



# Newsletter

European IFYE Alumni Association

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# Greetings from the Editor

Travelling as IFYE are a part of all of us. Some of us have had the opportunities to experience traditional days on our trips. Here in Norway we have just celebrated 17<sup>th</sup> May, our National day. We celebrate our Constitution which was signed on the 17<sup>th</sup> May in 1814.

The day is a public holiday and if you are here you are likely to be waked up early by 19 year old graduating pupils celebrating the end of 13 years of schooling. You will see loads of national costumes everywhere, and every village will have a parade with bands and happy hours with children from some 120 schools in the city celebrating the freedom we have and the Constitution that give us democratic rights.



I have been fortunate to celebrate amongst others the festive tradition Sinter Claas in the Netherlands; I have been in UK on Guy Fawkes, seen parts of the Easter celebration in Spain and the Tynwald week in the Isle of Man. They have all been special experiences for a foreigner to attend. But one of the most impressive moments was in the Latvian capital of Riga where I happened to be some years ago on their Independence Day on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. The country got their independence in 1991. It was a touching to see all the happy people and the old veteran in front of the national memorial and all the flowers. During the occupation you could have been shot for leaving flowers there.

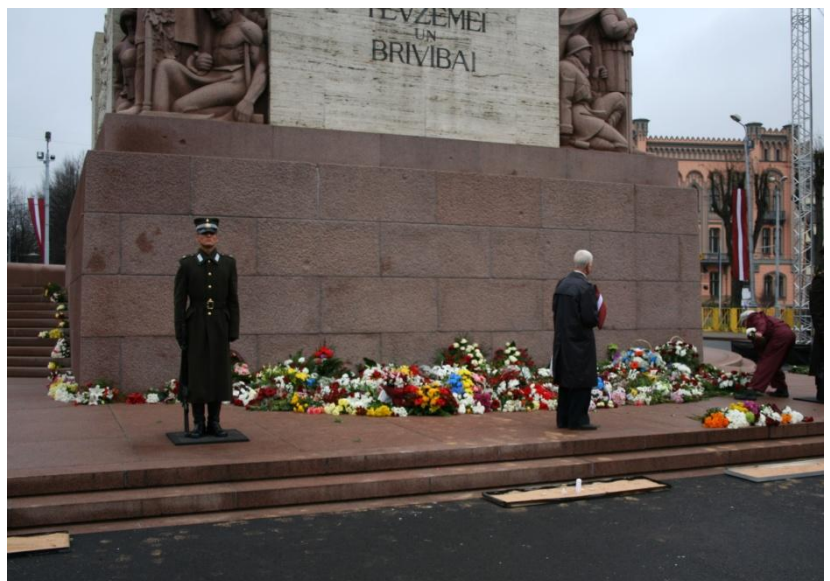
This experience puts a special colour to our own celebration of being able to live in a democratic society and I hope everyone is able to take in what National celebrations like the one in Latvia really are about.

17<sup>th</sup> May puts a colour to the season here in Norway and I hope you all will have a chance to take part in it. I hope you will have a chance to take part in it.

celebrated and what it means to or meant to the people who fought for, or contributed to the day you can take part in celebrating.

Enjoy the summer! See you in IFYEland!

Hilde W. Riser (N)



# News from the executive committee

A 3-year trial period on Baby IFYE subsidy for attendance on their first IFYE conference has come to an end. For the AGM in July 2011 the Executive Committee recommend that the Baby IFYE conference fee subsidy continue in its current format.



The proposal detailed below was adopted at the AGM in Norway in 2007, and ran for a 3year trial period. Each newcomer will receive a maximum contribution of 160CHF towards the published conference fee. It will be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Full time attendance at the conference
- (2) Valid in any of the first 3 years following the exchange trip (an IFYE in 2008 could receive the contribution in 2009, 2010 or 2011).
- (3) The application form will be issued and submitted to the Treasurer during the conference attended, and payment will be made by the end of the conference.
- (4) The contribution will be reduced proportionately if more than 5 applications are received in any one year.

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The Contact members will receive necessary information for the meetings to be held in Finland by early June. Some of the information will also be published on the web site.

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An updated issue of the Blue booklet have been published on the IFYE web site.



**"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."**



horticultural expertise but explored our own artistic talents in clay. Farmers Night, to increase the profile of the organisation and allow past members to catch up with each other and relive their youth.



The funds raised will also help us to support and promote the IFYE programme. In recent years the number of applications has been dropping, mainly due to the unpredictable economic situation, and so YFA members have been working even harder to spread the IFYE gospel. We have been talking to young people and their parents about the benefits of exchange and how this type of travel experience is like no other. Our efforts may be on a small scale but just as a journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step we hope that, along with the work of other members around the world, it will contribute to

ensuring that the IFYE exchange programme continues to benefit rural young people for many years to come.



