



## Plan of Activities 2007

### ***AEGEE-International Politics Working Group (IPWG)***

As 2007 will be a special year for IPWG – our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary – we also strive to make this year a special year not only for our working group but also for AEGEE. While not forgetting our focus of the past – International Justice and Diplomacy – 2007 will include many other activities. As one major event, IPWG plans to implement a major conference in autumn 2007, to celebrate the anniversary and to provide a framework for discussion.

Generally, the activities planned for 2007 can be divided into several topics:

- I. International Justice and Diplomacy**
- II. Activities to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IPWG**
- III. European Citizenship**
- IV. Support of Events and Projects**
- V. Workshops at statutory events**
- VI. Local IPWGs**
- VII. Public Relations**
- VIII. Webpage and Mailing Lists**
- IX. Human Resources**
- X. Internal Meetings**

### **I. International Justice & Diplomacy**

#### **1) IPWG goes The Hague**

- Visit to the Crime Court for former Yugoslavia (ICTY), Europol and the International Criminal Court (ICC – CPI)
- Workshops and panel discussions about International Justice
- Date: March 2007, in co-operation with AEGEE-Leiden

#### **2) Diplomatic Seminar, 4<sup>th</sup> edition**

- Workshops and simulation about negotiation, manners of protocol, lobbying, etc
- discuss the meaning of international organisations
- 30 participants
- Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007, in co-operation with AEGEE-Ankara

#### **3) Conflict Management and Mediation Training**

*(2.1.1.4 of the Strategic Plan of AEGEE-Europe)*

- educates young Europeans in mediating conflicts that are part of every day's life in regions where people with different ethnic, cultural and/or religious backgrounds are
- participants should be young people especially from European conflict regions
- teach in tools for conflict resolution and peace building methods
- teach general knowledge on how to mediate various kinds of conflicts
- co-operation with YnterAct and AEGEE-Academy
- Date: 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007, in co-operation with AEGEE-Zielona Gora



## **II. Activities to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IPWG**

### **1) Anniversary Conference**

- Major conference of IPWG in 2007
- Conference to discuss topic on the current agenda of the EU from a students' perspective, e.g. enlargement, constitution, social inclusion...
- Workshops and panel discussions
- 100 to 200 participants, host local to be found
- Taking place in September or October 2007

### **2) Publication "AEGEE and International Politics"**

- Anniversary publication of IPWG
- Including a review of the past 10 year of IPWG, giving an overview of people and projects
- Including the results of the anniversary conference
- 1000 copies
- Editor-in-chief to be found
- To be published at the Autumn Agora 2007

## **III. European Citizenship**

### **1) Future of European Citizenship**

*(1.2.1.1 and 1.2.2.2 of the Strategic Plan of AEGEE-Europe)*

- according to the Strategic Plan of AEGEE-Europe
- motivate locals to organize discussions and conferences on this topic and supporting them
- organize workshops at regional Meetings and Statutory events to discuss this topic

### **2) Career in the European Union**

- Action Day
- maybe 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007
- Collect information and provide locals with information needed to implement the Action Day
- Information about job possibilities at European Institutions
- Maybe co-operation with Education WG

## **IV. Support of Events and Projects**

### **1) Model European Union, Strasbourg, March 2007**

- simulation of the EU decision making process including the European Council and the European Parliament
- core simulation will take three days followed by a discussion on the problems of EU decision making
- topics of the simulation will be Visa, Education and Actual foreign policy
- Aim of the simulation is giving the participants the opportunity to experience the EU decision-making at first hand



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### 2) ECI4ECI

- inform the public about the role & influence of citizens in European decision-making
- educate young adults for participation in democracy
- inspire young adults with the importance of a direct citizens voice in decision-making on any level
- collect signatures in favour of the European Citizen Initiative

### 3) Cyprus Case Study Trip

*(2.1.1.3 of the Strategic Plan of AEGEE-Europe)*

- Aim is to put a spotlight on the Cyprus conflict from a subjective point of view
- The CST shall contain a preliminary conference where people from both parts of the island can meet on a neutral area
- The trip itself shall give people from all over Europe the opportunity to meet Cypriots from both parts
- The trip shall facilitate to discuss the perceived problems of young people, to get an insight in obstacles due to the political situation

### 4) Summer University Project

- Together with the Summer University Project team (SUCT), IPWG wants to implement thematic Summer Universities
- Combining Summer Universities with topics of international politics
- Helping organizers of Summer Universities to find topics for their events

## V. Workshops at Statutory Events and Network Meetings

### 1) Workshop at the EBM, March 2007

- Workshop on European Citizenship *(1.2.1.1 of the Strategic Plan of AEGEE-Europe)*
- Follow-up of results of workshops at Autumn Agora 2006

### 2) Workshop at the Spring Agora, Valletta, May 2007

- Topic dependent on outcomes of EBM-workshop and needs perceived by our members

### 3) Presenting statement on European citizenship at the Agora

*(1.2.1.1 of the Strategic Plan of AEGEE-Europe)*

- Results of discussions about European Citizenship
- Common statement of AEGEE, to be voted upon by the Agora

### 4) Workshops at Network Meetings

- Be present at NetMeetings
- inform people about IPWG, especially about possibility of setting up local IPWGs
- Present our events/plans on NetMeetings to gain new members
- try to be present at as many NetMeetings as possible

### 5) Workshop at the Autumn Agora

- Planning IPWG activities for 2008



## **VI. Local Working Groups**

*(2.1.2.5 of the Strategic Plan of AEGEE-Europe)*

- Promote the idea of having local IPWGs
- Provide local IPWGs with topics for discussions
- Use input of local IPWGs for IPWG events
- Promote the idea of having exchanges among Local IPWGs
- Offer a webpage to present discussion results, provide contact information

## **VII. Public Relations**

- Flyers and poster for events
- Publication "AEGEE and International Politics" (see above)
- Give-aways (lances)
- Regular newsletter to AEGEE-L, and IPWG mailing lists
- Working Group Booklet at Agorae, together with other WGs, co-ordinated by PRWG
- Presentations at EBM and Agorae for future events

## **VIII. Webpage and Mailing-Lists**

*(1.3.1 and 2.1.2.5 of the Strategic Plan of AEGEE-Europe)*

- Regularly start discussions on IPWG-L on current topics of international politics
- Include a section with articles on the webpage and motivate members to write articles
- Open a section on the webpage where local IPWGs can share information and results of discussions
- Use members-l to give all members the possibility to get actively involved in our projects
- Promotion of local IPWG-events

## **IX. Human Resources**

- Continuing the implementation of a mentorship system
- Improving the involvement of members in the work of the Working Group
- Set up teams for the implementation of events – guaranteeing that not only the board is working on all the events

## **X. Internal Meetings**

- One board meeting every six months, planned for January and August 2007
- Meeting open for all members, at least once a year (development meeting)
- Board-meetings at statutory events (EBM and Agorae)
- IPWG-General Assembly at the Spring Agora
- Team meetings with organizers of conferences/seminars (at statutory events)
- Preparatory meetings for conferences/seminars at the venue of the event