



European IFYE Alumni

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IFYE Exchange and the European IFYE Alumni

After World War II, in 1948, the IFYE programme was started as a means to rebuild personal relations between youth from the USA and countries all over the world. Funding was initially provided through the Marshall Plan. Some of the participating countries developed exchange programmes with other countries, while in other countries the exchange never evolved beyond the bilateral exchange with the USA.

4H organised the exchange in the USA. In the countries that had 4H organisations, the exchange was known as International 4H Youth Exchange (IFYE). Other countries preferred the term International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE). As the world entered the cold war, the IFYE programme was closed successively in some countries as a form of sanction. The last of the Soviet Block countries to operate a programme with the USA was Poland, where the last exchangee from the USA left in 1980. Although conditions in participating countries have been different, there has been a tendency of government involvement and financing drying up.

First Meeting

The first meeting of European IFYEs started on the initiative of Pieter Dijkhuis (NL) who invited several fellow IFYE's to the World Exhibition in Brussels in 1958. 15 IFYE's representing seven European countries and including two representatives from the USA came to the first meeting.

At this first meeting it was decided to meet again the next year in a different country, and keep moving on to another country after that. The participants agreed that the costs should be kept as low as possible. It was agreed that IFYE conferences should take place after the arrival of the American delegates, and before school started in Autumn. It was decided that hay-making and harvesting times would have to be ignored as such activities take place throughout Europe at all times during Summer.

The Exchange between USA and its friends and former foes alike, soon spread, and adopted a variety of forms. The exchanges in various European countries were organised by a diversity of agencies and organisations, such as Young Farmers' Clubs or 4H. On their part these Rural Youth organisations formed their own European structure, the Rural Youth Europe (formerly known as European Committee for Young Farmers' and 4H Clubs). In 1963 the Committee agreed on guidelines for European IFYE exchange. The current wording of the agreement is reproduced in this booklet.

“Europeans” Join

Initially the European IFYE Alumni was a forum for Europeans who had returned from their exchange in the USA. In 1964 ten European countries participated in inter-European exchanges. By 1967 it was noted that the exchange program with the USA was decreasing, while inter European exchange program was rapidly growing. A speaker at the Conference Assembly urged that more IFYE's must be encouraged to come to the conferences. Otherwise in a few years there will be no IFYE meetings. In 1968 it was suggested that even those who had not been on exchange in the USA could become members.

After only a few years of working, the conference organisers realised that keeping contact with all IFYEs was quite a challenge. In some countries the IFYEs had formed national networks and had regular meetings. The idea of establishing Contact Members was launched at the 1962 meeting. The first World Conference was organised in Switzerland in 1965. This proved to be an inspiration to form national IFYE committees in several European countries.

In 1966 at the conference in Finland it was discussed what could be done to start exchange with Eastern Europe and the developing countries of the south. It was not until the late eighties that those dreams started bearing fruit. The first programs that involved Eastern European countries took place in 1992 between Finland and Estonia and Luxembourg and Estonia. These programs were followed by programs involving Latvia, Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary in 1993 and 1994. Poland and former Czechoslovakia had been involved earlier.

Constitution

1. Name

The name of the Association is the European International Farm Youth Exchange Alumni (IFYE), hereafter referred to as the Association.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Association shall be to provide an organisation with the purpose of:

- a. contributing to international understanding and world peace.
- b. retaining the interest of members in the Association by regular meetings to revolve between the participating countries.
- c. assisting, studying and furthering the interest of agricultural and rural youth, such as organised by Young Farmers' and 4H Clubs.
- d. assisting in the promotion of exchange visits.
- e. making known to rural youth the opportunities for exchange visits.
- f. assisting members and giving support to national IFYE Alumni Associations or the equivalent organisations.

3. Membership

Membership of the Association is open to anyone who has participated in and has been selected to represent their country to another country in International Farm Youth or 4H Exchange type of programme and/or are members of National European IFYE Alumni Association.

This entitles the member to voting privileges in the Association and receipt of all the Association Publications.

