

To
Delegates of IV member organizations
and ICCS Correspondents

Münster, 23 May 2019

**Invitation study tour for head teachers to Christian Schools
in Berlin/Brandenburg, Germany, 24 - 27 September 2019**

Dear Colleagues,

The city of Berlin and its surroundings have a special history. For a long time, the Berlin wall separated East from West, secularism shaped the East while Churches in the West took part in society and Education. This year, we celebrate 30 years Fall of the Wall – time to discover how Christian schools have developed ever since in a reunited city and country and how they managed to thrive so well. Today, Berlin is more than ever characterised by its colourfulness, attracting people from all over the world with various backgrounds, cultures and religions. How Christian schools deal with these circumstances and what kinds of profiles they have developed shall be in the centre of the study trip offered to the Berlin/Brandenburg area in Germany.

The International Association for Christian Education (IV) and the Intereuropean Commission on Church and School (ICCS) invite head teachers as well as other experts of Christian schools in Europe, to learn about German schools in this area and to get suggestions and encouragement for further development of their own professional practice. We are happy that the regional church “Evangelische Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg-schlesische Oberlausitz“ (EKBO) and the regional association of Protestant schools, the “Evangelische Schulstiftung in der EKBO”, support us in this matter.

The study tour to Germany will take place

from 24 - 27 September 2019 in Berlin.

The planned itinerary and content of the study tour is attached to this letter (subject to change).

If you are interested in participating in the study tour, please note the following:

- Participants need to speak and understand English sufficiently for following the presentations, and also for sharing of their own experiences, at least to a certain extent.

- The participation fee is 500 Euros. It includes accommodation, travel expenses on site, all meals and cultural activities as far as indicated in the programme. Please note that travel costs to and from Berlin are not covered. In case of difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can find an individual solution.
- Please note that the number of participants is limited to 10. Please choose carefully and quickly whether you would like to apply or not.
- We give great importance to the participation of Central and Eastern European members. Unfortunately, we cannot cover the costs but for a few participants. If you can make a voluntary contribution – as little as it might be – you allow perhaps one more person from those countries to attend. Please give corresponding information in the application form.

If you would like to participate in the study tour, please send the attached application form via mail to the IV office to kerstin.wiechmann@ekd.de until 30 June 2019.

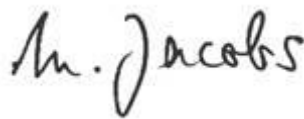
Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive further information on the accommodation and programme. If you have any further questions at this point, please do not hesitate to contact **Bianca Kappelhoff** at the Comenius-Institute who is coordinating the study tour (kappelhoff@comenius.de, Tel.: +49 251 98101- 41).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Berlin, Germany.

Best regards



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