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Editorial

„Our beloved association has got many faces“, writes Michal Rudziecki in his article on page . And he's right.

How could it be another way if we are the biggest student organization in Europe, gathering people from different countries, faculties and both sexes. That's it. One of the faces of AEGEE is European integration by the means of love. We all know to what extent this aspect is important in AEGEE. Different types of love-related relationships in AEGEE are analyzed by Michal.

The other face of AEGEE are totally serious projects, like IGC, PTDP, or participation in such projects organized by European institutions, for instance Round Table on the Euro which took place in Brussels from the 22nd till the 24th of January 1996. Have you noticed the cover photo? One of the ten participants representing AEGEE there was Dominik Adamski, a member of our Audit Commission and the president of AEGEE-Warszawa, who decided to share with you his impressions. On page you can taste the atmosphere and subjects that were discussed there.

This is the third issue of NB that we managed to publish. Each time we do our best to be better, but - strangely - we have less and less time. The interval between two issues amounts to about one month, but we have to prepare everything in just a few days time anyway. No wonder that some errors are inevitable. We wanted very much to be ready in time for the Presidents' Meeting in Eindhoven, because distribution by mail proved to be very difficult. An example of this was the problem with delivering the NB to the German locals - we are sorry for that.

And the last point: your articles and letters are always welcome, regardless of the subject and intellectual level. :-)

Anita Szarlik

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COMING EVENTS



Transport Congress Delft

May 1-2-3 1996

Congress on Central Europe -AEGEE Passau, May 17-19th 1996

Europe has changed in its structures - new governments, new borders, new horizons for everyone, in East or West of "old Europe". This is an important subject to young and interested people, which means that everybody being young today in Europe should get informed about how the various revolutionary changes have begun and what has happened 7 years ago up to now. But this means also that we have to analyze critically the situation in which the states are that have been "behind the Iron Curtain" until 1989.

AEGEE Passau will organize a congress on Central Europe from May 17th to 19th 1996 and we will make an effort to give as many answers as we can find together with various politicians and scientists from "ex"-Eastern European countries we have invited to discuss with you here at Passau University. We will focus on the economic, social and political development.

What we want.

It is our aim to organize a meeting of AEGEE members coming from the former Western European states with people especially from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary which are the countries we want to put an emphasis on. To reach this aim means to let pass again the events of 1989 together with persons who have had a good view on what have happened.

There will be various lectures and workshops on themes which are important to get a critical view on the changes. As we are Germans, also the crucial happenings of 1989 in the German Democratic Republic will be touched for a short view. This view will be of particular interest concerning the states which are neighbouring us in the East: they will have the possibility to discuss their own "revolutions of 1989" with the specialists we have invited from their countries. In order to get qualified informations we will hear a lecture concerning the beginning in 1989 (to be heard on Friday 17th). Historic TV - news from this time will be shown to give an authentic

impression of how people interpreted the situation seven years ago.

Secondly, we want to see together how everything has developed: on the one hand, we want to analyze together what has caused the revolutionary events in 1989, on the other we want to see what people from these countries think about the developments and how they judge the situation today: what is contrary concerning the original idea to start doing a step towards Europe - democracy and freedom?

Concerning the authentic point of view we will hear two lectures on the actual situation of Central Europe (which naturally includes the former Eastern block in the countries of Poland, Czech Rep., Slovakia and Hungary). You are invited to listen to the two lectures focusing this on Sat. 18th of May.

We will have to ask:

Do the results satisfy the wishes of the people, how do they handle the new way of life, and what can people from "older" democracies do to support our AEGEE- colleagues in Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia? In this context there will also be touched the problem of enlargement of the European Community towards those countries. There has to be found an answer to the question if everybody is content with this development and if there are special problems to be solved in this part of the unification of Europe.

We want to start the necessary dialogue towards a better understanding of how to create a really unified democratic and pluralistic Europe with our partners the center of our continent. So please come joining the discussion and contribute your part of managing this historical task which will be one of the most important for Europe and AEGEE in the next 25 years - we should not stand aside where integration of former Eastern Block states is necessary.

Arno Hahner
AEGEE-Passau

"Mobility". That is what this congress is all about. Not only mobility of people, but also of freight.

The last decades have shown an immense increase in mobility. Predictions point out that this increase is going to continue. This increase is not without problems, like traffic jams and overcrowded trains. The environment also suffers, due to the increase in pollution and use of space. The drive for the increase in mobility is economical.

The theme question at our congress will be: "What are the limits to the increase in mobility?" Trying to find an answer to this question, we invited experts from the different fields (economical, environmental, social and technical) to give their view on this theme question. As a bonus the



workshops are combined with an excursion. A social program is of course not absent, there will be plenty of opportunity to integrate with fellow Europeans.

For more info or questions you can contact the AEGEE-Delft office.

Harry van Breen
Congress Committee
Head PR



A few words

A lot has happened since the last CD-Newsletter of December 1995.

AEGEE-Europe has finally its own office, in Brussels. Some members of the *Comite Directeur* are working here, and after some weeks of installation, moving all the files from Delft to Brussels, doing handyman jobs, getting communication possibilities like telephone, fax and email, and more we are now working on full power! We've already had our first CD-Meeting here. You are welcome to come by, please inform us beforehand. In this Newsletter you will find the new telephone and faxnumber.

In one week there were two mayor events happening for AEGEE.

AEGEE was present at the Round Table on the Single Currency in Brussels and at the same time we were also in Strasbourg in the lobby of the Assembly's hall of the Palais de l'Europe with a big exhibition on AEGEE. Later in this Newsletter you can find extensive reports on both big events. Enjoy reading them.

Let's Europe!

Your Comite Directeur

In memoriam Francois Mitterand

As most of you will know, Francois Mitterand, one of our patrons died, as a consequence of cancer. Nobody doubts of the European feeling that possessed him. He was a constant protector of the idea of a more united and stronger Europe, an Europe capable to react in front of the challenges of the coming century.

For a long period of his life, even when he was tremendously affected by his illness, he worked hard, continuously, without doubting any moment that the European Integration was possible and necessary.

AEGEE recognizes his role in the process of building Europe, and we will remember for a long time the work and the personal dimension of this personality, that once was our patron.

