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Name of Centre/Network:

Hungarian Centre of ASSITEJ (Budapest)

Name of Candidate:

Gyuri Vidovszky

Presentation of candidate:

I behalf of the Hungarian Centre of ASSITEJ, I am writing to express my interest in applying for the candidacy of the Executive Committee (2017-2020)

I am a theatre director and drama pedagogue, from Budapest, Hungary, working as principal director in Kolibri Theatre, the leading theatre for children and youth in Hungary. I divide my life between Dublin and Budapest, since my family is living in Ireland, and I am a PhD Candidate in Dublin City University. My research-topic is TYA in Ireland.

I have worked as a drama- and film-teacher for seventeen years, directed more than thirty award-winning productions with young actors at national youth theatre festivals (between 1994 to 2011). In 2001, I joined the Bárka Theatre (Budapest) where I started to direct young people within a professional theatre environment. Since then I have directed more than 40 professional productions, mainly for young audiences, in Hungary, Serbia, the Ukraine, Romania and Ireland. Our productions have won numerous ASSITEJ awards in Hungary, and we received the Hungarian Critics' Award for the best production for young audiences in 2011 with István Tasnádi's Cyber Cyrano.

I was chairman of the National Youth Theatre Association in Hungary 1998-2002, and have led workshops with young actors in Turkey, Israel, Finland, Estonia, Germany, Czech Republic, Norway, and Ireland.

I have been a Board member of Hungarian Centre of ASSITEJ since 2010. I am part of the organising team of our national ASSITEJ festival, and representing Hungary in various international events. I was member of the Hungarian delegation in Warsaw in 2014, and have visited all the international ASSITEJ gatherings since. All the experiences I have collected in this field in the last 15 years, and especially my unique situation of being active in two different countries, made us to believe, that it is time for me to run for the candidacy.

Being part of the Europe 8+ collaboration – in case of my successful candidacy – I am determined to represent the ASSITES Centres of Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Romania, Austria.

I am fluent in English and German (apart from Hungarian), confident in Italian.

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