

AEC-SMS “Johannes Johansson” Travel Bursaries 2021

To honour the memory of former AEC President Johannes Johansson, the AEC will offer a limited number of travel bursaries to attend the upcoming AEC Annual Congress and General Assembly 2021 in Antwerp (Belgium). Johannes was a passionate supporter of inclusiveness at the AEC and the creation of travel bursaries is a wonderful way to remember him.

Thanks to the Creative Europe funding for the AEC-SMS project, we have been able to extend these bursaries to several AEC events in the past years, for which members with the greatest need from the AEC Community were encouraged to apply.

This year, the AEC-SMS “Johannes Johansson” Travel Bursaries 2021 will work as follows:

- Each Travel Bursary will be for up to 500,00 EUR
- The Travel Bursary can cover, depending on the country’s GNI, the full travel and accommodation costs or just part of these costs according to the following criteria:
 - Countries A: For applicants from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom, **only part of the costs will be reimbursed** (travel OR accommodation);
 - Countries B: For applicants from Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine, the **full costs can be reimbursed** (up to 500,00 EUR).
- Students from AEC member institutions wishing to attend the AEC Annual Congress and General Assembly 2021 in Antwerp are especially welcome to apply

Applications should be sent by email to Sara Primiterra at events@aec-music.eu and Alfonso Guerra at alfonsoguerra@aec-music.eu, and should include the following document:

- Letter signed by a senior member of the institution, indicating:
 - Name of the person wishing to attend the event in Antwerp
 - Name of the institution where this person works / studies
 - Total estimated cost of travel and accommodation (based on real costs)
 - Countries A: confirmation that the institution will cover at least 50% of the total cost (the precise amount covered by the institution should be specified)
 - Countries B: confirmation that the applicant is indeed representing the institution at the AEC Annual Congress and General Assembly 2021
 - Brief explanation (up to 250 words) of the special needs / circumstances that would justify the award of an AEC-SMS “Johannes Johansson” Travel Bursary

The following procedure applies for receiving the travel bursary:

- 1) The participant applies for the Travel Bursary at the latest one month in advance of the event. The deadline is set on 1st October 2021.

- 2) After the AEC office makes a decision, successful applicants will be contacted by email, containing the amount to be reimbursed and a reimbursement form.
- 3) Applicants should register online to the event. Their participation fee is waived.
- 4) Applicants can now book their travel and accommodation. Should applicants have insufficient funds before being reimbursed, please contact the AEC office.
- 5) After the event has taken place, the applicant can send the filled in reimbursement form to the AEC office, attaching original bookings, bills and boarding passes.

IMPORTANT: Due to the uncertainty on the travel bans and safety measures adopted to tackle the COVID-19 spread, the AEC Congress and General Assembly 2021 is subject to be organised fully online. Thus, successful applicants are requested NOT TO BOOK anything before receiving a confirmation email from the AEC office (see point 2 above).