To the Rectors and Presidents of UNICA Member Universities

Lausanne, 15 November 2014

Dear Rector,  
Dear President,  
Dear Colleague, 

Subject: UNICA Student Conference, University of Lausanne, 8-12 October 2014

The University of Lausanne will have the great pleasure to host the 8th UNICA Student Conference "Make it Happen! Student Action Plan", 8 - 12 October 2014.

As your University is a Member of the UNICA Network, we would like your students to participate. Member Universities are invited each to select a delegation of 10 students, whereas Member Universities from the capital cities that count more than one UNICA Member are asked to select 10 students in total. Students have to be in the last year of their first cycle or in the second cycle of studies and are required to be fluent in English, the official language of the conference.

Accommodation, meals, cultural events and local transportation costs will be borne by the University of Lausanne. Your institution will be asked to cover the travel costs of your delegates.

With the support of the University, the Lausanne students who participated in the UNICA Student Conference hosted by the University of Oslo in 2012 have largely contributed to the forthcoming Student Conference programme. On the website (www.unil.ch/unica2014), you will find the main themes of the conference: “Access to University”, “Education within University”, “Outcomes after University”. Students from each delegation should be divided into 3 groups corresponding to the 3 themes.

We believe that the voice of students is essential in shaping the future of Higher Education and UNICA Student Conferences have provided important forums for discussion and gave rise to new initiatives, such as the UNICA Green Academic Footprint (UGAF). The goals of this Conference are the creation of a UNICA student action plan founded on the creative ideas of the previous Conferences and the establishment of a network of UNICA Student Conference ‘Ambassadors’ who would ensure continuity between the Conferences and ensure follow up of the designed action plan.

Each institution is asked to nominate a tutor who will assist the students in the preparation for the Conference and accompany them in Lausanne. Given the topic of the conference, the tutor can be a student who participated in one of the previous UNICA Student Conferences. Please also select your University’s contact person responsible for practical matters regarding the conference. If you find it suitable, the tutor can assume the role of the contact person.

The names of students (divided into 3 groups), contact persons and tutors as well as their corresponding emails should be sent to the University of Lausanne Contact Person, Ms Romaine Morard (unica2014@unil.ch) before 14 February 2014.

Looking forward to welcoming your students in Lausanne, we thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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