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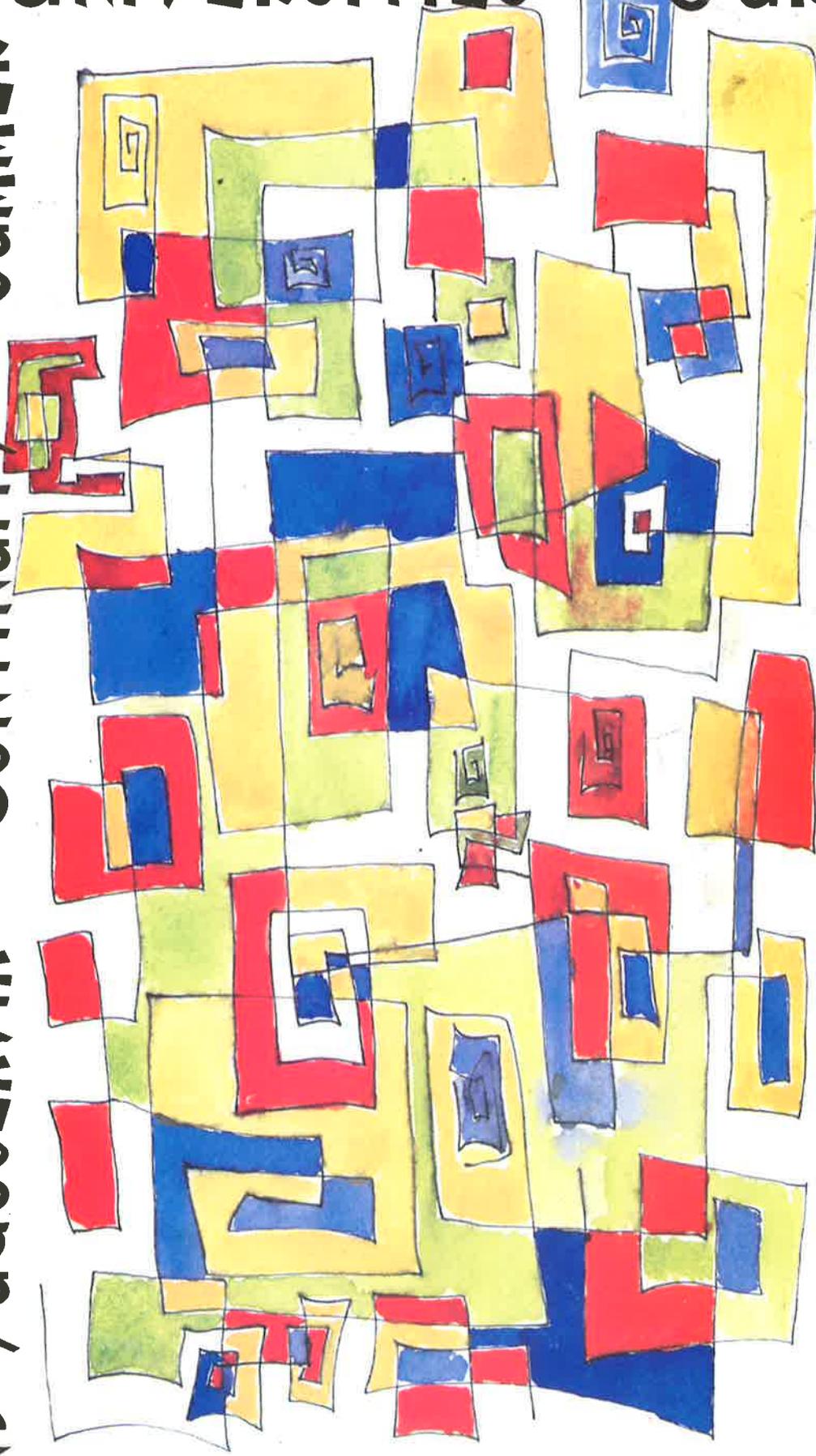
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Dear Readers,

Review of the events of the last months, proposals for future projects, advice for the active members and a lot of fun - this is News Bulletin and I think that you are already getting used to it...The 11th edition is given to you during the Autumn Agora in Poznań. The summer has ended and now it is time for the AEGEE-addicted to start acting in our antennae.

News Bulletin responds to needs of that moment: you will find here remembrance of Summer Universities - and encouragement to join new Yearplan project "Borderless Europe". Invitation to conferences from "Peace Academy" project - and advice how not to lose continuity in your antenna. Alper's article will show you, that efficient and successful operating of working group on the local level is possible.

But we begin, as always, with Current Issue. NATO's bombing of Yugoslavia shocked most of us. It seems, that question how AEGEE should deal with the Balkan conflict is still current.

When we look at the recent News Bulletin, it is hard to resist the feeling that it reflected the desire of changes, which was present in whole AEGEE at that time. Agora in Barcelona gave us hope for those changes. And we, in the News Bulletin team, can say that our hope came true. Unlikely the last edition, now we have received a great support from the CD. Marcus Khoury was the one who encouraged the most authors to write their texts for the NB. Fani Zarifopoulou has found sponsors and it has not only made the life of NB longer, but also allowed us to make it bigger and better. For years we have not had such a good fundraising!

This issue would have never been possible without work and dedication of a number of people in Warszawa. I would like to express my most grateful feelings for Dorota Cybuch, Paweł Krupicz, Agnieszka Weiner, Marcin Górzyński and Julian Zawistowski. Meeting such people gives one hope and motivation for future work.

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AEGEE network development and activities on the Balkans.

John Stienen

AEGEE has been active in south-east Europe ever since the network opened up to the east in 1990. Where at the beginning of this decade the network development was most important, the outbreak of war and the effects it had on the students on the Balkans called for action by our association. AEGEE organised different activities in and about former Yugoslavia reacting to or anticipating on the geopolitical developments in the region torn by war. Towards the beginning of the next millennium, now most opposing forces have come to a fragile equilibrium, it is once more important for us to develop and maintain a strong network of locals. This article tries to give an overview of the AEGEE network and its activities in south-east Europe

The network in former Yugoslavia

The first locals in former Yugoslavia, Ljubljana and Zagreb were founded in 1990 and 1991. Skopje, Rijeka, and Maribor followed until 1994. These first AEGEE strongholds in former Yugoslavia organised various activities ranging from Summer Universities, Environmental Weeks and Conferences to statutory meetings like the PM in Ljubljana in 1995.

Attempts to create AEGEE in Beograd had failed until 1995, because cultural exchange with Serbia and Montenegro was under embargo. April 1995 students from Novi Sad and Beograd had visited Eindhoven, and during the AEGEE-Eindhoven visit to the two towns, preparations were made to found antennae there as soon as the embargo would be lifted.

During the summer of 1995, before the end of the war, Gunnar Erth and Egens van Iterson Scholten were the first AEGEE

members to visit Bosnia and Herzegovina on behalf of our association. During their visit the thoughts of Youth Solidarity with former Yugoslavia (YSY), AEGEE, and some Bosnian students to found AEGEE in Tuzla were put into practise. Our association was in contact with other students in Bosnia before the end of the war. As soon as it was safe to travel in 1996, Alex Ootes went there, followed by Gunnar Erth and later myself, to develop AEGEE-Sarajevo. One and a half years after the foundation of AEGEE in Tuzla and Sarajevo, we were confronted with the difficulties that students in post-war Bosnia face. Most Bosnian students being unable to finance trips abroad, combined with the inability of the AEGEE network to financially support its less affluent members, lead to a decline in the membership of our Bosnian locals. Mainly through the existing locals in former Yugoslavia, locals were founded in Banja Luka, Čakovec, Niš, Split, Podgorica, and Varaždin. New groups in Tuzla and Sarajevo were started in 1999.