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4. Administration

- a. The Assembly shall be held every year in a European country and the minutes and financial report of the previous year must be approved by the meeting.
- b. The General Committee shall be composed of contact members or their representatives. The contact member shall be elected by their National IFYE Alumni Association.
- c. The Assembly elects an Executive Committee by a majority vote of all members present. The Committee shall consist of a President, a First Vice- President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Editor of the IFYE Publications.

The members of the Executive Committee would be elected for a two year term and be eligible for re-election for two further periods. A Second Vice-President, representing the Country being visited the next year would be elected for a one year term.

The Committee would be gradually renewed so that the President, and Secretary would be elected one year and First Vice President, the Treasurer and the Editor the next year.

5. Finance

The Assembly of the Association determines the annual and the lifetime membership fee. An annual fee will be included in the conference participation fee and transferred to the Executive Committee Treasurer. Income from eligible voters, as outlined above, will be allocated to the General Fund and those from non-voters to the Sweden Fund. Lifetime members will be exempt from this fee. The Executive Committee will be responsible for finance and for funds raised, donations, money and other materials given to the Alumni for objectives of the Association.

Any financial liabilities are restricted to the amount of monies held in the accounts of the European IFYE Alumni Association.

The financial liability of any individual Member of the European IFYE Association, including Members of the Executive Committee, is restricted to an absolute maximum amount, not to exceed the Annual Membership fee.

The fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th with the year of Membership following the fiscal year.

The seat of the Association is in Fraubrunnen / Switzerland. The seat of the Association will be determined by the Executive Committee after the General Assembly. The Address of correspondence is the one of the Swiss contact or board member.

6. Language

The language of the Association and its regular meetings shall be English.

7. Determination

- a. Any proposal to amend this Charter shall be notified to each member of the Executive Committee and to the Contact members of each of the participating countries not less than three calendar months in advance of the date of the General Assembly at which it is to be put forward.
- b. This Charter can only be altered by a two-thirds majority at an Assembly.
- c. The disbanding of the Association can only be done by a two-thirds majority vote at an Assembly.
- d. In case of dissolution of the Association, the Assembly shall determine about the finance.

As amended in 1956, 1968, 1976, 1986, 1990, 1998, 1999, 2010 and 2017.

Voting procedures

General outline of current decision making practice at meetings of the European IFYE Alumni:

1. Members, as outlined in point 3 of the constitution, have voting privileges in the General Assembly.
2. At the beginning of the General Assembly meeting, two or more counters are elected and the number of persons with voting rights is established.
3. All members can make proposals.
4. Voting takes place by a show of hands. If a vote does not carry a majority, there is a revote. If a second vote is again tied, the President has the casting vote.
5. During elections candidates leave the room and voting is by a show of hands, or paper ballot, if it's done by paper ballots the candidates can stay in the room.
6. If there are three or more candidates, and no-one gets more than 50 percent of the vote in the first vote, the candidate with the least votes is eliminated, and there is a revote.
7. Members of the Executive committee can vote on all matters except the financial report.
8. If it is not possible to have a Conference and the AGM the board will stay the same until the next possibility to have a conference and a AGM. If any decisions have to be made, the contact members will be contacted.

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Membership

Membership of the Association is open to anyone who has participated in and has been selected to represent their country to another country in International Farm Youth or 4H Exchange type of programme and/or are members of National European IFYE Alumni Association.

Most annual membership is collected through participation in the conference. Lifetime membership can be paid at any time.

The membership fee can be transferred to the under-noted bank account:

European IFYE Alumni Association
UBS Switzerland AG
CH – 8098 Zürich
Account no. 230-280799 M3H
BIC UBSWCHZH80A

IBAN CH05 0023 0230 2807 99M3 H
Annual membership Swiss francs 20,-
Lifetime membership Swiss francs 240,-
(Since 2004 or earlier)

To attend the European IFYE Conference you must be a member, or a guest of a member.