Comite Directeur

Bank-accounts AEGEE-Europe

AEGEE-Europe has three bank-accounts at the moment:

* ABN-Amro, Amsterdam: 56.64.53.851
(swift: ABNANL2A)

* Kredietbank, Brussel: 425-9140491-83
(swift:KREDBEBB)

* Commerzbank, K6ln: 55.29.71.400
(swift: COBADEFF370)

Do not use the Budapest Bank-account anymore!!!!

Edwin

Office in Brussels

Here are the new numbers of the office of AEGEE-Europe in Brussels:

Tel: ++32-2-644 34 74

Fax:++32-2-649 54 80

E-mail: Our new account is not working properly yet. We will inform you by E-mail about our new E-mail address as soon as we know it works.

Connie

Payment Memberships fees

For the AGORA in Valladolid 12,5% of the local memberships fees have to be paid to AEGEE-Europe. The deadline for the payment via the bank-accounts is on April 1, 1996. If you transfer the fee via a bank, please bring a proof of the transfer. If you want to pay in cash at the AGORA, you have to contact me on beforehand.

Edwin

Deadlines

Memberships fees	April 1st 1996
BMBF:	April 1st 1996
EU Subventions:	At least nine months in advance
EYF (CofE):	March 1st 1996 for events taking place 01.01.- 30.06.1997
PTDP 1997:	April 1st 1996
CD Newsletter:	February 23rd 1996
Agora Booklet:	March 8th 1996
OneEurope Magazine	March 15th 1996

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Contacts to European National Institutions

Approaches to European institutions such as the European Union (EU), the Council of Europe

(CofE), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) etc., are done by the CD in cooperation with the locals.

Approaches to most (but not all) national institutions can be done by the locals themselves after informing the CD.

Comite Directeur

Presidents' Meeting in Eindhoven

AEGEE-Eindhoven is ready to host the Spring Presidents' Meeting, many of you already applied, and with the Presidents' Meeting booklet included in this mailing everybody is able to prepare himself for the meeting. Many workshops are planned about various subjects. We hope for your active participation in order to contribute to a constructive atmosphere which is necessary to produce good results and to make considerate decisions. Next to this we are also sure that we all will have a good time in Brabant.

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Members for the Members' Commission

At the Presidents' Meeting in Eindhoven we are going to elect new members for the Members' Commission. The Presidents' Meeting can elect up to three members.

The MC is the body, that decides on all cases of conflict between a local and AEGEE-Europe. For this office, thorough knowledge of AEGEE and its network is required.

If you would like to candidate for a position in the MC, you have to fill in the form at the end of the Corpus Iuridicum and hand it in to Connie as soon as possible.

Comite Directeur

Yearplan and Long Term Program 1997

At the Presidents' Meeting in Eindhoven we will discuss the Yearplan and Long Term Program for 1997 so bring your ideas and contribute to the first draft of the Yearplan. Prepare it with your local and join this workshop!

Comite Directeur



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Solidarity Fund

Included in this mailing you can find some more information about the AEGEE-Europe Solidarity Fund (ASF). The purpose is to provide financial means apart from AEGEE-Europe's general budget for the support of members of AEGEE who live in an exceptionally weak financial situation and who can therefore not participate in the activities and the program of AEGEE otherwise.

Please read it and come to the workshop in Eindhoven!

Christoph

Events' Fair

At the Presidents' Meeting in Eindhoven there will be an Events' Fair during the lunch breaks. This Fair is organized by AEGEE-Eindhoven. If you want to promote your event you should inform AEGEE-Eindhoven beforehand.

AEGEE-Eindhoven

Best Bulletin Award

During the Presidents' Meeting in Eindhoven we will again announce the 'Best Bulletin Award'.

This means that your local bulletin can be awarded this nice price... Send your bulletin to Brussels and an objective jury will judge. The deadline is Friday February 23rd!

Comite Directeur

Proposals Agora

Valladolid

If you or your local or Working Group want to present a proposal at the Agora in Valladolid you should send this proposal to Connie before March 8 1996 to be sure that it is included in the Agora-booklet.

Connie

PM in Timisoara

At the CD-Meeting in January we decided that AEGEE-Timisoara has the honor to organize

the Presidents' Meeting in Autumn 1996. Congratulations to AEGEE-Timisoara and we hope to see many AEGEE-members there!

Comite Directeur

CD-decisions

At the first CD-meeting in Brussels the following decisions were taken:

- The Presidents' Meeting in Autumn 1996 will be organized by AEGEE-Timisoara (September 20-22).
- In the future, the Comite Directeur favors to be composed of 9 persons.
- There was one application by a member to become Liaison Officer of AEGEE-Europe. The Comite Directeur has appointed Jeroen van Eik as Liaison Officer for Moot Court.
- The next Key to Europe will not be presented at the Presidents' Meeting in Eindhoven, due to the fact that there are not enough advertisements in yet. It will be ready at the Students Fair in Brussels.
- The Comite Directeur will bring a proposal for CST criteria at the Agora in Valladolid.
- The Comite Directeur wants to send out the mailing by E-mail starting January 1st 1997. This because of the faster distribution, the decreasing of costs and less paper work.
- The Comite Directeur appointed Gerhard Kress as FR-coordinator for AEGEE-Europe. The responsibility will remain with the Comite Directeur.
- The Final Conference of Find Your Way To and Within an Open Society in Budapest in December 1996 is assigned as the EGEE XII event. The 'birthday' of AEGEE.

Information for locals

If your local needs information and publications of AEGEE-Europe like Key to Europe books or leaflets, 10th Anniversary Books, Address Books, Corpus Iuridicum or Operators' Manual you should contact the office in Brussels so we can bring them to the Presidents' Meeting where we will distribute them at our registration-desk.

We can only guarantee requested material to be there. In this way we can save money!

Connie

Mailing

From the 1st of January 1997, the Comite Directeur wants to try to send out the mailing by email. Documents that can only be sent by normal mail like Address Books will be distributed by normal mail.

This has several advantages:

- Faster distribution of information to the locals (for some locals it takes 4 weeks to arrive)
- Lower cost of distribution
- Less work involved to produce the paper mailing.