Actions, conferences and Case Study Trips.

In 1992, it was the war in Bosnia, which focused the attention on the Balkans. A group of French students wanted to help the students in Sarajevo, and they organised themselves into "Etudiants pour Sarajevo" (EpS). EpS organised lectures, slide-shows, collections and visits to students inside the town. AEGEE came into contact with EpS, contacts were intensified, and by spring 1994 AEGEE-Europe became a supporting association of EpS. While organising actions for EpS we discovered that AEGEE is not fit for Europe-wide collections. Lacking logistics support, collections of goods or books only proved to be successful on a local level. Among the activities organised to create awareness, the AEGEE-Tilburg conference "Ex Yugoslavia, Causes and Consequences" (1994), was the most important one. One of the main projects initiated by EpS was a 'pen pal' project. It was adopted by AEGEE. Since a computer system in former Yugoslavia connecting the main cities existed at almost the same time as e-mail started to get accepted inside

AEGEE, it was logical to combine the pen-pal idea with communication by e-mail. The AEGEE e-mail pen-pal project was born. We collected e-mail addresses of students in Bosnia, who wanted to communicate with students from different countries. At the same time we also maintained a list of AEGEE members who wanted to write with Bosnian students. These addresses were matched. From then on AEGEE members could hear what was going in Bosnia seen



The history of conflict

On 25th June 1991 Slovenia and Croatia declare independence. Those decisions resulted in heavy fights with federal army in those countries. Although on 18th July federal government decided to withdraw armies from Slovenia, in Croatia fights lasted till January 1992 and Yugoslavia was touched by weapon trade sanctions. Thousand people were killed and country was badly destroyed.

In December 1992 United Nations decided to send peace forces to Croatia, on 3rd January case of fire was announced. Two weeks later Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina declare independence; federal army invades Bosnia and Herzegovina. Only Montenegro (and Kosovo, but without autonomy) stayed in federation.

As a result of inefficient peacekeeping actions of United Nations, war in Bosnia continued till the end of 1995. Economical and political sanctions could not stop Serbia. When Croatia enclosed to the war, Bill Clinton proposed partial of Bosnia between three main sides of conflict. NATO bombardment of Serbia in September 1995 forced Milosevic to agree on Clinton's proposition. Peace conference took place in Dayton in November 1995.

Unfortunately, in peace pact autonomy of Kosovo was not regulated.

The conflict has spread and neither diplomatic negotiations in Rambouillet nor latest war between NATO and Yugoslavia has brought final solution of that problem.



Street in Tuzla, September 1995

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through the eyes of the students who lived there. By the end of 1994 AEGEE's activities for EpS and the preparations for the conference "Vigilant for Democracy & Freedom" stood at the cradle of the Human Rights Working Group (HRWG). Although our contract with EpS was never formally terminated, not much was heard from EpS since 1996.

By 1994 YSY, an Amsterdam based NGO, aiming at helping war affected youth and students in former Yugoslavia had an almost permanent delegation in Tuzla. AEGEE-Europe, not wanting to limit itself to helping Sarajevo alone, also established contacts with YSY. In 1996 we contributed to

to former Yugoslavia (CST I). This CST visited Maribor, Zagreb, Sarajevo, Tuzla, Novi Sad, and Skopje. 20 young Europeans, both from the area and from outside interviewed 500 people, and the results, laid down in a report, were presented to the AEGEE network, European NGOs and to European institutions.

1996 was also the year of the student protest in Serbia, against the refusal of the government to accept the results of the elections. By November 1996 the organisers of the student protest got into contact with the Comité Directeur. They presented themselves during the Final Conference of "Find your Way..." in Budapest. An AEGEE del-



Lent in Maribor during the CST I, October 1996

a YSY teachers project, involving the subjects "English language" and "computer skills", which were taught in Tuzla by Zuzana Malejčiková and by AEGEE members from Delft. YSY still organises a yearly Summer Course in Tuzla, in which different (relevant) topics are taught. The programme is open for students from all over Bosnia.

At the end of May 1996 the HRWG and AEGEE-Udine organised "Former Yugoslav-

egation consisting of Linda Baan, Egens van Iterson Scholten, Heino van Houwelingen and Erwin de Bruin later on joined the students on the streets of Beograd. On 9 May 1997, the "Journée de l'Europe", the radio stations involved in the student protest, B92 and Indeks, were awarded the first AEGEE Award. The award was handed over in Aachen, where a seminar was organised on the subject "freedom of press".

A conference organised by AEGEE-Novi

Organising team during the PM in Novi Sad, March 1999

via: a better future?" – a conference visited by our members from Bosnia, Slovenia, Croatia and other European countries. In the autumn of the same year the HRWG was one of the initiators of the Case Study Trip

Sad in March 1998 – though dealing with the situation of national and ethnic minorities in Vojvodina – was used as a discussion platform for AEGEE to define its position towards Kosovo. The discussion was



Current state of the Network:

AEGEE is present in Slovenia with two Antennae: Ljubljana and Maribor.

AEGEE-Ljubljana was founded in April 1992 and has always been very active with a congress in autumn, the rafting event in May (seems to be a tradition :-)) New Year Celebration. Everybody can agree saying it is a well-organised antenna, one of the strongest. Croatia: the main problem is the financial situation of this country and this affects also AEGEE. The three locals there (AEGEE-Zagreb, Split, Rijeka) organised a Travel Summer University this year, Carnival (Rijeka), New Year Eve '99 (Zagreb), Bosnia & Herzegovina: officially we have Sarajevo (contact antenna), Tuzla, Banja Luka (contacts). But in fact AEGEE does not exist in BiH. AEGEE-Sarajevo was founded in summer of 96 by John Stienen. It has never been really active, the one event they took part was the CST 96.

The local will be deleted by the next Agora... However there is a chance to maintain the one antenna we have in this country: there's a group of new people, but they still have to learn what is AEGEE, since they cannot attend events. The same refers to AEGEE-Tuzla (now contact) and Banja Luka: people are quite enthusiastic about AEGEE but due to the financial situation and visa problems it is very difficult for them to participate in events and so to understand the functioning, to get the motivation, to get into it! So...AEGEE has to go there. A Network trip to the region should be done soon!

Yugoslavia: AEGEE-Beograd as well as AEGEE-Novi Sad are antennae, AEGEE-Niš (CA) They are known as our best and active antennae. AEGEE-Beograd used to have exchanges with AEGEE-Groningen. I remember the CST II and the Summer University 98. Novi Sad organised a PM shortly before the war. At the moment AEGEE-Beograd and AEGEE-Novi Sad are already working on promising projects dealing with the current situation in Yugoslavia and the Balkan region. All together the three locals are organising an event about the consequences of the war, entitled: "How does it look to be a winner! (Victims & Culprits)" Macedonia (Skopje): surely busy with the spring PM.

one of the starting points of the "Bridges to Kosov@" project. October 1998 the network was struggling with a nomination for the second AEGEE Award. The Independent Student Union of the University of Priština would be awarded at the Agora in Hamburg. Many questions arising around the nomination could not be answered, and the award ceremony was postponed.

