



ESG

EUROPEAN YMCA SCOUTING AND JUNGSCHAR GROUP



OF EUROPEAN ALLIANCE OF YMCAs

**Executive Committee meeting
27th September, Uster/Switzerland**

Participants:

Jo Edvardsen, Norway
András Jankowski, Hungary
Martina Büchi, Switzerland
Hariolf Schenk, Germany
Heidi Niemenmaa, Finland

1. Preparing the Seminar and LT

The executive committee went through the seminar and LT schedules. It was decided to gather feedback from the participants by using post-its on Sunday.

2. Preparing the Annual meeting

The executive committee went through the agenda of the annual meeting. One correction was made to the minutes of Helsinki concerning the price of the Prague festival.

It was decided that Alena Schmassmann will be elected on Saturday, when she will be present.

Next years annual meeting is part of the Prague festival. Next organizer of Seminar and annual meeting is not known yet. It has to be decided before the 2008 annual meeting.

Hariolf confirmed that the ESG Jamboree will be held in Germany in 2011, probably in the Lorelei area. YMCA Germany has accepted the idea. Hariolf will inform the participants of the seminar about the camp during the annual meeting. The camp area is suitable for approximately 500 people. The age limit for the camp has to be decided. The target group is the 15-20 year old scouts.

Annette Kramer will be asked to continue to edit the newsletter for another year. An easy print version is enough, if making two versions takes too much time. One newsletter per year is enough and it should be published in early spring, shortly after the committee meeting. Annette will also be asked to webmaster the ESG web pages. The page should contain the latest information on ESG at all times.

The ESG brochure was discussed. It is not necessary to print it. It is enough to have the possibility to download it on the web page. The information leaflet was also discussed. The executive committee decided that leaflets information will be published in a small credit card sized card. Hariolf will make the layout and Kinga will find out how much it will cost to print them in Romania.

The program for the ESG day is made by Romanians in 2007 and by the Swedes in 2008. Kinga will tell about this year program in the seminar.

Jo will give a very short summary on the EAY General assembly decisions. There were no big decisions made this year.

3. The Prague Festival issues

The steering committee's next meeting is in November. The map of festival area is not made yet. We haven't had any feedback on what is possible to do and what is not.

Five main activities of ESG are:

- 1) Sauna by the Finns
- 2) Luna Park by the Norwegians
- 3) Tent church
- 4) Program to the tent church
- 5) Tent café for the leaders

Restaurant service inside the festival area is sold to a company. We don't know yet if we are allowed to have the tent café at all. If it's prohibited to sell products, the café may be based on donations.

The workshops may have different program each day, even if the topic and the name of the workshop is the same every day.

4. Summary of the seminar and leadership training

Seminar and leadership training was held in Greifensee, a smallish town near Zürich. There were all together 48 participants from 11 different countries. Active YMCA scouts and jungschars from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Belarus, Armenia, Lithuania, Romania, Hungary, Slavakia, Switzerland and Germany were present. The swiss took responsibility of the general arrangements.

This year the seminar concerned different ways of Christian education. It was discussed in sessions called What about the C. We were priviledged to have new ideas to bring home from Germany, Sweden, Norway and Hungary. Annual meeting was held on Friday as a part of the seminar program.

Participants of the leadership training learned how to organize a good field game. They also learned more about how different organizations run by playing games. Program of the LT was planned and held by Arne Hernes from Norway and Andreas Moser from Switzerland.

On Friday night the whole seminar and LT celebrted the 100th anniversary of scouting by playing games and singing songs. The birthday cake was also served. Saturday was a Zürich city day. Participants walked through the city and had challenging tasks on different check points. After the game a fondue dinner was served on the top of Utliberg.

For the minutes,

Heidi Niemenmaa