNIART Alliance is to represent higher arts education and to advocate the interests of its members. In emphasizing the value of arts education, UNIART Alliance is dedicated to enhancing the conditions in which higher arts education can flourish.

FUTURE PLANS OF THE ALLIANCE

The Alliance's initiator (Academy of Arts Novi Sad - University of Novi Sad) and partnering institutions will carry out activities that concern specific contents/goals of the Alliance:

- (a) Hold regular plenary meetings and other activities of the Alliance
- (b) Stimulate artistic and cultural creativity by means of artistic, cultural and educational programs as well as present the specific interdisciplinary and cultural elements in the frame of a wider international context
- (c) Organize short-term or long term training and excellent teaching demonstration courses for young artists, upon the agreement made by all members of the Alliance.
- (d) Organize regular international academic seminars on different topics

- (e) Support youth artistic exhibitions, concerts, projections, plays and other activities whenever possible
- (f) Invite or dispatch students, the teaching staff, experts and scholars majoring in art to conduct exchange and research activities related to artistic education
- (g) Provide other consultation and coordination services
- (h) Organize calls for presentations and papers
- (i) Display most recent research and/or new approach to teaching
- (j) Display new ideas and challenges
- (k) Organize working groups and platforms to advance academic discourse on artistic research and arts education
- (l) Organize conferences, smaller gatherings, seminars, meetings, exhibitions, plays, concerts, etc.
- (m) Display publications and formation of platform for regular promotion of member's events

The teaching staff and the students of the member's institution may participate in the activities organized by the Alliance.

STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ALLIANCE

MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE

The Alliance is established only by its member institutions and does not accept individual applications.

UNIART Alliance members should be higher arts education institutions from all artistic disciplines. Member institutions shall be determined due to following criteria:

- a) Representing members: educational institutions that fulfill the aims and purposes of the Alliance and are internationally recognized, i.e. institutions of higher arts education which provide advanced, degree or degree equivalent diplomas recognized at the highest professional level.
- b) Supporting members: institutions that assist operational activities of the Alliance.

c) Honorary members: institutions that contribute to the Alliance and are recommended by state authorities for higher education.

Members institutions shall apply by filling out Registration form*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ALLIANCE

General Assembly consists of nominated representatives by Full members (one per institution).

Jurisdiction of the General Assembly:

- (a) Elects the members of the Executive Board for the mandate of 2 years.
- (b) Adopts the work plan of the Alliance.
- (c) Verifies new members of the Alliance.
- (d) Verifies strategic documents of the Alliance.

General Assembly intern organization:

- (a) The General Assembly meeting shall be held at least every two years. Provisional plenary meetings may be convened if the Executive Board finds it necessary.
Before the plenary meeting is held, the issues, dates, and venues of the meeting shall be notified.
- (b) The chairman of the plenary meeting is elected among the representing members present at the meeting.
- (c) The general meeting can only be held if a quorum of more than one-half of the members is present. However, those who have written materials to express their views in advance and those who entrust other members to represent their views on the issue are considered to be present.
- (d) Major issues such as the direction of the alliance's development, the admission of new members, the organization of major events, the disqualification of membership, and other major issues deemed necessary should be decided by all member units at the General Assembly of the alliance.

A meeting on a matter requiring voting should be attended by more than two-thirds of its members. Those who are unable to attend for any reason may entrust other members or agents in writing to attend and express their opinions on behalf of them.

(e) Resolutions of the plenary meeting shall be adopted only by one-half of the voting members participating in the plenary meeting. Whether a resolution is adopted or not is decided by the chairman of the meeting if the voting members agree or disagree with each other.

All meetings must be recorded and signed by the chairman and two representatives present.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ALLIANCE

Upon the Alliance foundation and foundation of the general Assembly, Executive Board of the Alliance shall be formed as an operative body that will carry on administrative and other work. The Executive Board shall be the supreme deliberative body of the Alliance.

Executive Board consists of 8 members, including President and Secretary. The President of the Executive Board and the Secretary will be elected at the general Assembly. Its mandate shall last for 2 years.

The Executive Board is responsible for the organization and preparation of the plenary meetings.

All other artistic institutions that wish to join the Alliance shall submit applications to the Executive Board of the Alliance which will forward it to the General Assembly.

With the gradual development of the Alliance, a supervisory body may be formed to supervise the implementation of the alliance's business and the possible financial and property conditions. The specific matters and other unmentioned matters concerning the business, administration and possible funds of the alliance and other matter shall be separately formulated according to the specific requirements.