Tension in Yugoslavia rose spring 1999. A discussion started whether the Spring PM should be held in Novi Sad. While the discussion was continuing, the second CST to former Yugoslavia – organised by locals from the region – took place. In the end the CD decided to organise the PM as planned, and Novi Sad welcomed 250 AEGEE members on 5 March 1999. After the conflict between Yugoslavia and the Kosovo Liberation Army (UÇK) had escalated, NATO started a bombing on 24 March. Novi Sad was one of the first towns to be attacked. It suffered great damage. The AEGEE network was shocked and reacted strongly. On 9 June a peace agreement was concluded. In August 1999 a round table was organised in Ljubljana which aimed at finding out which role AEGEE can play in the reconstruction of the region.

Our work on the Balkans is not completed. The co-operation between antennae in south-east Europe has been proven successful (e.g. the TSU 1996 "Via Egnatia" by Skopje, Istanbul, Thessalonikí and the CST II by Beograd, Ljubljana, Skopje and Zagreb, 1999). Especially network development needs special attention, because it is the network which can help our members on the Balkans, belonging to different ethnicities, to co-operate and to learn to understand each other.

Pictures: 1,3: Gunnar Erth, Lübeck; 2: CST Co-ordination Team, Enschede

Twenty five angry men in Ljubljana Balkan Strategy meeting

We all have seen the bombs that fell on Yugoslavia. We all asked ourselves about the sense, the reasons, the outcomes, the costs. But not everybody remembers that the war in Yugoslavia didn't start in March 1999. It started 10 years ago and is still going on. Some of us asked what AEGEE had done in all these years for the region, what more it should do. Some of us have found the answers.

The meeting in Ljubljana (23rd - 25th of August), originally proposed by Frank Bürgdörfer from AEGEE-München, was developed by Network Commissioner for the region Angela Comand (AEGEE-Udine) and organised (in the marvellous way) by AEGEE-Ljubljana.

This meeting was a typical non-official AEGEE event. We didn't put it on any official calendar because this time we wanted to work, not to party all the time. In small group of 25 people from different European countries we discussed the problems of the Balkans, we recalled past AEGEE initiatives focused on the region, we got to know what new was going on. It was the unique experience in my almost five-year career in AEGEE. We all could see that we were doing something important.

The participants were divided in a few teams responsible for strictly defined tasks. I worked in the Project Team. I have to admit that this was the most pleasant and in the same time the most abstract duty. In the group of 5 people we just invented a sequence of 5 events in the region to be organised by different antennae. We planned everything, even the speakers and the detailed programme. We only hope that the chosen locals will co-operate...

We tried to involve more locals from the FY region as they are rather passive and

we hope that with help of our two participants from Sarajevo it would be possible.

We discussed with them the ongoing programs: Bridges to Kosovo and Education for Democracy. Thanks to their suggestions the co-ordinators were able to introduce slight changes to the programs due to make them more realistic.

Balkan Strategy meeting was the first of the sequence, because we believe that AEGEE should be involved in the Balkans constantly in more effective way.

The main topics (after Angela Comand):

1. As far as Network Development:

Initiatives:

promote Socrates exchanges

article reviews

Education for Democracy (started by AEGEE-Karlsruhe)

Bridges to Kosovo

2. Thematic: events/conferences proposed

3. Fund raising:

European

national

local

PR: external - list of contacts with the media and of journalists particularly interested (creation of the sort of Balkan-oriented data base)

-possibilities of common PR, posters, patronage

internal - in your local

The outcomes are to be presented at PM in Adana and at the Agora in Poznan. We hope that we will find some more contributors to our projects. I believe that finally AEGEE has done something realistic for Balkans.

Our web page: www.aegee.org/balkanaction

Agnieszka Weinar

What help can a student NGO give?

You have to consider the needs in Serbia and in Kosovo separately.

*In Serbia we have to manage with very low life standard, with ruined infrastructure and insufficient social system. Refugees from other parts of Yugoslavia live in very bad conditions and government help for refugees from Kosovo is almost not existing. International help is also marginal. What is more entering Yugoslavia with help is very difficult so actions of **existing** organisations are very important. About 170 to 200 humanitarian relief organisations operate in Kosovo now. Lack of information about places where the help is most wanted is one of problems for all organisations. Small, flexible organisations could help in this matter. My advice for AEGEE, if I could give you one, would be to set up a new branch in Priština. Albanians will soon have to create new educational system and, what is more, education is for them incredibly important value.*

Students' organisations will be in future groundwork of reconciliation, but you should not forget, that tensions are still enormous - probably generation has to change on both sides to really achieve reconciliation. But there are promising people already and we can believe in them



Jakub Wygnański is the president of Klon/Jawor - the Bank of Information on NGOs in Poland

Education for democracy

Can't we do something more? That was the question that emerged when Uta and me went to the "KUZ", a club in Mainz, some day in May. We already were pretty involved in the Kosovo activities of AEGEE in Germany, but we looked for more...

There was some rumour about a scholarship program for Serbs that should be set up in the Netherlands and we thought about doing something similar. We decided to try to get Serbs and Kosovo-Albanians for one year to Germany and set up a co-ordination network with a promising impact on the democratisation process. Just a few days later Jan from Bonn and Diana from Berlin joined our "co-ordination" team and we fixed the project in a written form.

We want to get people who were already socially and politically active to a Western European country to offer them the opportunity to get their own contacts to foreign institutions and companies that support their work back home. During the year abroad they will play the role of a bridgehead for the people staying in Serbia and Kosovo and will support their colleague students.

We will organise regularly co-ordination meetings that will be led by a political scientist, a representative of an NGO or another educational institution. In these seminars the people will develop - if possible - common projects and get some further background information of different social skills needed as opinion makers.

At the beginning we decided to get good patrons fixed for the project and we managed to get the president of the German rectors conference as the first and for sure most important one, other politicians as the foreign policy spokesman of the Green party followed.

In the end of August during the Balkan strategy meeting the whole project was set under the name of AEGEE Europe and people from the Netherlands, Greece and Italy were now trying to do the same.

In the beginning of September I was invited to a big co-ordination seminar of the German rectors conference, where about 40 professors, 25 doctors and some 15 representatives of governmental institutions and NGOs and me as the only student took part. The meeting was quite successful - especially for the contacts to the Alternative Academic Education Network (AAEN) a

group of 150 democratic Serbian professors trying to spread their opinions, the World University Service in Austria and some people who were interested in running one of the co-ordination meetings.

But right now we need some more people - what about you - to get the big PR campaign started and do as much fundraising as possible, as one scholarship is worth about 6.000 EUR.

For sure this is a not so usual AEGEE-project and a lot more serious as a fun congress, but the more of you become involved the bigger and better we'll get it to work.

Christian Schwehm

Bridges to Kosovo

AEGEE has developed a brand-new project concerning Former Yugoslavia. This was one of our reactions for the war and its consequences. "Bridges to Kosovo" focuses on reality of "after-war" Kosovo and deals mainly with conflict-solving matters. The project in question is designated to act as some sort of therapy for a group of Albanian and Serb students from

Kosovo (Pristine). Being young representatives of intellectual elite they are supposed to introduce later their positive experiences into broken existence back home.

"Bridges to Kosovo" is divided in three parts. Every part is one journey - the one within the group with "conflict-solving" therapist, two others to Cyprus and Northern Ireland in order to observe the ethnic conflicts in other parts of Europe. The whole project would end in Budapest with final conference.

A.W.



How does it look to be a winner?

