



Newsletter

European IFYE Alumni

February 2014



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Greetings

Please enjoy another newsletter with updates from the European IFYE world. This might give you a break in the Olympic games which seems to entertain and make people busy these days

In this Newsletter we have reports from Switzerland and Northern Ireland about their social IFYE activities. Read and be inspired! Some of the ideas already seems to travel to new events! And I believe they are ready to be adopted by others. This time you can also read about last year's IFYE exchangee from Switzerland to Western Australia and some of what she have experienced. And finally we have received more information on what to expect at the European Conference in July 2014.

Thanks again to the members and Contact members for your contribution to another newsletter, there would be no Newsletter without your help!

- Hilde W. Riser (N)

Finnish IFYE's 50 years anniversary

We are celebrating our 50th birthday!
We would like to invite our European friends to join us.
Time is 6th of December 2014, in Salo, southern coast of Finland.

More information from Marita Pynnönen,
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New IFYE exchange with Vietnam

European IFYE organisations was last year invited to consider setting up an IFYE exchange with Vietnam.

Today we know that Norwegian 4H that organises/offers the exchange with Vietnam in 2014 and are excited to receive more news on this and if other countries also have responded to the offer!



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IFYE skiing in Switzerland



In January the Swiss Ifye's met for a ski weekend in the middle of Switzerland near Lucerne the mountain called "Klewenalp".

There were also ifyes from Austria (Andi Langgartner, Stefan Starlinger, Klemens Walkobinger). About 40 persons were there, also families with kids.

Weather was amazing and we had a lot of fun!

Dinner was cooked by ifyes self. Fantastic "fondue" for everybody:)



Executive committee: 2013-2014

President: Gerhard Steinberger, Austria
First Vice President Anna Persson, Sweden
Second Vice President Katharina Steinrücke, Germany

Treasurer: Norbert Winkler, Austria
Secretary: Linda Steele, Northern Ireland
Newsletter editor: Hilde W. Riser, Norway

Not one but TWO!!

...IFYE dinners in Northern Ireland

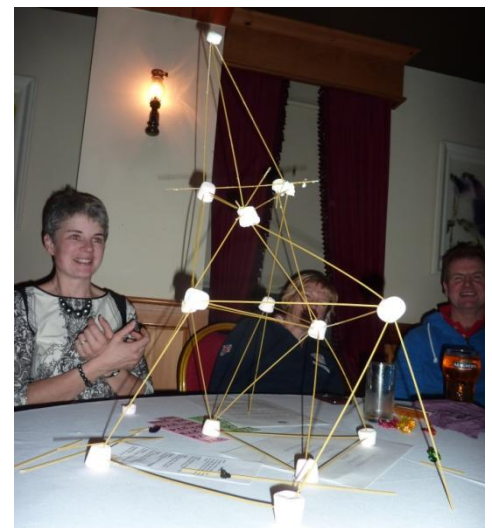
Ulster YFA (IFYE) have had two opportunities to meet in 2014. First there was a 'Roving Supper' around County Tyrone where each course was hosted at a different member's house. Soup, shrimp cocktail and spicy chicken were the starters at Roger and Jennifer Kings, followed by lasagne, curry, salads and more at Margaret and Noel Hemphill's. Sam Hawkes hosted the desserts and 'special' coffees which meant no one was in a rush to leave and partied into the wee small hours.



Last Saturday we moved to the other side of the country for the annual dinner. This year was a racing theme in honour of the 2014 Giro d'Italia which begins in Belfast in May.

Unfortunately lycra bodysuits are not the most flattering outfits so we didn't restrict ourselves to bicycles. There were horses, supporters, stewards and even 'Wacky Racers' Dick Dastardly and Penelope Pitstop in attendance!

Claire Woods provided the games and once again members managed to entertain both themselves and anyone else who strayed into the function room. Another great weekend of IFYE spirit!



Exchange to Western Australia 2013

The article was originally written for the Rural Youth Europe Newsletter by PATRICIA BÜELER Switzerland



In the beginning of September my adventure to Australia started. Twelve weeks to experience the Australian way of living and farming were ahead of me made possible under the International Farm Youth Exchange.

In Australia I'm hosted by Rural Youth Western Australia which is composed of the three clubs Katanning, Esperance and Bruce Rock. The strongest and most active division is Rural Youth Katanning. With 26 members and regularly organized events they contribute to the local culture and the regional development. Events like the pre harvest ball that had taken place recently attract young people from near and far.

