

Farewell*by Tom Erbe*

Dear ICMA members,

I just wanted to write a short letter to announce my resignation as the President of the ICMA, and to welcome my replacement, Dr. Richard Dudas.

Richard has been a member of the ICMA for 20 years, and has served on the ICMA board from 2008 to 2015. He is knowledgeable and has played a part in all of the ICMA activities, and has shown steadfast dedication to our organization. After some discussion, the ICMA board voted unanimously (10 - 0) to approve Richard's appointment as president.

Myself, I will continue as an at-large board member for one more year, and will be assisting Richard in any way needed.

My very best,

Tom Erbe
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Letter from the President*by Richard Dudas*

What a fantastic start to 2017! I am both humbled and honored to have been elected to serve as President of the International Computer Music Association, after having served two terms as at-large board member. A big thank-you to ICMA members and board of directors alike.

My involvement with the ICMA has been longstanding: I first attended the International Computer Music Conference two decades ago – the 1997 conference in Thessaloniki. The experience was eye-opening both technically and musically, and I was able to finally meet many of the people who I had previously only known by either name or reputation. That year, I also wrote my first concert review for this very publication – the ICMA's journal *Array*. Since that first conference experience, I've been regularly involved with the ICMC in a multitude of capacities, attending the conference as both author of papers and composer of music, volunteering my time behind the scenes as a reviewer for the paper and music selection committees, and taking on the role of Paper Chair for the organizing committee of the 2015 ICMC at the University of North Texas.

It goes without saying that the experiences and opportunities arising from the ICMC would not be possible without the dedicated ICMA board members, listed at the front of this publication, who volunteer their time throughout the year to help the conference organizers put on a great conference. Among these, I'd like to take a moment to thank our outgoing president, Tom Erbe, who has helped strengthen and streamline the ICMA over the past several years, and who will continue to serve as at-large board member. Furthermore, since the previous issue of *Array*, there have been several new faces elected to the ICMA board whom I'd to welcome: Miriam Akkerman, John Thompson, and Mark Ballora were recently elected at-large board members, and Charles Nichols and Takeyoshi Mori as Regional Directors for the Americas and Asia/Oceania, respectively. I am looking forward to collaborating with them, alongside the seasoned board members, to continue to improve and nurture the ICMA and its community.

It is with sadness that I mention the loss of some pioneers and influential members of our electronic and computer music community: Pauline Oliveros, Jean-Claude Risset and Pierre Boulez. I hope the short memorials to them published in this edition of *Array* will serve as solicitations for more extended memories and anecdotes from you – the members of

the ICMA – to be published in the next issue.

And, as always, being committed to our primary purpose – putting on and improving the annual ICMC – we are looking for potential hosts for future conferences. If you have been considering hosting an ICMC, please contact the Vice President for Conferences, Meg Schedel, or myself, so we can “get the show on the road”!

The greater computer music community's steadfast creativity and its adeptness in sharing ideas for the common good are hopefully also reflected in the ICMA. The association and its eminent conference have provided marvelous opportunities for developing and established computer musicians alike to be awestruck and enlightened, as well as to meet, exchange thoughts, and remain connected over large distances. It will be a privilege, as president, to be able to help the ICMA continue to provide current members with the kinds of memorable experiences and exchanges it has provided me, as a member, over the past decades.

Looking forward to meeting many of you at the 2017 ICMC in Shanghai!

Richard Dudas
President, ICMA