

March 22nd, 2024

REMINDER - REGISTRATION - ECNAIS AGM and Conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, 17 - 19 April 2024

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Following our previous communications, we would like to remind you about ECNAIS AGM and Conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 17-19 April 2024. The invitation is for you, representatives of the member associations of ECNAIS and other interested persons from your network, to attend the Conference. The registrations (for the Conference and the day trip to Rila Monastery) are open.

The theme of this Conference, that has been organized in good cooperation with the Bulgarian member of ECNAIS, BAPS – Bulgarian Association of Private Schools, is:

Building and maintaining identity in educational organizations in a rapidly changing World
Student contribution focus: Students as a driving force of educational identity

We all live in a rapidly transforming post Covid world, a world with dynamic political and economic landscape where conflicts and uncertainty create a lot of tension. **Living in times of digital, green and social transition, we might all feel confusion, lose focus and identity, while creating our new face, strategies, and values.** This social landscape is both a challenge and an open opportunity for students, adults, organizations, and authorities at all levels of global, European, and national policy making and leadership.

Essential HOW TO questions are:

- **Build Identity and Integrity in independent educational organizations** (who are we, what distinguishes us, what are our strength, how we meet in our unique way the need of our students, parents, teachers, leaders; how we add value to the society and how the move forward together)
- **Turn challenges into possibilities** (what is the potential of the independent educational institutions to become a game-changers, riding the wave of the transitions)
- Inspire **togetherness and motivation, involving all stake holders** for obtaining **quality and vivid independent education, adequate for the upcoming years.**

Student participation

Students are welcome to the Conference [¹]

We envisage a strong student contribution. Each country may bring up to **5 students and one accompanying teacher**. Students will have the opportunity to take part in a specially organized **discussion forum**, expressing and role playing the views of different stakeholders in education. Students and their accompanying teachers will have the opportunity to meet at an **online preparation meeting** in second half of March.

Conference Venue and Program

The Conference will take place in Metropolitan Hotel Sofia, a member of Radisson Individuals; 64, Tsarigradsko Shosse Blvd., 1784 Sofia, Bulgaria ([Radisson-Metropolitan-Sofia](#)), on 17-19 April 2024.

The Conference program is attached to this letter.

¹ Unlike the 2023 Conference, we do not have financial support for student participation. A special fee will be established but all costs must be supported by the students/schools/parents.

Annual General Meeting of ECNAIS ry

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th, from 17:30 till 19:30.

This meeting is open for representatives of ECNAIS members only.

Registration

Conference registration: <https://ecnaiss.org/form/>

Day trip to Rila monastery

Estimated time for the day trip: since 08:00 until 15:30, including lunch and bus transportation.

We estimate a price of 53€/person for a minimum of 25 participants in this day trip.

[REGISTRATION FOR DAY TRIP](#)

Hotel Booking

Participants will have to book and pay directly their accommodation at this hotel or other of their preference.

If you choose to book at the Metropolitan Hotel Sofia and want to benefit from the ECNAIS rate:

1. Participants: 82€/night – single room; 92€/night – double room, using Promotional code ECNAIS to book directly with the hotel: [Direct booking link.](#)

Or copy the link to your browser: [https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/booking/room-](https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/booking/room-display?hotelCode=BGSOFMET&checkInDate=2024-04-15&checkOutDate=2024-04-21&adults%5B%5D=2&children%5B%5D=0&aoc%5B%5D=&searchType=pac&promotionCode=ecnaiss&voucher=)

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Please write your flight number and estimated date/time of arrival to the hotel if you need airport transportation. It will cost 5 euro per person per transfer.

Contact: reservations@metropolitanhotelsofia.com

2. Students and teachers: 72€/night – single room; 82€/night – double room) please use the hotel Reservation form (attached) and send it to reservations@metropolitanhotelsofia.com

These room rates are valid until 29th March 2024.

We ask you to make sure that this invitation letter is circulated in your association and in your wider network. Please spread this invitation.

It is important for our Bulgarian colleagues and ECNAIS' role as a European Council of National Associations that a variety of national delegations is represented at the conference.

Looking forward to meeting you in Sofia,

Best regards

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