

## *"Transforming Curriculum Through Collaboration"*



**Dear CEESA Community,**

This welcome letter tries to anticipate the various individuals who will be attending the CEESA Conference in Vienna. Some will be attending their first CEESA Conference, some will arrive in Vienna for the first time and some will come who have a deeply personal relationship with many of their colleagues from other CEESA schools. All of you will find imbedded in this welcome a sincere invitation to join us in Vienna for the CEESA Conference on March 13-15, 2014.

With Vienna as a backdrop, we welcome everyone in this community of learners to a conference that has been prepared with a strength of purpose, genuineness, challenge and wonderment. You will find yourself in discussions about multi-cultural education, service learning, international mindedness, appropriate teaching strategies, implications of globalization and technology and the joy of being in Vienna.

It is our hope that this conference will help all of the CEESA schools to recommit, ever more passionately, to have our schools seen as the place where the dreams of all who enroll can be realized; where the talents of our most motivated can be sharpened; where our at-risk children can find tranquility and where students of all persuasions can have their "moment in the sun". At the American International School of Vienna we're proud to join hands with the rest of the great schools in CEESA to improve the quality of student life in our schools and communities.

Our faculty and staff at AIS stand ready to help make your stay in Vienna an enjoyable and fun experience. We invite you to join us.

### **AIS Vienna**

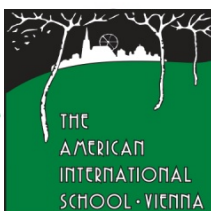
The American International School Vienna strives to; respect, include, nurture and challenge all members of its community. Founded on September 1, 1959, AIS is located in the Neustift-am-Walde area of Vienna, adjacent to the famous Vienna Woods, and provides an instructional setting amidst the beauty of the surrounding hills, forest, and countryside. On our 11-acre (4.5 hectare) premises there are seven interconnected buildings housing Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. AIS serves approximately eight hundred students from sixty countries, with about half of the total American or Austrian.

### **Vienna**

Vienna, which annually tops most lists of the best cities in the world, has sightseeing opportunities for visitors that come for a few hours, a day, a weekend, a week or even longer. The historical 'first district' is the natural first stop with its, museums, churches and palaces however, the possibilities are endless.

### **CEESA Celebration**

This year's celebration will be held at the marvelous Palais Ferstel which houses beautiful event halls, a shopping arcade and the famous Café Central. From construction in 1860 until 1925 the palace was the Austrian national bank. Partially destroyed in World War 2 the palace was officially reopened in 1982 as an event location. Each year AIS graduation is held in its halls.



  
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