The Southern Hemisphere is currently heading towards summer, so everyone is getting ready for harvest: cleaning and servicing the headers, setting up grain silos, doing the last bit of spraying. Aside from that there also is a lot of sheep work to be done. Crutching to avoid fly blows, drafting and vaccinating the lambs, checking and shifting sheep in general and if shearing hasn't been done in autumn, it's done now.

During the past seven weeks I've been living with five different farm families around Katanning. The size of the farms averaged 1500 ha and about 1800 ewes each were held. On the fields they mainly grew canola, barley and oats. Actually, the share of the sheep in the profit of a farm is just about 20%, the rest is crops.



Since I grew up on an organic dairy farm my experience with sheep was close to nothing. It was very interesting to get an insight into the sheep work and business. I was amazed at the mechanics of the sheep market for instance that most of the wool is sold to China or that live stock export is crucial for the profitability of sheep.

While being on exchange one lives with the families for free so help is provided wherever needed. So I lived with the families like an additional family member. I did a lot of different farm work, for example baling and loading oat hay bales or pushing sheep. But I also helped in the kitchen, baked some Swiss bread, cooked a Swiss meal or did the dishes. Whenever the host families had some free time, they took me to all the amazing spots that the Southwest of Western Australia presents. In this way I got around to beautiful places such as Albany, the Valley of the Giants



or Perth and local sights as Lake Dumbleyung or Puntapin Rock. Being from a small country like Switzerland, where a place a 100 km away is far far away, the vastness of Australia is incredible for me. I knew that Australia was big, but I was taken aback about the actual immense size of this country. This exchange gave me the opportunity to experience Australia as seen from the perspective of the local people. If I had travelled by myself, I would just have seen the tourist attraction and missed a lot of great spots. And moreover, I would never have met all these lovely people.

I'm looking forward to exploring further parts of this beautiful country within the next five and last weeks of this stay.

PATRICIA BÜELER Switzerland

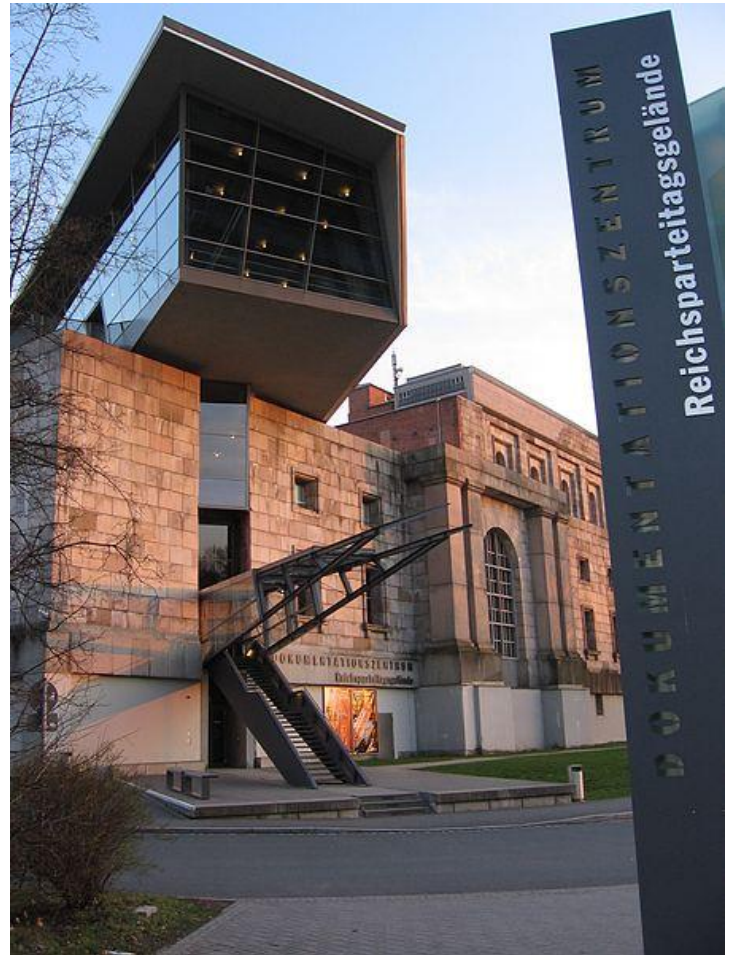
Welcome to Germany 2014

European Conference 19-26 July: Europa - bei uns daheim!

