

DR HYUNG SUK MOON, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE IIMM



Traditional folk music and dance are part of humanity's heritage. For centuries, they have been passed down from generation to generation, interacting across borders. But this cultural treasure is fragile. It can be lost when artists disappear before they can pass on their knowledge, techniques and traditions in time.

Since 2015, the Institut International des Musiques du Monde has been helping to safeguard this heritage by increasing the number of courses and masterclasses offered to students of all nationalities at conservatoires in Aubagne, Marseille and elsewhere.

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L'Institut des musiques accélère son déploiement

Le Dr Hyung Suk Moon, consultant culturel de l'UNESCO, a été nommé président d'honneur de l'Institut International des Musiques du Monde (IIMM) à Aubagne.



The IIMM's international reputation has attracted the interest of a UNESCO adviser, **Dr Hyung Suk MOON**. This expert travels the world to support and promote the arts and cultures of people from every continent.

On his initiative, **Ms Margaret DECHENAUX**, Director and Founder of the IIMM, was one of the guests of honour at the 3rd International Bakhshi Festival, which took place from 6 to 8 May 2023 in Gulistan, Uzbekistan.

These exchanges gave rise to the idea of a partnership with IIMM. And that's how **Dr Hyung Suk MOON** agreed to become Honorary President.

In his speech on July 4th, the Honorary President recalled the objectives of the IIMM: « *international exchanges through the cultures of the world, equality, mutual understanding and tolerance, conservation and protection of the music and dance of all countries and nations [...]* The world is prey to many conflicts, but culture and art are stronger than wars. Today, this is the message that the IIMM is carrying ».



This prestigious partnership has been formalised in the presence of the Vice-Chairman of the Bouches-du-Rhône Departmental Council, Vice-President of the Aix-Marseille-Provence Metropolitan Area and Mayor of Aubagne, **Mr Gérard GAZAY**, on July 4th, 2023 in Aubagne.

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