



Newsletter

European IFYE Alumni

June 2014



Some incoming IFYE's to Norway in Oslo, incoming weekend.

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4H Farms in Sweden

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Executive committee report

IFYE conference 2014, Welcome to Germany

Greetings

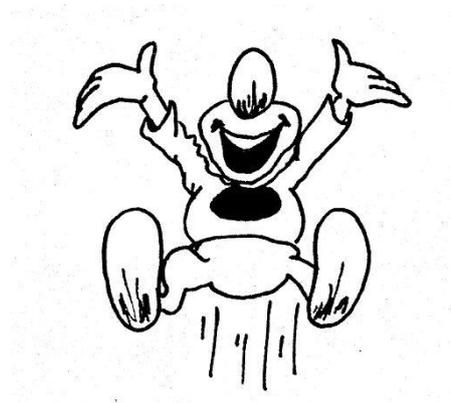
As many of you are starting your holidays we would offer you something to read while having more time than normal. In this edition we can offer you the latest update for this summer's conference in Germany and you can also read the Executive committee report to be prepared for the AGM.

We have snapped some pictures from the incoming activities for new IFYE's. They are now welcomed in their host country and ready for some weeks or months as IFYE exchangees.

And finally, many of us have a 4H background and 4H farms are a part of the activities in some of the 4H countries. This time we haven take a closer look on a 4H farm in Sweden.

Thanks a lot to those of you that have contributed in making another newsletter, without your help there's nothing to tell!

- Hilde W. Riser (N)
Newsletter editor 2010-2014



Congratulations to:

Josette Roman (IFYE from France to The Netherlands 1991) and Andy Ince with a son; Etienne Geoffrey, on 11. May 2014.

Maren Brekkvassmo Myrvold (IFYE from Norway to Costa Rica 2010) and Yngve Henriksen with a son on 20. June 2014.

Sad news

Claire, the wife of French IFYE and Contact member, Damien de Fontaines died October 2013, 50 years old.

No IFYE exchange with Vietnam

Last issue of the European Newsletter we told you about the invitation from Vietnam to set up an IFYE exchange.

Both Norway and Switzerland was trying to go forward with this but during the process they realised it was not possible to do this successfully.



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Exchangees arrives in their host countries

(pictures snipped from Facebook)



Welcome to Norway and Oslo...



Neele Heinemann guides some of the IFYE's to Germany



Swiss IFYEs to US are welcomed by Matti Kuykedall.

Executive committee: 2013-2014

President: Gerhard Steinberger, Austria
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4H farms in Sweden

In Sweden 4H-farms are one of the main activities in 4H. It's more than 40 4H-farms throughout the country and that they have a more than 40 years tradition, since the first 4H-farm was established in 1970. Many of our members have had the chance to visit 4H farms during IFYE conferences hosted in Sweden.

Stättared 4H farm is one of the 4H farms and it offers a huge range of activities throughout the year. This year a group of IFYE's passed by at the Easter event and found some other IFYEs well hidden as Swedish Easter characters.

Stättared 4H farm

Stättared 4H farm is old, and around it you find a cultural landscape with many remains of crofts and cottages. The animals on the farm are primarily old landraces; the horses, sheep, pigs, goats and poultry you see here are of the kind you would have found on any Swedish farm a hundred years ago. You even find small animals as rabbits and guinea pigs at the farm.

Stättared 4H farm is situated on the border between the counties Halland and Västergötland. "just south of Gothenburg", in the forest nearby two lakes where it's possible to go swimming, canoeing and you can even go fishing for Rainbow trout.

Every 4H farm is ran as a club and a part of the local 4H club, so basically it's organised as a voluntary activity, but it has become more common now a days to have some employees to run the farm.

The farm 4H arrange camps and other 4H activities as animal training for children both during summer and throughout the year.



Diversified activities

Stättared is not only a farm with animals and activities. You can stop here for a cup of coffee or an ice cream or you can book in to the hostel and stay a night or two. If you happen to follow the Halland train with your horse, they even can offer a place for the horse to stay the night.

The barn is open for visitors most days of the year, and so is the hostel. They even have room to host conferences, parties and meetings.

