

CIA 'Archives Center' Established in Ikaalinen, Finland

CIA Establishes Archive Center in Ikaalinen, Finland: September 21, 2004 marked the first donation to the archives of the CIA, a member of the International Music Council (IMC-UNESCO). The archives center is housed at the Hanuritalo (Accordion House) in Ikaalinen, Finland which is also the home of the CIA member, the Finnish Accordion Association. The archives will collect all materials pertaining to the CIA such as all former Test Pieces, program books, information such as recordings and bios from all CIA winners, Merit and Honored Friend award recipients, press coverage, mark sheets and results from previous competitions and much more.

As the CIA moves forward into its 70th anniversary year, the establishment of the CIA archives enables an opportunity to put together in one place, the rich history of this international organization. CIA President Kevin Friedrich traveled to Finland to make the first official donation to the archives. Pictured to the right are CIA President Kevin Friedrich (right) presenting the first donation to Kimmo Mattlia, President of the Finnish Accordion Association.

This first donation of many CIA Test Piece scores was made by Ernest Deffner, Inc, the parent company of Ernest Deffner Publications commemorating the firm's own 70th anniversary. The president of the firm Mrs. Faithe Deffner is a long time friend of the CIA and has been a United States delegate to the CIA for more than 30 years.

Anyone interested in donating material pertaining to the CIA Archives is invited to do so, by sending the material to:

CIA Archives - Hanuritalo
Kyröselänkatu 3
IKAALINEN, 39500
FINLAND
Tel: 358 3 4400221 Fax: 358 3 4509071
E-mail: cia.archives@harmonikkaliitto.net

As mentioned above, material might include program books, copy of test pieces, newspaper articles, subsequent solo recordings, tickets from functions, mark/score sheets, copies of pictures from the Coupe Mondiale and any other items that will help document and preserve the history of this 70 year old organization.

It should be noted the customs form on items being shipped to the CIA Archives in Finland, that the material is 'used, historical material' being donated to the archives.

An official invitation to host the 2006 Winter Congress in Ikaalinen, to conduct the official Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony has been extended to the CIA.



Background to the CIA Archive Center: The CIA voted to establish the archive center of the Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA) in Ikaalinen, Finland at the facility of the Finnish Accordion Institute and Finnish Accordion Association.

The Finnish Accordion Institute and Finnish Accordion Association are housed in a large multi story building in Ikaalinen, Finland and have kindly agreed to house our CIA records and offer a perfect facility for our archive collection.

This Hanuritalo (Accordion House) in Ikaalinen, Finland will house the archives the Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA). This records center shall house all materials pertaining to the CIA for either short-term and permanent storage.

The records center is not designed to be used for the storage of current files, that is, those that are consulted several times a year in the normal course of business. It is anticipated that these files will be housed with the General Secretary, until such time as they can be turned over to the archive center. The CIA would retain ownership of the records and materials housed in Ikaalinen, Finland.

**WE INVITE YOU TO DONATE
YOUR ITEMS TO THE CIA
ARCHIVE CENTER...**

**HELP PRESERVE OUR RICH
70 YEAR HERITAGE!**