



Newsletter

European IFYE Alumni Association

February 2011



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Greetings from the President – Martyn Quayle

First of all, may I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and my best wishes to you for a Happy and Healthy New Year. Following on from the last Newsletter, we have had even more snow and the Isle of Man has experienced the coldest December since records began, with overnight temperatures in the central valley where I live, being around -12 degrees Celsius. January initially brought some milder weather but as the remainder of January has unfolded, we have experienced severe freezing temperatures again.

Although flights around Europe were severely affected by the snow in December, the European Executive Committee's meeting in Stockem, Luxembourg had been arranged for the second weekend in January, which coincided with good weather and fortunately there were no problems for us to travel to Luxembourg. Most of the Committee were hosted by our Convenor, Danielle Nesar, her husband Claude and daughter Marie, with the remainder of the Committee being hosted next door to Danielle, at her parents' home. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I express our grateful appreciation to Danielle and her family for hosting us all and her wonderful hospitality.



The Executive Committee made some great progress on a number of issues, and hopefully you will be pleased when you hear the details at this year's IFYE Conference in Finland from 23rd – 30th July, 2011. I know that the Finnish IFYE Organisation has been working enormously hard to ensure that we have a memorable time in IFYELand and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Kindest regards

Martyn Quayle (Isle of Man)

TO ALL LIFETIME MEMBERS!!!

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REMEMBERED TO UPDATE US WITH
YOUR NEW ADDRESS?
PLEASE UPDATE US ON E-MAIL**

www.ifye.org

On our web site you will find Minutes from AGM (August 2010 and earlier years) and Contact Members meeting, Country reports and Newsletters 10 years back.



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Greetings from the Editor

After having had a great start on the new year travelling to Luxembourg for the Mid term meeting I realise that we already have reached February, and its not dark anymore when returning home form work. It's a good sign even if winter will last for many more weeks (normally and hopefully). Even if I love the winter season I'm happy looking forward to soon spend some days with one of my Dutch host families and maybe get a touch of spring...it will feel like coming home (no explanations required I assume).

As you will see this newsletter have two main themes: Executive committee work and exchange to Germany and activities in the German IFYE Association. I have had great help from Kelly Moyer exchange to Germany in 2011 and Edith Schröder, contact members from Germany. Thanks to both of you for your contribution and for sharing your stories.

In Luxembourg the Executive committee agreed on a internet strategy to have guidelines for the organizations use of electronically communication. These guidelines are also included in this Newsletter.

I would like to take the opportunity to challenge you all in contributing with stories and news for the coming editions of the Newsletter. Please queue up before the end of April!

Hilde W. Riser (N)

News from the executive committee

In this edition of the Newsletter you can read more about the following:

- Agenda for AGM 2011
- New internet strategy for the European IFYE alumni Association
- Remember the application date for the development fund.
- In last number of the Newsletter you were challenged to tell your opinion on the "Silver Pin issue" so far we have received 36 answers from Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Northern Ireland and Scotland. We are still open for feedback.
- See you all in IFYEland !(don't forget to register)



Mid term meeting, Executive committee

7th – 9th January 2011, Luxembourg

Every January for some years now the Executive committee has had their mid term meeting. This year Danielle Neser and her family hosted the meeting. First of all it was a great meeting, divided in to three sessions throughout the weekend, but we also managed to squeeze in so much more! It was almost like a miniature IFYE conference.



The weekend also included:

- Farm visit to Danielle's parents and brothers farm.
- Host family stay both in Danielle and Claude's place and at the house of Danielle's parents.
- Local food and drinks.
- Local visits to the community council administration offices where we met the Mayor and had the chance to see the local school and fire station and were treated to some Luxembourgish white wine.
- Saturday evening in the town of Clervaux where we spent the evening on a great local restaurant meeting up with the Luxembourgish IFYE's Sylvie Mousel, Carole Prim and Ludwig Muller.
- Meetings as already mentioned.
- Local specialities (new to me at least); baker's van stopping with fresh bread outside the door on some mornings every week.
- Introducing the English speaking members of the executive committee to the long lasting Christmas / New years tradition on TV: "Dinner for one" with the classical phrase "Same procedure as last year..."
- Travelling across the country with public transport for €1,5 (full price)



In the last Newsletter Danielle shared her recipe for a Luxembourgish Christmas cake and asked for feedback with pictures from IFYE's who added an international touch to their Christmas cooking. At the meeting we had the chance to taste the cake: it was made by Danielle's grandmother, and a great treat as we then could celebrate Treasurer Norbert's birthday.