The conference in Beograd, Niš and Novi Sad, 10th-17th November

We hoped that the new millennium would bring peace and improve humanity. We hoped to erase the word 'war' from our dictionaries. Unfortunately, some events are impugning us. The time has come to prevent some possible bloodshed in the future and leave what has already happened to history. In order to do that to do that, we should really understand the ill fate and all the misery of the war in the first place, together with its disastrous and inhumane consequences all around us - ecological, sanitary, psychological, psychical, social, human, economical, political, cultural...

We have felt many of them, and we are still feeling them. We passed through 79 days of horror, and are to pass through many more that have come as a result of the war. Unfortunately, we are a paragon of unhappy generation. Hence, we are ready to share the facts with all of you, in order to make us all aware of the tragedy the modern war brings. Moreover, we're inviting you to continue the fight for the main goal - 'never again, anywhere in the world'. Though the topic is disturbing and somewhat heavy, the conference will be held in a much brighter atmosphere, supplying us with energy to fight with facts.

Apart from observing the ruins and getting acquainted with the related facts, we'll have the opportunity to listen to some eminent professors of the University of Belgrade, Niš and Novi Sad, and to hear their opinions from several aspects. A lot of documentary records will be presented to you, such as films, photos, texts, official data, radio and TV clips; the sounds of sirens and explosions, as well as the music from the anti-bombing protest concerts in Serbia...

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Comité Directeur

Dear friends,

There has always been a certain unclarity and mystery about the Comité Directeur, the European Board of the association. Many members do not know what the Comité Directeur is, what it stands for, or that it even exists. Others share the opinion that CD members live far away from the network, in an "ivory tower" somewhere in Brussels, and the CD membership is a privilege of a few. Therefore, from the very beginning of our term it has been a priority to try to keep the network up-to-date about our activities, and prove that CD members are as "normal" and "open" as anybody else.

The Comité Directeur consists of 9 members and is in charge of the co-ordination and representation of the association. Steering the European-wide projects, keeping regular contact with the European Institutions, fund-raising on the European level, co-ordinating Internal Education are only a few aspects of our general duties and responsibilities. Every member of the CD has his or her own duties. The President represents the association to-

wards the outside world and guides the CD in the daily work. The Secretary assures the information flow between the CD and the Network, the Treasurer administers the finances of the organisation. We have CD members in charge of different fields, like Public Relations, External Relations, European Institutions, European Projects, Internal Education and Network.

The decision to "run" for the CD is not an easy one. You have to put aside your studies, invest a lot of money and energy to be able to live in Brussels and fulfil your obligations properly. Being in the CD is also a challenge. Apart from your own task-related responsibilities you are involved in every AEGEE matter. Living and working in the same house without much privacy, heated discussions, pressure, but also exciting meetings, social events, cooking and eating all together, lots of fun are the main characteristics of an "average" CD member's life.

We tried to welcome as many people in our house as possible. Members from all over



the continent visited us, especially in the summer period. We hosted the meetings of the Network, Juridical and Audit Commission and organized two receptions, one for the Les Anciens of AEGEE-Europe and another one for student associations. Despite all the difficulties we faced, being part of this CD was an incomparable, unique experience, worth every single sacrifice we made.

László Fésüs
President of AEGEE-Europe

Juridical, Juradical or Juridiculous?

The work of the Juridical Commission

As a former President of AEGEE Europe would probably say: Life in the Juridical Commission is hard. You don't believe me? I mean, just look at it: whereas most of the people at the Agora can afford to be a bit late or even a bit later for the plenary session (especially on Sunday morning after the European night), as Juridical Commission you have to be there probably even before it starts. What is still worse, you have to sit in front, on the podium (in fact, you should even wear a tie...), and everybody can see, how much or how little you slept last night. On the other hand, it can really be fun to sit in front and watch the plenary. Very often you see how people fight against sleep (and eventually, lose).

But it seems I drift away from my topic: The work of the Juridical Commission (JC). There are several aspects to this work. First of all, the most "visible" work is done during the PM and especially the Agora. At these statutory meetings, the JC has to monitor the elections and other votes. We have to explain the voting procedure (which is not always easy), collect the votes and count them. That's basically quite boring work. Also the JC should be able to answer any question related to our Corpus Iuridicum

AEGEEense (CIA) that pops up during the meeting. Another task of the JC is to check the statutes of Contacts, that want to sign the Convention d'Adhésion and become Contact Antenna. This work is mostly done before the PM/Agora, because the statutes have be checked (and changed) before the contact can sign.

The most interesting part of the work, in my opinion, is connected to proposals. The Statutes and the other rules of AEGEE-Europe are changed quite often. That's normal, because we are a dynamic association. Whenever there is a proposal to change our CIA, the JC has to ensure that this change is done in a proper way. So we should look at the proposals and find the flaws in them. Sometimes, the JC is asked to write a proposal itself, when there is a problem, for which there is no solution yet in the CIA. Also, it happens quite often, that the JC itself finds some hole or contradiction in the CIA, and it tries to find solutions for that. This is quite creative work; you have to formulate rules that can be used in the every-day-life of AEGEE. If you do your work well, you might even be able to find solutions for problems before these problems arise. Unfortunately, most of the time, proposals are only

answers to problems that already occurred. For a law student, this is a very challenging task, because it is different from what you learn in your studies (at least in Germany). In your studies, you learn how to apply laws and find solutions for cases with the help of these laws. In the JC, you learn how to formulate laws; you learn how to find a legal solution, not for a concrete case, but for an abstract problem.

But I definitely start sounding boring now... To come back to my title, the work of the Juridical Commission should not be juradical. That means, that in AEGEE you have to learn, that even though rules are important, you still need to be flexible. You cannot apply every single rule literally. On the other hand, being in the Juridiculous Commission can be real fun. If you are working together with the right people (and I was lucky, having Ralli and Fani with me in the JC, and Piet Hein as Chairman), then it's a real pleasure to work in this commission for AEGEE.

Alexander Glos
President of the Juridical Commission

Public Relations Working Group (PRWG) Alive and kicking

After an agony of several years the PRWG has been re-established in November 1998. We have 20 members now and a new board that is full of ideas and motivation for future tasks. In May 1999 we organised a PR European School in Groningen - the first ever held in the history of AEGEE. AEGEE tutors taught the participants among others how to organise PR campaigns, how to edit publications, how to make posters and flyers and how to write press releases. The success of this event encouraged us to organise a second PRES within one year. It took place in Karlsruhe in November 1999 and was as fruitful as the first PRES. Most of the PRES participants are now translating their new PR knowledge into action - in their locals as well as on European level. Besides we offer the regional and AEGEE meetings to train their participants in PR. The PR service group has been integrated into the PRWG and within some time there will be a database with PR material from the whole network where you can up- and download PR tools like posters and flyers. The existing PR manual will be updated regularly and the idea of an European wide background poster continued. We are open to every new idea and every help from you so that we expect your mail under the address: heiner@aegee.uni-karlsruhe.de or bert@aegee.org Please also check our new homepage under the URL <http://www.aegee-prwg.de>

*Bert Rösch
speaker of the PRWG*

International Politics Working Group 1999

Organisational matters

The AGORA 1999 in Barcelona elected a new board of the WG. The speaker Frank Burgdörfer was re-elected, as it was Bernhard Klein as secretary and Ivan Petrenko as a board member. There were two « new entries », Radek Wiśniewski (Keele) as treasurer and Aspasia Harmanda (Athens) as a board member and Regional Contact South Eastern Europe. Furthermore a modification of the statute was decided.