Only 5 more months to go until we meet again for a European Conference. In the last newsletter we told you a bit about our tour plans in the near surrounding of the Hesselberg. But we will also take you a bit further and visit Nuernberg in the administrative region of Middle Franconia and situated on the Pegnitz river and the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal. Nuernberg is the second largest city in Bavaria.



One group will have the opportunity to visit the "Dokumentationszentrum Reichsparteitagsgelände", the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds: In the Third Reich Nuremberg was the "City of the Nazi Party Rallies". The north wing of the unfinished Congress Hall on the former Nazi Party Rally grounds, designed by the National Socialists to accommodate 50,000 people, is now occupied by the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds. The permanent exhibition "Fascination and Terror" deals with the causes, contexts and consequences of the National Socialist tyranny within an exhibition space of 1 300 m². The focus of the 19 chronologically arranged exhibition areas is the history of the Nazi Party Rallies, which as mass gatherings were used by NS propaganda for staging the "national community". The exhibition continues outside, with large panels providing supplementary information on the history of each venue along the Nazi Party Rally Grounds, which today still cover approximately 4 km².



During our Spring meeting we will explore the other options for further visits in Nuermberg including the Imperial Castle and the house of Albrecht Dürer, Nuermberg's most famous son.

Another visit will lead us to the company of Faber-Castell, the leading company for graphite and colour pencils, with a worldwide production capacity over 2 000 million wooden-cased pencils per year (world's largest pencil manufacturer). The historic premises in Stein near Nuermberg was turned into a living witness to its industrial heritage. On two floors visitors are able to experience at firsthand how pencil leads were manufactured in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Of course your lunch in Nuermberg will include a traditional "Bratwurst"!

And one of the tours will take you to the "Spalter Hopfenland" where hops is grown and to the agricultural educational centre Triesdorf. About 3.000 students study here at 10 different schools and two different faculties.

To join us at the Hesselberg you can register online: www.ifye.de or send an e-mail to: registration@ifye.de

There you find detailed information how to get to the Hesselberg and helpful links for your travels.

Please note that we have limited space and rooms are available at "first come, first serve".



From March 7th to 9th we will have our annual spring meeting at the Hesselberg. This will be our final "test" for the conference in summer.

We are all looking forward to meet you in July!

AGENDA

56th Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni Thursday 24th July 2014, Hesselberg, Germany

1. Welcome and Opening of the meeting
2. Introduction of Office Bearers
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Apologies for Absence
5. Appointment of the Counters and the Establishment of the number of eligible voters
6. Approval of the Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting
7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting
8. Reports on Past IFYE Activities
 - 8.1 Report on the IFYE Conference in Wales in 2013
 - 8.2 Executive Committee Report
 - 8.3 Country Reports on Special or New Programmes
 - 8.4 Report on the European Rally held in Tipperary, Ireland in 2013
9. Financial Matters
 - 9.1 Main Report
 - 9.2 Lifetime Members' Fund Report
 - 9.3 Development Fund Report
 - 9.4 Auditor's Report
10. Applications to the Development Fund
11. Budget 2014/15
 - 11.1 Annual Budget
 - 11.2 Membership Fees
 - 11.3 Development Fund
12. Future IFYE Conferences
 - 12.1 Scotland 15-22 August 2015
 - 12.2 Estonia 2016
 - 12.3 Invitations for 2017 and beyond
13. IFYE 60th Anniversary 2018: Subcommittee Update
14. Election of Office Bearers

President: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut): Elected in 2013 for a two-year term.
1st Vice-President: Anna Persson (Swe): Elected in 2013 for a one-year term, election required.
2nd Vice-President: A representative from Scotland to be elected for a one-year term, to be nominated by the Scottish IFYEs.
Secretary: Linda Steele (NI): Elected in 2013 for a two-year term.
Treasurer: Norbert Winkler (Aut): Elected in 2012 for a two-year term, election required.
Newsletter Editor: Hilde Riser (Nor): Elected in 2012 for a two-year term, election required.
Auditor: Two Auditors are required, to be nominated by Scotland for a one-year term.
15. Any Other Business

Minutes from the 2012 AGM in Sweden is available on the Web site