



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

Executive Committee Report 2012

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

The 53rd European IFYE Alumni Conference was held at Metsäkartano, Finland from 23rd – 30th July 2011. It was a wonderful relaxing week full of new experiences and entertainment, held in the heart of the countryside alongside a lake. Our grateful thanks and appreciation are extended to our Finnish hosts who provided a wide-ranging programme in such a peaceful location.

The Executive Committee has worked well as a team and met for the mid-term meeting in January in Vienna, Austria at the home of Gerhard Steinberger's family. We had a lengthy agenda, many discussions and decisions made, and amongst many items, the following should be of interest:

- Country Reports for 2011 are available on the www.ifye.org website. All Contact Members are requested to submit a report of their Country's exchange trips and IFYE activities.
- The guidelines in the Blue Booklet have been reviewed and minor amendments have been made to the Responsibilities of Contact Members; the Executive Committee Job Descriptions and; the Recommended Guidelines for Organising a European IFYE Conference. The updated version will be published on the website prior to the AGM.
- Executive Committee Manual - A series of templates and procedures are being produced to help provide continuity for future committee members.
- A letter of introduction to European IFYEs in 2011 was sent out by the 1st Vice President via e-mail and is on the website.
- New Baby IFYEs at Conferences – Following feedback from them, it has been agreed that new IFYEs be formally introduced to Members by the 1st Vice President.
- The 1st Vice President represented the Association at the European Rally held in Slovenia in August 2011.
- Promotion of attendance at IFYE Conferences - It has been noted that Macra na Feirme (Republic of Ireland) attend the European Rally and have an IFYE exchange programme but do not attend IFYE Conferences. Contact has been made with them to promote the IFYE organisation, membership and our European conferences.
- Silver Pins and Pendants - Following the decision at the 2011 AGM, new stocks have been ordered.
- Silver and Golden Certificates – An updated design has been approved.
- Finances – The Executive Committee have reviewed all finances and are satisfied that no increase in membership fees is required.
- Accounts and Budget - Following last year's AGM, the Committee is pleased to have arranged for additional explanatory information to be provided to Members ahead of the AGM, for your convenience and to aid understanding of the accounts.
- Membership statistics – The current number of Lifetime Members stands at 264, Annual Members at 49, and Overseas Membership at 7.

- 60th Anniversary of IFYE European Conferences in 2018 – The Executive Committee recommends to this year's AGM, that a sub-committee be formed to prepare a special 60th anniversary of conferences report.

It remains an ongoing honour, privilege and pleasure to serve 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.

On behalf of the Executive Committee

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