Since 2008 conference reports are only distributed to members who have attended the conference and to the lifetime members who have requested to receive a report by notifying the Treasurer by e-mail to: treasurer@ifye.eu

Members must notify their change of postal address and e-mail address to the Treasurer or Newsletter Editor, preferably by email to: newsletter@ifye.eu or treasurer@ifye.eu

Responsibilities of IFYE Contact Members

Contact members liaise between their National IFYE, or equivalent Alumni organisation and the European IFYE Alumni. A contact member is elected by their national organisation and should be well informed on the activities of the Association and the IFYE/4H exchanges activities in his/her country.

The contact member is the spokesperson for their country at the Association's meetings and has the under-noted responsibilities:

- To attend all IFYE conferences during their term as a contact member or arrange for a substitute to represent them.
- To participate actively in the discussions during the contact members meeting.
- To organise meetings during the conference for fellow IFYE's from their country in order to inform and get their opinion on the subjects discussed at the contact member meetings.
- To provide assistance to their country's IFYE's who are attending the conference for the first time. Ensure that they attend the newcomers meeting, that they are issued with a copy of the constitution of the European IFYE alumni and, explain to them the function of the Association.
- Convey any of your country's IFYE issues to the European Executive Committee.
- Prepare a list of the contact details for the IFYE's who have gone on an exchange from your country in the last year and submit it to the 1st Vice President by e-mail when requested.
- Encourage your fellow IFYE's to contribute news, stories and articles for the newsletter and issue a paper copy of the newsletter to your country's members who have requested it.
- Keep your National and the European IFYE Alumni up to date on any appropriate issues which are discussed during the year.
- Advise your National IFYE Association about the opportunity to seek funding from the Development Fund.

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Recommended responsibilities of the members of the Executive Committee

- To attend all conferences during your period of office as member of the Executive Committee.
- To actively participate in the discussions and decisions of the Executive Committee.
- To serve on standing and special committees of the Executive Committee.
- To become familiar with the history and decisions of the Association.
- To initiate new ideas with respect to the development of the Association.
- To contribute items for the IFYE Newsletter.

Job descriptions for the members of the Executive Committee

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President

- To prepare agendas in conjunction with the Secretary, to call and preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Association.
- To prepare an Annual Report on behalf of the Executive Committee
- To represent the Association at a European and World level.
- To appoint special committees.
- To be informed and responsible for all work of all members of the Executive Committee and Contact Members.
- To communicate with associate organisations.

First Vice President

- To assist the President in conducting the work of the Association.
- In the absence of the President, the 1st Vice President will assume his/her duties.
- To chair special committees.
- To organise the briefing session for the IFYEs attending their first conference.
- To organise the raffle during the conference.
- To send out letters of introduction to new IFYE's to provide information for the forthcoming conferences and the Association's web site.

Second Vice President

- To liaise between the Executive Committee and Conference organising committee.
- To distribute the Conference Report.
- To be responsible for the 'Moving Items' belonging to the Association.
- To be familiar with the Guidelines to Organise a European Conference'.
- To prepare a list of members attending the conference, who are eligible to receive their Silver Certificate/Pin (exchange trip 25+ years ago) or Golden Certificate (exchange trip 50+ years ago) and give it to the Treasurer by 01. June.
- To organise the midterm meeting, and ensure board members have a bed at the conference.

Secretary

- Prepare, file and submit to the archive, all the information relevant to the operation and history of the Association including the annual conference report and the newsletters.
- Retain signed and dated minutes of all meetings.
- The minutes of the General Assembly and Contact Members Meeting should be sent to the Executive Committee and Contact Members and be published on www.ifye.eu.
- Respond to the Association's correspondence.
- Keep an inventory of all moving items and request a representative of the receiving Country to sign a receipt when receiving the suit case containing the moving items.

