

CANDIDATE FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name of Centre/Network:

ASSITEJ Estonia

Name of Candidate:

Toomas Tross

Presentation of candidate:

Toomas Tross (b.1966) had completed the Theatre Faculty of Tallinn University 1988-93, and actor training at The Commedia School in Copenhagen 1995-97.

He has worked as an actor in state and private theatres in Estonia. He formed with his partner a clown duo *Piip and Tuut* in 1998 and opened private theatre "Piip and Tuut Playhouse" in Tallinn in 2010.

Toomas Tross has been working as a writer, director, actor and producer in most of the productions at Piip and Tuut Theatre and produced many children's broadcasts in collaboration with National TV. In 2014 Piip and Tuut Theatre won Estonian Theatre Award of the Year for playing for young audience. He has been touring with his company in many continents around the world.

Toomas had taught movement and acting at the theatre faculty of gymnasium and in theatre schools. He is teaching hospital clowns in Estonia, as well.

Since 2008 Piip and Tuut Theatre is a member of ASSITEJ Estonia. Toomas is the chairman of the board in ASSITEJ Estonia since 2011. He was one of the creators of annual ASSITEJ festival in Estonia "Theatre for Young Audience" five years ago.

As the candidate of EC, I would like to stand for the higher quality theatre for young audience around the world which should be accessible to every child. I believe in the power of actor standing in front of the young audience and whatever story he has to tell, there are always humanity and joy in a first place for the whole family to experience.

Toomas Tross has the pleasure to be the first candidate of EC from Estonia and Baltic countries generally. He can express himself in English, Finnish, Russian and Estonian.

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