LETTER EAS CONFERENCE







Dear Sirs and Madams:

ROC Aventus, the European Athlete as Student (EAS) platform, and the city of Apeldoorn would like to cordially invite you to participate in an International Conference entitled, "Education and Sport: How to Coach Your Student-Athlete". The conference is scheduled to take place in the city of Apeldoorn, Holland between Friday, November 23 and Sunday, November 25, 2007.

The purpose of this conference is to facilitate discussion amongst European Colleges and Universities regarding the challenges encountered when teaching student-athletes and how student-athletes might be able to become more successful in academic pursuits.

The conference will include a presentation from keynote speaker dr. Sjoerd Karsten, University of Amsterdam. Professor Karsten will discuss specifically the results of his study entitled, "The Obstacles of Dutch Student-Athletes in Education". Dr. Karsten's research investigates the difficulties students encounter when combining sports and higher education. Furthermore, he will offer advice regarding how schools might be able to assist students to be more effective when combining sports and education.

On Saturday November 24th, the conference will engage in a series of breakout sessions that will foster both discussion and discovery of our various approaches to working with the student-athlete. Since the main objective of the conference is to examine our different approaches to the teacher-student-athlete relationship, we would highly encourage any participant attending the conference to create a brief presentation regarding your specific practice with student-athletes. These sessions should enhance our understanding of cultural, regional, and individual differences in order to be more effective educating this unique type of student. It should be noted, however, that an individual presentation is not a requirement if you elect to attend this International conference, but we highly encourage active participation from all in attendance.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity we ask you to contact René Haantjes at r.haantjes@aventus.nl. The total costs of this conference are € 200 per person. This fee includes both hotel and food for the weekend. If you are interested in attending for only one day, special arrangements may be arranged.

ROC Aventus, the EAS platform, and the city of Apeldoorn expect a weekend that is one of a kind. We hope to see you in November.

Sincerely,

René Haantjes on behalf of the EAS platform