

Secretary Report

Izmir Business Meeting, 26 July 2024

The Executive Committee has been busy since our last Business Meeting in Brezice in 2022. We have had 14 meetings, all online.

As of 16 July 2024, the Study Group has **356 people** on its membership list. (if we follow the rules and delete people after 4 years with no contact, this number will reduce, which we will do after the Symposium).

- These 356 people identify their home in **60 countries/regions** of the world.
- 157 of the 356 are officially “Active Members” (paid ICTMD membership 2024, voting rights). 199 are “Associate Members” (The number of official Active Members changes greatly throughout each year, starting again each January, and reaching a maximum during Symposia).
- **319 people are subscribed to our Etnokor** listserv. (80 of our members are not subscribed to Etnokor, and 43 non-members are subscribed.)
- We have added **72 new people** to the StG in the last 2 years, 53 people who have submitted New Member Forms, and 19 presenters here which I am still chasing.
- As of 16 July, 90 people are presenting at this symposium, including **28 first-time Symposium presenters (30%!).** Excellent indication of the growth and vitality of ethnochoreology.

We tried a **sponsorship initiative** for this symposium targeted at new presenters and prioritizing students from countries far away and with a lower GDP/capita. About a dozen of our members generously became sponsors and donated over 2000 euros. This was a modest success for a first try. We give special thanks to the largest donor, the Norwegian Center for Folk Music and Folk Dance.

Respectfully,

Andriy Nahachewsky