

Executive Committee Report 2014

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

The 55th European IFYE Alumni Conference was held in Monmouth, Wales from 25th July – 1st August, 2013. It was a wonderful week, with a welcome as warm as the weather, and, once again, we had the opportunity to make many new memories along with both old and new friends. Our thanks and appreciation to our Welsh hosts who provided an excellent programme, and gave us the opportunity to learn about the beauty, history and marvels of Wales.

The Executive Committee met for the mid-term meeting in February in Frankfurt, Germany. We had a lengthy agenda and amongst the many items discussed, the following should be of interest:

- Country Reports for 2013 will be available on www.ifye.org.
- A Letter of Introduction was sent out to last year's European IFYEs via e-mail, with links to the German IFYE Conference website, fb page and the promotional video.
- IFYE Conference Promotion of Attendance – In addition to the six minute 'teaser' produced last year, a flyer is available which you can use at a local level or customise to suit yourself.
- Ideas from last year's conference were discussed on how newcomers could be encouraged to participate in future events and promote them to other new IFYEs.
- Linda Steele (NI) represented and promoted EIFYEA at the European Rally, held in Tipperary, Ireland in 2013 and provided us with a comprehensive report.
- Newsletter – This has been produced four times during the last year and emailed to recipients.
- Website – The Executive Committee is looking at how this might be developed, perhaps to include more photographs or reports on conferences and would welcome comments, expertise or advice from interested members.
- 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. The idea of interim levels of membership fees was discussed and it was thought that this would have no beneficial effects on membership numbers or finances at this time.
- 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 2014 AGM.
- Anna Persson (Swe) gave a report on the Word Conference and will make a presentation to the AGM along with Martyn Quayle (IOM).
- Hosting of Future IFYE Conferences – Arrangements are in place to host the European Conference in 2014 (Germany), Scotland (2015), and Estonia (2016). If your country is interested in hosting a conference in 2017 or beyond we would be grateful if you could discuss this prior to the conference.
- Short workshops will be included in the conference programme to allow members to contribute ideas or expertise on a range of issues including the website, young members, future conferences and past conference memories.

We look forward to seeing you all in Hesselberg in July.

On behalf of the Executive Committee

Gerhard Steinberger (Aus) Chairman