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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We are writing to invite you to the final plenary meeting of CLIOHRES, a research Network of Excellence of the European Commission's Sixth Framework Programme.

The full name of our Network is "CLIOHRES.net: Creating Links and Innovative Overviews for a New History Research Agenda for the Citizens of a Growing Europe". History is one of the most important ways that men and women form an image of who they are, and of how they should interact with others – and who the 'others' are. History, with its differing interpretations, is still a uniquely powerful factor in generating collective values and perceptions, as well as creating misunderstandings, divisions and conflicts.

CLIOHRES has attempted to address this situation by building a new level of critical awareness of how History 'works', and indicating new directions for research useful for understanding today's Europe and its interactions with the wider world. To do this it has utilised the unique heuristic opportunities created by the structured collaboration and hard work of 180 researchers (90 staff and 90 doctoral students) coming from 45 Universities in 31 countries – largely from the European Union, but also including EFTA countries, Serbia, the Russian Federation and South Africa.

The Network has operated in six Thematic Work Groups, each having about 30 members. During the past five years we have prepared 35 edited volumes and a number of dissertations for publication. This unique project is now close to completion, with a further fifteen books going through the press as we write. Our volumes are available for free download on the [www.cliohres.net](http://www.cliohres.net) website, and can be obtained in book form by writing to us.

At our final meeting, we wish to discuss, display and share the results of our collective efforts over the past five years. The meeting will take place in Brussels, on 19-20 March 2010, at the Royal Flemish Academy for Science and the Arts, in the Palais des Académies, rue Ducale 1. We very much hope that you may spare the time to attend, to allow us the opportunity to present our research findings to you, and to discuss with you our ideas and the various possible avenues for disseminating these findings to the wider public.

We are enclosing a detailed programme. You will see that we have planned a public plenary session (in the "Marble Room" of the Palais des Académies) and an exhibit (in the "Atrium" of the Palais' Ecuries).

We hope that you may be interested to hear about all this, and will be able to find some time in your busy schedule for this event.

Yours faithfully

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