Treasurer

- Handle the Association's financial matters, collect membership fees and deposits, bookkeeping and filing tax returns.
- Maintain permanent records of the Association, such as membership list and fees and record the recipients of Silver Pins/Certificates and Golden Certificates.
- Present the financial report at the General Assembly.
- Present the budget for the following year at the General Assembly.
- Liaise with the Newsletter Editor and the 2nd Vice President with regards to the members receiving their Silver Pins/Certificates and Golden certificates.

Newsletter and Web Editor

- Encourage members to submit articles, prepare, publish and distribute the Newsletter.
- Keep the web site updated.
- Store the silver pins. Liaise with the Treasurer and the 2nd Vice President with regards to the members receiving the Silver pin and Golden Certificate

Financial Administration

Bank Accounts:

The Association holds two accounts: (A) an account whose income is based on stocks and shares and (B) a general current account, both are held by the UBS AG bank in Switzerland.

(A) UBS Lux Strategy: The account was opened with the aim of earning income from interest. The value of the account is linked to the stock market so the value of the account and the interest earned varies on an annual basis, depending on the rises and falls of the stock market.

(B) UBS General Account. The account provides instant access to the Association's capital.

Funds:

The Association has four separate funds, each with a different purpose, to ensure that the priorities, income and expenditure of each fund can be monitored and reported to the General Assembly individually. The funds are split between the two bank accounts.

(1) General Account (Fund)

Purpose: The fund provides the working capital for the Association.

Income: The fund income is from the membership fees received from annual members and the money transferred from the Development Fund when it reaches the 15,000 CHF limit.

Expenditure: The fund pays the costs associated with the Mid Term Executive Committee Meeting and the expenses of running the Association that are not eligible to be taken from any of the other funds.

Report to Members: A budget, to indicate the anticipated income and expenditure to the fund, will be presented at the Annual General Meeting each year, for approval by the General Assembly.

(2) Newcomer Fund

(As amended in Aug. 2005, 2011, 2016, 2017, 2020 & 2022)

Income: The fund was opened with a lump sum, 14 229 CHF (81 480 SEK), one third of the surplus from the 2003 World Conference in Sweden, and is to be retained by the Association. To provide an annual income a participation fee, equal to a voter's annual membership fee, will be collected for non-voting conference participants and allocated to the Sweden fund. (from 2018)

Expenditure: Any purpose agreed by the AGM, subject to the above agreement. At the AGM in 2007 the members agreed that the fund should be used to subsidize the cost of the conference fee for IFYE's attending for the first time (a 'Newcomer IFYE'), subject to the under-noted rules. (The subsidy is currently authorized to run until 2024).

Fund Rules: For the current agreed purpose the fund rules were agreed by the General Assembly in 2007, 2011 and 2016. They are:

- (1) A Newcomer IFYE can be offered 160 CHF subsidy towards the cost of attending the IFYE conference for the first time.
- (2) The General Assembly must agree any changes to the amount that a Newcomer IFYE can be offered.
- (3) The subsidy is given to the Newcomer IFYE at the first conference he/she attends, and in the currency of the host country.
- (4) At the General Assembly in 2019 it was agreed that the subsidized conference fee be offered until 2024, its future shall be reassessed thereafter.

Eligibility: To be eligible to receive the funding:

- (1) IFYEs must attend a conference within the first five years of returning from their exchange trip (an IFYE in 2016 can receive the contribution in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021).

- (2) IFYEs must attend the conference for the full week.
- (3) An IFYE cannot claim the funding if the conference is held in their home country but it also does not count as the first conference.
- (4) Exchanges who are invited as a guest by the hosting country are not eligible to receive the support out of the fund and it also does not count as the first conference.
- (5) If you attend whilst on exchange or directly after exchange you will qualify only if you have paid the full conference fee.

Report to Members: A budget, to indicate the anticipated income and expenditure to the fund, will be presented at the Annual General Meeting each year, for approval by the General Assembly.

(3) Lifetime Members Fund

(As amended in Aug. 2002 & 2009)

Purpose: The fund holds the one-off Lifetime Membership fee paid by IFYEs who are Lifetime Members of the Association.

Income: The fund's annual income is solely reliant on the membership fees received from the varying number of new Lifetime Members that join the Association in that year.