In this mailing we've included some more information. If your local is unable to receive it by email and you can state a reason for this we will work on a solution.

Please fill in the form and return it as soon as possible. You can also bring it to our registration desk in Eindhoven.

Comite Directeur

Applications

to the European Union

For having a good result for your project, which means a good subvention, you have to prepare a nice application.

If you want to propose an application, please take a look at the Operators' Manual in order to find out the main guidelines: presentation of AEGEE, presentation of the organizing antenna, presentation of the conference (with a general introduction, with a presentation of the program, with the aims you want to achieve), presentation of the speakers (who are the persons invited), and a presentation of the patrons requested. You have to do this yourself, I don't know the ins and outs of your specific project.

In the application there has to be a budget (the most important thing), with an income and an expenditure side and this budget has to be in ECUs.

The whole application should be at least 18-20 pages in total.

This point is very important for the success of your project because at the moment the EU commissions are receiving plenty of interesting projects. If you prepare a nice, interesting and European application in a real brochure, you will have good possibility to succeed.

After the acceptance of the application and after the written confirmation of the subvention, you might send, via your responsible in the Comite Directeur, just one month before the conference, the final draft of the program with the

final list of the speakers. After the conference it is necessary to have the financial report with the bills of confirmation and of course a final report of your conference.

If your application wasn't accepted, please, send the final result paper of the conference anyway because in this way we can show our activity.

Thank you very much for your attention and be careful: next time I won't accept any application with mistakes!

Claudia

Applications for the Calendar of Events

If you want to have your event on the Calendar of Events then you should contact the Secretary of AEGEE-Europe already at the moment that you are brainstorming about a subject and a date. You probably don't know everything at that moment but that is no problem, because at that moment we can start to set a date for the event.

After this you can send in the other information as motivation, PR-information, and budget. The budget should have two sides: income and expenditures, please send this in complete. At this moment many locals want to organise a big conference in five months time, for a good organisation of a big conference you should plan more than a year!! So if your local wants to organise something please think in advance and plan a conference in 1997.

Connie

Fundraising Agents

Fundraising done by only one FR-responsible for all over Europe is not feasible. That's why we do not have a specific CD-member for fundraising anymore. We are setting up a network in order to fundraise in a more decentralized way. Therefore we need agents, who want to help us. If you are interested in doing some interesting work for AEGEE-Europe and by that making some money for your own antenna as well... (remember the 10%-rule), contact Gerhard Kress (the fundraising coordinator) or me.

Edwin

Patrons

Please make sure that you put the updated list of patrons in your publications. To avoid confusion, here is the complete list of all patrons (not more, not less!):

- Daniel Tarschys, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.
- Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission.
- Hans van den Broek, Member of the European Commission.
- Rita Sismuth, President of the German Parliament
- Joseph M. Bricall, President of the Conference of European Rectors
- Catherine Lalumiere, Member of the European Parliament
- Egon A. Klepsch, Former President of the European Parliament.
- Ruud Lubbers, Minister of State in the Netherlands.

Roman

New Patrons

What about patrons who are no politicians but artists, writers or active in the fields of our thematic Working Groups?

These fields should be represented in the group of our patrons as well. If you have some personalities in mind who commit themselves to the same principles as we do please tell me about them! Thanks!

Roman

Key to Europe 1995/96

I am working on the new edition of the Key to Europe. It will be ready for the Student Fair in Brussels and distributed at the Agora in Valladolid. There is still the possibility to contribute to it especially with advertisements from companies. If you want to ask sponsors of your events whether they want to have an advertisement in the Key to Europe I will deliver you the Mediadata.

Doing that you would become active in the Fund-raising Network Gerhard Kress, AEGEE-Mainz/Wiesbaden, is starting to build up.

Roman

Speakers at AEGEE events

For PR and Fund-raising it would be very useful to have a list of famous speakers at AEGEE events. Please find out which famous speakers participated at events your antenna organized in the last years and inform me. Thanks!

Roman

Press Mirror

A Press Mirror is a good tool for Fund-raising and for any other external contact of every antennae. Marijke Moed from AEGEE-Maastricht is preparing a Press Mirror for AEGEE. Therefore we need your input: articles in newspapers and any kind of magazines about AEGEE. Please send the original of everything you find about AEGEE to AEGEE-Maastricht.

Roman

PR at Fairs in your region

Job fairs, student fairs and NGO fairs are good places to make PR for AEGEE. Every antennae can go there in its region.

You may ask the organizers whether you get a desk there to represent AEGEE or you just go there and talk to the organizations represented there. There you may find new possibilities of cooperation with NGOs, companies and all kind of institutions based on personal contacts from the beginning. Useful PR-material: PR material of your local, Key to Europe, Key to Europe leaflets, OEMs, Map of Europe, List of Antennae, Calendar of Events, statutes of principles, SU Booklet, posters of conferences, big pictures, computer with WWW pages. Go there, talk to everybody! That's AEGEE. That's Europe.

Roman

AEGEE-Meetings

In order to have a successful association, active and skilled people, well informed members and a clear direction of where to go with each other, we need to educate our (new) members!

The AEGEE-meetings are regional meetings which are geographically spread throughout Europe and well suited to reach these aims. At

the AEGEE-Meetings, old and new members can discuss together, exchange ideas or develop new projects.

The next meetings are already scheduled, if there is no AEGEE-meeting in your region yet, please consider organising one.

The first one in Valencia is planned in the weekend of 14-16 March 1996. Three other AEGEE-Meetings are planned in the weekend of 22-24 March 1996 and they are in Lund, Wroclaw and Skopje.

The third regional meeting of AEGEE-Innsbruck (RegMee3) will take place at the 15 - 17th of March.

Mirjam

The European School

The European School is the best suited opportunity for already active members to learn more about the work on the European level in order to join it! The European School will this year take place in Gliwice/Zabrze from June 31-July 7. Don't forget to put this date in your agenda and apply!

Participants from CEEC may qualify for financial support up to 100 % of all costs involved.

Mirjam, AEGEE - Gliwice / Zabrze

Logo Machine

The following service has been established *many* months back already. Because of some deficiencies I did not announce the "logo machine" before, but as I do not have more time to spend on it, I decided to do it now.