We had a great and efficient meeting

Check out some of the outcome of the meeting in this Newsletter



Sausage making: Mixing Ingredients and Cultures

by Kelly Moyer, IFYE 2010



A six-month IFYE to Germany, I gladly returned to the mountains of Colorado to be home for Christmas. However, I miss the wonderful people in Germany and also the sausage, or *Wurst*. Accompanying this nostalgia is memories of my time in Saxony with the Förster family on the border of Poland where I had the opportunity of making sausage. Stefan Förster had been an IFYE to Montana and New Hampshire in 1998.

In Saxony, as well as other parts of Germany, wild pigs, or *Wildschweine*, are a problem because they damage corn fields. One fall day, as corn was being chopped for silage, Stefan rode on the chopper with his gun and shot one of the many wild boars that ran out of the corn.

With the boar, I helped butcher it and make sausage with Stefan and *Fleischer Jörg*, a friend. First we cut the meat of the shoulders and bacon sections of the pig into small pieces. Next we seasoned the meat – don't worry I have the secret recipe! After it is ground, all must taste the raw meat to ensure the flavor is good. In the US eating raw pork is not a good idea, but in Germany a meat sample is brought to a vet and tested before eaten. I was still a bit hesitant to taste the raw pork, but only for a moment – after all, being an IFYE involves trying new things!

The ground meat is kneaded like bread dough before it is forcefully thrown (to avoid air bubbles) into the metal canister that we pushed the sausage out of into the pig intestine casing. First we made 14 salamis. Next Jörg twisted the casing to make 80 *Knackers* in less than one minute. *Knackers* are a sausage somewhat like a beef teriyaki stick, only better. They get their name from the "knack" sound when you bite into them. At this time the meat was brown but after we hung it to dry on hazelnut sticks for three days the salts turn the meat red. The final step is smoking the sausage for one night before enjoying them.





The delicious flavor and high quality of German sausage, or wurst can be attributed to the fact that almost every town in Germany has at least one Fleischer, or butcher. But making sausage is more than just work; it is part of carrying on a tradition. This experience reminded me of cutting and packaging elk and deer meat at my grandma's house, but it was uniquely different and a German tradition I will never forget. One day I hope to open a butcher shop in Colorado with the secret sausage recipe. It should be a thriving business that will compliment the German restaurant I could open with all the recipes I've collected!

From January until mid-April, I will be travelling around Colorado, giving presentations about German culture and the IFYE program to 4-H clubs, schools and community organizations. When I think of the most important message to share, I can't help but think of the IFYE song. Returning home, I realize how the IFYE experience in Germany has changed me in ways only an IFYE can appreciate. As I work to spread a message of greater understanding in the world, I can guarantee that one more IFYE truly understands it.

**Song of Peace
(The IFYE song)**

This is my song, O God of all the Nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the Country where my heart is.
Here are my hopes, my dreams my holy shrine,
But other hearts in other lands are beating with
hopes and dreams as high and true as mine.
My Country's skies are bluer than the ocean.
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover and
skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
Oh, hear my song thou God of all the Nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine.



German IFYE meetings have a long tradition

The Brandenburg conference

First the IFYE 's gathered together to continue friendships with their IFYE sisters and brothers and to form new ones with other German Exchangees. The German IFYE alumni were founded February, 14th 1964 in Neustadt an der Weinstraße and our first president was Gudrun Berns. Since then we have our general assembly each year. In the beginning there was just one meeting. Over the years we established to have a spring and a fall conference.

