

Candidate statement of intent

I have been in contact with OISTAT for more than 8 years now. After amazing experience of being part of PQ07 I started an Institute of Lighting Design in Prague (ILDLP), which quickly became one of the most important and active projects of Czech OISTAT center. Already when setting this project up, I have reached out to professionals and experts through OISTAT network and received great help in shaping the project of ILDP, which is still running, growing and have realized more than 150 workshops for lighting and sound designers in our region. The initial international support I received from OISTAT members was crucial success factor for this project.

We live in the times of great changes in the way we share our experiences and knowledge. One of the OISTATs main aims is to “enable the ongoing exchange of knowledge” and I think it is a great challenge for OISTAT to explore and utilize the new ways of reaching this aim. But the substance of networking and strong partnership will always stay in good personal relations. And in my opinion that is the greatest strength of OISTAT.

I see in OISTAT a great tradition with deep bindings between both institutional and individual members - a strongly based network which can organize a global joint projects, exchange experience and knowledge between furthest corners of the world. But I also see the need of OISTAT for transformation from relying only on personal ties and members' volunteer capacities, to more effective, active operation, which would generate more opportunities and draw more attention of non-OISTAT institutions and individuals. I would like to be part of this transformation and offer my help.

Also in past there used to be very strong connection between the largest platform in the field – Prague Quadrennial – and OISTAT. This connection suffered a lot in last years. With new leadership of PQ – Marketa Fantova – it is possible to renew these damaged ties and build up a strong, new partnership. Our relationship and cooperation on PQ activities with Marketa are sound and strong and I am sure we both see the need to pick up the threads of connection between PQ and OISTAT.

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