



European IFYE Alumni Association

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

Executive Committee Report 2011

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

The 52nd European IFYE Alumni Association was held at Ursprung, Austria from the 31st July – 7th August 2010. It was a wonderful week full of new experiences and entertainment starting with the memorable ‘musket’ wake up call on Sunday morning! Our thanks are extended to our Austrian hosts who provided a vast programme of wide ranging activities: from walking the skyline on a tree top trail; a visit to the ‘Sound of Music city’ Salzburg; a trip to the Alps; the Emergency Services headquarters and; the opportunity to learn to waltz to the music of Mozart and drink schnapps, but not at the same time!

IFYE’s who attend conferences experience camaraderie and friendships made for life. The conference is the core of our organisation, and its continuing success is very important. Please encourage your fellow IFYE’s to attend a conference whether their exchange trip was last year or 30 years ago. Perhaps only a personal invitation from you is all that is required!

The Executive Committee convened for the mid term meeting, held from the 07 - 09 January 2011 in Luxembourg. Danielle Nesor, her husband Claude and daughter Marie were wonderful hosts. The agenda was as extensive as usual and we had many informative discussions. The under-noted points may be of interest:

- Country Reports for 2010 - are available on www.ifye.org. All contact members are requested to submit a report of their Country’s exchange trip and IFYE activities.
- Letter of Introduction - the new IFYE’s who participated in an exchange trip in 2010 received a letter via email to advise them about our Alumni association; the opportunity to attend conference and; the initial baby IFYE conference fee subsidy that they are eligible to receive.
- Executive Committee Job Descriptions - the Convenor position ends at the AGM in Finland. The duties for the remaining committee members have been amended and updated.
- The Newsletter – is in a new format and will be published four times a year on the www.ifye.org website. Members who have registered to receive the notification receive an advisory email with a link to the website when it is available for download. This has proved to be a success and has already shown substantial financial savings for our organisation. Any member who would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter should register at ifye_europe@hotmail.com and their name will be provided to their contact member who will print and post it to them.
- Baby IFYE subsidy - the Executive Committee will recommend at the AGM that the subsidy to encourage IFYE’s to attend the conference within three years of their exchange trip should continue for five years.
- ‘Silver Pins’ - the completed questionnaires produced many interesting ideas for the recognition of an IFYE’s 25th year and it is hoped that some of these ideas could be introduced by conference hosts in the future. The results also enabled the Executive Committee to prepare a recommendation for the AGM.

- Membership Fees – The Executive Committee has considered the financial situation of our organisation and does not recommend any change in the Membership fees which are currently 20 CHF (Annual fee) and 240 CHF (Lifetime fee)
- Blue Booklet – This has been revised and is published on the www.ifye.org website.
- Internet Strategy – This has been considered and agreed and is published on the www.ifye.org website.

The 53rd conference offers the opportunity to visit a rural area of Finland. I am sure that many surprises and great adventures await us in 'IFYEland' and I look forward to experiencing them all with you.

Since being elected as your President in 2007, apart from attending the IFYE European Conferences, I have had the opportunity to represent IFYE at the World IFYE conference in Adelaide in October 2008 and at the Rural Youth Europe Conference in Switzerland in 2008 and Estonia in 2009 and met many wonderful people who are great ambassadors for our organisations.

It has been a fantastic honour and privilege to represent you and I express my thanks to you all for giving me the opportunity to do so, and for your continuing support through out my time as President. I also express my grateful thanks and appreciation to the Executive Committee for their commitment and enthusiasm, which has assisted the smooth running of the organisation.

I wish you every success and happiness over the forthcoming year.

Kind Regards on behalf of the Executive Committee

Martyn Quayle

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