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Dear Members of the GiESCO

We hope you are all well, despite the development of the Covid19 disease. Through these difficulties we have to ensure the functioning of our institutions and preserve our scientific research capacities. Since the last GiESCO congress organized in Thessaloniki, Greece, by Prof. S. Koundouras, GiESCO's animation cell has been working with Prof. Justine Vanden Heuvel for the organization of the 22nd GiESCO Congress to be held in Ithaca (Cornell University, USA) from 18 to 23 July 2021.

At the General Assembly of June 28, 2019, we agreed to move forward with the selection process of GiESCO congress destinations. Indeed, in the current system, the designation of organizers is confirmed from a congress to the next one, with a time frame for the organization varying from 18 to 30 months. In order to improve the system and because we have already noticed several potential candidates in Thessaloniki, we propose to launch the call for applications for the 23rd (2023) and 24th (2025) GiESCO congresses.

1. Application for the 23rd congress (2023)*

Please send the application to the President of GiESCO before 31/10/2020. The application formatted in a single pdf file of 20 p. max, should include the following items:

- An official letter of application from the hosting institution, with a commitment: i) to respect the scientific topics and standards of GiESCO and ii) to sign an agreement specifying that full registration fees will include the membership fees to the association.
- Name and position of the convenor and a list of potential members of the organizing committee;
- Venue (description of conference rooms, accommodation options, international connections, etc.);
- Description of higher education & research activities of the hosting institution on GiESCO topics;
- List of possible sponsors;
- Options for technical visits during the congress and for post-tours;
- Other useful information.

After verification of the applications by the animation unit, an electronic vote will be proposed to all members of the GiESCO and the results published before 31/12/2020.

2. Application for the 24th Congress (2025)*

As for 1., send your application to the President of GiESCO before 31/3/2021. A selection of 3 candidates will be done and asked to present their applications at the general assembly in Ithaca, for a sitting decision.

*** NB. It is possible to apply to several meetings with the same application**

On behalf of the GiESCO animation cell committee,
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