



Newsletter

European IFYE Alumni

February 2013



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Greetings from the President – Martyn Quayle

With Christmas seeming an almost distant memory, nevertheless, I do hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends and that the New Year is proving to be a good one for you.

The European Executive Committee met in Abergavenny, Wales during the second weekend in January and we were kindly accommodated in the beautiful home of our Second Vice-President, Alison Spencer and her husband Keith, aided and abetted by Mary Roberts who lives nearby. Our sincere and grateful appreciation to Alison and Keith for such kind hospitality and providing such comfortable accommodation, and to them, Mary and others, for such a warm welcome to Wales.

We had some very productive meetings in Abergavenny and look forward to giving further details at this year's IFYE European Conference in Wales from 25th July – 1st August, 2013.



The Conference venue is ideally located as it also gives you an opportunity to visit the Royal Welsh Show at Builth Wells, Wales for a couple of days or longer, prior to arriving at the Conference venue. An opportunity not to be missed – I'm going, as well as quite a few of the British IFYEs/Young Farmers' Ambassadors and hope to meet you there!

Alison and Mary gave a very detailed outline of their plans and aspirations for the European Conference and we were very impressed, as you will be too if you make the commitment to travel to Wales in July!

Upon returning to the Isle of Man, we were 'snowed under' with severe snowfalls and extremely cold conditions. However, I'm counting the days now before a return visit to Zermatt, Switzerland for some skiing with some friends who used to be in the Young Farmers' Clubs.

As our thoughts turn to summer, I know that our Welsh colleagues have been working enormously hard to ensure that we have a memorable time with them in July/August, and look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Kindest regards

Martyn Quayle (Isle of Man)



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Greetings from the Editor

Here we are again! Another newsletter! In January the executive committee had our mid term meeting and you can read about topics we focused on there and other stuff we have worked on recently. The agenda for this summers meeting is also included in this Newsletter.

You can also read about IFYE life in Switzerland and about a group trip connected to the World Conference in Thailand in November organised by Swedish IFYE's. The Welsh Conference organisers have supplied us with the programme for the Conference week. I hope you have signed on and to see you there!

Last summer the members asked for more rumours to be published in the Newsletter. The supply of this has varied and lately nothing has come my way... or maybe is a hearing aid required.

Two weeks ago we published a 'film' with the purpose of promoting the European IFYE Conferences for newly returned exchangeees. It seems that it was a good side effect from this, and we have received positive feedback from many of the faces seen every year cherishing good memories they have got from seeing the film. The film covers memories collected on IFYE conferences from 2004 – 2012.

Thanks a lot to those of you that have contributed to this edition and if anyone feels tempted to contribute in a future newsletter; don't hesitate to sharpen your pencil or send me a great picture or two!

Hilde W. Riser (N)



ALL LIFETIME MEMBERS!!!

**HAVE YOU MOVED LATELY AND REMEMBERED TO UPDATE US WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS?
PLEASE UPDATE US ON E-MAIL**

Executive committee: 2012-2013

President: Martyn Quayle, Isle of Man
First Vice President Gerhard Steinberger, Austria
Second Vice President Alison Spencer, Wales

Treasurer: Norbert Winkler, Austria
Secretary: Sally Young, Scotland
Newsletter editor: Hilde W. Riser, Norway

Midterm meeting

Updates from the Executive committee

In January the Executive committee gathered in Wales at the home of Alison and Keith Spencer in Abergavenny for the Mid term meeting. It was an excellent weekend with the possibilities to meet other members of the committee, sharing good meals and enjoy Welsh hospitality. Thanks a lot for hosting the meeting and organising a good weekend for us. We had good discussions and started preparing for the AGM in July.



Following the mid term meeting we will focus on some of the annual formalities; the Agenda for the AGM in Monmouth in July is to be found here in this newsletter and the application date for the development fund is as always 1 May. For the Contact Members it's a date for returning the country reports to our secretary and for all; remember to sign on for the Conference in Wales and remember the next deadline for the newsletter.

Blue booklet / Guidelines Executive committee

Over the last two years we have worked through our guidelines which are collected in the Blue booklet this included updated Job descriptions for members of the Executive committee and for the Contact members, Financial/Fund administration, Guidelines for Conference organisers and Internet strategy. The updated version of the Blue booklet is to be found on the web site.

