

Committee Report for the ITI 37th World Congress - 22 Sep 2024 *Network of Emerging Arts Professionals (NEAP)*

The Network of Emerging Arts Professionals (NEAP) is a global network centering and connecting emerging, early-career artists and arts workers who are keen on facilitating collaboration across national boundaries and borders. Currently, the focus of NEAP is to create a net that works, envision collaborative and innovative initiatives that connect members and sustainably offer support.

ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST CONGRESS

Since the 36th Congress held in Fujairah, NEAP has collaborated with ITI Brasil to host the 3rd NEAPFest in Rio de Janeiro, attracting nearly 200 participants from both local and international communities. The festival showcased 9 performances, reaching an audience of over 1,300 individuals and making a significant impact on the global arts community while uplifting many emerging talents. In addition, NEAP partnered with the ITI Academy at the Germany Centre to present a series of three online discussions over the summer, aimed at promoting international collaboration among emerging artists.

PLANS UNTIL THE NEXT CONGRESS

Looking ahead, we aim to redefine the leadership structure of NEAP to enhance cross-collaboration and amplify the voices of emerging artists worldwide. We will clarify eligibility requirements for NEAP membership and simplify the joining process. Moreover, we are actively planning future NEAPFests and invite interested centres to collaborate with us as hosts. To ensure we achieve these objectives, we will conduct quarterly virtual meetings to track our progress and maintain momentum.

REMINDER OF RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE 37th CONGRESS

- To reaffirm the resolution passed at previous Congresses that each center bring at least one emerging art professional to every ITI World Congress
- To require that each center put forward at least one emerging art professional to be an active participant of the Network of Emerging Arts Professionals (NEAP) between this Congress and the next.
- To allocate €5,000 each year for the Network of Emerging Arts Professionals (NEAP) activities between this Congress and the next.

Lastly, we wish to extend our congratulations to the newly elected President and EC council members. We are excited to collaborate with you and appreciate your ongoing mentorship, a valuable resource we have relied upon in the past. Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to uniting at the next congress.