Expenditure: The fund is used to cover the proportionate costs of running the Association for the Lifetime Members i.e the expenses for printing and posting the Annual Conference Report, and (until 2011, and agreed on AGM on IOM 2009) the printing and postage of the Newsletter(s). Should it be requested by the Country hosting the conference, money for printing and posting of the Annual Conference Reports for the lifetime members not in attendance at the conference, will be paid for by the Lifetime Members Fund. At the Isle of Man conference in 2009 it was agreed that the ratio of Annual Members to Lifetime Members should be calculated annually and the Executive Committee's Mid Term Meeting expenses, if required, may be split in the same ratio, from the Lifetime Members Fund and the General Account Fund.

Report to Members: A budget, to indicate the anticipated change to the Lifetime Members Fund will be presented at the Annual General Meeting, for approval by the General Assembly.

(4) Development Fund

(As amended in Aug. 2002, 2010, 2016 & 2022)

Purpose: The fund was established in 1988 to support: new IFYE programmes; free membership for newcomer IFYEs and IFYE co-ordinators; special events and material produced by the Association and; other innovative initiatives.

Location of the Fund: The fund is held in the UBS Lux Strategy and UBS General Account.

Income: The fund income is generated from the sale of tombola tickets at the annual conference.

Expenditure: The fund pays the expenses sought by countries who have submitted a successful application to the Development Fund. The General Assembly determines if the application fulfils the rules of the fund and authorises expenditure from it. Every year 2,000 CHF is transferred to New Comer Found.

Fund Rules and Eligibility: Any National IFYE Alumni Association can apply for money from the fund. A maximum of ¼ of the money in the Development Fund can be taken out in any one fiscal year. The limit for the account is 15,000 CHF. Each year after the fund reaches 15,000 CHF the money from the tombola will go into the General Account. Proposals for the use of money from the Development Fund are made in writing by the Country wishing to receive the funding, and are sent to the Association's Secretary on the date advised or no later than 3 months before the Annual General Meeting. The application must contain a specified budget and a description of the project.

The fund can be used for:

(1) Supporting of new programmes: Applications to support new programmes are granted if the following rules are met:

- a. No other European country has a running programme with the country in question.
- b. The exchange is supported by a National organisation.
- c. The information gathered and any contacts made in the country visited, are open for all other European countries to use, if desired, to set up their own programmes.
- d. The money cannot be used to cover travel expenses or pocket money for participating in the programme. Reasonable travel expenses for developing a new programme may be met.

(2) Supporting free membership of newcomer IFYEs, for a period of two years, with the possibility of continuation for another three years if a notice is sent to the Treasurer.

(3) Supporting special events and material, that helps develop the IFYE programme in general. (e.g. leaflets/seminar)

(4) Supporting other innovative initiatives, which increase the effective, economical and/or ecological benefits to develop the IFYE programmes and/or assist the IFYE Alumni Association.

Under this criterion, and following the decision at the AGM 2016, the Board will consider applications from participants or IFYE co-ordinators, for a financial subsidy to attend the conference, with a view to developing local IFYE programmes and/or European conferences. The closing date for applications will be 31st December preceding the conference with applications assessed at the mid-term meeting. At the AGM 2019 the maximum allowance will be at the discretion of the Board, up to a total amount of 1000 CHF per year, to be divided amongst all accepted applicants.

This project will run for five years and be reviewed in 2024.

Report to Members: A budget, to indicate the anticipated income and expenditure to the fund, will be presented at the Annual General Meeting each year, for approval by the General Assembly.

Silver Certificate/Pin and Golden Certificate

The presentation of a silver pin to mark the 25th year since a member's exchange trip commenced in 1983 at the 25th 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 25th conference. It proved to be such a successful fund raiser that the surplus money was used to purchase silver pins to present to the 25th anniversary members who attended that conference.

