

Utrecht, 15th June 2012

Dear colleagues,

The AEC has the pleasure to invite you to the next edition of

**The AEC Annual Meeting for International Relations Coordinators in
European Institutions for Higher Music Education (IRCs meeting)**

which will take place at

**Conservatorio di Musica San Pietro a Majella di Napoli
Naples, 14-16 September 2012**

What for and for whom?

The Annual Meeting for IRCs is meant for administrative and/or teaching staff members in conservatoires who deal or are willing to deal with international relations and European programmes (such as ERASMUS). The meeting is open also to students interested in the topic. During the meetings, relevant topics in the field of mobility and international cooperation are discussed in plenary sessions, workshops, discussion fora and parallel sessions. The meeting is also a unique platform for networking at European level: participants have the opportunity to develop relations with fellow IRCs, meet project partners and potential partner institutions and show projects and activities developed within their home institution.

During the years, the AEC Annual Meeting for International Relations Coordinators has seen a strong development and a substantial increase of participants. The 2011 meeting, which took place in Porto, was attended by more than 220 participants from more than 30 different countries.

Participating institutions should be informed that institutions with an ERASMUS University Charter should normally be able to use their ERASMUS grant for the organisation of mobility (OM) to attend this meeting, although participants are strongly advised to contact their national agency to receive the latest information on this matter.

The theme of the IRCs meeting 2012 – ‘Developing International Relations for All’

Following the suggestion given by many delegates in Porto, this year meeting will address new developments in the field of international relations. The new programme Erasmus for All will be presented as well as projects about online tools developed by AEC member institutions to manage international relations activities. On Saturday, parallel sessions will be dedicated to presentations and discussions regarding new trends and projects in the field, such as distance learning, staff exchange, international projects beyond Europe, working placements, IR management and the mobility strand within the new Polifonia Project. Plenty of time will be dedicated to networking opportunities which we will round off on Sunday during the networking trip to Capri.

Practical information and procedures to attend the meeting

Further information such as the programme of the meeting, information on travel and accommodation and information on participant fee payment as well as the links to the online registration and to the online questionnaire on ERASMUS activities, can be found at www.aecinfo.org/naples.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Naples in September!

Kind regards,

Jeremy Cox (AEC Chief Executive)