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AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursaries 2023

AEC Annual Congress and General Assembly 2023, The Hague

To honour the memory of the former AEC President Johannes Johansson, and thanks to the brand new flagship project <u>AEC - Empowering Artists as Makers in Society (ARTEMIS, 2022-2025)</u>, the AEC will offer a limited number of travel bursaries to attend the upcoming <u>AEC</u> <u>Annual Congress and General Assembly 2023</u> from 9 to 11 November in The Hague and online. 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 <u>AEC-SMS project</u>, 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. For the upcoming AEC Annual Congress 2023, the AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursaries 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 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, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK, AEC could reimburse at most 50% of the travel costs;
 - Countries B: For applicants from Albania, Armenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey, full travel costs could be reimbursed.
- Representatives from <u>AEC member institutions in Ukraine</u> wishing to attend the AEC Annual Congress 2023 are eligible for full travel and accommodation reimbursement.
- Students from AEC member institutions wishing to attend the AEC Annual Congress 2023 are especially welcome to apply.

Applications should be sent by email to both AEC Events Manager Sara Primiterra at the email <u>events@aec-music.eu</u> and the AEC Membership and Finance Coordinator Alfonso Guerra at <u>alfonsoguerra@aec-music.eu</u>, and should include the following:

- Letter signed by a senior member of the institution, indicating:
 - Name of the person wishing to attend the event in The Hague;
 - \circ $\,$ Name of the institution where this person works / studies;
 - Total estimated travel costs (based on real costs);
 - Brief explanation (up to 250 words) of the special needs / circumstances that would justify the award of an AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursary;
 - 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 2023.

Please note applications not including the required information will not be considered.

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The following procedure applies for receiving an AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursary:

- 1. The participant applies for the Travel Bursary at the latest by 1 October 2023;
- 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 trip. 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: Successful applicants are requested NOT TO BOOK anything before receiving a confirmation email from the AEC office that the AEC "Johannes Johansson" Travel Bursary has been granted (see point 2 above).

For more information, questions or requests, please contact AEC Membership and Finance Coordinator Alfonso Guerra at <u>alfonsoguerra@aec-music.eu</u>. Registrations to attend the AEC Annual Congress and General Assembly 2023 are open <u>here</u>.