

Executive Committee Report 2018

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

The 59th European IFYE Alumni Conference was held in Vaumarcus, Switzerland from 15th-22nd July 2017. As always the sun shone and well over 200 participants came along to meet old friends and make new ones. Our thanks and appreciation must go to our Swiss hosts who provided an excellent programme, and gave us the opportunity to learn a lot about their beautiful country.

The Executive Committee met for the mid-term meeting in Kilrea, Northern Ireland in January 2018 and amongst the many items discussed, the following should be of interest:

The proposal, accepted at the last AGM, regarding membership and conference fees has been implemented this year which means no further monies will need to be collected by country representatives at the conference. Newcomers who fulfill the criteria will receive their rebate at the meeting, as will the 2 people nominated for support through our special project.

There have been no applications for support from the Development Fund.

Website – The Executive Committee, led by Andreas and Anita continue to explore the process of redesigning the website to make it more useful and user friendly. Minutes of meetings, newsletters and country reports will be made available on the website. www.ifye.eu

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 has been emailed to recipients as well as being made available on-line.

Finances – The Executive Committee has reviewed all finances and is satisfied that no increase in the Membership fee is required this year, remaining at 20CHF for an Annual Membership and 240CHF for a Lifetime Membership. However we suggest that this should be reviewed within the next financial year.

The **60th Anniversary** group have completed their project and we hope that the on-line archive will be available from July. There will also be a display of photographs and information at this year's conference where participants will also

receive the 60th Anniversary souvenir publication. Extra copies will be available for those who request them.

Hosting of Future IFYE Conferences – Arrangements are in place to host the European Conference in Norway (2019), England (2020), Finland (2022) and Austria (2023). **We are therefore inviting applications from countries to host in 2021. If you could give this some serious thought prior to the conference we would be very appreciative.**

With the new GDPR regulations coming into effect in May 2018 it was decided that permission should be sought from conference participants at registration, regarding the storage of their data and photographs, in relation to their membership and the report. A general policy has also been drafted and will be circulated and discussed at the contact members' meetings.

Elections will take place for Treasurer, First Vice-President and Newsletter Editor. At present Ursula and Andreas are willing to let their names go forward for re-election. Sadly, Anita is stepping down as newsletter editor as she will have her hands full with personal commitments. We want to thank her for all the work and dedication she has shown to this role over the last few years and congratulate her and the rest of the family on their latest addition, baby Felix. If you have any nominations you can forward them to the Board in advance or make them during the country meetings to allow members time for discussion and consideration.

We look forward to seeing you all in Northern Ireland in the coming weeks.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

Anna Persson