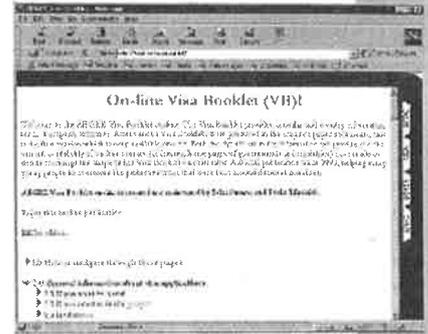
Activities of the IPWG

The Working Group is co-operating with several locals in the organisation of events. All of them turned out to be successful or are on a good way. Several members of the WG gave workshops at the Conference "Ways out of War" in Erlangen/Nürnberg (Germany), in other cases like the Ten Years of Transition-conferences in Berlin and Gdansk the IPWG has promoted the projects at their origin and has given thematic input. The conference about French-German relations is a co-operation between AEGEE- Heidelberg, -Lyon and -Münster co-ordinated by the IPWG which is also directly responsible (for the first time) for the concept. In spring next year a seminar about solutions for the Kosovo-crisis will take place in Budapest in close co-operation with the Central European University. Local working groups in Ankara, Athina, Münster and in other antennae work regularly on IP-matters and contribute to discussions on the list (ipwgl@aegee.uni-karlsruhe.de).

Our webpages inform about all activities: <http://www.aegee.org/wg/ipwg>

Bernhard Klein

Start at Visa Booklet!



Since summer 1999 everything AEGEE member should know about visa and applications for visa is available at one Internet location: <http://start.at/visabooklet/>. There you can find the answers to questions like: Do I need visa for a certain country? Who needs visa in order to visit the event my antenna organises? How do I write a good invitation? Or: when should I start to think about visa? All you have to do is to read the introduction page and off you go! The on-line Visa Booklet gives overviews of visa requirements per country, addresses of embassies and consulates, links to ministries of Foreign Affairs and to many more useful resources. It also gives access to other AEGEE information on visa, like the VISA-L mailing list and the previous editions of the Visa Booklet. More to come! We invite you to read what is available and share your experiences with the AEGEE network. Suggestions and contributions are welcome. So, wherever you go, whatever you do [start.at/visabooklet/!](http://start.at/visabooklet/)

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Education Working Group

"Education is about learning, not about being taught."

If you:

- believe that in the process of education the students and their needs should have the central position
- know that education is not only concerning every student, but is what makes you being a student
- would like to share and exchange your study experience with other students
- have questions about educational matters, join the Education Working Group (EWG) and together we will try to answer your questions and maybe you could help the others with your knowledge.

What is the aim of the EWG?

The EWG is oriented at higher education and looks at educational systems and practices from a higher education's point of view. The Group is future oriented and aimed at improvement of educational systems. The EWG views education as to develop individuals to the full spectre: Intellectually, Socially and Spiritually. Thus, besides the formal education the informal education is of importance.

Focus points

In the coming period the EWG will focus mainly on student mobility issues: promotion and evaluation of the Socrates programme, gathering and spreading information on other exchange programmes and

possibilities, revival of the Plan de la Fayette. (Plan de la Fayette offers AEGEE members who want to study abroad to investigate their chosen university. In this way the student can contact his professor and arrange lodging in an easy way)

How to contact us?

- subscribe to our listserv: send a message without a subject-line to: listproct.ee and write in the body of the message: SUBSCRIBE EDUCATION-WG <name> <surname> <antenna> (and of course leave away the <>)
- contact one of the mentioned people: Barbara Bolta (barb_ann@ds.nl), Helen Kuyper (helen_k@dds.nl), Sander Veenis (s.s.p.veenis@bigfoot.com)

Peace Academy

The biggest ongoing AEGEE project - Peace Academy is coming to its last phase. In Adana we had an occasion to talk to the people from the co-ordination team: Dijan Albayrak, Başak Candemir and Refet Şaban.

Your meeting in Adana was devoted to the evaluation of the project. Any conclusions?

Refet: The evaluation is still running. But it is not possible to have short-term results. Our project addresses individuals. Peace is not an abstract, this is something that starts in one's mind. Peace is not only the absence of war in the international politics. It is more about being a peaceful person. We wanted to change people's way of thinking. It is not possible to judge now, if we succeeded or now.

Dijan: During its implementation there were times where even AEGEE-members, who were supposed to be open-minded European students lobbying for a peaceful living where every single culture is respected, discovered their own prejudices. Some even discovered that we are all stuck to our personal aims rather than our interests for which we can find a common ground with the outside world. Being peaceful is difficult, needs objectivity.. We are aiming to contribute to the creation of a peace culture as a strong NGO, according to our justification in the project outline. We have made some steps ahead on a long path, but honestly there is still a lot to do. For the practical evaluation of the project an evaluation form has been created and all the local teams that have organised events within the frame of the Peace Academy fill them up. We are gathering the data not only to evaluate our project but also to have a clue for future AEGEE enterprises. **The project team consist only of Turkish and Greek AEGEE members. Does your project address only these nationalities?**

Dijan: No, on the contrary we took special care that the project wouldn't be assumed as a Turkish-Greek summit. According to our wide network, several regions such as the Balkans, the Mediterranean and Western Europe were analysed, chain events about the Transition period after the cold war took place, as well as cultural activities like a film festival and a peace school about conflict management were a part of the peace academy calendar.

Başak: But the composition of the team was not accidental. We wanted to prove that it is possible to have a good project ran by the team consisting of Greeks and Turks.

Your project is dedicated to Peace. How-

ever exactly during its implementation the shocking war against Yugoslavia took place. Do you think that AEGEE reacted appropriately? Maybe we should have taken a clearer attitude?

Refet: No. We have diverse opinions in AEGEE. There are people who were against bombing but only the ones who were in favour. We can have discussions on it and I find it great that people of different views can meet in AEGEE. AEGEE is not able to stop wars. What we can do is to influence people so that future conflict can be prevented.

What kind of follow-up is planned for the Peace Academy Project? The PAP will not finish with the Final Conference in Rotterdam?

Dijan: We are going to issue a result book. AEGEE-Athina, an antenna with great experiences in PR will take care of its publication. Together with the organisers we'll do our best to have a high quality work reflecting our ideas. Next year we are organising the Peace Summit with AEGEE-Athina, Ankara and -Istanbul, in co-operation with our great partner UNESCO. Peace Summit was the initial idea, which brought up the whole project till today.

Başak: We were planning to organise a peace cruise at the Aegean Coasts, but as a result of the year it turned out that today's youth needs the education for maintaining peace within themselves and the society they're living in. Discussing about conflicts or having workshops and lectures is not enough. We need to work on ourselves and get to know different perspectives

Dijan: In order to receive feedback from our network and built an international team for the academic preparations and implementation of the Peace Summit, we'll organise a training course for 20 capable AEGEE-members, who have background on certain issues to be discussed at the summit. This training course will cover lectures on moderation and presentation techniques and also bring the academic team together. Anyway, we think that now we have the necessary background to realise this dream and make the best out of the Peace Summit. What is more, we are going to edit a second book, together with UNESCO.



The Event of the Year

Dear members,

One hundred years ago, in 1899, The Hague was the setting for the first ever official International Peace Conference. This conference marked the beginning of the modern international system of independent nation states, learning to co-operate in addressing the problems of a shared world.

It led to the creation of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the making of the Peace Palace, the United Nations and the International Court of Justice.

In 1999, the international year of peace, the final conference of the Peace Academy project will take you back to the place where it all began; the Hague Peace Palace, where you will be able to discuss the future of peace in Europe. AEGEE has the honour to invite you to come to Rotterdam, to learn about the many different aspects of peace and conflict resolution, to help promote peace and to contribute to a peaceful Europe.