At the 2010 AGM the Executive Committee was requested to consider the future of the tradition of presenting a silver pin to 25th anniversary members. The AGM in 2011 decided:

(1) Every member will receive a certificate on/after the 25th anniversary of their exchange trip and be given the option to also receive a silver pin.

(2) A Newcomer IFYE is not eligible to receive a silver pin

(3) When attending a European Conference to coincide with the 50th anniversary of an exchange a member is eligible to receive a Golden Certificate, or to receive it at any future Conference.

Attendance at a conference is required to receive a Silver Certificate/Pin and Golden Certificate.

Newsletter

The Association publishes a Newsletter on the European section of its website: www.ifye.eu or www.ifye.org. The deadline for a submission to the Newsletter is announced on the web site and in its previous edition. The Newsletter can be downloaded from the web site. Members who wish to receive an e-mail notification when a new edition of the newsletter is published should register their request by sending an e-mail to: newsletter@ifye.eu

The Newsletter contains information about past events and future activities open to members of the Association. It seeks to keep members updated on developments of IFYE exchanges, and is open to contributions from all members. The Editor remains at liberty to rewrite or decline to print contributions.

Guidelines to Organise a European Conference

When organising the conference the following points should be taken into consideration:

Before the conference

1. A number of items which belong to the Association, including the banner, flag and tablecloth will be passed on from one host country to the next. The secretary will keep a note of who has taken responsibility for said items. The organising committee must be aware of the need to transport the items and make arrangements for such.
2. Present a detailed conference programme to the Executive Committee at the mid-term meeting.
3. Meetings should not be scheduled at the same time as other conference activities.
4. Provide the Executive Committee with a participants list by 1. June, with an indication of who is attending their first conference. The list will also allow the Executive Committee to assess the number of members to be presented with Silver Certificates/Pins or Golden Certificates.
5. Collect the membership fee

At the conference

6. Schedule time on the first evening to hold a meeting between the Newcomer IFYEs and the Executive Committee.
7. Schedule Contact Members meetings on Sunday (1.5 hrs) and Tuesday (1 hr). During the first meeting the 2nd Vice President to give an overview of the week's programme and advise when the contact members' involvement is required.
8. Schedule time for two Country meetings (1 hr) each, (preferably Monday and Wednesday, and between each contact members meeting) and in good time before the General Assembly.
9. Provide a box for collecting the Tombola prizes and tables to display them on when being drawn, 30 minutes to be included in the conference programme, no earlier than Wednesday to draw the Tombola.
10. The General Assembly should preferably be held on Thursday, half a day (2,5 hrs) is required for the meeting, either morning or afternoon. The hosting country to prepare the room for and provide a computer, projector and screen, which should be in place one hour before the meeting.
11. The Executive Committee is allowed to schedule its own meeting time.
12. The Executive Committee require a meeting room, access to a computer with internet and printing facilities, and a pin board or wall for displaying minutes to the members in the reception area.
13. The Auditors must be available to audit the books within the first two days of the conference.

After the conference

14. The organising Country should prepare a Conference Report and distribute it to all members of the European IFYE Alumni who attended the conference or subscribed to receive the report. The additional copies of the report and the cost to post them to the members subscribed to receive the report who are not in attendance at the conference may be paid by the Association. The Treasurer will provide an address list of the Lifetime Members who have subscribed to receive the Conference Report. Any request for funds must be submitted to the Treasurer by 30 June in the year following the conference.

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Internet strategy

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

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 Addresses:

Position	Mail Address
President	president@ifye.eu
First Vice President	first_vice_president@ifye.eu
Secretary	ifye_europe@ifye.eu
Treasurer	treasurer@ifye.eu
Newsletter Editor	newsletter@ifye.eu

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.

