



European IFYE Alumni Association

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

Executive Committee Report 2009

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

The 50th European Conference was held at Strickhof, Lindau, Switzerland from 19 – 26 July 2008. Where we all enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere, beautiful surroundings, magnificent countryside, great food and learning about the history, heritage, culture and traditions of Switzerland. Our trip to Zurich gave us an insight into the excellent mode of transport available.

The conference is first and foremost a chance for us all to meet and catch up with old and new friends.

Our heartiest congratulations and appreciations are extended to our Swiss hosts, for providing a memorable 50th Anniversary Conference, and to all who helped to organise such a successful and enjoyable conference.

Following last year's Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee has continued to work well as a team and met for the mid-term meeting in January at my home in the Isle of Man. We had a lengthy agenda and much discussion, and amongst many items reviewed, the following should be of interest: -

- New E-mail address and more documents on the IFYE Website www.ifye.org
- New Template for applications to the Development Fund
- New Template so that every Country can make a digital report. To be given by each contact Member prior to every conference.
- Membership list updated to identify those who will receive future conference reports.
- Blue Booklet – minor amendments noted following publication of the 7th Edition, which was printed and distributed last summer. A new edition of the Blue Booklet is likely to be published on the website in 2011.
- Letter of introduction to European IFYE 2008 was sent out by the 1st Vice-President
- Newsletter – This was distributed in the winter and spring. Contribution of articles, news etc are encouraged from IFYE's, and should be sent to the newsletter Editor, before 1/09/09 and 01/02/10
- World Conference – The 9th World IFYE Conference took place in Adelaide, South Australia from 4th to 11th October 2008. It was an honour to represent Europe as your President on the World Executive Committee and to present the Greeting's Card signed by us at our 50th Anniversary Conference, to the Annual General Meeting. There was a sizeable contingent from the European Countries and we all enjoyed the hospitality of our IFYE friends in Australia. Congratulations to Deb Clark, Marcus Warren and the rest of the team for providing such an interesting and enjoyable programme.



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- Rural Youth Europe – Following my attendance as a guest at the RYE Conference in Switzerland our Executive Committee considered and supported ways in which our two organisations can work closer together to our mutual benefit. We welcome the Chairperson of RYE, Robin Swann to our conference this year and we will be holding discussions to consider how best to make progress.

In conclusion my thanks to you all for the opportunity to have served as your President during the last 2 years, which for me, has been a great honour, privilege and pleasure, and thanks to you all for your support. I also express my grateful thanks and appreciation to all the members of the Executive Committee for their commitment and enthusiasm, which has assisted the smooth running of the organisation.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

Martyn Quayle
President