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CANDIDATE FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Name of Centre/Network: <i>ASSITEJ Denmark</i>
Name of Candidate: <i>Louis Valente</i>
Presentation of Candidate: <p>Since 2013 Louis Valente (b. 1984) has been working in the office of ASSITEJ Denmark, the last year as executive director. In this period he has been involved in international TYA projects with South Africa, Cameroon, North Korea, Cuba, Brazil, Turkey and the Nordic countries. Moreover, he has been the host of delegates from almost every corner of the world at the yearly Danish Aprilfestival.</p> <p>He holds a masters' degree in philosophy and cultural encounters. The latter brings a special attention to the importance of creating projects and international relations based on equality and reciprocity.</p> <p>He is raised in the world of TYA and has been involved as actor, translator and tour manager. This gives the necessary knowledge of the daily work and reality of children's theatre, as well as of what national and international tours and exchanges require to be successful on the ground.</p> <p>The importance and value of ASSITEJ have been topics in Denmark in the later years. This has required Louis to study what the essentials of ASSITEJ are and how they can be communicated and institutionalised in the national centre.</p> <p>Another focus in the organizational work has been to establish dialogues and mediations of different interests and perspectives with the goal of creating fruitful cooperation. A focus that is important in the complex organizational work of ASSITEJ in order to continuously fulfill the mission of enriching children with relevant performing arts and to create an inspiring and efficient platform of international exchange between practitioners in the field of TYA.</p> <p>Louis is married to a Cuban actress with whom he has two children. He speaks,</p>

reads and writes - besides his Danish mother tongue - Spanish and English.

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