Please note that by submitting your photo(s) / file(s), you are providing consent to having your image edited, copied and used by the IFYE Organization in any form of media for various business purposes, including corporate, investor, and employee communications activities. Examples of types of media in which the images may be used include physical publications, as well as electronic media such as electronic publications, Organization website (www.ifye.eu) and internet. Your consent cannot be revoked and is not limited to any type of media or any period of time. Your consent includes permission for the IFYE organization to identify you by name as a member of the IFYE organization (including any applicable affiliate). By submitting your photo / file, you release the IFYE organization and its representatives from any liability or claims arising in connection with such images / files, including any claims involving defamation, breach of privacy or misappropriation of your likeness. You also confirm and acknowledge that: (a) all rights to such image(s) / file(s) of you taken and used by the IFYE organization, and (b) you have fully understood this consent and release form.

Agreed by Executive committee May 2016

Corporate Design

The official IFYE colours are the following:

PMS 347C

C: 100%

M: 0%

Y: 39%

K: 38%

R: 0

G: 158

B: 96

rgb: #009e60

European IFYE Conferences - Year Venue Participants

1958 Belgium 15	1982 Scotland 172	2006 Northern Ireland 170
1959 The Netherlands 19	1983 The Netherlands 158	2007 Norway 165
1960 Sweden 48	1984 Germany 138	2008 Switzerland 222
1961 Ireland 33	1985 Switzerland 177	2009 Isle of Man 150
1962 Germany 43	1986 Norway 190	2010 Austria 155
1963 Italy 38	1987 United Kingdom 350*	2011 Finland 151
1964 Norway 64	1988 Finland 142	2012 Sweden 153
1965 Switzerland 100*	1989 Luxembourg 200	2013 Wales 174
1966 Finland 86	1990 France 125	2014 Germany 178
1967 Luxembourg 82	1991 Sweden 225	2015 Scotland 196
1968 France 80	1992 Scotland 220	2016 Estonia 160
1969 Northern Ireland 65	1993 Northern Ireland 161	2017 Switzerland (255)
1970 Sweden 131	1994 The Netherlands 200	2018 N. Ireland
1971 The Netherlands 133	1995 Germany 162	2019 Norway (201)
1972 (Colorado, USA) *	1996 Switzerland 161	2020 England (Canceled due to Covid)
1973 Germany 151	1997 Norway 191	2021 England (Canceled due to Covid)
1974 Italy 158	1998 Austria 120	2022 Finland
1975 England 100	1999 England 110	2023 Austria* (planned)
1976 Norway 111	2000 Finland 193	2024 Germany (planned)
1977 Switzerland 120	2001 Luxembourg 166	2025 Wales (planned)
1978 Finland 132	2002 France 156	2026 Estonia (planned)
1979 Luxembourg 143	2003 Sweden* 420	* World IFYE conference
1980 France 130	2004 Scotland 183	
1981 Sweden 163	2005 Germany 165	

Presidents of the European IFYE Alumni Association

1958 - 1965 Pieter Dijkhuis (NL)	1991 - 1995 Arne Svensson (S)
1965 - 1966 Ruedi Mumenthaler (CH)	1995 - 1999 Barrie Barr (NI)
1966 - 1969 Kyosti Toivonen (FIN)	1999 - 2003 Helle Bonderup (DK)
1969 - 1971 Gudrun Berns (D)	2003 - 2007 Avril Herdman (NI)
1971 - 1975 Lucy Moyart (B)	2007 - 2013 Martyn Quayle (IOM)
1975 - 1977 Herman Engelbrecht (D)	2013 – 2015 Gerhard Steinberger (Aut)
1977 - 1979 Lennart Lindquist (S)	2015 – 2019 Anna Persson (Swe)
1979 - 1985 Dorothy Wilson (ENG)	2019 Andreas P
1985 - 1991 Dora Andres (CH)	

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.

Lyrics: Lloyd Stone
Tune: From Finlandia by Jean Sibelius 1899

When the 1949 U.S. delegates were on ship heading for Europe, someone had brought the words of the song. They sang it during vesper services each evening. Ed Aiton, who was the force behind the establishment of IFYE and who accompanied that group, was delighted. He indicated that they had tried to find the words when the first group left in 1948. As the ship sailed, the Song of Peace became the theme song of IFYE and all related 4-H exchanges since.

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