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Dear Eurag member

As President of EURAG I have the pleasure to inform you that the XIX Congress of our organization will take place from the 6th to 8th November 2008 in León (Northern Spain) on the invitation and with the support of the government of Spain. The main theme of reflection will be „Shaping the Future Through Effective Participation of All Ages“.

You are all cordially invited to participate in this important and exciting event which will bring together the EURAG family to discuss one of the crucial questions of our society and to contribute to appropriate answers in order to advance European society. Subthemes to be introduced in plenary sessions and intensely debated in workshops will be:

„The concept of participatory democracy“

„The role and perception of older persons in European society“

„People participating at local level“

Today I would like to invite you to propose highly qualified personalities to speak on these subjects – either in plenaries or presenting concrete cases to stimulate debates in the workshops. Such qualified contributors may be academics, politicians, leaders from civil society organizations or any other expert from your country.

It is most important that we get a wide range of proposals in order to cover a wide range of European realities. Please send your proposal(s) with some lines explaining the expertise of the suggested person(s) and the precise title of the contribution to:

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Or by e-mail at info@eurag-europe.eu

In case we receive too many proposals EURAG will make the final choice to ensure an adequate representation. If ever chosen contributors or their organization are not able to cover their travel expenses EURAG may examine possibilities to provide financial support.

The deadline for proposals is the 10th of June.

Thank you for your kind and most helpful cooperation. I very much look forward to working closely with you for the success of our next International Conference and the pleasure of seeing you in León.

All best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Gísli Páll Pálsson,

President of Eurag.