



Message from Prof. Michael Taroudakis

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Dear Colleagues, Dear European Acousticians, Dear Friends

On behalf of the board of the European Acoustics Association I wish to all of you, A HAPPY PRODUCTIVE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The EAA will be present during this year with many activities related to acoustics in Europe.

Our major event will definitely be the EURONOISE 2015 to be held in Maastricht between May 31 and June 3, 2015 jointly organized by the Acoustical Societies of the Netherlands and Belgium. According to the information received from the organizers, a high number of abstracts have already been received and accepted for presentation in the Conference, and we expect that EURONOISE 2015 will be again a great success giving the possibility to the European acousticians to come together once more and exchange ideas and new results. The conference venue MECC is located where Belgium, Germany and Netherlands meet and is easily accessible by train, plane and car. You are all invited to attend the Conference and I am looking forward to meeting and discussing with you in the beautiful Dutch city of Maastricht.

The EAA General Assembly for 2015 will be held in Maastricht on Sunday May 31st 2015. All the EAA member Societies are invited to participate in the GA, and discuss on all the current activities of EAA and our products. Among the subjects of the GA, of particular interest are the discussions and the decisions on some changes and/or additions of the internal regulations of the EAA. The suggested changes have already been presented during the GA in Krakow, but will also be sent as text to the EAA Societies later this month for internal discussions and further suggestions.

In the meantime, we expect that our Societies will be active in promoting in their countries the International Noise Awareness Day, which for 2015 has been set to **Wednesday April 29, 2015**. Events and products related to this day will be announced in our Newsletter and possibly in other EAA products such as the Documenta, if there is enough open material for this purpose. The promotion of this day is an important activity for Europe and the rest of the World as the concern about exposure of the people in a noisy environment is continuously increasing. As you have already been informed the European Environmental Agency has just published a Report on Noise Pollution which can be found elsewhere in the current issue of our Newsletter. This is an additional indication of the importance of noise problems for the quality of our life and brings additional merit to our EURONOISE 2015 Conference in which many satellite events related to Noise have been scheduled, including the Workshop: "European noise policy: where do we go?" supported by the European Commission DG Environment. The National Societies are encouraged to submit news related

to their activities on the INAD 2015 to the editorial office of our Newsletter for the dissemination of this information among our members.

Finally I wish to bring your attention to two important products of EAA: our two scientific publications, Acta Acustica united with Acustica (AA-A) and Acoustics in Practice (AiP). We need to support both products as they provide unique forum for the presentation of scientific articles ranging from applied subjects (AiP) to new research products (AA-A). Both products need your input. Therefore I encourage all the European acousticians to share the results of their studies or activities with their colleagues in Europe and the rest of the world by submitting related papers to our two journals. AiP is immediately available to everybody through our web-site, while AA-A is reachable by all the members of the European National Societies which are full members of the EAA and by the University and Research Center Library subscriptions by a larger audience. With your help I expect that our journals will show further development in favorite of the acoustics in Europe.

With my warmest wishes,

Michael Taroudakis

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