# SILVER PIN REPORT

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At the 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Thursday 05 August in Ursprung, Austria, the executive committee was requested to consider and report back to the 2011 AGM, regarding the tradition of presenting a silver pin to 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary members.

## Background:

The presentation of a silver pin to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> year since a members exchange trip commenced in 1983 at the 25<sup>th</sup> conference in The Netherlands. The raffle, which is still held, commenced a couple of years earlier, initially to raise funds for champagne to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> conference. It proved to be such a successful fund raiser that the surplus money was used to purchase silver pins to present to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary members who attended that conference, a tradition that has continued.

The 2010/11 budget, presented to the members at the 2010 AGM, included an allocation of 3,600 CHF (2,400CHF was to be taken from the lifetime member fund) to purchase 20 tie pins (given to males) and 40 pendants (given to females). The members queried the perceived high cost of the silver pins and a motion proposed by the Swedish IFYE members requested the executive committee prepare a report on the matter and present it to the members at the 2011 AGM.

## Newsletter Questionnaire:

The IFYE newsletter included a feature on the silver pins: members: were requested to complete a questionnaire or send their suggestions concerning the issue to their contact member 637 responses were received from 5 countries.

## Cost of silver pins:

The executive committee sought quotations for the supply of silver pins. It was concluded that there is very little difference between the existing suppliers quote (38 pfor a tie-pin and 19 pfor a pendant) and that which can be sourced elsewhere. The proposed supplier is yet to be confirmed.

## Mid Term Meeting:

The Mid Term Meeting was held in Luxembourg from the 07 -09 January 2011. The executive committee considered the responses received from the members. In conclusion:

- (1) There is general support from the members for the continuation of the silver pin presentation;
- (2) V j g " k u u w g " q h " c " u k n x g t "sideration"and;q " D c d { " K H [ G ø u " t g s w k
- (3) Eligibility to receive a pin (apart from it being 25-years since a members exchange trip) should be considered.

In addition, the questionnaire replies provided several addition suggestions of how to give recognition to anniversary members, including:

- < A 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary IFYE exchange report / a list of members names to be included in the newsletter;
- < Anniversary members are invited to take part in the first dance at the farewell dinner IFYE and;
- < Anniversary members receive a cake at the IFYE conference.

The above and the additional suggestions made by members would be an option for the conference hosts to consider for inclusion on an annual basis if so required.

## Recommendation:

The under-noted recommendations to be proposed for adoption at the 2011 AGM:

- (1) The presentation of a silver pin to mark, the 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since a members exchange trip should be continued
- (2) A Baby IFYE is not eligible to receive a silver pin
- (3) Additional silver pins to be purchased from the best priced supplier

# On Line Friend

Source Unknown

## On Line Friend

I had some free time, so what did I do?  
I checked the computer to see if I'd heard from you!



I used to walk out to a box to retrieve mail.  
But I'd rather get it instantly, than wait on the snail!



Checking my e-mail is always fun!  
I usually get a joke or greeting from someone.

I feel so blessed because on the other end,  
I know I've connected with a friend!

When I've had a hard day and ~~de~~ to share,  
Here I can find a friend who will listen and care.

And to this friend I hope I've let them know  
That I am always there for them also!

Isn't it a strange kind of bond we form?  
It isn't exactly like the "norm"!

But, where is it written, face to face we must be,  
For you to be a very good friend to me??

That little joke or note, or just a simple "Hi",  
Could be like a ray of sunshine from the sky!

So my online pals, this is dedicated to you,  
For all the smiles you have made anew!

May our friendship continue to grow,  
And the warmth we feel continue to flow!

Always remember this...  
A smile is such an easy thing to pass along the way,  
Like a ray of summer sunshine,  
On a somewhat gloomy day!!

Thank you for being my Online Friend!!!



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# European Conference 2011

## 23<sup>rd</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> July

The 53<sup>rd</sup> European IFYE Alumni Conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 for the visa application form and much more info (and gossips) on soon coming website [www.ifye.fi/ifyeland](http://www.ifye.fi/ifyeland) and send Your emails (any IFYE-kind) generally to: 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) +358504612770.



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Sally Young, Scotland searching for Swiss girl Marianne Hegg who stayed at my house about 22 years ago. Sally would like to get in touch. Sally can be reached the IFYE-mail account.

*We have more space for announcements like this in the future.*



## Congratulations!

Signe Nyland (IFYE to the Netherlands 1995), Norway and Kristian Ilmarinen with a daughter Kristine born 12 February 2011



Danielle Neser (IFYE to the US 2000), Luxembourg and Claude Huss with a son Nicolas born 22 March 2011

Roger King (IFYE to the Netherlands 1992) Northern Ireland and Jennifer A. Agustin on their engagement

Eric Crozier (IFYE to Switzerland 2008) Northern Ireland and Rachel Stanfield on their engagement

