

Brussels/Warsaw, 21/06/2016

Dear Rector,
Dear President,

Subject: **Invitation to the UNICA General Assembly 2016**

We are pleased to invite you to the 26th UNICA General Assembly, which will be hosted by the **University of Warsaw** in the framework of the University's 200th founding anniversary celebrations, **17-18 November 2016**. The UNICA General Assembly is the most important meeting in our Network's yearly agenda and a forum for the UNICA community, where the member universities can identify, reflect on and discuss the policy matters related to the European Higher Education Area and the Network itself.

While designing the programme of this year's General Assembly, we sought to put the University-City cooperation at the center of discussions, cooperation that is of utmost importance for UNICA as a Network of Universities from the European Capitals, but is becoming increasingly meaningful in the European context and recent challenges faced by our institutions. The UNICA Seminar "**Universities in the Capitals and the Grand challenges**" will take place on Friday, 18 November, 09:00-16:30.

This year, we will also continue the tradition of conducting two parallel sessions: one dedicated to academic leaders (Rectors Meeting) and the other to UNICA Contact Persons and International Relations Officers (UNICA CP/IRO meeting). The sessions are scheduled for Thursday, 17 November, 14:00-15:30.

The formal agenda will be complemented by an appealing social programme prepared carefully by our colleagues from the University of Warsaw, which includes a **study tour of academic Warsaw** (Thursday, 17 November, 16:00-19:00), a **Welcome Reception** at the Kazimierzowski Palace (Thursday, 17 November, 19:30-21:00), and a **UNICA Dinner** in the beautiful Art Nouveau setting of the Wilhelm Landau's Bank (Friday, 18 November, 19:00).

Programme outline of the General Assembly, online registration form and information on pre-booked hotels is available on the UNICA General Assembly page <http://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-general-assembly-2016>. We advise you to book your accommodation for the UNICA General Assembly 2016 at your earliest convenience, if possible by the end of August.

Detailed programme will be published in the following weeks and you will be notified when it is made available. The agenda and annexes of the administrative General Assembly will be sent two weeks prior to the meeting. UNICA Secretariat in Brussels (office@unica-network.eu, +32 2 514 79 00) is at your disposal for any questions you may have.

We sincerely hope that you and your University representatives will be able to take part in the UNICA General Assembly 2016 and we look forward to welcoming you in Warsaw.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Luciano SASO
UNICA President



Prof. Marcin PALYS
Rector of the University of Warsaw