



### Save the dates and make your reservations now!

The 8th ECMTA annual meeting will be held **25-27 April 2014 in Cremona**. Under the sign of Institutional collaboration, the meeting is organized by Ensemble-in-residence **Quartetto di Cremona** with the collaboration and patronage of the Comune di Cremona, the Accademia Walter Stauffer, the Teatro Ponchielli, the Museo del Violino, and the Camera di Commercio di Cremona, with the participation of the Istituto Superiore di Studi Musicali 'C. Monteverdi' and the Consortium of Violin Makers 'Antonio Stradivari' Cremona.

The meeting will allow ECMTA members to explore three magnificent venues of this beautiful city: the **Museo del Violino**, the **Camera di Commercio**, and the **Teatro Ponchielli**. ECMTA activities will include Masterclasses, Members Forum, Thematic Workgroups, Guest speakers, and the General Meeting.

### Together We Are Stronger

Our hosts in Cremona are at the vanguard in institutional collaboration in support of chamber music practice. We are especially pleased to have representatives of all of these institutions taking part in a round table to share their experiences.

We are also pleased to continue the five Thematic Workgroups begun in Savonlinna, this time merged into two, led by ECMTA Board members:

Continuing our tradition of guest speakers leading us to think outside the box, we are delighted to be joined by the CEO of Empleko and researcher in post-conflict analysis **Alessandro Casarotti**, who will speak on the role of music in post-conflict social and cultural reconstruction. [www.empleko.com](http://www.empleko.com)

Thanks to the generosity of our hosts in Cremona, ECMTA members benefits will include: welcome cocktail, free visit to the Museo del Violino, lunch buffets on Saturday and Sunday, coffee breaks, three concerts, and the opportunity to try instruments provided by the Consortium of Cremonese Violinmakers 'Antonio Stradivari'.

Reservations for dinner at each member's expense on Friday and Saturday (environs 20 euros) are requested on the inscription forms.

<http://www.quartettodicremona.com/>

<http://www.comune.cremona.it/>

<http://accademia.fondazionestauffer.eu/>

[www.teatroponchielli.it](http://www.teatroponchielli.it)

[www.museodelviolino.org](http://www.museodelviolino.org)

[www.istitutomonteverdi.it](http://www.istitutomonteverdi.it)

[http://www.cremonaliuteria.it/index.phtml?Id\\_VMenu=826&Lang2=EN](http://www.cremonaliuteria.it/index.phtml?Id_VMenu=826&Lang2=EN)



Teatro Amilcare Ponchielli Cremona



Camera di Commercio  
Cremona



*Schedule subject to modification*

## **Friday 25 April: Museo del Violino**

- 15:30 ECMTA Board meeting
- **18:30 Visit of the Museo del Violino for all ECMTA members**
- 19:30 Welcome cocktail at the *Chiave di Bacco* inside the Museo (hosted by the Museo del Violino)
- 20:30 Concert in the Auditorium of the Museo del Violino (open to the public)
- 21:00 Dinner at the *Chiave di Bacco* (reservation requested on the inscription form)

## **Saturday 26 April: Camera di Commercio**

*Note: String players will have the chance to try the instruments and the bows of the Consortium of Violinmakers "Antonio Stradivari" Cremona (Cremona Liuteria).*

- 9.00 **Two ECMTA thematic work groups led by ECMTA Board members:**
  - **Issues of Chamber Music Pedagogy/Psychology**  
(Petras Kunca/Filippo Faes)
  - **ECMTA Funding/Public Relations/Management Skills**  
(Marje Lohuaru/Carsten Dürer/José Manuel Gil)
- 10.00 **Members' Forum**
- 11.30 Coffee break at the Hotel Impero (hosted by the Hotel)
- 11:30 Masterclasses (open to the public)
- 13:30 Lunch Buffet at the Hotel Impero
- 15:00 Round table:**

### ***We Are Stronger Together: Chamber Music and Institutional Collaboration in Italy***

Vittoria FONTANA (Coordinator, Teatro Ponchielli)  
Virginia VILLA (General Director, Museo del Violino)  
Loris PEZZANI (Director, ISSM "C. Monteverdi")  
Simone GRAMAGLIA (Quartetto di Cremona)  
Luisa PANARELLO (Resia Artist)

- 17:00 Coffee break
- 17:15 Masterclasses
- 19:15 Keynote talk:**

### ***Harmony after Bombs: music as part of post-conflict reconstruction***

Alessandro CASAROTTI (CEO at EmplekoSecurity, Analyst, Researcher for Wikistrat and The International Security Observer)

- 20:30. Concert (open to the public)
- 21:30 Dinner (reservation requested on the inscription form)

## **Sunday 27 April: Teatro Ponchielli**

- 9:00 Masterclasses - sessions of 50 minutes each
- 11.00 ECMTA Thematic Work Groups
- 11:45 ECMTA General meeting
- 13:45 Lunch buffet in the Theatre
- 15:00 Final Concert

## **TRAVEL**

### **AIRPORTS:**

The most recommended airports:

- ORIO AL SERIO (in Bergamo):

<http://www.sacbo.it/Airpor/portalProcess.jsp>

- MILANO MALPENSA:

[http://www1.seamilano.eu/landing/index\\_en.html](http://www1.seamilano.eu/landing/index_en.html)

If necessary (but much less convenient for transport to Cremona):

MILANO LINATE

### **SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE:**

A single group shuttle will be arranged from Orio al Serio and from Milano Malpensa according to demand on Friday early afternoon and on Sunday after the final concert. Note that trains are less frequent on Sundays.

### **TRAINS:**

- TRENITALIA: <http://www.trenitalia.com/>

- FERROVIE NORD: <http://www.ferrovienord.it/>

## **HOTEL**

We have 30 rooms reserved at a special prices until February 5 at the Hotel Impero.

For bookings, contact directly (mention ECMTA): phone +39 (0)372 413013, by fax 0039 (0)372

457295, email [impero@cremonahotels.it](mailto:impero@cremonahotels.it)

[www.cremonahotels.it](http://www.cremonahotels.it)

The Impero is a four star hotel fully renovated in classic style in 2003, situated in one of the most beautiful square in the historic center, just 50 meters away from beautiful Piazza Duomo and new Museo del violino.

- 1 minute walk from Camera di Commercio

- 2 minutes walk from Museo del Violino

- 5 minutes walk from Teatro Ponchielli

Special rates for ECMTA:

-Single room € 59,00

-Double room single use € 79,00

-Double/twin room for 2 people € 49,00 (per person)

Rates are per person, per night & net hotel, breakfast buffet is included

Deadline for confirmation : 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**If the Impero is full, also recommended are the Astoria (possibility of triple occupancy) or Duomo Hotel**

## **MEALS**

Lunch buffets, coffee breaks, welcome cocktail are free of charge. Members must pay for dinner on Friday and Saturday night with reservation (approx 20 euros each meal).

## **ERASMUS**

We are still in negotiation concerning the possibility of activating Erasmus Teacher Mobility. More definite information should be available in the coming weeks. Please contact [evan.rothstein@ecmta.eu](mailto:evan.rothstein@ecmta.eu).

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