

Letter from the President of EAA, Professor Michael Taroudakis

Dear Friends

On behalf of the new board of the European Acoustics Association I would like to wish to all the acousticians in Europe and in the rest of the world, a very successful continuation and further development of their activities in the wonderful world of acoustics.

Acoustics plays an important role in every aspect of our everyday life. Due to the great range of applications related to acoustical studies, scientists from different background form the community of acousticians and their interaction is a vivid example of a multidisciplinary collaboration. Working together, we have shown that the great achievements are fruits of joint work incorporating knowledge from different scientific areas.

The European Acoustics Association (EAA) supports by its products and activities the work of acousticians in Europe, providing a forum for collaboration of the National Societies and their members. The EAA new board promises to continue and further develop the supporting actions which are aiming at the fulfillment of the EAA objectives as they are nicely presented in the Article 2 of our statutes. An important tool for this goal are our products.

Our scientific journal Acta Acustica united with Acustica, is a leading journal on acoustics. Now AA-A is available to all the members of the EAA and we hope that soon it will be available and become popular to most of the acousticians world-wide. The quality of the publications is ensured by the editor-in-chief, **Dick Botteldooren** and the editorial board of the journal which consists of prominent acousticians from all around Europe. We encourage the European acousticians to publish their scientific work in Acta Acustica united with Acustica, and the new board will take all the necessary actions for the increase of its attractiveness.

Acoustics in Practice is our new product dedicated to the acousticians and the general audience associated with all type of acoustical applications. The preparatory work done by the editorial board of the journal the editor in chief **Colin English**, the editorial assistant **Monika Rychtarikova** and editing coordinator **Miguel Ausejo**, as well as by the former President of EAA, **Jean Kergonmard**, has already shown its fruits and the first issue is already on-line. I am sure that the new journal will soon be embraced by more and more scientists in Europe and the rest of the world.

The continuous flow of information to our members is another priority of our board. The new portal, already on-line reflects the efforts of the previous board and of the Product Manager **Olivier Dazel** for the establishment of an active forum for the exchange of information among the European acousticians. We encourage all our members to keep in touch with us by means of this portal and keep informed on all the activities of the National Societies and the EAA in Europe. Associated with the portal is the Nuntius Acusticus which provides in a concise form the news from the National Societies. **Brigitte Schulte Fortkamp** has been a successful Product Manager of Nuntius Acusticus and has applied efforts for many years towards the establishment of a high quality newsletter. Now **Kristian Jambrošić**, former General

Secretary of the EAA is taking over this role, with the help of **Evelyne Dewayse**, and I am sure that they will contribute in the further development of the product.

Keeping the acoustic education in Europe at a high level is among our priorities. Although we cannot easily interfere with the education strategy of the European Universities and Colleges with respect to acoustic courses and programs, we believe that the mobility of the young students in Europe could be supported by EAA, by providing concise information on the educational activities in Europe. Thus our product Schola is considered an important tool for young acousticians and the product manager **Malte Kob** coordinates all the activities towards the establishment of a full data base on acoustic courses in Europe. We warmly encourage our members coming from the Academic Sector to support Schola by providing information on the educational activities related to acoustics in their Universities.

Finally we will keep supporting Documenta under new objectives which will be defined soon in close collaboration with the product manager **Sergio Luzzi**. For several reasons, the publication of the EAA index is now finished, and we can thank **Tino Bucak** for this difficult job.

Our next major events sponsored by EAA are the Forum Acusticum, (Krakow September 2014) and Euronoise (Maastricht - June 2015). I would like to thank the organizers of both meetings for their preparations, which I am sure that will result in two excellent events and encourage the Technical Committees of the EAA, which play an important role in the coordination of the research activities in their scientific areas, to participate to the organization of structured sessions in these conferences.

Closing this letter I would like to present the new members of the EAA board which consists of

Jean Kergomard, from CNRS Marseille (France) as Vice President

Mats Åbom, from KTH Stockholm (Sweden) as Vice President

Tapio Lokki from Aalto University (Finland) as General Secretary

Salvador Santiago from Madrid (Spain) as Treasurer and

Michael Taroudakis from University of Crete (Greece) as President

Head of the EAA office in Madrid is **Antonio-Perez Lopez**

I would like to thank once more the former board of the EAA for their excellent work done during the last three years and I am sure that our efforts as members of the new board will be backed by your support for a further development of the science of acoustics in Europe.

Professor Michael Taroudakis
President of EAA

