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### EAIE Madrid 2009: Connecting Continents

The European Association for International Education (EAIE) is currently accepting proposals for its 21st Annual Conference, which will be held from 16 to 19 September 2009 in Madrid, Spain. Madrid's rich history with other nations and cultures makes the 2009 conference theme, 'Connecting Continents', a fitting choice.

The EAIE conference is a working conference offering a programme of sessions, workshops and poster sessions, which aim to stimulate the professional development of practitioners in the field of international education. Workshops are held at the start of the conference (16 and 17 September), and are intended to provide in-depth and hands-on training. Sessions are held on 17, 18 and 19 September and have a discussion format with a panel of speakers. A poster session is a combination of text and graphics that presents research, innovative ideas, new techniques or technologies.

Individuals are invited to send their proposals for a session, workshop or poster session via the EAIE website ([www.eaie.org/madrid/proposals](http://www.eaie.org/madrid/proposals)) and actively participate in shaping the 2009 conference. The deadline for submission is 31 October 2008. The EAIE will inform those who submit about the decision taken on their proposals in early February 2009.

#### Conference venue

The 2009 EAIE conference will be held in the Palacio Municipal de Congresos Convention Center. Designed by Ricardo Bofill, this spectacular building offers participants excellent facilities and plenty of space for networking. The venue is located in the heart of the *Campo de las Naciones* business complex and is easily accessible.

#### EAIE Exhibition

Conference participants can also visit the extensive EAIE Exhibition, which is held alongside the conference from 17 to 19 September. Exhibiting organisations will include universities, colleges, insurance companies, language testing organisations and education associations from all over the world. Exhibition space can be requested by completing the on-line form at [www.eaie.org/exhibition](http://www.eaie.org/exhibition).

#### Recent EAIE conference

The EAIE conference has grown substantially in popularity and reputation since its beginnings in Amsterdam, 1989. From 10 to 13 September 2008, the University of Antwerp hosted the 20th EAIE Annual Conference. Close to 3000 international educators from 74 countries attended the largest EAIE conference to date. For four days, conference participants focused on the subject of internationalisation in higher education and attended a programme consisting of over 90 sessions, 32 workshops and 4 seminars. More than 260 education-related organisations from 40 countries at 118 booths were represented at the EAIE Exhibition.

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