Call for Venues – ELIA Biennial Conference and General Assembly 2020
Deadline 15 September 2017

ELIA will organise its 16th Biennial Conference in 2020 and is calling upon its members to nominate a venue.

ELIA is currently preparing the 15th Biennial Conference that will take place 21-24 November 2018 in Rotterdam, hosted by Codarts University of the Arts and Willem de Kooning Academy.

What is the ELIA Biennial Conference?
The ELIA Biennial Conference is the largest conference on higher arts education worldwide, drawing an audience of approximately 400-500 directors, researchers, administrative staff, lecturers, artists and thinkers.

The aim of the ELIA Biennial Conference is to create a platform to share knowledge and information and to stimulate discussion and networking with peers.

The ELIA Biennial Conference is usually organised in autumn, giving the host institutes a unique opportunity to present themselves to Higher Art Education Institutions and Universities from all over the world. The Host institute will be actively involved in the development of the conference. For more information, please visit the ELIA biennial conference website: www.eliabiennial.com

Based on a Call for Papers a wide variety of engaging presentations is selected and offers opportunities for delegates to enjoy high profile speakers, plenary discussions, thematic sessions, roundtable debates, interactive presentations, visits in the city and, most important, networking events.

Since its founding in 1990 ELIA has organised 14 Biennial Conferences in the following locations:
1990 Amsterdam, Netherlands, hosted by the Amsterdam University of the Arts
1992 Strasbourg, France, hosted by the École des Arts Décoratifs
1994 Berlin, Germany, hosted by the University of the Arts
1996 Lisbon, Portugal, hosted by the Instituto Politécnico de Lisboa
1998 Helsinki, Finland, hosted by the Art Academies in Helsinki
2000 Barcelona, Spain, hosted by the Institut del Teatre de Barcelona
2002 Dublin, Ireland, hosted by the Arts Academies in Ireland
2004 Luzern, Switzerland, hosted by the Swiss Art Universities
2006 Gent, Belgium, hosted by Hogeschool Gent
2008 Gothenburg, Sweden, hosted by Gothenburg University
2010 Nantes, France, hosted by École supérieure des beaux-arts de Nantes Métropole
2012 Vienna, Austria, hosted by the University of Applied Arts
2014 Glasgow, UK, hosted by the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and Glasgow School of the Art
2016 Florence, Italy, hosted by Palazzo Spinelli.

**Budget**
Before starting the co-operation an agreement is negotiated between ELIA and the Host institution. The budget will be jointly agreed and is generally estimated at € 315,000, from which the Host institution guarantees to raise a minimum amount of €200,000 nationally and locally (not all ‘cash contribution’, but also including costs ‘in kind’). ELIA guarantees to raise a minimum amount of €115,000 participation fees.
Members institutions hosting ELIA events normally receive financial support from governmental and local authorities.

**Guidelines for an expression of interest:**

1. What will attract participants to travel to your city, how reachable is your city by air and by train and what is the hotel capacity?
2. What are the possibilities of the venue (capacity, flexibility, technical facilities)?
3. What possibilities do you see to raise the € 200,000 necessary to develop the project?

For further information, please contact ELIA Conference Manager Janja Ferenc at janja.ferenc@elia-artschools.org

**Procedure:**
The executive group will review the proposals in their meeting 28 - 29 September and select a maximum of 3 venues that will be visited between October 2017 and March 2018 by the ELIA Executive Director and Vice President.

The Executive Group will make a preliminary decision in March 2018 that will be endorsed by the Representative Board in April 2018.

The venue for the ELIA Biennial Conference 2020 will be announced during the ELIA Biennial Conference in Rotterdam 21-24 November 2018.

In case you are interested in hosting the ELIA Biennial Conference and General Assembly 2020, please email your expression of interest before 15 September 2017 to ELIA Executive Director Carla Delfos at carla.delfos@elia-artschools.org