

## ***REGULATIONS OF PARTICIPATION***

### ***1. Date and Place***

**The Meetings** will be held in Warsaw, between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011. On 12<sup>th</sup> all the participating Choirs will take part in the ***Grand Christmas Carols Gala*** which will take place in the National Opera House.

### ***2. Travel***

The costs of travel and transfers during Festival are covered by the participants or their sponsors.

### ***3. Lodging***

The participants will be housed in Warsaw hotels. Choir conductors are required to sign a final list of participants during reception. The expected length of stay is from the evening of December 9<sup>th</sup> until the morning of December 13<sup>th</sup>. The participating Choirs are requested to send a list of participants characterising their role. The costs of possible prolongation of the stay will be covered by the participants.

### ***4. Meals***

The organisers provide three meals daily. Additional meals, beverages and other will be covered by the participants.

### ***5. The Participants***

There will be 9 Choirs from all over Europe participating in **The Meetings**. The age limit is 30. The number of participants cannot exceed 40 persons together with the conductor, accompanist and/or chaperons.

### ***6. The Programme***

Each participating Choir will take a part in 3 concerts. During Inauguration each choir performs 8 minutes music composed by native composers (church music). The total time of individual concert programme should not exceed 45 minutes for. During Grand Christmas Carols Gala each choir performs 3 Christmas Carols from the country of their oryine.

### ***7. Obligatory pieces***

Each participating Choir is requested to prepare four pieces for joint performance during the *Inauguration* and ***European Christmas Carols Gala***. The scores of the pieces have been sent by the organisers.

### ***8. Reservations***

The participating Choirs renounce all the rights to the possible recordings of fragments of the concerts and to the transmission of the ***European Christmas Carols Gala*** by the local TV station.

### ***9. Terms of Participation***

The enrolment form must be sent to the organisers by the end of June 2011. Because the organisers selected from more than 9 Choirs, the postage date will be taken as a criterion of admission . The Choirs will be informed about their admission by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***10. Qualification***

The choirs are requested to enclose a recording (made after 2008) which will be the basis for choosing the participants. It is required to send also an actual photo of the choir, their short CV, list of participants and program with author's names.

### ***11. Excursions***

Each participating Choir may sight-see Warsaw and its surroundings in its free time using the offer of a local travel agency which will be sent by the organisers after the admission of the particular Choir.