



*The purpose of the ICA is to promote international development and collaboration in all fields of acoustics including research, development, education, and standardisation.*

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To: ICA Member Societies  
and International Affiliates

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, the International Commission for Acoustics has started preparations for the celebration of an International Year of Sound for the 2020 (IYS 2020). The IYS 2020 will not be included in the UNESCO and the UN's official list of International Years but will have a similar format, with events centrally organized by an IYS 2020 Liaison Committee, events organized by the ICA National Societies and International Affiliates and possibly events organized by the Week of Sound (WoS) a French non-governmental organization which had the initiative to approach to convince UNESCO to approve the Resolution 39 C/49 25 September 2017 "THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND IN TODAY'S WORLD". The IYS 2020 will make reference to the necessity for promoting best practices in the framework of this resolution and we have already informed UNESCO about that.

The ICA and the WoS will create a Liaison Committee to coordinate the IYS 2020. For the time being the ICA representatives are Michael Taroudakis (President) and Marion Burgess (Past President). In addition, an ICA/IYS 2020 steering committee will be formed to coordinate all the events to be organized by the ICA Member Societies and will have representatives from all the regions.

In order to prepare the events of the IYS 2020 in the most efficient way, we are asking each of the ICA Members and our International Affiliates to appoint one representative to be in direct contact with the ICA/IYS 2020 steering committee. The contact person will have the responsibility to communicate all the planned events by his/her organization to the ICA/IYS 2020 steering committee and also to convey and discuss with them any ideas or suggestions about the events and activities to be included in the IYS 2020.

The attached file describes the main idea of the events to be included in the IYS 2020.

Please send the name and contact details of your representative to the ICA Secretary General Mike Stinson (ICASecGen@icacommission.org). If you have any questions or comments, please contact me (ICAPresident@icacommission.org).

I hope that with your collaboration, the importance of sound in today's world will reach every part of our planet in 2020.

With my best regards

Michael Taroudakis  
President of the ICA