The first day will take place at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, where you will learn about the role of international organisations in the peace process. Organisations like NATO, UN and OSCE will be present there. You have the opportunity to follow many different workshops, presented by various international organisations.

The next day will be at the Peace Palace, where the role of society will be discussed, by organisations like Amnesty International, Mediciens Sans Frontieres, International Red Cross, European Centre for Conflict Prevention. On that day the locals who organised a Peace Academy Event will present the results of the whole cycle. The final day, which will also take place at the Erasmus University, multinational companies will tell you about making codes of conduct and their role in the peace process. Also at that day, the Isaac Roet Price will be awarded to the student who wrote the best essay on: "The role of transnational corporations in promoting global stability and peace"

We hope to see you at the Event of the year, which will take place from the 18th till 20th of November 1999 in Rotterdam and The Hague. You can find more details about an application at our homepage:

<http://www.welcome.to/PeaceAcademy>.

Borderless Europe ? Mobility of European Citizens

Mobility of Europeans is a very fashionable topic nowadays. Inside the EU it is encouraged, and into the EU it is discouraged. But who knows what it really is all about? Who knows how well legislation and administrations have been adapted to the requirements of a better mobility of Europeans? What happens if you really dare to leave your native country and work, study or retire somewhere else in Europe?

And what are your opportunities, if you are not an EU citizen, or if you are an EU citizen, but want to go to a non-EU state? What will you face, and what should be improved?

Topics:

The following topics are suggestions. Some are more important, others are rather marginal.

Mobility of Students

The Socrates Programme wants to encourage students in the EU states and some candidate countries to study in another country, in order to experience European diversity first hand. But why are there still so many practical and administrative problems? Why does all this excessive bureaucracy persist? And what papers and documents do I really have to present, and which forms to fill in, what to apply for, and why?

Mobility of Labour

When the Euro was introduced, many economists claimed that it would fail, unless there were a greater mobility of labour in the Euro zone. Why are there still so many obstacles to a larger percentage of the population working in another EU country? In fact, the mobility of labour across the EU borders is being prevented by many regulations and visa regimes. What exactly are my opportunities

We are presenting the Year Plan 2000 topic approved by the spring Agora in Barcelona. Take a look! Maybe you will find an inspiration for an event in your local?

to work in another European country? What are the requirements, and what are my rights?

Recognition of Diplomas and Work Experience

Is it really true that my diploma will be recognised in all EU countries? What if I am from a non-EU state? How do I have to prove my language skills? What if I want to work in a state that restricts access to my type of profession?

Visa Requirements

Visas continue to be a nuisance in East-West relations. Procedures are tedious, bureaucratic and expensive. Why do we need visas, and do we need them at all? What can we do in order to relieve the burden? How do con-

sulates and embassies work? What can I do in order to get my visas more easily? Whom should I complain to, if I feel treated in the wrong way?

Transfer of Social Security Benefits and Entitlements

What happens to my pension, if I go to work abroad, or if I worked in several European countries during my life? What standard of health care and health insurance will I be able to maintain if I work abroad? How can I transfer entitlements I earned while working in one country, when I go to another country?

Taxation and Bureaucracy

What happens to my tax bill if I work in one country, and my spouse in a second one? And perhaps we all live in a third country? And even if it is not that complicated, what taxes do I have to pay if I move to another country? Do I have to pay extra taxes

or fees for my car if I move to another country? How do I fill in forms, or register my car abroad, if I don't understand the language of the bureaucrats in my new country?

Aims:

This YP project should enable AEGEE members to find out what opportunities they have in the way of mobility as citizens of Europe. It is directed both to EU and non-EU citizens. We want to find out obstacles to mobility, and identify who is responsible for these obstacles. As a consequence, solutions should be worked out, and presented to national and European politicians, administrations, and NGOs.

SOCRATES in TURKEY!

The aim of the activities are the recognition of the European Action Program in the Field of Education, SOCRATES, by all concerned parties in Turkey, thus forming a public awareness and pressure group that would lead the inclusion of Turkey into the program, monitoring of the preparation period and implementation of adequate criteria for the operation.

The main benefit of the program would be helping the raising of a new generation as future stakeholders within the society, equipped by tolerance and a widened worldview, thus an establishment of a democratic human rights conscience will be ensured; this is the main and most effective action for a true integration of European societies. Following this idea, AEGEE locals in Istanbul and Ankara have been acting for Turkey's inclusion in the program, which required the decision of European Parliament (EP) and the Council of the European Union, with also a critical approach towards the Turkish policy of European integration and administrative structure.

However, on the decision process, Education Committee of the European Parliament blocked the due proposal for two years. During this time, by the permission and collaboration of CD, locals have contacted several MEPs by letters, fax and personal appointments as well as taking their part as invited speakers in a hearing organised by EP in Brussels in 23rd September 1998. In parallel a series of informing activities towards universities, state institutions and NGOs was conducted. In the end, European Parliament removed its blockade in February 1999.

After this approval, it's certain that the program will be open to the participation of Turkey in its second phase from 2000 to 2006. AEGEE locals have thus shifted their activities to the proposal of Socrates National Agency to-be established. The aim is a participatory, open and politically autonomous national structure to prevent possible abuses of this special funding mechanism related to education. Therefore a research on existing National Agencies on several countries, in-

cluding interviews with the directors on location, have been made, and two meetings in Istanbul and Ankara to get some feedback from all concerned organisations and institutions have been organised. Following intensive discussions in Istanbul, the resulting AEGEE proposal has been published as an extensive report, and a PR campaign will follow in Autumn 1999.

The activities are an example of how a little spark of idea inspired by the European network of AEGEE can be transformed into a successful civil society campaign in European level and a real contribution to European integration measures, by a systematic approach, dynamism and patience. Inclusion of Turkey is one of the concrete achievements of AEGEE, regarding the influence on decision making in the field of education and European integration, in both national and European institutions.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



05.-07.11.99 AUTUMN AGORA

(statutory), Poznan

08.-10.11.99 AEGEE OLYMPIC GAMES

(conference) Gdansk

10.- 17.11.99 HOW DOES IT LOOK TO
BE A WINNER!, (Victims & Culprits)

(conference), Beograd



12.- 14.11.99 THE POWER OF
DIPLOMACY (seminar), Heidelberg

18.- 20.11.99 FINAL CONFERENCE
PEACE ACADEMY (conference), Rotterdam

25.- 28.11.99 FRANCE AND GERMANY:
TURBULENT PAST - CONCILIATORY
PRESENT - EUROPEAN FUTURE?

