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Dear colleagues and friends,

Goals and approaches in the Education of Deaf Children in the last decades show changes and progress all over the world. Therefore, the world’s professional community working in this field needs to exchange its ideas, experiences, ongoing innovations and future plans.

The 20th International Congress on the Education of the Deaf (ICED) in 2005 is the next worldwide activity to meet and exchange. ICED is being organised only each five years, the last Congress being hosted by Sydney 2000.

ICED2005 is being organised from July 17 until July 20, 2005 and is hosted by the Dutch city of Maastricht. This old city with a history going back to Roman times, symbolises multicultural and multilingual principles. Within 25 kilometres, three languages are being spoken: Dutch, German and French. Maastricht is well known because of the Maastricht-Treaty signed in 1991 and being an important political step towards European integration. An important feature of European integration is “unification in diversity”. All the different languages and cultures of member states are being respected and consolidated.

The field of the Education of Deaf Children is also being characterised by linguistic and cultural variety, and might benefit from “unification in diversity” as well. Therefore, Maastricht is considered to be the right city to host ICED2005.

A consortium of three organisations, from three different members states of the European union, are preparing ICED2005: the “David-Hirsch Schule” in Aachen (Germany), the “Koninklijk Instituut voor Doven en Spraaktaalgestoorden” in Hasselt (Belgium) and Viataal - formerly “Instituut voor Doven” - in Sint-Michielsgestel (the Netherlands).

This first announcement is meant to draw your attention to ICED2005 - an important professional event. You might start planning to participate and start any necessary preparations. Any kind of participation is welcome, but an active contribution of congress delegates is essential.

The organising committee welcomes an active role of all other interest groups: organisations for the Deaf and the Hard-of-Hearing, parents.
Not only educators are invited to take (active) part in ICED2005, but also medical specialists, hearing aid acousticians, audiologists, psychologists, therapists, politicians, interpreters etc. The Education of the Deaf is a challenging, dynamical and interdisciplinary field of profession.

We look forward to see you in Maastricht, July 17-20 2005.

Prof. Dr. Ir. Frans Coninx
Congress Chairman
Solingen/Germany.
Maastricht is the southernmost and oldest city in the Netherlands. It is the capital of the province of Limburg and at the crossroads of communications and cultures. Situated close to the borders of Belgium and Germany, the Roman city of Maastricht has a warm and cosy atmosphere.

Maastricht is a European city, globally known for the "Treaty of Maastricht". It is internationally orientated and as well renowned as acclaimend in many international European Institutes which have established themselves here. Together with cities like Aachen and Hasselt, Maastricht forms an integral part of the Meuse-Rhine European Union Region, often referred to as "Europe in Miniature". It is a unique in that it compromises three different language communities. Due to its proximity to Industrial areas it is a force to be reckoned with.

As of 1988, Maastricht has become home to an attractive, ultramodern exhibition and congress center, the Maastricht Exhibition and Congress Center (MECC). As third Dutch congress city, the city has become famous for its historical monuments and boasts a modern Theatre at the Vrijthof square as well as a new and attractive modern Bonnefantenmuseum and numerous galleries.

Maastricht has name to live up to in many areas; among other things, as a historical and cultural centre, it is a hospital gastronomic centre. The beautiful river Maas sweeps past the old city, which offers numerous open air restaurants and bistros as well as exclusive shopping. We garuantee that Maastricht and its people will delight and charm you.
Which main topics will be addressed?

1. Newborns and infants
2. Sign Language and Deaf Culture
3. Inclusion
4. Literacy writing and reading
5. Technology
6. Ethical issues in education

Who will be the target groups of the congress?

The congress will supply relevant information to and offer opportunities to internationally exchange ideas and have interdisciplinary discussions for a large group of professionals as well as others involved in the education of children with various degrees of hearing impairment: educators, caretakers, parents, Deaf persons or persons with hearing impairment, doctors, audiologists, sociologists, psychologists, linguists, politicians, etc.

What will be the programme/format?

The four day programme will include plenary lectures, related sessions with presentations and posters, sessions on free topics, workshops and a professional exhibition. Leading international educators and researchers will be invited to present plenary lectures and to lead subsequent sessions on the above mentioned main topics. The main topics address latest advances and issues subject to discussion. Poster sessions and parallel sessions with free topics on important educational, audiological, technical, social and cultural issues will complement the main programme. There will be a number of pre- and postcongress seminars organised by various professional organisations. These will be communicated in the second announcement and through additional ICED-email distribution lists.
IMPORTANT DATES
December 1st, 2004    Deadline abstract submission
March 1st, 2005      Pre-registration Early Fee deadline
May 17th, 2005       Hotel reservation guaranteed

You can enter your name on a mailinglist for the 2nd announcement at www.iced2005.org

CALL FOR PAPERS
The Scientific Committee of ICED 2005 welcomes the submission of contributions in the form of a presentation and/or a poster at the congress.

Main topics:
Newborns and infants
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Inclusion
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Technology
Ethical issues in education

ACCOMPANYING PERSON PROGRAMME
• Half day programme City Tour of Maastricht
• Full day excursion
• Welcoming reception

SOCIAL PROGRAMME
• Welcoming reception
• Dinner party
PRE- AND POST CONGRESS TOURS

- Excursions to Belgium (Brussels, Bruges), Germany (Cologne, Aachen) and the Netherlands (Amsterdam, The Hague).
  Specific aspects of each country will be emphasized.

MAASTRICHT, CONGRESS SITE

Situated close to the borders of Belgium and Germany, the Roman city of Maastricht has a cosmopolitan atmosphere. It is the capital of the province 'Limburg' in the most southern part of the Netherlands. To visit Maastricht is like travelling through time. Walk on Roman cobblestones from 150 BC and visit the halls where the Maastricht Treaty was signed in 1992. Enjoy Maastricht’s skyline of churches spires and towers and its tree lined squares. But also be sure not to miss ‘In den Ouden Vogelstruys’, the Netherlands’ oldest pub. We guarantee that Maastricht and its people will delight and charm you.

CONGRESS VENUE

ICED 2005 will be held in the Maastricht Exhibition and Congress Centre (MECC), Maastricht, the Netherlands.

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CONGRESS LANGUAGE

The official congress language will be English. Simultaneous translation in spoken languages and sign language will be provided.
REGISTRATION FEES

In €uro Before March 1st, 2005 After March 1st, 2005

Congress Registration Fee
Participant  455 euro  545
Student  350  415
Accompanying Person  150  150

The participant’s registration fee includes:
Welcome Reception
Admission to all Scientific Sessions
Final Programme and Abstract book
Tea, Coffee and Luncheons
List of Participants
Certificate of Attendance

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS
Cancellations must be submitted in writing to Conference Agency Limburg. A cancellation fee of 10% will be charged for cancellations before April 17th, 2005 and 50% for cancellations after April 17th, 2005. For cancellations after June 17th, 2005 there will be no refund of the registration fee. All refunds will be made after the congress.

ACCOMMODATION
More information will be available in the second announcement.

TRAVEL INFORMATION
More information will be available in the second announcement.
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**MAASTRICHT - THE NETHERLANDS - JULY 17-20, 2005**

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Please, put my name on your mailing list for the International Congress on the Education of the Deaf.

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