

To the ALLIANCE members :



Dear friends,

By this email, on behalf of ALLIANCE EC, I would like to provide you with some explanations about the increased membership fee asked in 2014 and the financial support ALLIANCE is proposing in order to support members' participation to the congress.

As voted at our General Assembly 2013, the fixed membership fee was increased from 350 € to 590 € for the year 2014. The decision was taken with the condition that, in case ALLIANCE would obtain in 2014 an operating grant from the new European programme ERASMUS+, the extra amount paid by the members(240€) would be given back by supporting their participation to ALLIANCE life.

It was stated that we would cover, at least partially, food, accommodation and travel costs for the Congress and/or General Assembly.

Thanks to the fact that ALLIANCE has obtained the expected operational grant, we are really happy to be able to respect this promise. The financial conditions offered for the congress are clearly proposed in line with the EC proposal presented at the GA 2013:

- ALLIANCE offers to covers meals and accommodation for two delegates per member organisation who attend the congress. The cost for 1 night, with full board, is 45 €. In total we invite people for 5 nights. So, it means a cost of 450€ per member organisation.
- ALLIANCE offers to reimburse travel expenses and visa fees for the 1st delegate of each member organisation, with a maximum amount of 300 EUROS for European based organizations and 800 EUROS for member organizations outside Europe.

In total and as maximum, ALLIANCE could therefore finance the participation of its full members up to 750€ per organisation and up to 1 250€ for its associate members, when the increasing of the membership fee had an amount of 240€.

Offer :	to cover the lodging costs of all participants, up to 100 participants	
	to cover the travel costs of the 1st delegate of each member to the congress	
Increasing of membership fee in 2014		€ 240
Maximum amount given back to European members (2 delegates hosted + travel refund of 300 €)		€ 750
Maximum amount given back to Non European members (2 delegates hosted and travel refund of 800 €)		€ 1.250

The decision taken by the GA in 2013 leads us to an effective management and clear organisational support from the very beginning of the year until now. I think this deserved to be underlined.

Thank you for your trust and participation,
And see you soon in Rispeccia,

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