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Strasbourg, 1st October 2007

Dear CDESR members,
Dear Bologna follow-up group,

Re: Council of Europe launching conference on New Challenges to European Higher Education – Managing the Complexity of a Globalised Society

The Secretariat of the Council of Europe is honoured to invite you to nominate representatives to attend the launching conference on '**New Challenges to European Higher Education – Managing the complexities of a globalized society**', which will take place as follows:

Date: 20 and 21 November 2007

Time: 9.00 am on 20 November (registration from 8.30 – 9.00 am) until 12.30 pm on 21 November 2007

Place: G03, G Building (also called NBGEN), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

This is a launching event of the new 3-year flagship project of the Committee for Higher Education and Research of the Council of Europe 'Humanism and the Market – Redefining its Values and Functions for the 21st Century'.

The topics will include:

- Can European Higher Education meet global challenges?
- Reinventing European Higher Education in light of technological change
- How to promote societal sustainability through higher education?
- Intercultural dialogue and social cohesion: higher education facing cultural diversity;
- Dealing with scientific progress and environmental threats in higher education;
- Creating a vision of higher education for a country in transition;
- Promoting universal values in the face of societal change.

Given the importance of the topics raised, we hope all countries will be able to send one or two representatives to the Forum.

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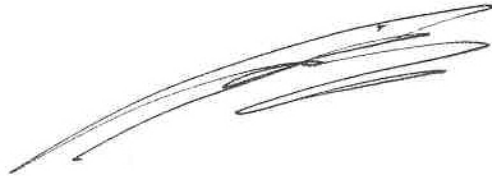
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I would ask that you notify the Secretariat of the Council of Europe of the name of your nominated representative as soon as possible by filling out the attached registration form, before 28 October 2007 to:

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If you have any questions regarding the practical aspects of this Seminar, please contact Mireille Wendling (mireille.wendling@coe.int). For any further information concerning the Conference itself, you can contact Jean-Philippe Restoueix (jean-philippe.restoueix@coe.int).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form the name 'Sjur Bergan'.

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