A group of IFYE 's or just one IFYE is the organizer for that weekend meeting. The hosting IFYE 's show the region, the landscape, the agriculture or sightseeing points and often invite the other IFYE's to their own house. We try to have a good mix of hosting the conferences in different parts of Germany. It 's a very good way to learn more and more about your own country. We are mostly a group of 35 to 45 persons. IFYE partners and kids are very welcome. Also for our Incoming IFYE 's the fall conference is on their program schedule. Last year Carolyn Gehrke (Illinois/USA) and Kelly Moyer (Colorado/USA) joined the meeting. They wrote a report about it for our German IFYE Newsletter. We thought to share this report with you.



Brandenburg Conference – A Boatload of Fun



The 2010 Fall German IFYE Conference took place September 17 – 19 in Doberlug-Kirchhain, Brandenburg. 30 people gathered Friday night at Hotel Rose for supper and socializing. After breakfast, the next day, we set off to explore a few of the attractions the Niederlausitz region has to offer. This area is located south east of Berlin. Many tourists enjoy the exploration of the Spreewald area in punts.

But first, we toured an Overburden Conveyor Bridge F60 (Besucherbergwerk F60) completed in 1991 to transport the coal and other rocks from the open cast coal mine to

semi-trucks. The bridge can move up to 29000 cubic meters of overburden from the opencast mine in one hour. After reunification, the coal mine closed and the bridge became a tourist attraction, as it is over 80 meters high, and longer than the Eiffel Tower is tall. We had a terrific view of the region after climbing to the top of the bridge. This was also the location of the group picture.

Once on solid ground, we went to the Pfarrgarten Saxdorf, where we enjoyed lunch before exploring [and learning about] the very old and beautiful garden. Next, our bus brought us to Wahrenbrück, a "Kleinen Spreewald." We boarded long canoes to enjoy the nature and great company while a "Skipper" navigated us through the lush green forests. While it tried to rain a bit, if we got wet, it was only from rocking the boat. After eating coffee and cake, we returned to Doberlug-Kirchhain, where Mattias Bohme gave us a tour of the town. After supper, the two American IFYE's currently in Germany gave presentations about themselves and their IFYE experiences so far, before planning began for the 2014 European IFYE



conference that will be in Germany. A lively game of "spoons," a favourite IFYE game, was enjoyed by several people who stayed up late!

On Sunday morning we toured the 400 cow dairy farm, where Peggy and Mathias work. We saw the rotary milking system, and also had the option of seeing various machinery at the other part of the farm.



The conference was concluded with a traditional lunch at Peggy Rostin (IFYE 1996) and Matthias Bohme's house. We would like to thank **Peggy and Mathias** for organizing such a wonderful conference and look forward to gathering again next spring.



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Internet strategy

Agreed by the Executive committee in Luxembourg 2011

Web site: (European part of www.ifye.org)

The web site is the official and primary information source for the organisation.

Its purpose is to provide:

Information from the Executive committee to the members, Information on the history of the organisation, Links to national organisations, Links to European conference and World conference web sites, Information and web site links about events being held by individual countries (on request), The Newsletter, The Minutes of meetings and other central documents, Reports i.e. the annual country reports and the executive committee report, Contact information for the executive committee

Members of the Executive Committee only, can publish information on behalf of the organisation.

Member's names, their Exchange Country and year of exchange only, can/may be identified within the web site. Information deemed to have a personal association i.e. addresses and attendance on future events will only be published if personal permission has been given.

The contact details for the Executive Committee will be published on the web site, but will not be available via a direct link.

Reports from annual European Conferences which includes address lists and pictures shall not be published openly on internet.

Social Network Sites: i.e. Facebook & Twitter etc

Any social media is a complementary and informal source of information.

It's only members of the executive committee who can publish information on behalf of the IFYE organisation.

Links/ information about national events shall only be presented when requested from the hosts or directly to a page they operate.

