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TYA REPORT on the 18th ASSITEJ World Congress

The 18th ASSITEJ World Congress and Performing Arts Festival (Korczak Festival Special Edition) was held in Warsaw, Poland, May 23-31, 2014, presented by ASSITEJ Poland and the Zbigniew Raszewski Theatre Institute. The theme was 'Facing the Audience'.

Nearly 50 UK delegates attended the Congress, 10 artists supported by TYA UK made possible through Arts Council England's, Grants for the Arts. The UK had the largest international delegation which included both veterans of ASSITEJ such as Paul Harman, Vicky Ireland and David Johnson, along with a larger number of UK artists who were visiting an ASSITEJ Festival for the first time including Joseph Coelho, Charlotte Mountford and Beth Caudle of Lunabug Theatre. More blogs and reports will be up on the TYA UK website soon

Leeds based Tutti Frutti presented their production Rapunzel which was very well received by children and delegates, as part of the programme which offered 25 International productions. The Guardian's Chris Wiegand was at the 18th ASSITEJ World Congress in Warsaw and spoke to Mike Kenny and wrote this report on the show - <http://www.theguardian.com/stage/2014/jun/09/fairytale-childrens-theatre-rapunzel>



Tutti Frutti's production Rapunzel by Mike Kenny

At the ASSITEJ Congress

For the first time in its 50 year history, ASSITEJ voted overwhelmingly (with 81% of the vote) to meet in the UK as Birmingham was selected as the host city for the 2016 ASSITEJ Artistic Gathering. The World Festival of theatre for young audiences will be co-presented by TYA UK and TYA Ireland, aiming to raise the profile and status of TYA within the UK and internationally. The Festival will be programmed by Purni Morell, AD of the Unicorn Theatre. An open meeting for all TYA UK members will take place in Birmingham on September 22nd to discuss the shape and content of the Festival.

The Birmingham 2016 press release can be seen on the [TYA UK website](http://tya-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2016-birmingham-bid-doc-final-3.pdf). The promotional video made with young people can be found here - <http://ontheedge2016.com>

TYA UK was represented at the Congress by Steve Ball, Nina Hajianni and Paul Mc Eneaney. Nina Hajianni was re elected to the ASSITEJ Executive Committee to serve for another 3 years.

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Birmingham Bid presented by Steve Ball, Nina Hajianni (TYA UK) and Philip Hardy (TYA Ireland), supported by Paul Mc Eneaney



Birmingham bid cover, full document can be found here - <http://tya-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2016-birmingham-bid-doc-final-3.pdf>

Some of the significant changes made by The General Assembly includes; voting to register ASSITEJ as a formal association in Italy which will enable the association to consolidate its banking and formalize its approach to fund raising. The new International Inclusivity Network (IIAN) was welcomed to the association and 5 new Honorary Memberships were awarded, including to Vicky Ireland for her many years of service to the association and for her work leading the TYA UK Inclusivity team.

[Read the ASSITEJ e-news and Congress report here](#)



The International Inclusivity Network being introduced to the General Assembly by Daryl Beeton (UK) and Talleri Rae (USA)

The next 3 years;

ASSITEJ Artistic Gathering 2015; Berlin, Germany

ASSITEJ Germany and The Children's and Young People's Theater Center in the Federal Republic of Germany (KJTS) will hold an Artistic Gathering in association with the Augenblick Mal! Festival, 21-26 April 2015. [Read the proposal here](#)

ASSITEJ Artistic Gathering 2016; Birmingham, England

TYA-UK and TYA-Ireland will host On The Edge: An International Festival of Theatre for Young Audiences July 2016. [Read the proposal here](#). Watch the promo video at OnTheEdge2016.com.

The 19th ASSITEJ World Congress & Performing Arts Festival; Cape Town, South Africa

ASSITEJ South Africa will host the 19th ASSITEJ World Congress & Performing Arts Festival May 17-27, 2017 in Cape Town. [Read the proposal here](#)