We have also made "Guidelines for the Executive committee" which is a collection of agreements, action points and checklists which we hope are helpful for any (future and existing) member of the Executive committee.

Conference report - lifetime members

Some years ago we managed to cut costs as we now only send Conference reports to lifetime members (not attending the Conference) that have subscribed for it. If you suspect that we never got your subscription or you simply forgot to do it at the time, you can anytime send us an e-mail to be added to the list.

Promoting IFYE programme / IFYE Conferences

Some years ago we had a leaflet made with the purpose to inform participants on the European Rally about the IFYE programme and encourage them to get in touch with their national organisation to apply for the IFYE programme, this will now be updated and will be given all participants on the Rally.

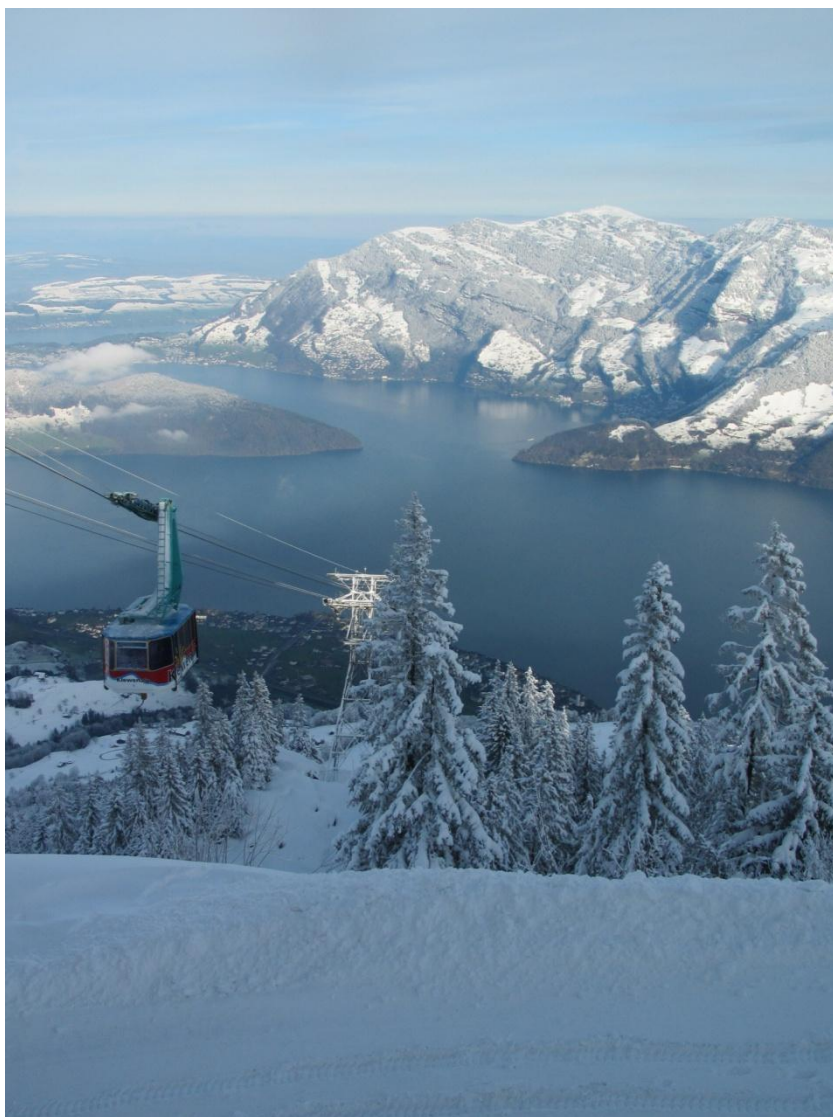
Now in February we also launched a promotion video. The purpose of this was to encourage possible baby IFYE's to attend their first conference. A link to the film is included in a letter to all participants in the programme over the last three years. All members on the Newsletter list have also received a link to the film. Thanks to the photographers and those playing the main characters in the 'film'. You also have a share in the positive feedback received!

