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To
- members of the Management Committee of ECNAIS and
- interested other persons

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Dear Colleague,

We hereby would like to invite you, representatives of the member associations of ECNAIS, headmasters/ teachers of your own association and also other persons interested in the theme of the conference for the

2012 Conference/ Annual General Meeting of ECNAIS in Bratislava, Slovakia

Conference

The Conference takes place from Thursday 19 April, (9H00) till Friday 20 April 2012 (18H00) followed by the official ECNAIS diner.

The theme of the Conference is:

“Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Independent Schools”

We do see this theme as a follow up on our theme in 2011 about *Diversity in Education* and both themes are linked to EU's programme for Life Long Learning and the 8 key competences mentioned in that programme.

The venue of the Conference, AGM and Regional Meeting is

abba Bratislava hotel
Štefánikova 4
811 05 Bratislava
Slovakia
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www.eurolines.at/de/home/tipps/bratislava.

Please find attached the programme and registration/reservation form. It is very important that we receive the registration/ reservation form **no later than 12 March 2012**, as we have to inform the hotel how many rooms we need. You can send the registration/ reservation form to the ECNAIS secretariat, Lexia Hulst at lhulst@vbs.nl. The invoice will be sent after we have received your registration/reservation form.

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We ask you to make sure that the programme and the registration/ reservation form **are circulated** amongst your colleagues in your association and in your wider network. It is of utmost importance for ECNAIS' role as an association of national organisations that the various national boards be well represented. Please ensure that the information regarding ECNAIS' AGM and Conference is passed on to your member schools.

AGM/MCM meeting

The formal Annual General Meeting and Management Committee meeting (open for members only) takes place on Saturday 21 April from 09H00 till 10H 30.

Regional Meeting Central/ Eastern European Members

New this year ECNAIS arranges a number of regional meetings. The first meeting is on Saturday 21 April after the AGM/MCM meeting. The meeting is open for invited members from Central and Eastern Europe.

If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We hope to meet all of you at the Conference in Bratislava.

Kind regards,
on behalf of the Executive Committee



S.J. (Simon) Steen
chairman ECNAIS

Please notice

- ECNAIS has applied for a EU grant 2012 in Lifelong Learning Programme: Jean Monnet. We don't know yet if the apply for the grant will be awarded.
- In the Management Committee Meeting in Warsaw on 19 November 2012 the members agreed to the proposal to differentiate the participation fee of the conference.