



## Executive Committee Report 2022 - 2023



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

The 62<sup>nd</sup> European IFYE Alumni Conference was held in Korpilathi, Finland from 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2022. As always, the sun shone and well over 160 participants came along to meet old friends and make new ones. Our thanks and appreciation must go to our Finish hosts who provided an excellent program and gave us the opportunity to learn a lot about their beautiful country.

### • AGM 2022

At the AGM Austria applied for a loan of 5000€, interest-free, to start the work to prepare the World IFYE conference in 2023. The European president put Austrians application to the AGM 2022, and it was passed unanimously.

The board suggested at the AGM 2022, 11 proposals for changes in the Blue Booklet and The European president put it to the meeting and each proposal passed.

The Blue Booklet was updated by our secretary after the Conference 2022 and published on-line. The exact topics could be read in the AGM Minutes 2022. Following points are affected:

Here is a short summary about the effected points:

- Membership of the Association → Yes: 115 No: 2 Abstained: 1
- Membership- To attend the European IFYE Conference → Yes: 112 No: 2 Abstained: 3
- 5. Voting procedure → Yes: 117 Abstained: 1
- New. Point in Blue Booklet Added: → Yes: 113 No: 1 Abstained: 4
  - **This is the new point 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 must be made the contact members will be contacted
- Responsibilities of IFYE Contact Members → Yes: 113 No: 1 Abstained: 4
- Job descriptions for the members of the Executive Committee → Yes: 97 No: 15 Abstained: 6
- Financial Administration → Yes: 116 No: 2 Abstained: 0
- Remove from Sweden Fund, Income: → Yes: 112 No: 0 Abstained: 6
- Fund Rules, remove → Yes: 115 No: 0 Abstained: 3
- Development Fund → Yes: 116 No: 1 Abstained: 1

**Elections was taken place for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Treasure.** Formal proposals have been received for Sam Hawkes (NI) for the post of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice - President and Mark- Andre Zuber (Swz) for the post as Treasurer.

- The following candidates were duly elected.
  - President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) Elected in 2019 for a two-year term. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2023.
    - Election 2023 is required.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Sam Hawkes (NI) Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Johannes König (Aut) Elected in 2022 for a one-year term.
    - Nomination from Germany for 2023/2024 required.
  - Secretary: Mari Kindsbekken (Nor) Elected in 2019 for a two-year term. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2023.
    - Election 2023 is required.
  - Treasurer: Marc Andre Zuber (Swi) Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.
  - Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder (Lux): Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.
  - Auditors: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut) and Simone Hutter (Aut) were elected by the Austrian IFYEs for a one-year term.
    - Election of two Auditors from Germany required.

The Executive Committee met for the mid-term meeting in Velden, Austria 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 amongst the many items discussed, the following should be of interest:

- **Financial Matters** - We spent more money on Newcomers in Finland as planed because of the high number of newcomers, which is a very good sign for the future. Tombola was good in Finland. We sold 11 Rings. After a long time of waiting and submitting a lot of documents Marc-Andree got finally access to the bank account in May 2023. The treasurer should summarize a instruction what must be done and which documents must be submitted to the UBS bank for changes. Regarding the huge efforts it was a big advantage that the treasurer comes from Switzerland.
  - **Tombola rings** → 50 new rings where bought this year. This will cover the needs for the next 4-5 years. In the budget was €100.- for new rings. Accumulated to the next 4-5 years the costs of €426,30.- for 50 rings are below the €100.- budget per year.
- **Extra conference report** is reduced from 1000 CHF to 200 CHF because there are few Lifetimes member.
- **Letters of Introduction** were sent out to last year's European IFYEs via e-mail, with links to the Conference website and fb page.

- **Correspondence** -no special correspondence received.
- **Applications to the Development Fund** – there was no application to the Development fund. In July Slovenia applied for a support and the board decide to give them CHF 250.- support out of the Development Found for Supporting other innovative initiatives, which increase the effective, economical and/or ecological benefits to develop the IFYE programs and/or assist the IFYE Alumni Association.
- **Matters arising from the Minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting.**  
No matters arising from the AGM, but we need to put in to contact member meeting for this year to have a discussion regarding who can attend European conferences. Some counties approve participants from Rally, some doesn't. This is something the contact members should have had a discussion regarding in their countries since the conference in Finland.
- **Newsletter** – This has been produced 4 times during the years and is available via e-mail and 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 continue to be reviewed annually.
- **Hosting of Future IFYE Conferences** – Arrangements are in place to host the European Conference in Germany (2024), Wales / England (2025) and Estonia (2026) Switzerland has applied during the midterm meeting to host the conference in 2027 and in the reason that the planning must be start the European board agreed to hold the conference 2027 in Switzerland. In May Sweden applied to host a conference and we agreed to go for 2028. We are therefore inviting applications from countries to host from 2029 onwards.

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

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

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