Maybe you know the problem: how do I get a customized logo for my newly born AEGEE antenna? The solution is to use the logo machine as provided by AEGEE-Heidelberg! It will send you the AEGEE logo by e-mail with your very own Antenna name in it!

You can find the logo machine on the WWW by starting at the following page:

<http://www.nmr.embl-heidelberg.de/gherman/AEGEE/>

From where you will find it simply by follow-

ing the relevant links to content, AEGEE-Heidelberg, etc. I am interested in your comments.

If you are an expert in writing perl scripts or plain PostScript, please let me know. Maybe, together we can further enhance this service.

But remember, for the time being I will not provide the logo in any other special format! So, please do not ask for that! Thanks.

**Enjoy the logo machine!
Dinu Gherman**

Volunteer mobility programs

Under this name, I'm defining all those programs that allows students to do a training-ship or a voluntary service in another country. Programs as Youth for Europe III, Leonardo or Mme. Cressons initiative of a truly European Voluntary Service, seem that they can be helpful a lot to all AEGEE members.

All these programs can be used to provide a monthly allowance to all those members that would like to spend some months in another antenna in a different country, for a minimum of three months, helping in different projects such the Erasmus students activity program, the organization of an Agora, Congress or Seminar, etc.

All those antennae interested in sending or receiving some members should contact me as soon as possible.

A workshop will be held in the Presidents' Meeting in Eindhoven, in order to discuss what kind of voluntary services we can propose. Let's improve our truly European network!

**See you there!
Jordi**

Intergovernmental Conference 1996 (IGC)

The conferences of the AEGEE & the IGC will start with the conference in Bonn, followed by Gorizia, Munich, Warszawa ending with the final conference in Maastricht.

For the project we found official support in the form of patrons: Mr. Jacques Santer, Mr. Klaus

Haensch, Mme. Elisabeth Guigou and Mr. Jacek Saryusz-Wolski.

You can find a poster of the events in this mailing. Local IGC events will take place parallel during the next weeks.

I hope that a great number of people will take part in this hot current topic.

Tina

Understanding Europe Symposia

It is now the time to apply for the Understanding Europe Symposia. Please contact:

Thorsten Geisinger,
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Tel: +49 6131 364349,
Fax: +49 6131 338866,
E-Mail: geist000@goofy.zdv.uni-mainz.de.

At these symposia topics like European Identity, Democratization in Central and Eastern Europe, Enlargement, A Common European Education System, Immigration, Free Movement of Labour Force, A Common European Security Policy are going to be discussed.

The aim is to create awareness and acceptance of the European diversity and to find ways for further integration.

Roman

European Parliament hearing

AEGEE will be participating in the EP hearing on February 26th and 27th 1996.

The topics will be "Decision-making in the EU" or "Policies of the EU" including youth, education and culture.

Tina

NGOs and Civil Society in Vilnius

AEGEE took part in a conference on NGOs and Civil Society organized by the Liaison Committee of NGOs enjoying consultative status with the Council of Europe in Vilnius (November 21-23, 1995).

AEGEE stuck out as one of the very few youth organizations and with very active participation.

Johannes

Working Groups



Report

Most of the Working Groups still have neither delivered financial reports for last year, nor programs and budgets for 1996. For this reason administrative subventions have not yet been paid to the Working Groups.

Most Working Groups took part in the exhibition in Strasbourg and participated in NGO-meetings in their field of interest.

Johannes

Education Working Group

At the moment there are a lot of things happening in the field of education. First of all the Education WG joined the AEGEE exhibition at the Council of Europe, 23-26 January 1996.

This visit was highly successful and one of the results was that the EWG joined the grouping on education of the general assembly of NGOs enjoying consultative status at the Council of Europe. Due to the short time of notification, only the president could manage to be present, but for next time we are planning to have more people involved.

For future grouping meetings the EWG will assign a EWG member, who should participate in those meetings. At the Education WG meeting in Torino, further plans were made for the two main projects of the EWG for 1996, the Socrates campaign and the Yearplan conference on the information society, planned in November this year. I would therefore like to welcome all people interested in education to join the next EWG meeting in Eindhoven on the 29 February and the 1 March. There you will have the possibility to join in the organization of those. See you in Eindhoven!

Alex, EWG

Environmental Working Group

The Environmental Working Group wants to publish the Yearbook 'European Environment' again, so we can present the results of all organised events and thus give an overview of what we are capable of. Since the last item is from 92/93, we now want to cover the years 93-95. Therefore we need your information concerning all your environmental events (conferences,

academies, summer camps, etc) including local Working Group events like seminars, excursions, workshops, ecological camps, etc. Please send all your results starting from 1993 to AEGEE-Groningen (see Address Book)

**Nikolette Buiter,
Environmental Working Group**

OneEurope Magazine

OEM No 10 needs a new EDITORIAL TEAM. If you would like to be part of a fresh team or move the OneEurope Magazine to your city, speak up! You have the unique chance to inherit a well equipped project where the financial question of the next issue (April/ May 96) is already solved. Contact us, wherever you are - the OEM is neither fixed to Aachen nor to Germany!

"Who are we? - Since April '93 a growing group of students produces the OneEurope Magazine three times per year, using the network and facilities of the European students organisation AEGEE. The magazine's open concept shall serve communication and discourse from Las Palmas to Kiev, thus contributing to the build-up of an integrated Europe."

OneEurope Magazine

Call for articles

The Monetary Union is now taking serious shape, creating effects that are of far greater relevance than the simple psychology of a name.

We would like to focus the next issue of the OneEurope Magazine on themes around the EMU, including Central and Eastern Europe and Europe's relations with the 'rest' of the world economy. Naturally the political instruments accompanying this important step of EU integration shall not be forgotten, and personal thoughts are likewise welcome!

Just take a look at the Style Guide at:

<http://www.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/AEGEE/oneEurope/style.html>

for submitted articles and contact the editorial team at: oem@rwth-aachen.de before you start writing!

