



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

Executive Committee Report 2013

(To be read out at Country Meetings before the Annual General Meeting)

The 54th European IFYE Alumni Conference was held at Kungälv, Sweden from 21st – 28th July, 2012. It was a wonderful, eventful and relaxing week, full of new experiences, good food and entertainment, held in a truly historic location in the countryside alongside a castle. Our grateful thanks and appreciation are extended to our Swedish hosts who provided a wide-ranging programme in such a peaceful location.

The Executive Committee has again worked well as a team and met for the mid-term meeting in January in Abergavenny, Wales in the beautiful home of Alison and Keith Spencer. Mary Roberts joined us and we had a lengthy agenda, many discussions and decisions made, and amongst many items, the following should be of interest:

- Country Reports for 2012 are available on www.ifye.org
- IFYE Conference Promotion of Attendance – A six minute ‘teaser’ has been produced. (A link for this has been sent to the Contact Members to forward to their country members by email, and to all exchangees from the last three years, to tempt them to attend).
- A Letter of Introduction to European IFYE’s in 2012, 2011 and 2010, was sent out by the 1st Vice President via e-mail, with links to the Welsh IFYE Conference website, and the new promotional conference ‘teaser’.
- Lukas Helfenstein, (CH) kindly represented and promoted EIFYEA at the European Rally, held in Poland in 2012 and provided us with a comprehensive report. Closer links have been established with Rural Youth Europe in recent years, and it is hoped to build on these in future, by more effective promotion of EIFYEA during the European Rally each year.
- EIFYEA Administration – ‘Executive Committee Guidelines’, a comprehensive booklet, has been prepared by members of the Executive Committee. It sets out useful guidelines for the smooth running, and efficient operation of the EIFYEA organisation and will be of immense benefit to existing and new members of the Executive Committee in the future.
- A report has been provided to the IFYE continent groups around the World, outlining EIFYEA’s purpose, structure and organisation.
- Newsletter – This has been produced four times during the last year and emailed to recipients.
- IFYE Website – A new host for the site was implemented from September 2012, and has proved to be more efficient than the previous host.
- Finances – The Executive Committee has reviewed all finances and is satisfied that no increase in the Membership fee is required, and that it should remain at 20CHF for an Annual Membership and 240CHF for a Lifetime Membership

~~• Accounts and Budget – Additional explanatory information is to be provided to Members ahead of the AGM for your convenience and to aid understanding of the accounts.~~

- Membership statistics – There are currently 277 Lifetime Members and 35 Annual Members.
- 60th Anniversary of IFYE European Conferences in 2018 – The sub- committee has provided a report to the Executive Committee which was discussed at the mid term meeting and will give an update of its work, ahead of the 2013 AGM. The Executive Committee will consider the report and make recommendations for consideration by the Contact Members/Country Members at the AGM.
- Hosting of Future IFYE Conferences – Arrangements are in place to host the European Conference in 2013 (Wales), 2014 (Germany) and Scotland (2015), and one Country has expressed an interest in hosting in 2017, the Executive Committee has written to all Contact Members to request that their country's discuss hosting the Conference in 2016, before the 2013 AGM.

As retiring President, (due to conclude my 3rd two-year term), this is my 6th and final Executive Committee Report. Since being appointed as President in Norway in 2007, I have been privileged to attend fantastic conferences, held in Switzerland 2008; Isle of Man 2009; Austria 2010; Finland 2011; Sweden 2012 and now this year in Wales.

It has been a great honour, privilege and pleasure to have served as your President, and I express my thanks and sincere appreciation to you all for your support, and my particular thanks to all members of the Executive Committee for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm.

I am sure Members will have noticed that much has been achieved in recent years, with great improvements in the smooth running of EIFYEA and in making the organisation 'fit for the future'!

I look forward to seeing you all in Wales for what is sure to be a super Conference, with the input from Alison Spencer, Mary Roberts and the rest of the Welsh team.

On behalf of the Executive Committee

Martyn Quayle (Isle of Man)
President