(seminar), Heidelberg



29.12.99 - 03.01.00 THE ULTIMATE
PARTY (recreation), Zagreb

29.12.99 - 04.01.00 SKI WEEK2000
(recreation), Mavrovo

03.- 10.01.00 WINTER
UNIVERSITY:SPORTS AGAINST DRUGS
(recreation), Ivano-Frankivs'k

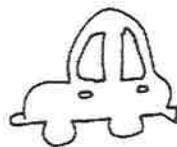
14.- 16.01.00 HUNTING FOR MAN
(conference), Katowice

21.- 23.01.00 AEGEE EUROSONG
FESTIVAL(conference), Groningen

03.- 13.02.00 SNOW UNIVERSITY
2000 (recreation), Tampere/Kuusamo

04 - 06.02.00 WINDOW TO THE
WORLD (conference), Enschede

26.11.- 01.12.99 TEN YEARS OF
TRANSITION IN ROMANIA
(conference), **Timisoara**



29.11.- 05.12.99 BRIDGES TO
KOSOVO Seminar (seminar), **Budapest**

02.- 05.12.99 "ALL RIGHTS RESERVED"
(conference), **Lodz**

02.- 03.12.99 THE STUDENTS' VISION
ON EUROPE 2020 (conference), **Ploiesti**

03.- 05.12.99 REGIONAL MEETING
TURKU/ABO (meeting), **Turku/Abo**

04.- 05.12.99 REGIONAL MEETING
PLOIESTI (meeting), **Ploiesti**



05.-11.12.99 TEN YEARS OF
TRANSITION. POLAND AND GERMANY
1989 - 1999 (conference), **Berlin**

12.- 18.12.99 IT-SCHOOL (internal
education), **Enschede**

28.12.99 - 02.01.2000 START YOUR
MILLENIUM IN LIESHOUT! (recreation)

18.- 20.02.00 BRIDGES TO KOSOVO -
FINAL CONFERENCE(conference),
Budapest

26.- 06.03.2000 SKIING TO THE
EXTREME (recreation), **Sofia - Borovetz**

10.- 12.03.00 PRESIDENTS' MEETING
SPRING 2000 (statutory), **Skopje**

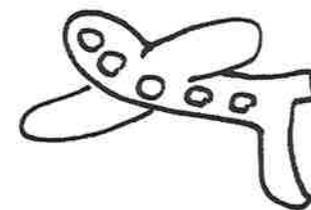
13.- 16.03.00 GET IN THE CULTURE.
FEEL THE NATURE! (travel event), **Skopje**

07.- 09.04.00 SPRING AGORA 2000
(statutory), **Utrecht**

10.- 13.04.00 FAIR FOOD SOCIETY
(conference),
Kaiserslautern

14.- 16.04.00 INTERCULTURAL
EDUCATION (conference), **Nijmegen**

02.- 04.06.00 MUSIC EXPLORED
(conference), **Maastricht**



**Summer 1999
Brescia goes European**

Many of us had spoken nothing but Italian in our life, when the AEGEE-Brescia adventure started in April 1997, and hardly anyone of us - active members since then - could write an e-mail.

If at the time somebody told us that a couple of years later we would involve hundreds of European friends in our activities,



becoming one of the biggest antennae in Italy, maybe the most active - we would have probably laughed!

We lacked experience, organisation, funds... and we had no clue about how to run an NGO, especially a very international one in such a provincial town as Brescia!

But we were already in love with the AEGEE spirit, and this gave us the enthusiasm to face this great challenge...

And finally, in the last months, our efforts finally seemed to be rewarded, as about 150 young people will always remember AEGEE-Brescia while thinking of summer 1999.

Some figures?

* **15 crazy Summer University organisers** shared the unforgettable experience of organising "InSuperabile!" - our first own SU after making two skiing weeks and a Travelling Summer University together with AEGEE-Treviso and AEGEE-Venezia last year. Our marvellous team was getting closer and closer day by day. This started already in our preparation phase, when we held our organisers' meetings in beautiful parks or the castle. We also tried out all the excursions, laughing and singing all the way. Regardless all differences in age and level of AEGEE experience, everybody gave a contribution, developing new skills while having fun: teaching Italian, organising the city rally, coordinating a press conference, fund-rais-

ing, finding creative solutions to everyday small emergencies and much more.

* **35 incredible people from 17 different countries took part in "InSuperabile!"**. We had an unforgettable time with this amazing group of people. Wherever we went, whatever we did, our group changed the atmosphere of every place. Like during an open-air gospel concert that we visited in Brescia. As soon as the singers from San Francisco sang their first notes, our participants started to dance, while the hundreds of visitors were sitting on their chairs. The singers were so amazed, that they asked "the funny crowd over there" - this means us - on the stage, were we singing and dancing with the group until the concert was over. And nobody in the staff will ever forget the moving thank you ceremony during the European Night, when we were awarded golden chocolate medals and the participants sang the self-composed song to the melody

of Adriano Celentano's "Azzurro" whose chorus sounds like this:

In Brescia there's always sunshine/ even if it sometimes might rain / This sunshine is in the heart of all the people / here in AEGEE / They made us feel here at home immediately / and we all just say / When we go now home from Brescia / we'll tell it was InSuperabile!

* **40 AEGEE-Brescia members enjoyed the SU experience abroad**. Our crazy members conquered Europe, spreading some of our spirit to many other Summer Universities. They returned to Brescia not only full of enthusiasm and amazing experiences. While showing all the others tons of pictures, many of them stated they felt "different". And now they want to be updated weekly about the new events - looking forward to seeing their new friends again.

* **And finally... 60 local students took part to Foreign Languages Summer Courses for free**. These courses were organised parallel to the Summer University, in the same building, organised by AEGEE Brescia with the support of the University. So the local students could practice the new languages with the SU guests.

The year 2000 will represent a new exciting season for the AEGEE-Brescia team, involved in the organisation of three events in few months.

Would you like to taste our crazy spirit? Come to one of our events and see! But if you think Brescia is too far - don't worry, because Europe is not too far for us. You can meet people from the squadra azzurra (we are nicknamed like this because of our shining blue shirts, worn for the first time at the Agora in Barcelona) almost in every event!!!

"All the world's a game..."

"...and we are all mere players", wrote William Shakespeare. In Passau, at least, those words became true, as AEGEE-Passau organised its annual European conference, the European Games Marathon. For four days the focus lay on theoretical and practical aspects of various kinds of games, mostly board games.

You might think now that games are nothing serious and that this conference was merely a fun-event. But apart from the entertaining aspect, games also form an important part of a society's culture, as we were told by Dr. Synes Ernst, the president of the jury for the "Game of the Year"-award who presented a lecture about games in relation to culture. Literature is, unfortunately, estimated to be of much higher cultural value than games, although games are - due to the fact that they need to be played in a group - able to train the players' social skills whereas reading a book necessarily is an unsociable action.

The participants of the European Games Marathon had lots of opportunities to form their own point of view about playing: in several workshops they were familiarised with many kinds of card-, board- and other games, and they could show their skills in trying all of them. They also had the chance to gather credits during the whole event, and at the end the winning team was awarded a special prize.

Thanks to all participants, who let those four days become a real marathon of playing, partying and having fun together, ending in a fabulous European Night Party, which once more made everybody understand what AEGEE-spirit really means.

Let me conclude with a remarkable quotation by Douglas Adams about playing: "Humans think they are smarter than dolphins because they build cars and buildings and start wars etc. and all that dolphins do is swim in the water, eat fish and play around. — Dolphins believe that they are smarter for exactly the same reasons."

Michael Forster
Head of the EGM-Team

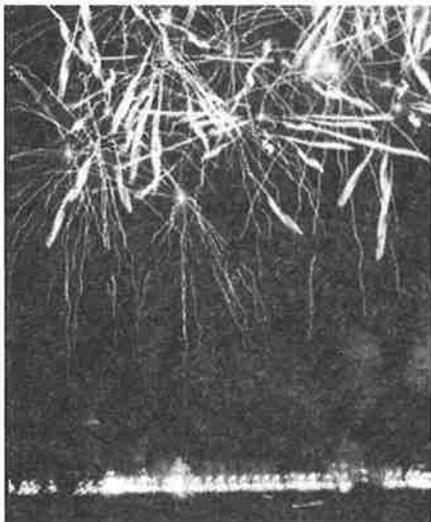
AEGEE Venezia

A New Deal is began in our local! A very active group of people is working now in Venice; first result of this situation is the organisation of two interesting Events together with AEGEE Treviso.