OneEurope Magazine

PTDP 1997

Once again I would like to ask you to consider the participation of your antenna (specially

from Central and Eastern Europe) in the next application for PHARE/TACIS Democracy Program. We have scheduled the workshop at PM in Eindhoven, where we will prepare our application and project (for details see the PM booklet). Please come up to this workshop with your ideas, plans, visions and suggestions what to do and on what to concentrate our efforts in 1997. We need also antennae from the European Union, which will become partners of the antennae from Central & Eastern Europe and this way will support the cultural exchange as well as sharing experience how to organize and prepare events.

David

Teaching Summer

University (AEGEE-Corps)

This is a new type of Summer University. Students from certain countries (like post-communist countries) can not afford to participate at the SU in other European countries because of travel expenses or low incomes.

Therefore the EWWG invented a new type of the SU, so-called Teaching SU or if you prefer "AEGEE-Corps" (similar to the scheme of US Government's Peace Corps), when "teachers" (AEGEE-members from European countries) will come to the selected country and teach there their mother tongue (German, French, etc.) or any other subject. Participants will come from different locals from this country or neighbour countries (like Ukraine or Belarus).

There were very positive reactions on the server, unfortunately I had no time to follow this project up. Therefore I count on your support and hope that there will be some of you, who will continue with this project. It is up to you, AEGEE members, to make the projects come true!

David

The Summer Universtiy

Co-ordination

The Summer University Co-ordination Team has almost finished the first part of its task. The SU-book will be spread out during the PM in Eindhoven.

Moreover a Workshop will be held concerning the second part of the co-ordination procedure. Since the application form will be completely different from the past years it would be better if each antenna sends one of its members present at the Agora to the workshop in order to avoid mistakes in the application procedures.

SUCT, Silvio Oliviero



Working Groups



European Community

Law Competition;

The European Law Moot Court Society is looking for antennae interested in organizing Regional Finals for next year's Moot Court Competition.

Organizing a Regional Final is extremely interesting for antennae based in cities where European Community Law is taught.

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AEGEE at the Round Table on the Single Currency

On January 22nd until January 24th 1996, the European Commission organized a round table on the single currency. The purpose was to develop communication strategies to inform the European citizens about the changeover to a new currency, called Euro. It was clear that the people in Europe are not informed sufficiently so far. Therefore, Jacques Santer and Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the responsible commissioners, invited public authorities, financial institutions, companies, both sides of industry, consumers, non-profit making organizations, communication experts and media figures to actively take part in the planning of the information campaign by participating in the round table.

The Round Table took place under the patronage of Giovanni Agnelli, Frans Andriessen, Luis Miguel Belez, Sir Samuel Brittan, Henning Christopherson, Etienne Davignon, Jacques Delors, Valrie Giscard d'Estaing, Lord Jenkins, Filippo M. Pandolfi, Carlos Solchaga and Pierre Werner, which shows the unique importance of this event. Thanks to our good contacts in the Commission, a delegation of AEGEE-Europe was invited to join this round table as participants. AEGEE was not alone the only students' association present at this unique event, but we were also the only ones, representing the European youth.

The participants (of the Round Table including the critical consumers' representatives) were agreeing on the importance of the introduction of the Euro not only for the European economy, but even more in a political sense on the necessity of

one common European currency for the future of the European integration process as a whole. Furthermore, it was majority opinion, that the Euro will be introduced on January 1st 1999 as it was decided by the Union member states on the Council Meeting in Madrid last December.

Christoph Strohm was asked by Mr. Santer to introduce one of the discussion in the workshop 1, focussing on the consumer, sharing the panel with Mr. C de Boissieu (professor of economics at the Universite Paris) and Mr. G. Wijngaards (representative of the European Association of Teachers).

The main focus of Christoph's speech was on the necessity of the consideration of the European youth in the campaign due to the fact, that we are the future of Europe.

Christoph furthermore stressed, that the campaign should not only be targeted on the time of the changeover, but that the Euro will also need= public acceptance in the time after the final step in the changeover, and that by well informing today's young people about the effects, that a common currency will have on the Europeans in the next century, a future support can be initiated now. As a third point it was made clear, that any information campaign, aimed at young people, should not consist of nicely layouted thick information brochures, but that modern information media (such as the Internet and Television) must be used and that young people should be involved in the campaign itself.

The speech as well as our representation at the round table found great recognition, and our main points made it into the final conclusions of the Round Table. Next to our active and constructive input at the round table, it was high time for new contacts. All the participants from AEGEE used every chance to dine and lunch with the other participants and to sip coffee with them during the discussion breaks. We had the chance to present AEGEE to over 70 more or less prominent, but almost all interested representatives of European banks, businesses, institutions and media.

Let me close this report with a quote from our Honorary President Franck Biancheri: "The participation at the Round Table on the Single Currency was probably the greatest achievement of AEGEE in the last years."

AEGEE makes itself a name at the Council of Europe

The Council of Europe is the European organi-

sation closest to the aims and the geographic scope covered by AEGEE. Founded in 1949, the Council of Europe comprises now after the disputed decision of its Parliamentary Assembly for Russia's membership almost all European states.

From January 22 to 26, 1996 AEGEE presented itself in an extensive PR-campaign to the Council of Europe: when the members of the Parliamentary Assembly arrived in Strasbourg on Monday for the first part of their 1996 session, invitations to our exhibition and a reception were already waiting for them. On Monday and Tuesday 10th Anniversary Books were delivered to the rooms of the member states' delegation. Invitations and Anniversary Books were also delivered to the permanent missions of the member states and the directorates of the secretariat of the Council of Europe. With the help of Gunnar an exhibition consisting of enlarged photographs, short texts and a computer demonstration of our WWW-pages had been prepared. Next to the exhibition in the lobby of the Assembly's hall members of Working Groups, of locals in the region and the CD were waiting prepared to give information about our projects, and to note all requests for further information or offers for co-operation.

Exhibitions as well as receptions do not usually take place in the lobby of the Assembly's hall. Mr Miguel Martinez, the then President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and his successor, Mrs Leni Fischer, were so kind to make an exception for AEGEE.

