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To all IS 2017 participants

It is now seven months since we all participated in the excellent 8th ICCDPP International Symposium on Career Development and Public Policy in Seoul, Korea. We hope you returned to your country with new ideas, renewed commitment and that you have been able to begin to advance your Country Action Plan. We are very pleased and excited to announce that Norway will host the 10th International Symposium to be held in 2019.

John McCarthy, Director of the ICCDPP, gave a brief presentation on the past and future of the ICCDPP at the Symposium. You may recall that the ICCDPP was formed in 2004 with the endorsement of the OECD and the World Bank and that it was supported financially for the first three years by the Irish Ministry of Education. Since that time the ICCDPP has continued to provide regular updates on recent policy and research initiatives, advance issues raised at each Symposium through its international working groups and work closely with countries who come forward to host an international symposium. It is however able to do so only on a part-time basis and with a very limited budget. We were all so fortunate to have the support of the Korean Ministry of Education and KRIVET for the recent Symposium and also the support of the Danish Ministry of Education and of KUDER Inc. (USA) for the follow-up of the 2015 Symposium held in the USA. We now need to plan for the activities of ICCDPP for 2018 and 2019. To continue its innovative work and international partnerships, the ICCDPP needs the support of the organisations and ministries that you represent.

We are thus asking you to seek financial support from your organisations and ministries for ICCDPP for 2018 and 2019. In the past, donations from organisations and ministries to ICCDPP have ranged from 2,000 to 10,000 euro, but there is no minimum or maximum limit. Every contribution is welcome. In many countries, the end of the fiscal year affords an opportunity to put to very good use unspent funds and the ICCDPP is a most worthwhile endeavour to recommend supporting. We will of course provide an invoice to your organisation or ministry for the amount of the contribution with relevant bank account details.

All contributions are acknowledged on the ICCDPP website, the ICCDPP social media sites, and on all ICCDPP publications such as the monthly emails that you receive. I have attached a 2017 Donor Infor-



mation File that you can use internally in your organisation and ministry so that officials can see the activities donations are supporting.

As you have now experienced, the structure of the International Symposia is unique. It demands prework of country teams and active and intense collaboration throughout the event itself. Symposia provide an unparalleled opportunity for international exchange and learning and the ongoing work of the ICCDPP Director and Board members sustains international collaboration. The ICCDPP is very hopeful that there will be positive responses to this request and we will support you with any background or support documents you may need going forward. We thank you in advance for your commitment to the ICCDPPP and to future Symposia. Do not hesitate to contact me, Raimo Vuorinen, Deputy-Chair or John McCarthy, Director to discuss further.

With best wishes

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