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Dear AEC member,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the AEC Annual Congress 2016 from November 10th to 12th at the Academy of Music and Drama, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

The <u>AEC website</u> provides all relevant information concerning the 2016 Congress theme "Diversity, Identity and Inclusion", the programme, travel and accommodation, as well as a link to the registration form. Please visit <u>www.aec-music.eu/congress2016</u>.

Active members are invited to convene for the AEC General Assembly, to be held on Saturday, 12th November. As usual, there are elections due to take place this year. There are vacancies for the AEC President, the AEC Secretary-General and Council members, and one Vice-President and two further Council members are seeking reelection 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 Gothenburg 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 Gothenburg and do hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful and unique event!

Yours sincerely,

Pascale de Groote, AEC President