



NEWSLETTER

May 2008

„Shaping perspectives”

NEW IPWG BOARD

Dear AEGEE!

During the IPWG Agora Ljubjana, the new IPWG board was elected. The current IPWG board consists of:

Speaker: Agata Patecka (AEGEE - Poznan)

Secretary: Mario Giuseppe Varrenti (AEGEE - Roma)

Treasurer: Christian Eichenmueller (AEGEE - Mainz/Wiesbaden)

Fundraising: Ahmet Eren Öztürk (AEGEE-Ankara)

Human Resources: Maciej Gad (AEGEE - Zielona Gora)

Public Relations: Cezary Szczepaniuk (AEGEE - Lublin)

And last, but not least:

IT Officer: Justin Chircop (AEGEE-Valletta)

We hope to have great cooperation in our term of being in IPWG board!





CONFLICT HANDLING TRAINING COURSE IN PASSAU

„Overcoming Borders – Promoting Mutual Respect“

In beautiful city of Passau, between 18th and 25th May 2008 a **Conflict Handling Training Course** took place. Keeping in mind that also inside Europe conflicts can escalate **AEGEE Passau** in cooperation with **IPWG** decided to organize “*Overcoming Borders – Promoting Mutual Respect*”, a conflict handling training course aiming at the promotion of non-violent solutions for conflicts.



23 young people from 16 European countries spent one week in Passau to broaden their knowledge about conflicts and especially non-violent solution methods. Three professional trainers, **Ann Daniels** from Belgium, **Aleksander Weisner** from Serbia and **Başak Tuzun** from Turkey, conducted the training course.

During week participants get some theoretical instruction about different kinds and triggers of conflict, and started a group work that extended about several days. The goal of the group work was a negotiation that took place on Friday where the groups had to fight for their position and their point of view.

During this negotiation they could also employ the negotiation tools they had learned before. Another highlight of the training course was the Round Table Discussion “Give your Piece to Peace” that took place in the University of Passau and was also open for university students.

All in all, one can say that the training was a great success as most of the participants were satisfied with the organization and will hopefully use the knowledge acquainted in the future. The training was supported by Youth in Action grants.



APPLICATION FOR TRAINING IN ODESSA SUBMITTED

To make our future event "**EUROCITIZEN – European Citizenship Training Course**" happen, the application written by **Agata, Patrik & Tika** with support from **Christian** and **Daniel** is handled to the European Commission (Youth in Action Programme). The training is planned for second half of March 2009. Together with our host local **AEGEE – Odessa** we keep our fingers crossed to get a positive answer from EC.





IPWG strengthen ties with YOUrope needs YOU project.

Agata had msn meeting with Verena, the representative of YOUrope needs YOU project who requested **IPWG** to become a partner. During the fruitful discussion the involvement of IPWG was specified – IPWG will be involved in planned Training Development Meeting in August in Brussels; as well as will support & contribute to the planned trainings for multipliers. Members of IPWG would have a chance to share their knowledge about EU, Europe and active citizenship with scholars and project receivers preparing brochures for them. Maciek took over the task of HR of Agata, and became the contact person from IPWG to **YOUrope needs YOU** project.



EUROPE AND THE WORLD – the world and Europe

During Spring Agora in Ljubljana Prisca Merz and Daniel Soujon held the IPWG workshop about "Europe and the world – the world and Europe" - around 25 participants dealt with the position of Europe in the world.

The workshop started with taking a stand on different statements like "EU is sufficiently supporting developing countries". Afterwards the participants splitted into three groups in order to focus on specific regions: Americas, Africa & Middle East and "Emerging Markets" (Russia and China).

The task was to evaluate the past relations as well as the current European influence and interests in these regions in order to conclude with an outlook on future relations. The participants analysed for example what should be improved in the external relations of Europe. "After the presentation of the group work results we had a very fruitful discussion" says Prisca, one of the trainers of the workshop. There was quite some interest

to continue working with those questions in AEGEE and in the future there might be some project about Europe's role in the world in order to emphasize the "International" in IPWG.



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