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### Short introduction:

Since 1985, I have been active for the International Folkloristic Dance & Music festival SIVO in the Netherlands.

In the period between 1990 and 2005, I was the President of the SIVO festival and I have learned to collaborate with many folklore organizations around the whole world.

Since 2005 I was working as a freelance (voluntary worker) impresario for the SIVO-festival and in this task I tried to arrange a lot of Cultural Exchanges between groups in several countries. I offered my help to many other International Festivals too.

It's my aim to preserve the traditional cultural heritage of all nations and to improve the well understanding between people from all nations by organizing festivals and other activities.

From the beginning of the section IOV-Netherlands (1993) I'm registered as a individual member of IOV.

In March of the year 2012, I have been elected as the President of IOV-section Netherlands. We try to contribute the IOV-organization world-wide and I want to be helpful in improving and keeping a healthy and active IOV world.

Since the General Assembly of 2016, I am active as the chair of the IOV-World festival commission.

The aim of the commission is to bridge the gap between festival organizations and folk-art groups and to keep the traditional folk art culture alive with respect to all cultural backgrounds.

Since 2018, I made it possible to restart the SIVO festival in the Netherlands as an annual festival of traditional folk art and music.