

Executive Committee Report 2016

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

The 57th European IFYE Alumni Conference was held in Elgin, Scotland from 15th-22nd August 2015. It was a wonderful week and, once again, we had the opportunity to make many new memories as well as meet both old and new friends. Our thanks and appreciation to our Scottish hosts who provided an excellent programme, and gave us the opportunity to learn about the beauty, history and marvels of their country, even if we didn't see the Loch Ness monster.

The Executive Committee met for the mid-term meeting in Frankfurt in January and amongst the many items discussed, the following should be of interest:

- The proposals made at the last AGM and in correspondence received, as to the best use of our finances to further the aims of the organisation, were discussed and 3 proposals have been drafted for your consideration. (Appendix 1)
- Website – The Executive Committee, led by Andreas and Anita have begun the process of redesigning the website to make it more attractive and user friendly and they will present the progress so far at the AGM.
- Country Reports for 2015 will be available on www.ifye.org and a summary displayed on the conference noticeboard.
- Two letters of Introduction were sent out to last year's European IFYEs via e-mail, with links to the Conference website and fb page.
- Newsletter – This has been produced 4 times during the last year and emailed to recipients as well as being available on-line.
- 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.
- 60th Anniversary of IFYE European Conferences in 2018 – The Executive committee met with members of the 60th anniversary steering group who have done a lot of work in the archives to prepare information for publication as a booklet and on-line.
- Hosting of Future IFYE Conferences – Arrangements are in place to host the European Conference in Switzerland (2017), Northern Ireland (2018) and England (2020). Norway has expressed an interest in hosting in 2019 and Austria are considering 2021.
- Elections will take place for treasurer, newsletter editor and first vice-president. All the current office bearers are happy for their names to go forward for re-election. Any further nominations should be made during the country meetings to allow members time for discussion and consideration.

We look forward to seeing you all in Estonia in July.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,