

Registration Guidelines

**Join Us in Antwerp and Den Bosch!
Registration is Open for the 37th ITI World Congress.**

To:

ITI Honorary Members & Presidents, ITI Executive Council, ITI Centres, ITI Committees

Dear Colleagues,

We are thrilled to announce that registration for the 37th ITI World Congress is now open! Hosted by ITI Belgium Flanders and ITI Netherlands, the Congress will convene from 18-23 September 2024 in Antwerp, Belgium Flanders, and Den Bosch, the Netherlands.

Themed "Embrace and Connect," the Congress aims to unite global performing arts enthusiasts in celebrating its transformative power to foster unity amidst conflict and division. Serving as a potent vehicle for cross-cultural understanding and connection, the performing arts transcend the boundaries of language and geography.

Conference:

The Conference on 19 September will explore the theme "Embrace and Connect," focusing on how the performing arts can promote mutual understanding and peace amidst cultural diversity. Drawing inspiration from Jon Fosse's poignant statement in the World Theatre Day 2024 Message, "Arts is Peace," the Conference seeks to illuminate the profound impact of artistic expression in transcending barriers and promoting harmony among diverse communities.

Emerging Artists:

We encourage ITI centres to promote the participation of emerging artists, recognizing their unique perspectives and contributions to the global artistic landscape.

Integration of Local Performing Arts Communities:

Key highlights include integration with local performing arts communities, featuring networking sessions, dynamic showcases of local youth theatre, performances in local venues, and more. These initiatives offer excellent opportunities for fostering connections and unity among participants.

Essential Pre-Arrangements and Logistics:

As preparations for the Congress continue, we would like to share some essential pre-arrangements and logistics:

1) Delegations and Hotel Accommodation:

Due to the limited availability of hotel rooms and budgetary constraints, delegation participation is carefully regulated and reserved for specific categories:

- **Delegations of ITI Centres:** Each delegation consists of one Head of Delegation and, optionally, one Delegate in a (1+1) format. If a delegation exceeds 2 members, please submit the list of additional members for approval to congress@iti-worldwide.org. Please note that accommodation capacity is restricted.
- **Delegations of ITI Committees:** Only Committee leaders will be accommodated.

The Congress hosts will cover hotel room expenses from 18th to 23rd September (2 nights in Antwerp and 3 nights in Den Bosch) for specific participants, including ITI Honorary Members & Presidents, ITI Executive Council, Heads of Delegations of ITI Centres (1 per Centre), Heads of Delegations of ITI Committees (1 per Committee), staff of General Secretariat, a certain number of Emerging Artists, and Guests invited by ITI. Other participants from the Centres who have been approved by ITI worldwide are responsible for their hotel room expenses during the Congress. Details of Congress host hotels and costs will be provided later.

2) Schengen Visa:

After submitting your registration form online, you will receive a prompt response from ITI GS shortly regarding your participation status. Participants confirmed for the Congress will receive the following documents for visa application: an invitation letter including the Congress schedule, arrival and departure dates, a hotel reservation document if your stay will be entitled to be covered by Congress hosts, and an air ticket document (for approved travel assistance recipients). We advise you to consult the Embassy or Consulate of Belgium or the Netherlands in your country for visa application requirements and procedures. Remember that the visa application should always be submitted to the Consulate of the country where you plan to land first in Europe. Additionally, ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your planned date of departure.

3) Important Notice about Travel Assistance:

We acknowledge that specific Centres may require travel assistance. However, it is paramount to emphasize the significance of the following message:

Due to prevailing global economic challenges, resulting in a severely constrained budget from the two congress host Centres, financial resources are limited. We urge Centres with such needs to initiate efforts to secure funds through their own channels promptly. Please be aware that only a limited amount of funds is available, subject to stringent criteria. It is imperative to consider this factor when planning your participation in the congress. Thank you for your understanding.

4) Registration Link:

Online Registration Link. All registrations must be done by **30 May 2024**.

- English: <https://forms.gle/jTwjZR1K4bD6A3EY6>
- French : <https://forms.gle/4NBKH8yptCPDM6rD7>

We appreciate your attention to these details and eagerly anticipate your active participation in the 37th ITI World Congress.

Sincerely,

Team of the General Secretariat ITI