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Dear AEC member,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the AEC Annual Congress 2017 from November 9th to 11th at the Academy of Music of the University of Zagreb, Croatia.

The [AEC website](http://www.aec-music.eu) provides all relevant information concerning the 2017 Congress theme “Leadership in the Arts, the Arts of Leadership”, programme, hotels and the registration form. Please visit www.aec-music.eu/congress2017.

Active members are invited to convene for the AEC General Assembly, to be held on Saturday, 11th November. As usual, there are elections due to take place this year. There are vacancies for one Vice-President and two Council member positions. The Vice-President and one Council Member are seeking re-election for a second term. Information on all these roles and on the election process itself can be found on the Documents tab of the AEC Congress webpage, including eligibility factors and the next steps that candidates should take. The deadline for applications is 1st September.

We are grateful to our colleagues in Zagreb for the hard work and dedication with which they are carrying forward arrangements for the Congress, and for making it possible to host the Congress in the Academy premises.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you in the magnificent city of Zagreb and do hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful and unique event!

Yours sincerely,

Eirik Birkeland, AEC President