Establishing of "events" in the name of EIFYEA on Facebook shall only happen if a country requires so and they will be given access to the site in order to publish the necessary information.

e-mail: [ifye_europe\(A\)hotmail.com](mailto:ifye_europe(A)hotmail.com)

The organisations e-mail address is accessed solely by the members of the Executive Committee. It must be used only as a method to contact members of the IFYE organisation, or in carrying out the business of the organisation.

Development Fund

Does your national organisation have a development project that needs economically support? If so, consider applying for some funding to assist setting up the project, from the Development Fund. The application form and conditions are attached to this email. The closing date for applications is the 1st May 2011.

This information and application form has been sent directly to the contact members.

AGENDA

53rd Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni Association Metsäkartano, Finland on Thursday 28th July 2011

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting
2. Introduction of Office Bearers
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Apologies for Absence
5. Appointment of Counters and the Establishment of the number of Eligible Voters
6. Approval of the Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting, held in Salzburg, Austria in 2010
7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting held in Salzburg, Austria in 2010
8. Reports on Past IFYE Activities
 - 8.1 Report on the IFYE Conference in Austria in 2010
 - 8.2 Executive Committee Report
 - 8.3 Country Reports on special or new Programmes
 - 8.4 Report on Internet Strategy
 - 8.5 Report on the European Rally in Sweden in 2010
9. Financial Matters
Main Report 2010/2011, Lifetime Member's Fund Report, Development Fund Report and Auditor's Report
10. Applications to the Development Fund
11. Proposed changes to the Development Fund
 - a) *A reduction in the total funds held in the account from 15,000CHF to 10,000CHF*
12. Silver Pin Report
13. Baby IFYE Conference Fee Subsidy Proposal
14. Budget 2011/2012
Including Annual Budget, Membership Fees, Development Fund
15. Future IFYE Conferences
Sweden 2012, Wales 2013, Germany 2014, Scotland 2015 and Invitations for 2016 & beyond
16. Election of Office Bearers
President: Martyn Quayle (IOM): Elected in 2009 for a two-year term, a representative is required
1st Vice President: Gerhard Steinberger (AUT): Elected in 2010 for a two-year term
2nd Vice President: A representative from Sweden to be elected for a one-year term, to be nominated by the Swedish IFYE's
Secretary: Sally Young (SCO): Elected in 2010 for a one-year term, a representative is required
Treasurer: Norbert Winkler (AUT): Elected in 2010 for a two-year term
Newsletter Editor: Hilde Riser (NOR): Elected in 2010 for a two-year term
Auditor: Two auditors are required, to be nominated by Sweden for a one-year term.
17. Any Other Business

European Conference 2011 23rd -30th July

The 53rd European IFYE Alumni Conference on 23rd – 30th of July 2011 in IFYELAND, organized together with the Finnish IFYEs in Metsäkartano, FINLAND.

There is a limited edition of visas and they will be granted for 154 ambassadors first applied. Find the visa application form and much more info (and gossips) on soon coming website www.ifye.fi/ifyeland and send Your emails (any IFYE-kind) generally t: ifyeland (A) gmail.com

Official mail, special ideas or questions to Mrs Sirkku Laurila or Mrs Kati Nurminen, who is receiving Your visa-applications. Kati´s address is Käpykuja 3, 42300 JÄMSÄNKOSKI and phone (own) +358-50-4612770.



Congratulations!

Eva and Jon Kåre Solås (IFYE to the US 1999) Norway with a son, Aksel, born 30 January 2011

Rune Ravatsbakk and Ann-Karin Aas (IFYE to Costa Rica 2004) Norway with a son, Jonatan, born 9 December 2010

David Hull (IFYE to Finland 2004), Northern Ireland and Maria Talla (IFYE to Scotland 2009) Finland on their engagement in December 2010

Annick Assa (IFYE to USA 2002), Luxembourg on her marriage to Aiden O'Dwyer 01.09.2009. Their son Matthew was born in spring 2010