The final report of the Case Study Trip Ukraine having taken place under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe was submitted personally to Mr Daniel Tarschys on Monday. At the occasion of our reception Mr Johannes de Jonge, Head of External Relations, delivered greetings of the patron of AEGEE, Mr Daniel Tarschys. Members of WGs participated in specialised meetings of NGOs in the fields of Education, East-West and North-South Relations. AEGEE was represented in the two meetings of the Liaison Committee and the Plenary Conference of NGOs enjoying consultative status with the Council of Europe.

Johannes Kind was elected into the bureau of the Liaison Committee as deputy rapporteur. The bureau prepares the meetings of the Liaison Committee, the meetings of specialised NGO-groupings, meets with members of the Parliamentary Assembly in a Joint Committee, and represents the Liaison Committee at conferences.

Last week AEGEE made itself a name at the Council of Europe.

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RESULTS OF EVENTS



ROUND TABLE ON THE EURO- OR HOW AEGEE MADE IT TO THE HEADLINES

Brussels, 24.01.1996. Heads of State, Prime Ministers, Governors of Central Banks, Finance Ministers, Members of the European Parliament, top management of European businesses and banks. Among them a 10 member delegation of AEGEE (recognised as the biggest interdisciplinary student association in Europe) headed personally by President Christoph Strohm. A dream?! Not really.....

All international events like conferences and fairs give AEGEE the possibility to present itself, its views and opinions to a number of other participants: organisations, corporates. In this aspect the ROUND TABLE ON THE EURO-THE COMMUNICATIONS' CHALLENGE held from the 22nd till the 24th of January 1996 in Bruxelles was a special event. AEGEE, among other prominent figures, was invited to it by Mr Jacques Santer and the European Commission to represent European youth in the discussion on effective communication relating to the changeover to the single currency.

Heads of State or Government of EU countries at their last meeting in Madrid on 15 and 16 December 1995 adopted the scenario for the changeover to the single currency and decided to name it "Euro". The Euro will become a currency in its own right and ECU will cease to exist from the 1st of January 1999. On the 1st of January 1999 conversion rates among the currencies of countries participating in the Economic and Monetary Union will be irrevocably fixed. From that date monetary policy and the foreign exchange rate policy will be conducted in Euro, and new tradeable public debt (treasury bonds) will be issued in Euro by countries participating in the EMU.

What does this have to do with me or AEGEE? As long as it doesn't affect my everyday life I don't care - you might say. Now, what about this: "By the 1st of January 2002 at the latest, Euro banknotes and coins will start to circulate alongside national notes and coins. At most 6 months later, the national currencies will have been completely replaced by the Euro in all countries participating in the EMU". Bye, bye good old DEM,

no more GBP ?? Yes, the single currency is one of the first European initiatives which directly concerns every man, woman and child in the Union. This could be a major and essential step forward in the process of integrating Europe (I will not touch on the hot issue of the number of EU states fit for the Economic and Monetary Union : at this stage it appears that only Luxemburg fulfills the fiscal criteria for the EMU), but

will the citizens of
the European Union share this view ?

This cannot be taken for granted. Not only because of all the national sentiments each country's currency enjoys-the changeover to Euro will also bring about a lot of difficulties in day-to-day life : to name only calculating prices given in national currency to Euro and double-display of prices in shops. The changeover to Euro will not be as easy as the decimalisation of the British Pound or „cutting zeros" of some Central European currencies because at current exchange rates 6.4 French francs and 1.91 German marks would have to be exchanged for 1 Euro. Not everyone will have a calculator on every occasion. It is obvious that

without the support of citizens Europe cannot make this historic step towards monetary union.

Therefore it is essential to foster public acceptance of the new currency. Encouraging consumers and the general public to adapt successfully to the single currency is a fundamentally important task for communications. The Round Table on the Euro was aimed at encouraging public authorities and currency users to make the necessary preparations for the changeover like identifying main concerns of consumers. This, no doubt, is essential for having well-prepared and well-conceived strategies, which would respond effectively to consumers' fears and anxieties while also making it as easy as possible for everyone to feel comfortable with the daily use of new currency (notes and coins, savings, bank statements, cheques, invoices, tax forms...).

The Statement of AEGEE

AEGEE highlighted the discussion on the use of the educational system and the role of young people. In a speech delivered by Christoph, our President, we stressed that today's young generation will form society in tomorrow's Europe. Young Europeans, educated today, are going to

be tomorrow's decision-makers and today's young generation are going to be the ones who will be affected by decisions made today. That's why we feel that the educational system is an ideal channel for information, not only in the short term perspective for the information about the changeover to a single currency, but even more in the long run for promoting the Economic and Monetary Union as being trustworthy and viable.

Future support of the EMU
needs to be planted now.

The young generation of today is Europe's future and that's why it should be a major target group for the necessary promotion of the EMU. AEGEE underlined the specific needs of young people. We proposed:

- to involve Europe's Youth in all aspects of the changeover
- a decentralised campaign at the grassroots level
- the extensive use of modern media.

AEGEE also suggested :

- to support students in organizing international conferences and local events for a young audience
- to train students to act as multipliers towards pupils in secondary schools
- visits to central banks including the European Monetary Institute
- the use of Internet, music television, youth magazines, etc.
- financial market simulation competitions
- public figures and well-known personalities to enter in direct dialogue with the youth.

All those concerned- public authorities, financial institutions, companies, both sides of industry, consumers, non-profit making organisations, communication experts and media figures- actively participated in the discussion speaking openly and frankly-stating both positive and negative aspects of the introduction of the Euro. I hope that this frankness and honesty will also be distinctive of the future campaign promoting the Euro because otherwise it will be impossible to create confidence of European citizens in the new currency. Without it, people will fear the Euro as „a leap in the dark". Moreover I feel that the Euro-promotion campaign should focus on individual needs rather than on showing benefits of the single currency to businesses. In this regard „CONNECT POSITIVE EMOTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION"-the banner under which AEGEE participated in this event does not seem an empty slogan at all.

Dominik Adamski



Interview with David Stulik

What do you study?

Good question, Right now nothing, but I used to study International Economic Relations at the best university in Central Europe, just guess where... I was the Czech outpost there!

How old are you?

Right now 23, next year I will be 24. :)

Where do you live?

In Europe!!! Actually this is true, since, for example, in January I spent only 3 (yes, three) days in the Golden city of Praha.

