



ESG

EUROPEAN YMCA SCOUTING AND JUNGSSCHAR GROUP



OF EUROPEAN ALLIANCE OF YMCAs

Executive Committee meeting

14th September 2006, Helsinki/Finland

Participants:

Anette Kramer, Germany
Jo Edvardsen, Norway
Martina Büchi, Switzerland
Saana Lindvall, Finland
András Jankowski, Hungary.

Heidi Niemenmaa, Finland, and Hariolf Schenk, took part in the meetings as candidates for election at the annual meeting next day.

1. Preparing the Annual meeting

The issues for the annual meeting were discussed and prepared. We were especially concerned on plans for ESG Activities for the next years. For further information, see the minutes from this meeting.

2. Preparing the Seminar

Discussion around practical details concerning the seminar – not mentioned here. In stead we will here put a short summary of the seminar and leadership training:

The seminar had 19 participants, from Switzerland (4), Germany (2), Finland (4), Hungary (2), Norway (5), Lithuania (1) and Sweden (1). The leadership training had 12 participants, from Switzerland (2), Finland (4), Norway (4), Lithuania (1) and Sweden (1). Together this will be 31, together with the Finnish staff, trainers and volunteers, 16 persons (not all of them attending the whole seminar or LT). The seminar took place in the training centre Meriharju, just outside Helsinki. This year's theme was "*Leading Methods of Scouts and Jungsschars in YMCA*".

For the *seminar* there were sessions concerning membership growth (Arne Hernes, Norway), leadership, with group exercises (Jari Juhola), presentation of Finland and Finnish YMCA (Antero Lindvall), East-West culture crossing (Esko Vepsä), and the annual meeting.

The *leadership training* were learning about YMCA/EAY/ESG (Anette Kramer), playing games (Arne Hernes), outdoor training (Marko Läära, Jyrki Eräkorpi).

Together the seminar and leadership training had a common evening program the first day, morning prayers (by Martina Büchi, Switzerland and Andras Jankowski, Hungary), an excursion to Helsinki with free time, experience of the Finnish sauna, and on Sunday a church service in the local parish. Also the workshops were common: preparing for the next Prague festival, learning songs, handicrafts and games. Leading the whole ESG06 was Saana Lindvall, with Jaakko Koikkalainen, from the Finnish YMCA as responsible for administration and economy.

The Finnish staff has made a very thorough evaluation of the ESG06, which will be useful for the planning of the next seminar. Saana writes this in her summary: "I read no single feedback from totally disappointed persons. Seems that action is the word. I would say I'm 95% satisfied with our event. It should be noticed that even the topics with most negative results got always more than 50% threes and fours". (On a scale 1-4, with 4 as the best). Jari, seminar leader, summarises comments from many of the participants when writing: "I felt that everything was OK, but Saturdays programme turned out to be too much speaking instead of doing. In scout events scout methods should be used. In my opinion the input of the program in Saturday was after all good."

This time support for travel costs were offered through the EU Youth Programme, which was very positive, but unfortunately not all participants made their applications for support before the deadline.

3. Financial matters

Before the seminar we had a discussion within the committee by mail on supporting a participant from Macedonia. As an exception, and a way of helping a new, and not strong financially, movement, we agreed to give a support with 200 €. In the end, this participant did not find the rest of the money needed for going to the seminar, and the offered 200 € were not used.

The committee will for further requests of this kind, confirm the principles we made in Krakow 2005: *that we will not support ordinary participants at the seminars or LT, and that there is no "free seats"*.

We have just a small amount of money (surplus from seminars and the Jamboree in Hungary), and we will keep this as a reserve for eventual deficits after seminars in the future. The committee can also decide to support members of the committee with their travel costs.

After the seminar in Krakow we keep (by Jo) 592 € and 80 \$ (ca 60 €). The ESG part of the surplus after the Jamboree is 255 €, still kept in Hungary. Andràs will give them to Jo when we meet at the next committee meeting in Budapest 2007. All together we have ca 907 €.

4. Programme for the next seminar and LT in Switzerland 2007

We had a detailed discussion for the seminar. Annette made the minutes for this part of the meeting. (see attached at the end)

Next meeting in the executive committee: 16th -18th March 2007, in Budapest/Hungary.

Andràs will look for a place for us to stay. We should plan to arrive during the evening on Friday, so that we can start the meeting Saturday morning.

For the minutes
Jo Edvardsen

Proposal Programm Schedule ESG Leadership Training 2007

Thursday ()		Friday ()		Saturday ()		Sunday ()	
	Travel to Zürich, Switzerland		Breakfast		Breakfast		Breakfast
		9.00	<i>Morning prayer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson I • <i>Coffee break</i>	9.00	<i>Morning prayer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson II <i>Coffee break</i>		<i>Sunday service</i>
		12:30 ?	Lunch	12:30 ?	Lunch		Say goodbye and foto session
		14:00	Outdoor-Training (EOTN)	14:00	<i>Excursion to Zürich</i>		Packed lunch
	Dinner	18.30	Dinner, evtl. Cooking outside		<i>Dinner in the town</i> <i>Friendship evening</i> <i>(Swiss)</i>		
	<i>Opening evening – get to know each other (Swiss)</i> <i>Evening prayer</i>		Birthday-party for the idea of Scouting (100 years) (Norway)				

Proposal Programm Schedule ESG Meeting 2007

Thursday ()		Friday ()		Saturday ()		Sunday ()	
			Breakfast		Breakfast		Breakfast
Travel to Zürich, Switzerland	9.00	<i>Morning prayer (Finland)</i> What about the “C”? Session I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (30 m) • Germany (30 m) <i>Coffee break</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweden (?) (30 m) 	9.00	<i>Morning prayer</i> What about the “C”? Session II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungary (30 m) • Group/international exchange of ideas (30 m; Coffee included) <i>Coffee break</i>		<i>Sunday service</i>	
			10:30				
			10:45	Prague 2008 (Jo, Denise Basler?)			
	11:00	Annual meeting					
	12:30 ?	Lunch	12:30 ?	Lunch		Say goodbye and foto session	
14:00	Outdoor-Training (EOTN)	14:00	<i>Excursion to Zürich</i>		Packed lunch		
Dinner	18.30	Dinner, evtl. Cooking outside		<i>Dinner in the town</i> <i>Friendship evening</i>			

	<i>Opening evening – get to know each other (Swiss)/ Preinformation for annual meeting Evening prayer</i>	Birthday-party for the idea of Scouting (100 years) (Norway)	(Swiss)		
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