



Graz, December 21st 2012

Dear EAAE_AEEA Members,
dear colleagues,

As you all know, the September 2012 General Assembly was held without taking of attendance (as has quite often been the case in the past) but its validity was questioned by a small group of members. The Council announced its intention to convene a second GA in May, but in response to advice from the Nordic Academy and others, has decided to hold this second GA sooner rather than later. Therefore, in accordance with Belgian law and the EAAE statutes, the EAAE Council has decided that the **2012 General Assembly will be held again at 16h, on Saturday 26th January 2013, in Graz, Austria**. The invitation and Agenda, identical to that of the September meeting is attached. All supporting information will be made available on our website shortly.

The 2012 General Assembly asked that Council review the Statutes, make clear the so-far unwritten internal regulations and provide greater clarity about the budget and the transition to the new secretariat. The Council is preparing responses to all of these points and draft documents will be circulated for comment in the New Year. Nevertheless, approval of the Internal Regulations and of amendments to the Statutes in particular will require a new General Assembly, probably to be held in May 2013, as already announced. The exact date remains to be confirmed but the Agenda will be circulated two months in advance.

It is the duty of the designated officers and Council to make sure the EAAE/AEEA aisbl properly performs its legal functions. The current EAAE Council continues to invest faith, energy, spirit, hard work and money to help expand, enlarge and strengthen the EAAE on the European scene. We believe in the future of a stronger association and ask the membership to voice their approval or otherwise of Council policies by voting at the GA, by assisting us in its preparation and by attending our Open Meetings.

The EAAE continues to support all the thematic workshops and ongoing projects such as the EAAE Online Guide to schools and programs, the EAAE database of Architectural publications, the EAAE Research Charter and associated working groups such as EU Advocacy group...

The EAAE continues to support the ENHSA project, and will continue to strive to re-define a good working relationship to the satisfaction of all parties.

This is a difficult time for the EAAE network but our common interests will always be best served by working together. I look forward to robust and democratic discussions on the future of the EAAE in Graz in January, Bucharest in March, Istanbul in April, London in May and Aachen in June... In the mean time I remain available for any clarification you might want.

I wish you all peaceful and happy holidays!

Yours sincerely,

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