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Dear Colleague,

as you are well aware, higher education institutions, their staff and students have played a vital role in shaping the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and will continue to do so in the next decade. To commemorate and to assess the work of this joint effort, the Bologna Ministerial Anniversary Conference will be held in Budapest, Hungary on March 11, 2010 at the House of Parliament in Budapest and Vienna, Austria on March 12, 2010 at the Vienna Imperial Palace Congress Centre. Honouring the special partnership, participants in the stakeholders' conferences taking place around the Ministerial Conference will join us in the festive evening celebrating our common achievements on March 11, 2010.

The working sessions will revolve around the presentations and discussions of the reports prepared, among others, by the European University Association and the European Students' Union, and of course, we will focus on the results of the independent assessment and the conclusions drawn by the Bologna Follow-up Group, as the main theme of the conference.

We believe that the Bologna Ministerial Anniversary Conference will be a memorable and successful event and look very much forward to our common effort at bringing the EHEA a bit further to its realization through this meeting next year.

We will follow the tradition of the previous Bologna Ministerial Conferences in keeping the size of delegations to 5 persons (head of delegation plus a maximum of 4 experts), including a representative of the national rectors' conference and a student.

We would like to ask you to nominate a contact person, chosen from your delegation to carry out the registration for the whole delegation, and to serve as a contact

person during the conference. This person will then receive the password, which

he/she will need to register the whole delegation. There is no possibility of individual

registrations.

Could you please - at your earliest convenience - but not later than October 25,

2009 communicate the coordinates of the contact person of your delegation to the

organizers, using the following e-mail address: bolognastaff@kulturpont.hu. We will

inform your representative on the Bologna Follow-up Group accordingly. The

<u>deadline for registration</u> will be <u>January 10, 2010</u>. For your convenience we are also

attaching some practical information.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the organising team

(bolognaregistration@kulturpont.hu).

We look forward to seeing you next March at the conference in Budapest and

Vienna!

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