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Announcement - 6th World Congress

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the 6th World Congress of Education International will take place in the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) in Cape Town, South Africa, from 22nd to 26th July 2011.

The World Congress meets every four years to adopt policies and approve programmes and financial and other reports. It elects the Officers and Executive Board for the following quadrennium. It also determines the dues rates. It provides an opportunity for representatives of member organisations from all over the world to meet and consider the major issues affecting their organisations.

Draft Programme

The Executive Board, at its meeting in December last, approved an outline programme and timetable for the Congress (see Annex 1). The third day of Congress will feature breakout or working group sessions to provide enhanced opportunities for delegates to participate in discussions on the key issues. It also provides for an early closure of sessions to facilitate organizations arranging meetings of delegations and to facilitate delegates visiting the city.

Congress theme

At the December Board meeting, the EI Officers were mandated to finalise the theme for the Congress on the basis of suggestions made by Executive Board members during the meeting. I will write regarding the theme and sub-themes after the next Officers meeting, which will take place in March.

Congress website and email

Over the coming months a series of mailings will be issued regarding the Congress. These mailings will be issued by e-mail, by surface mail and will be posted on a special World Congress website which may be accessed from the main EI website or at www.ei-ie.org/congress6. Correspondence regarding the Congress may be sent by e-mail to congress6@ei-ie.org.

Statutory and non-statutory deadlines

As was the case in 2007, the website will be the primary gateway for all information about the Congress and will enable member organisations and, indeed, all delegates and observers, to register and set preferences for their participation in Congress. The website already contains some important information regarding the Congress, such as the statutory and non-statutory deadlines for submitting resolutions and nominations (see Annex 2) for the Congress. It also, of course, contains the preliminary programme. These documents are being issued by mail but the most up to date material is always to be found first on the website.



In the event that member organisations submit different information through the Congress website and on paper-based forms, the Secretariat will treat the data submitted online as the correct information unless specified otherwise.

EI Awards

You will also find enclosed herewith information (see Annex 3) about the EI Awards that will be presented during Congress to educators having made an outstanding contribution to education or to the defence and promotion of human and trade union rights during their careers. Please note that the deadline for making nominations is 1 September 2010 and that all nominations must be endorsed by a member organisation from a different country from that of the nominating organisation. Two forms are appended to the Awards document to enable member organisations to make nominations. The forms may also be downloaded from the website but they cannot be filled in online because of the nature of the nomination/endorsement process.

Financial assistance

In Annex 4, you will find information about financial assistance to enable delegates from low-income countries to participate in the Congress. The assistance scheme has been simplified, but it also gives greater consideration to member organisations having fulfilled their dues obligations to the International. Please note that the Congress registration process will not open until the summer of 2010.

In the next few days, I will write again to launch a consultation of all affiliates for the purpose of developing a consolidated EI policy on education for adoption at the Congress.

If you have any queries in relation to Congress please do not hesitate to contact head office by mail, email (congress6@ei-ie.org) or through the special Congress website (www.ei-ie.org/congress6).

I remain, with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Fred van Leeuwen
General Secretary

Encl.: Annex 1 – Draft Programme, 6th EI World Congress
Annex 2 – Statutory and Non Statutory Deadlines for 6th World Congress
Annex 3 – EI Awards (+ 2 forms)
Annex 4 – Congress Assistance (+ 1 form)