Development Fund

Does your national organisation have a development project that needs financial 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 2013.

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

IFYE-Swiss members like to socialize



IFYE's are interesting people to talk with. They tell interesting stories, both about their exchange and about their daily life. Through the experiences they gained in another country, they sometimes have a point of view I did not take into account so far. Meeting IFYE's means for me to learn, to become more open-minded, to get new advices to travel, and so on.

I'm glad that other IFYE's think the same way. Therefore some IFYE's in Switzerland organize activities – possibilities for IFYE's and their friends to meet. This way we can expand our social network.

Marc-André Zuber organizes a ski weekend every year. This year new and older members enjoyed the good snow-conditions on Klewenalp and the beautiful view onto the lake of Luzern. After skiing four members danced in the after-ski-bar and almost missed the traditional Fondue in the house we rented for the group. During the night we played some games.





In summertime Adi Marti organizes an American night. IFYE's to America, persons who have travelled to America or are interested in America, or simply those who enjoy IFYE-company meet for burgers, onion rings, French fries, Coke, Miller beer, Yell-o, and so on. Many people are dressed as a Cowboy or Cowgirl, everybody wears a hat. Caution: IFYE's can get homesick! – Two American IFYE's said: It is even more American than it would be in America!

Other people organize a hiking weekend, a Fondue-meeting, a Norway-day, an IFYE-X-Mas-Party, and many more. And those who cannot get enough or like it more international will attend the European IFYE conference!

The IFYE-exchange is organized by the IFYE-Swiss board. The board consist of alumni IFYE members. The board selects the outgoings and searches for host families for the incomings. Every IFYE is personally coached by a board member. The board produces the IFYE-Swiss publication with reports written by outgoings and about activities of our organization twice a year. The board is responsible for publicity as well. So there are some reports in different newspapers. But the best publicity is the word-of-mouth advertising: IFYE's are telling about the program to future IFYE's. In that type of advertising all our members are doing a good job!



We have about 22 outgoings every year and about 15 incomings. We would like to host more incomings. So I ask you to make publicity in your countries! Thanks!

I hope to see you at the conference!

Doris Maurer, president of IFYE-Swiss



Thailand November 2013

Do you want to make the trip longer?

Some Swedish IFYEs have organised a trip to Vietnam before and after the World Conference in Thailand. Here is a draft information. The registration for this is 15. March. Are you interested?

10th WORLD IFYE CONFERENCE 2013



After our successful trip to Australia 2008, we, in collaboration with Far Travels developed a travel proposal before the World Conference in Thailand.

Sjunne Paulsson has experience with trips to northern Vietnam and has produced a 12 days trip theme before World Conference.

Departing from Sweden / Europe 30/10 to Hanoi, theme trip in northern Vietnam
31/10 - 10/11 (see program in Annex) Flight from Hanoi to Bangkok 11/11

World IFYE conference 11-18/11 in Chonburi Province, Thailand

(conference and accommodation notification on www.worldifye2013.com)

Free time for swimming and sunbathing or whatever you want 18/11 - 21/11

Returning from Bangkok 22/11och homecoming 23/11

Preliminary cost:

Theme Travel 10,800 sec / flights ca.9000 sec /

conference fee U.S. \$ 500 + accommodation / Own time 18-21/11

(Return date is set as a proposal but are set by each one according to your preference)

Registration for sjunne@fartravels.se on the attached form and we want your registration last 15/3 2013th Please note that this report refers only to Vietnam trip.

When flights are available to send out Sjunne booking instructions to the who are registered, you can follow the price trends. Sjunne also helps with telephone support if you book through the internet

"The registration fee for the Vietnam trip is 2000 SEK / person billed by Far Travels when you send in the registration form. "Terms and conditions are available at www.fartravels.se .

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Welcome to Wales 2013

Frosty the Snowman may be shivering through February in Abergavenny, but the Wales Committee extend a very warm welcome (Croeso) to all IFYEs to the 2013 Conference from Thursday 25th July – Thursday 1st August.

Don't forget the Royal Welsh Show starts on Monday 22nd July. Come and visit first and enjoy one of the finest agricultural shows in Europe and the late night fun at the young people's village.

