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Dear Jelena Sofronova,

We are pleased to inform you about the announcement of the new Stipendium Hungaricum Call for Applications for studies starting in the academic year 2016-2017. Please find attached the whole document that is also available for applicants on our official website; <u>www.stipendiumhungaricum.hu</u>.

The deadline for application is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, hence applicants have 3 months to collect all required documents. Please note that the online application surface is going to open in the beginning of January 2016, however, we highly encourage applicants to start the application process the soonest possible.

Due to the continuous improvements of the Stipendium Hungaricum programme, there are a few **changes in the application process** compared to the last call. We would like to draw your attention to the following changes:

- ➢ No hard copies are required by the Hungarian side: applicants only have to hand in their application materials through the online application system of Tempus Public Foundation.
- Following the application deadline, Tempus Public Foundation formally checks all application materials and sends the list of formally correct applications to our partners in order to finalise their nomination lists. Please note that only applicants with formally correct applications shall be nominated.
- In order to exploit the total number of scholarship quota, our partners may prepare a reserve list up to the 20% of the total quota that is highly recommended to be attached to the nomination list.
- Besides doctoral, master and bachelor and one-year Hungarian language preparatory courses, scholarship holders – in the field of music only – can be admitted to one-year preparatory and specialisation courses.
- Some documents are allowed to be uploaded after the deadline, however, it is only possible in cases listed in the 3.3. section of the Call for Applications.
- We have collected the list of the contact people who are responsible for the Stipendium Hungaricum student applications that should be handed in to your side. Please inform us in case of any changes; the list is available on our website: http://www.tka.hu/international-programmes/3560/authorities-inthe-partner-countries
- Our partners can expect to be informed about the final selection results by the end of June, therefore applicants will have about 2 months to arrange their arrival to Hungary.

We would like to kindly ask you to send us the nomination list (and the reserve list as well)

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the latest. We would prefer you to send us one nomination list including all nominated applicants on one single list. However, if you wish to prepare separate nomination lists based on different study levels (bachelor, master, doctoral applicants), please note that we will consider your ranking according to the following order: firstly the applicants nominated for doctoral studies, secondly the applicants nominated for the master level studies, and finally the applicants nominated for bachelor level and preparatory courses. We would like to thank you in advance for sending us the nomination list until the given deadline. Please note that we are only able to proceed with nomination lists received after 25th March 2016 if there is enough time left for the nominated students to start and complete the institutional examination process on time.

We appreciate all your efforts in promoting the new Call for Applications, and in assisting us by advertising this scholarship possibility through your local communication channels! Please find attached our brand new leporello to be used for the promotion of the programme (Annex 2).

Should you have any questions about the new Call for Applications, please do not hesitate to contact us (Rókás Olga, olga.rokas@tpf.hu).

Yours sincerely,

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Annexes:

- Annex 1: Call for Applications, 2016-2017
- Annex 2: Leporello