What are and were your main activities in AEGEE?

This would be a quite long list, just for illustration: CST Ukraine, CHAMP 94, speaker of the EWWG, etc. Once I was even sports coordinator in now non-existent European Projects Working Group. And I used to be the vice-president of your/our antenna, AEGEE-Warszawa.

Right now I am responsible in the CD for two projects: Case Study Trips and "Find Your Way..." project, which is supported by the PTDP.

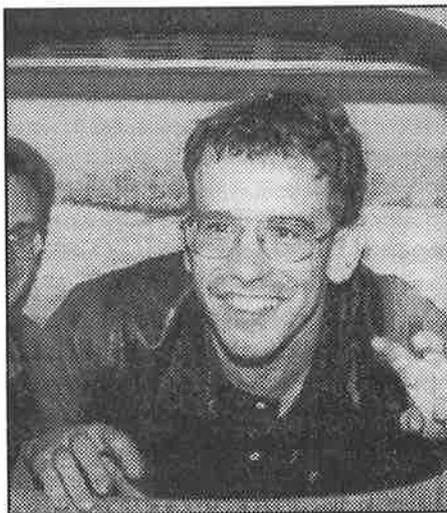
Why have you chosen PTDP and CST as your main activities?

We (in Central and Eastern Europe) are living in dynamic and rapidly changing societies. Such changes are not happening every day! Therefore I see it as a fantastic and unique challenge to restore the democracy in this post-communist world. Both those two projects have something to do with this matter. I want to be involved in these democratic processes and support them as much as possible. I really want me and other young people to find our way!

Also in my opinion AEGEE is one of the most active international organisations working in these countries and many AEGEE members are sympathising with our efforts. This is my obligation and commitment not let them and their expectations down.

How did you start with AEGEE?

My friends from the university approached



me, when I was in the students self-government and asked me whether I could help them with "one super and great association", which was, of course, AEGEE. I started with a small conference in Warszawa ("Solidarity after Warsaw Pact" in 1992). I just arranged some speakers from Embassies.

What would you change?

In AEGEE? There are many things I would like to do or run in other way. Generally, I would like to see more members feeling responsibility for our role in Europe. Also more appreciation should be granted to all those active people, not only on European level, who are doing fantastic things, spending their free time and investing their own money and energy for AEGEE. Most of us do not care (look at the attendance of lectures at congresses!).

What is AEGEE for you?

Wow... AEGEE is almost everything for me! Really, being in AEGEE I had the chance to experience genuine friendship, love, fun, adventures, failures, mistakes, hopes and illusions. AEGEE became part of my life. I think that AEGEE represents certain way of living even once you leave it. Personally I know that there will be time to say "Goodbye" and this worries me little bit!

Are you satisfied with the current state of AEGEE?

As a normal human being I can be never satisfied, but the look back in those 4 years of my membership gives me the reasons to feel the real satisfaction.

What do you, as a CD member, want to change?

You do not have to be a CD member in order to make changes. Everybody can start with them from himself/herself. How? Being more responsible, giving the support to projects, people and ideas, which need it. Or, for example, by reading CD mailings, Newsbulletin and passing it to others. All this is a matter of right attitude.

What are you doing in your free time apart from AEGEE?

Normal answer: I really do not have free time! If I have any, I am trying to relax, which means reading, watching TV doing some sports or physically working. Stupid answer, isn't it?

What is important for you?

The most important for me? I do not want to give just nice words or phrases, but I WISH people could understand each other and were able to solve problems without violence. We are often making our lives more horrible than they actually can be. As a solution I can propose you to start with friendly smile at everybody and then to try to be more open-minded and flexible.

Do you like to have power?

I hate the power specially when it is misused! It can kill normal people's relations! So I am trying to avoid that feeling of having it.

Are you a happy man?

Generally I do not feel to be happy, but when I start to think about other people (specially when I can see them) not only in other countries and continents, who do not have the chance to live as I/we do, I am pretty convinced about the opposite. We all should be happy with what we have (our lives, health, friends, possibilities). Have you watch the movie "Awakenings"? I really suggest to watch it in order to answer this question.

Your ideal type of woman

She has to be a partner, who understands, cares, supports and loves. She has to be independent (in thoughts, life-style) and critical.

How would you describe yourself in one sentence?

Unrecoverable optimist and idealist, who believes that all people are (or could be) nice.

(Maybe I am day-dreaming, but I not the only one!).

SELF PRESENTATION



Let us introduce

AEGEE-Kyiv.

One year ago at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy - just regenerated University which was closed in 19th century - a new unknown abbreviation showed up - AEGEE. People here got used to fast innovations last years so this "newcomer" has got

tried to do our best to show the real ecological situation not only in our city but all around Ukraine> Besides an exotic journey to Chernobyl power station (dont be sad - everybody is alive and healthy now), our guests had the possibility to visit Ukrainian provincial village, Kherson (regional city), to see the coast of Black Sea. And it was very hard to say good-bye to each other...

And after that the next project was coming -

the Ukraine Case Study Trip, organized by East-West Working Group, along with AEGEE-Lviv, AEGEE-Warszawa and AEGEE-Kyiv. You have heard about it for sure - the programme was interesting and fruitful.

Then time was flying quickly - we were following its trace: we got an office in the Academy and attracted new members. We are 50 now.

Today AEGEE-Kyiv is busy preparing its first local seminar for all youth movements in Kyiv. The aim of it is to inform everybody about our beloved organization, European institutions and integration processes in Europe.

In the summer we are going to organize a TSU together with AEGEE-Lviv and AEGEE-Mykolaiv. Everybody is invited - you won't regret joining it!

We are really dreaming of making an international conference and will probably realize those nice plans in September (but t-s-s-s don't tell anybody yet!).

We believe, some day Agora will take place here!

Before everybody is welcome here - just come to see our lovely capital and make the acquaintance of all of us. See you!

**Alla Grazhdan
Masha Popovich
Anna Usikova**



into a stormy everydaylife very soon. And the rumours of AEGEE existence spread there, where feet of our member stepped at least once. That's why small group of students who seemed to be full of energy and enthusiasm got many sympathizers not only in Academy. Little by little AEGEE-Kyiv attracted a lot of

like-minded persons who after lectures have occupied an e-mail office, computer writing, discussing and inventing. In short the work was going on. And at the PM in Ljubljana our local became Contact Antennae.