Half of our rooms have now been reserved. Don't miss your place! Remember the closing date is 31st March. For those of you in the Euro, the exchange rate is now in your favour, making the price for the whole week of £ 450 very good value for money. Go online to book on our website: <http://ifyeosscltd.co.uk> and follow us on Facebook"



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Royal Welsh Show—Monday 22 nd —Thursday 25 th of July ,at Builth Wells—for those who wish to see Welsh Farming at it's best.		
Date	By Day 	By Night 
Thursday, 25 th July	P.m. Arrivals—Welcome to Monmouth 4p.m.—Executive Board Meeting	6.30p.m. Dinner— Speed IFYE Introductions—yes getting to know you. BINGO !!! Slides from Sweden.
Friday, 26 th July	A.m. Opening Service and Ceremony / Country photos P.m.— Chartist Trial Re-enactment/ Blue Plaque Trail Treasure Hunt.	The Land of Song— Songs as only the Welsh can sing them. Male Voice Choirs and Millennium Chimes.
Saturday, 27 th July	Find out what is made locally - 'Made in Monmouthshire' - Farm, dairy food, drink and craft visits	Let us entertain you !!!!!
Sunday, 28 th July	Eisteddfod Day— Help your team win our unique eisteddfod medals !!!	' Only Choirs Aloud' Which Country has the best choir— and which song will they sing ? !
Monday, 29 th July	Sustainable Development— What are we doing to preserve our landscape—	Mad Hatters Tea Party—followed by The first ever IFYE Dragon Racing Championships. Are you brave enough to take part ?
Tuesday, 30 th July	Journey underground and discover Wales past—where children as young as 10 worked underground at The Big Pit P.m.—General Assembly and Tombola	Welcome to Germany 2014 followed by Hog Roast/ Cider Festival and entertainment from The Widders
Wednesday, 31 st July	Explore Cardiff—City Centre or The Bay Local Walking tours and shopping around Monmouth for those who want to stay local	Celebrate good times— 55 th European IFYE Dinner and Dance
Thursday, 1 st August	So long, farewell—goodbye to all our friends	Wishing you all a safe journey onwards.

Quiz!

How well do you know your fellow IFYEs??

Who is in the pictures??

Answers to e-mail: ifye_europe@hotmail.com before 1. May 2013



A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

D) _____

E) _____

F) _____

AGENDA

55th Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni Monmouth, Wales Tuesday 30th July 2013

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 54th Annual General Meeting, held in Kungälv, Sweden
7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting
8. Reports on Past IFYE Activities
 - 8.1 Report on the IFYE Conference in Sweden in 2012
 - 8.2 Executive Committee Report
 - 8.3 Country Reports on Special or New Programmes
 - 8.4 Report on the European Rally held in Poland in 2012
9. Financial Matters
 - 9.1 Main Report 2012/2013
 - 9.2 Lifetime Member's Fund Report
 - 9.3 Development Fund Report
 - 9.4 Auditor's Report
10. Applications to the Development Fund
11. Budget 2013/2014
 - 11.1 Annual Budget
 - 11.2 Membership Fees
 - 11.3 Development Fund
12. Future IFYE Conferences
 - 12.1 Germany: 19 – 26 July 2014
 - 12.2 Scotland: 15 – 22 August 2015
 - 12.3 Invitations for 2016 & beyond
 - 12.4 World IFYE Conference Thailand: 12 - 19 November 2013
13. IFYE 60th Anniversary 2018: Subcommittee Update
14. Election of Office Bearers

President: Martyn Quayle (IoM): Elected in 2011 for a two-year term, and having now completed 3 x 2 year terms, retires from office.
Election of a new President required

1st Vice President: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut): Elected in 2012 for a two-year term

2nd Vice President: A representative from Germany to be elected for a one-year term, to be nominated by the German IFYE's

Secretary: Sally Young (Sco): Elected in 2011 for a two-year term, election required

Treasurer: Norbert Winkler (Aut): Elected in 2012 for a two-year term

Newsletter Editor: Hilde Riser (Nor): Elected in 2012 for a two-year term

Auditor: Two auditors are required, to be nominated by Germany for a one-year term.
15. Any Other Business

Minutes from the 2012 AGM in Sweden is available on the Web site