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Dear AEC member,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the AEC Annual Congress 2019 from November 7th to 9th at the Conservatorio di Musica “Giuseppe Verdi” di Torino, Italy.

The [AEC website](http://www.aec-music.eu) provides all relevant information concerning the 2019 Congress theme “*Re-Imagining Success?*”- *Strengthening Music in Society*, programme, hotels and the registration form. Please visit <http://www.aec-music.eu/congress2019>.

Active members are invited to convene for the AEC General Assembly, to be held on Saturday, 9th November. As usual, there are elections due to take place. This year there are four vacancies for Council Members, and AEC President, AEC Secretary-General, one Vice-President and two Council Members are seeking re-election for a second term. Information on all these roles and on the election process itself can be found on the “Photos and Documents” tab of the AEC Congress webpage, including eligibility factors and the next steps that candidates should take. The deadline for applications is 30th September.

We are grateful to our colleagues in Turin 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 Conservatoire premises.

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

Yours sincerely,

Eirik Birkeland, AEC President