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Dear AEC member,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the AEC Annual Congress 2018 from November 8th to 10th at the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz, Austria.

The [AEC website](http://www.aec-music.eu) provides all relevant information concerning the 2018 Congress theme “Strengthening Music in Society”, programme, hotels and the registration form. Please visit <http://www.aec-music.eu/congress2018>.

Active members are invited to convene for the AEC General Assembly, to be held on Saturday, 10th November. As usual, there are elections due to take place this year. There are vacancies for two Council member positions. One Council Member is 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 Graz 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 University premises.

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

Yours sincerely,

Eirik Birkeland, AEC President