



European IFYE Alumni Association

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

Executive Committee Report 2010

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

The 51st European Conference was held at King William's College, Castletown, Isle of Man, during Manx National Week, from 4th – 11th July, 2009, where we all enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere, fantastic weather, beautiful surroundings, magnificent countryside, great food and learning about the history, heritage, culture and traditions of the Isle of Man.

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 appreciation are extended to our Manx hosts – a small, hardworking team - for providing a memorable Conference which was so successful and enjoyable.

Following last year's Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee has worked well as a team and met for the mid-term meeting in January at Anette Nilsson's home in Grimeton, Sweden. We had a lengthy agenda, many discussions and amongst numerous items reviewed, the following should be of interest:

- Country reports from 2008 are available on the web site. Each Country's Contact Member is reminded to submit a digital report to the Executive Committee in the Spring prior to each conference using the template available.
- Constitution – Proposals have been considered and agreed by the Executive Committee and are recommended for approval by the AGM in 2010. Please refer to the Agenda.
- Development fund - Review of the guidelines undertaken and proposal for minor changes
- Letter of introduction to European IFYEs 2009 was sent out by the 1st Vice-President
- Newsletter – A paper edition of the Newsletter covering Autumn 2009/Spring 2010 was distributed to Members, having previously been published on the www.ifye.org website. In future, the Newsletter will be published on the website and anyone who wants a paper copy will need to register.
- Rural Youth Europe – At last year's conference in the Isle of Man, our Committee met with Robin Swann, Chairman of RYE to discuss ways in which our two organisations can work closer together to our mutual benefit. I attended the RYE Rally in Estonia last summer, and met some fantastic young people, all of whom would make excellent ambassadors on the IFYE exchange programme. Each Country should be encouraged to forge links with RYE and to encourage those who attend the RYE Rally to participate in the IFYE exchange programme.



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- National Organisations have been informed regarding decision at AGM 2009 to change routines in relation to publishing the newsletter

Although I am elected as President until 2011, earlier on this year, and due to expected commitments in 2011, I had felt the need to relinquish my position as President in 2010. However circumstances have changed and mindful of the fact that there are to be so many new Members of the Executive Committee to be elected at the 2010 AGM, I feel it is important to continue as President to support the existing, and new Members.

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 the members of the Executive Committee for their commitment and enthusiasm.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

Martyn Quayle
President