



ESG

EUROPEAN YMCA SCOUTING AND JUNGSCHAR GROUP



OF EUROPEAN ALLIANCE OF YMCAs

European YMCA Scouting and Jungschar Group (ESG) **Annual Meeting 15th of Sept 2006, during the ESG Seminar Helsinki/Finland**

Seven countries were represented: Germany, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Hungary, Switzerland and Lithuania.

1. Adoption of the agenda. Points for any other business.

The agenda was adopted, with no extra points. There was a comment that the agenda for the meeting was sent too late to the participants.

2. Adoption of minutes

These minutes were adopted without any corrections:

- Executive committee, 10th March 2005 Krakow/Poland
- Annual meeting, 12th March 2005, Krakow/Poland
- Executive committee, 12th-13th November, Gräfendrohn/Germany

3. Elections

Leader, for two years (2006-08): Jo Edvardsen, Norway

Secretary, for two years (2006-08): Heidi Niemenmaa, Finland

Member, for two years (2006-08): Hariolf Schenk, Germany

Member, for one year (2006-07): András Jankowski, Hungary

Member for two years (2005-07) is Martina Büchi, Switzerland, elected during the annual meeting in 2005.

4. Further plans

2007, 27th-30th Sept: Seminar and leadership training in Zürich, Switzerland. The Swiss YWCA-YMCA will be the hosting movement, and a flyer with an invitation to Switzerland next year was distributed.

2008, 3rd-9th August: Europe Festival in Prague/Czech Rep. The annual meeting will be arranged during the festival, together with different ESG activities. No seminar/leadership training this year.

2009: Seminar/leadership training. No place decided so far, but it should be in one of the central/eastern countries.

2010/11: The 3rd ESG Jamboree? The first task will be to find a host for this event. Our goal should be to have at least 500 participants. An idea was to arrange the Jamboree in the eastern part of Germany.

5. Prague festival 2008

The 2nd YMCA Europe festival will be in Prague like the first time in 2003, but with a new venue a bit further away from the city centre. The theme for the festival is "Real life", with a focus on the global dimension. The target group is young people aged 13-25.

The steering committee wants a close cooperation with the different programme groups within the EAY. In February 2006 the steering committee invited the programme groups to a meeting for planning and brainstorming. Jo Edvardsen represented the ESG in this meeting, and the ideas brought up there were discussed during a workshop in the ESG Seminar in Helsinki. Like last time, we think that the ESG should take active part in the festival. We will use the festival as a place for *1) Scouting and Jungschar activities*, open for everyone; *2) Integration*, a meeting place for building friendship and networking for Scouts and Jungschars; and *3) Publicity*, showing to the people at the Festival, and in Prague, what YMCA Scouting and Jungschar is.

6. Publicity

The ESG web page is updated by Annette Kramer. She is willing to continue this work.

The partnership project: since we still have got none to take care of this project, we will close down the web page and the project.

The ESG brochure, with a presentation of each national movement with YMCA Scouting or Jungschar work needs an update. Andàs Jankowski will take of this, with help from the rest of the executive committee. The brochure should be presented on the ESG web page, and in paper at the festival in 2008.

The ESG leaflet: all leaflets are gone, but we have no money for reprinting them.

The ESG Newsletter: Martina Büchi and Annette Kramer are willing to still making the newsletters. The next (No 2-06) will be ready in November. We have problems with finding money for making paper copies for the newsletter, and for distributing them. Probably we will have to just spreading the newsletter by e-mail.

7. ESG Day

The idea for the ESG Day is that during the second weekend of November each year scouts and jungschars all over Europe make the same programme, consisting of some games, songs, food and a spiritual theme. All groups taking part should send a postcard to the country making the programme. Last year Switzerland as the organizer got very little response. This year Hungary has made the programme, and it can be found on the ESG web page and in the Newsletter. Sweden has agreed to make the programme for the ESG Day in 2007.

8. Informational matters

EAY General Assembly 2006, Faro/Portugal: Short report by Jo Edvardsen: In the five-year strategy 2006-11, there is a strong focus on the programme groups. The EAY wants to support the programme field by support the programme groups in making relevant programmes, and prepare an inclusion between the movement development and the programme field during the next years. Objectives are annual meeting between the programme group leaders and the EAY executive committee, joint training events, using the festival in 2008 as a manifestation of the YMCA in Europe. There was a discussion around the idea of having a programme secretary at the EAY office, but so far there is no financial resources for this.

9. Information from national movements

All countries represented gave a brief report from their work.

For the minutes, Jo Edvardsen