



## **Plan of Activities 2008**

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

IPWG, after celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2008 will start next decade of its activity. During this year we will maintain our focuses on International Justice & Diplomacy and European/Active Citizenship.

Generally, the activities planned for 2008 can be divided into several topics:

- I. International Justice and Diplomacy**
- II. European Citizenship**
- III. Support of Events and Projects**
- IV. Workshops at statutory events**
- V. Local IPWGs**
- VI. Public Relations**
- VII. Webpage and Mailing Lists**
- VIII. Human Resources**
- IX. Internal Meetings**
- X. External Co-operation**

### **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: pre event of EBM 2008 in Delft

#### **2) Diplomatic Seminar, 5<sup>th</sup> edition**

- Workshops and simulation about negotiation, manners of protocol, lobbying, etc
- discuss the meaning of international organisations
- 30 participants
- Date: December 2008

#### **3) Conflict Management and Mediation Training 2<sup>nd</sup> edition**

- 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: May 2008



## II. European Citizenship

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

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) **Training European Citizenship**

- Training
- Autumn 2008
- Aim is to extend the competencies of AEGEE members, to be able integrate elements of European citizenship within their projects and practice and support their role as multipliers with young people
- Co-operation with The Academy

### 3) **Election Observation Mission**

- IPWG support in reviving the project
- EOMs and Trainings organised together with project team throughout 2008

## III. Support of Events and Projects

### 1) **Model European Union, Strasbourg, April 2008**

- 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

### 2) **Cyprus project**

- Aim is to put a spotlight on the Cyprus conflict from a subjective point of view
- The Cyprus 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

### 3) **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

### 4) **Yearplan topic 2008 "Sustaining our future"**

- IPWG will contribute to the creation of the next flagship project in the framework of this topic
- Support of EnWG



#### **IV. Workshops at Statutory Events and Network Meetings**

**1) Workshop at the EBM, Delft, February 2008**

- Workshop about "Sustainability and International Relations"
- Follow-up of results of workshops at Autumn Agora 2007

**2) Workshop at the Spring Agora, Ljubljana, April 2008**

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

**3) 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

**4) Workshop at the Autumn Agora**

- Planning IPWG activities for 2009

#### **v. Local Working Groups**

- 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

#### **VI. Public Relations**

**1) 10<sup>th</sup> IPWG anniversary 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
- 1000 copies
- To be finalized and distributed beginning of 2008

**2) Other**

- Flyers and poster for events
- Publication "AEGEE and International Politics" (see above)
- Give-aways (lances, stickers)
- 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



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

- 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

## **VIII. 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
- IPWG Training Course for IPWG members in fall/winter 2008

## **IX. Internal Meetings**

- One board meeting every six months, planned for January and August 2008
- 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

## **X. External Co-operation**

- Development of the recently signed partnership between AEGEE and IAPSS into an active co-operation
- Establishing new contacts to partner organisations
- To work together with partners of AEGEE Europe in co-operation with CD