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Invitation to Active Professors

Dear Professor,

Retirement from employment does not necessarily mean retirement from academic life. Many retired professors remain professionally active: they continue research, publish, participate in conferences, mentor younger colleagues, maintain international contacts, and contribute their knowledge and experience to society. At the same time, digital technologies make it easier than ever to maintain and develop these academic relationships across generations.

We therefore *invite active professors, university networks, and academic associations* to discuss an important question: *How can networks and associations of active professors promote and support eCollaboration with retired academic colleagues?*

We would particularly welcome ideas and practical examples concerning:

- maintaining professional and academic contacts after retirement;
- enabling retired colleagues to participate in online meetings, conferences, and research activities;
- using university digital platforms and communication tools for intergenerational collaboration;
- supporting access to academic information and AI tools;
- developing joint research, publications, mentoring, and knowledge-sharing activities;
- creating networks that connect active and retired professors across universities and countries.

Why does this matter?

Academic knowledge and relationships do not disappear when employment ends. *The experience, knowledge, international contacts, and professional identity of retired professors remain valuable resources for universities and society.* eCollaboration can help transform retirement from a loss of institutional connection into a *new stage of academic contribution and intergenerational cooperation.*

We invite active professors to share their experiences, proposals, and examples of good practice and to help develop a more inclusive model of academic collaboration—one that connects *active and retired professors beyond retirement.* *Your experience and ideas can help build bridges between generations of academics.*

Let us explore how digital collaboration can keep academic communities connected—before, during, and after retirement.

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