In summer'95 we've organized the SU on ecological topic. As Russia associated with former USSR, so Ukraine is known mostly by Chernobyl accident. We joked and said that Europeans were afraid of radiation because we had only six participants (the bravest people in Europe!). In spite of that SU was really nice. We



Gossips, RUMOUR



Fall in love through AEGEE !

Dedicated to happy and unhappy lovers from AEGEE.

Hello everybody ! It's St Valentine's Day today. Everybody seems to have two little red hearts replacing eyes on this day. This is what made me take a challenge of having a closer look on the relations between love and AEGEE.

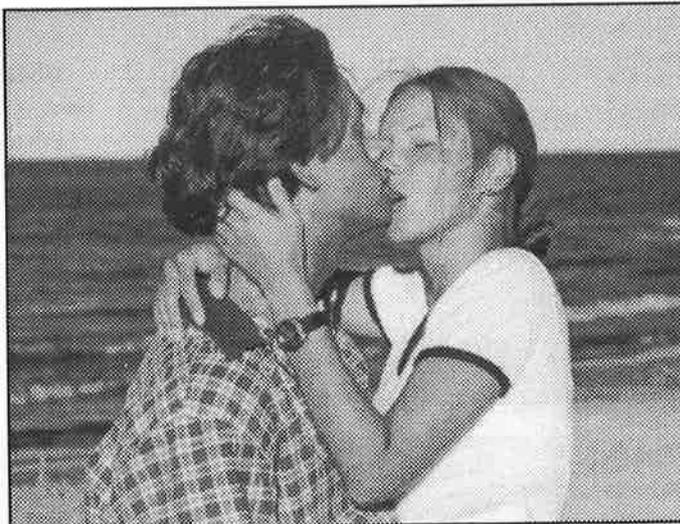
Everybody knows that our beloved association has got many faces. Actually the face you see depends on what you are looking for in it. For some of us it's a serious (non) political organization. There are people who consider AEGEE as a cheap student travel agency. Some treat it as a nice opportunity to make friends Europe-wide and get drunk in an international company as often as possible. Some of us take part in events in order to pick up someone and stay with this person for a time ranging from one night to eternity.

This last group is not that small. Probably each local has got an obsessed animal in human skin that gets in a bus/train/whatever else heading for a conference in other part of Europe every now and then strongly devoted to an idea of spending all the time - unfortunately usually not long enough even to remember all the faces - for looking for a partner. It's a real challenge to succeed when everybody is a stranger and you have only two full days to complete the „project“. Summer Universities are a better chance then - you can work out your success in a relaxed atmosphere and without any time pressure. That's why most couples are born during SUs, I think. As soon as they arrive at an event the great game starts. The success is dependant not only on amount of time at their disposal, but also on their appearance (not always giving any hope to anyone but the owner) and personal charm.

Of course they can't even dream of comparing themselves to the female president of our not necessarily favourite association in one of the European countries. She has got an aim to go to

bed with at least one member of each national branch of her association, present world-wide. At the time I met her in the middle of her term of office she has already been half-way to a full success.

I would be a target of people's anger and far-reaching accusations if I mentioned only those sex-oriented maniacs. Sure, we shouldn't limit our analysis to them. There is maybe an even bigger group of AEGEE members who follow the romantic path, looking for real love on the European level. There are among us truly international couples, making real the dream of close cooperation over the borders: they meet each other frequently, they visit places and events together, they learn the customs of their partners' countries. It's nice indeed, isn't it ? But those who decide to find a foreign partner must be pre-



pared for a stream of problems and obstacles. The most important of them is unfortunately money. You have to be the son of Rotschild or Onassis (the younger brother of Bill Gates in the worst case) to afford meeting your partner whenever your heart tells you should (and in the case of real deep love it tells you so dangerously often). It's not a problem when the partners live in neighbouring countries, but imagine for example a swarthy guy from AEGEE-Sevilla falling in love with a fair-haired beauty from AEGEE-Sankt Petersburg.

The other problem is fortunately less frequent in the age when every student speaks theoretically at least one language. Unfortunately it's only an assumption. In practice I can easily imagine an AEGEE member speaking only his mother

tongue, being none of our official languages. Moreover, I know such people personally. Well, call me a realist: although the language of love should prevail in all cases and serve as means of solving the most complex problems, sometimes (and often enough) it's necessary to find a common language to fix a date or say „I love you“ to your foreign partner.

Even if you have enough money to spend with your partner as much time as you want as if you speak all the European languages, it's still quite difficult. What if you need a visa to your partner's motherland ? Applying and fighting red tape each time you want to visit him/her can spoil all the pleasure. You must be prepared for spending long hours on trains and buses, if not by the motorway junctions; lucky you if you have a car. It's terribly time-consuming. Luckily enough the differences between the customs in various European countries aren't large enough to cause serious troubles since they are based on a common Christian tradition (such troubles occur for example in mixed Christian-Muslim couples).

Please don't accuse me of being to sceptical and finding so many problems on the way to real happiness; I'm the hottest supporter of international couples and you have to admit that all those problems exist as a matter of fact. But, surprisingly enough, such couples are still present in our association and certainly outnumber the amount of my fingers (and probably the sentences I'm still going to write in this piece).

Well, we all know this kind of people, don't we ? I wanted to end up this piece with some real examples that I know personally. Finally I decided to give up this idea as the persons in question could be not especially glad to read about their experiences (the Americans call it „washing dirty laundry in public“). You can make your own list with your own experiences or your AEGEE friends' ones, (ommitting intra-national couples, of course) if you want to. The other thing is that may list would consist of relatively sad examples. Is it just a coincidence ? Or maybe international couples aren't durable enough to endure all the troubles ? Is it always like that - someone saying „I can't stand it any more“ ? There is no unconditional answer to this question... I hope however that the above words won't discourage you from involving yourself in an international relationship. Anyway, what is your opinion ? All the letters describing most (un)happy international AEGEE couples will be published. Good luck with falling in love !

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