



Brussels, 17 May 2013

Dear Rector,
Dear President,

Subject: **Invitation to UNICA Rectors Seminar „Securing financial resources: the balance of responsibility between university and society”, Sofia, 27-28 September 2013**

On behalf of UNICA Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe and Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, we have a distinct pleasure to invite you to the **UNICA Rectors Seminar „Securing financial resources: the balance of responsibility between university and society”, Sofia, 27-28 September 2013.**

This year`s Rectors Seminar will be hosted by Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski. Founded in 1888, the University is the oldest higher education institution in Bulgaria. The Seminar will be the **culminating part of the Sofia University 125th Founding Anniversary Celebrations**. The participants are invited to join the **academic procession** of the educational and scientific society organized by Sofia University.

The Seminar will bring together representatives of **UNICA universities' academic leadership and partnering Higher Education Institutions of Sofia University**, and will give the opportunity to share knowledge and to discuss views on the complex processes and interactions between the universities and their economic and social environment.

The participants will have the opportunity to attend the panel discussions on the main topics of the event: *University funding systems responding to crisis, Strategies of diversification of funding, and Social impact of tuition fees*. They will also take part in the **round table of Rectors and Students**.

We are convinced that the Seminar will provide an excellent platform for the UNICA Rectors and Presidents to share experience with their colleagues from the UNICA Network and from other universities outside UNICA.

The announcement & programme outline are enclosed and they will be available, together with the online registration & hotel booking forms, on **www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-rectors-seminar-2013**. UNICA Secretariat (office@unica-network.eu) is at your disposal for any question or query you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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Prof. Ivan ILCHEV, Dr. Habil.,
Rector of Sofia University

Enclosed: Announcement and programme outline of the UNICA Rectors Seminar 2013