Special events

Before Christmas and at Easter time there are weekends where it's bussing. Before Christmas you can meet Trolls and Gnomes and it's packed with visitors who enjoy themselves doing treasure hunt and pre Christmas activities.

At Easter you meet the Påsk-kjerring, the Påsk-gubbe witches and this year there even were Easter bunny and a cat treating the guests with sweets, as you can see from the pictures. The IFYE's hidden by costumes is Anette Nilsson and Jörgen Andersson. At the event the whole of Anette's family was busy together with other voluntaries; twin brother Henric in charge of organising it all and their parents entertaining as cat and serving coffee to all the guests.

This year the number of visitors on Good Friday was all time high with 1100, and 800 went the Easter walk. This is a great contribution to the funding of the farming activities.

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Very soon European IFYE Conference

Hesselberg 19-26 July: Europa - bei uns dahoam!

We are almost there: only a few weeks to go before the European Conference 2014 in Germany.

Since 2010 we are planning for these days. In spring 2011 we had our first meeting at the Hesselberg to see, if this would be the right site for a European Conference.

We were - and still are - convinced that this is the right place for us to spend a week together. We are busy with the last preparations before greeting so many guests from all over Europe and abroad (171 have registered so far!).



The final information have been sent to those already registered. We are really happy to have so many IFYEs with us.

We have asked for good weather, but you better be prepared and bring something for rain and shine.

A varied program is waiting for all of you. We look forward to a joyful week with you all.

See you soon at the Hesselberg - bei uns dahoam.



Executive Committee Report 2014

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

The 55th European IFYE Alumni Conference was held in Monmouth, Wales from 25th July – 1st August, 2013. It was a wonderful week, with a welcome as warm as the weather, and, once again, we had the opportunity to make many new memories along with both old and new friends. Our thanks and appreciation to our Welsh hosts who provided an excellent programme, and gave us the opportunity to learn about the beauty, history and marvels of Wales.

The Executive Committee met for the mid-term meeting in February in Frankfurt, Germany. We had a lengthy agenda and amongst the many items discussed, the following should be of interest:

- Country Reports for 2013 will be available on www.ifye.org.
- A Letter of Introduction was sent out to last year's European IFYEs via e-mail, with links to the German IFYE Conference website, fb page and the promotional video.
- IFYE Conference Promotion of Attendance – In addition to the six minute 'teaser' produced last year, a flyer is available which you can use at a local level or customise to suit yourself.
- Ideas from last year's conference were discussed on how newcomers could be encouraged to participate in future events and promote them to other new IFYEs.
- Linda Steele (NI) represented and promoted EIFYEA at the European Rally, held in Tipperary, Ireland in 2013 and provided us with a comprehensive report.
- Newsletter – This has been produced four times during the last year and emailed to recipients.
- Website – The Executive Committee is looking at how this might be developed, perhaps to include more photographs or reports on conferences and would welcome comments, expertise or advice from interested members.
- Finances – The Executive Committee has reviewed all finances and is satisfied that no increase in the Membership fee is required, and that it should remain at 20CHF for an Annual Membership and 240CHF for a Lifetime Membership. The idea of interim levels of membership fees was discussed and it was thought that this would have no beneficial effects on membership numbers or finances at this time.
- 60th Anniversary of IFYE European Conferences in 2018 – The sub- committee has provided a report to the Executive Committee which was discussed at the mid-term meeting and will give an update of its work, ahead of the 2014 AGM.
- Anna Persson (Swe) gave a report on the Word Conference and will make a presentation to the AGM along with Martyn Quayle (IOM).
- Hosting of Future IFYE Conferences – Arrangements are in place to host the European Conference in 2014 (Germany), Scotland (2015), and Estonia (2016). If your country is interested in hosting a conference in 2017 or beyond we would be grateful if you could discuss this prior to the conference.
- Short workshops will be included in the conference programme to allow members to contribute ideas or expertise on a range of issues including the website, young members, future conferences and past conference memories.

We look forward to seeing you all in Hesselberg in July

On behalf of the Executive Committee

Gerhard Steinberger (Aus) Chairman