The first is the: "ARTSPOTTING I, Renaissance and Modern Art in two Great Exhibitions", from the 25th to the 28th of November.

This Event is an opportunity to visit the beautiful cities of Venice and Treviso from an artistic point of view; there'll be also base lectures of history of art as introduction to the two most important exhibitions of the year, situated in those cities.

The second Event is the: "CARNIVALSPOTTING II, the Carnival of Venice", after the big success of the last year edition we organise another recreation Event from the 11th to the 15th of March 2000, when Venice mix its Romantic atmosphere with a whirl of colours, music, and masks.



It is the best and most famous Carnival of Europe!

We organised a great Summer University last July; it was almost unique because the subject was wine and food tasting. During the SU "WINESPOTTING II" we taught how to cook traditional food and how to drink as many bottles of wine as it is possible without getting drunk at the first one.

Since more then an year we organise all of our Events and SU with AEGEE Treviso, and we want to continue this collaboration for a long time.

We live in a very tourist city where there is no sensibility for something that does not give profit, as a student Association does, actually to organise something for young people here is definitely harder then somewhere else. So do not lose the possibility to go in a place where millions of people in the world dream to visit but they cannot.

Conference "Window to the world" Enschede, 4-6 February 1999

AEGEE-Enschede is organising the conference titled "Window to the world"- the challenges of the information society" from 4-6 February. During the conference we will look to the impact of Information Technology on human life and society. Many believe that the so-called information age will bring radical change and improvement. A lot of time is invested in constructing infrastructure, the "information superhighways" in order to meet the challenges of the information society of the twenty-first century. Although the innovations in digital technology are impressive, we must not forget that technology in itself is not a deterrent of change, only a facilitator. As with any other technology, it is the social context within which these new technologies are intro-

duced and, more importantly, implemented, that determines their usage and impact. Accordingly, we are not hopelessly caught in a wave of historical change; we are the ones bringing it about. The information revolution has much less to do with bits and bytes, than it has to do with the realities and aspirations of everyday people.

In the conference we will deal how we are influenced by the information society and show good and bad aspect of this influence. At the end we will try to answer the question if the coming of the information society is a good thing.

For more information: <http://aegEE.student.utwente.nl/saEC> or E-mail: saEC@student.utwente.nl

Guaranteed Nordic Fun

Whenever there is AGORA, conference, internal education or something else it never takes place in Finland, unfortunately. Is AEGEE a bit too much south-Europe orientated or are Helsinki, Tampere and Turku just too near to Arctic Circle and no one wants to come here? Maybe neither. The answer could be that we "hot-tempered and talkative Finns" should get more active and organise something amazing for the whole AEGEE-Europe audience next millennium!

Why on Earth Should You Travel to Finland?

Think about blond girls and sporty and reliable guys...what a great excuse to take a direction to the North. Honestly speaking, if you want exotic experiences and friends for the lifetime, we can guarantee that in here you'll get it all.

Probably Finland doesn't have the most interesting history or the architecture that would blow your mind, but try to imagine how could it feel to stay at the peaceful countryside, go to sauna every night and swim in the clean lakes. You could enjoy the midsummer, when sun doesn't go down on you or the winters when the nature is extremely beautiful with the pure white snowcover!

From Mika Häkkinen to Matti Meikäläinen

Not only is the nature great here but also the people. Maybe your idea about the Finns is that they are quiet, hardworking and they live in a economically and socially secured state without any problems, except the cold weather. Well, you got it right. (a joke!) There isn't such a definition, what a Finn is alike, but still most of as are friendly, helpful and full of "sisu", the Finnish guts!

AEGEE is "Connecting People"

AEGEE in Helsinki, Turku and Tampere is getting more and more popular among the students even though the antennas consider themselves small in the European comparison. But, but, not the size but the quality, that matters. We co-operate quite a lot with each other to organise meetings and summer universities. Also we have made good connections to companies, city authorities, universities and other international students' clubs. As a tiny minus we can admit that our activities are not "socially, nationally or globally" relevant and meaningful, but as an excuse we offer ourselves an explanation that by connecting Finnish students with the European ones, our job is important enough. What do you think? Come and find it out here in Finland!

Natasha Vaalgamaa
AEGEE-Helsinki

**AEGEE-Zaragoza
throws its history...**

Officially AEGEE-Zaragoza was born as a contact-antenna in the February '99 Aix's Presidents Meeting. There, and after an excitedly debate, we signed the Convention d'Adhesion becoming the newest south-west CA of AEGEE.

After that key moment AEGEE-Zaragoza started its growth from a just ten members group to a more than a hundred members Antenna in just one year. This extremely fast increase has its explanation in a continual development of activities both local and European, so people could discover all the interesting and attractive possibilities AEGEE can bring them.

In just a sixteen months period AEGEE-Zaragoza has become one of the most active and most important antennae of the south-west region. The continuous relations with the nearest antennae, specially Valencia, Barcelona and Madrid – great supporters on the very first steps of the «delivery» – gave us help throw their own experience making an easy way for our development.

Yes, we have to thank several AEGEE members who strongly believed in us and spent their time for a project called AEGEE-Zaragoza for our current situation

But, is there any secret for this great development?

Yes, there are:

- a great number of different activities. In one year, we have organised at local level a "subaquatic baptism", a Web pages design course, weekend in the Pyrenees and several trekking excursions. On the other hand, we have tried to do our best in some European activities like the December Regional Meeting, the Intercultural Couples congress, a New Years Eve in the Pyrenees, an interchange program with AEGEE-Kaunas and the very last Summer University.
- an incredibly strong support of the University that makes possible all the activities we do.
- an amazing group of members that does its best, and...
- YOU. Thanks to all the members of AEGEE the dream comes true, and we can be a part of it!

For the future we will try to maintain this high level of activism, creating new attractive experiences, new activities and some really fresh ideas that will be known all over AEGEE... just wait. So, if you want to know more about AEGEE-Zaragoza... dare with us!!!

**AEGEE-Bayreuth
A brief historical survey.**

AEGEE-Bayreuth was founded in 1995. Since then, we have grown to a decent sized antenna with about 40 members and are today a renowned organisation within the university of Bayreuth. What began as an almost exclusive project of law-students developed into an association, which today represents all fields of study at the University of Bayreuth. Since August 1999, we have our second female president and for the first time an almost pure female board (almost).

AEGEE-Bayreuth has so far organised many events, some of which were:

- Our EMU Seminar, a three-day seminar held on the European Monetary Union in 1995. This event improved our status to antenna.
- A lecture held by Ignatz Bubis, the now deceased and former chairman of the Zentralrat der Juden in Germany on the issue of the mid-east peace process.
- A Regional Meeting in 1997
- Other events of a more local scale were cooking events, bowling, several trips into the surroundings of Bayreuth, information seminars for law and economy students, lectures on various topics and joint-ventures with ERASMUS.
- And of course, our first Summer University in co-operation with AEGEE-Passau.



Our plans for the future:

- A seminar on technology and ecology.
- A lecture on European literature.
- Closer co-operation with the University of Bayreuth.
- And perhaps a seminar with the topic: Europe – Quo Vadis.

Here are some details on our youngest event, our summer university with AEGEE Passau:

Our part of the SU took place from the 7th to the 15th of August 1999. We had about 20 participants coming from all over Europe. Two separate German lectures were held every day. In the afternoons, AEGEE-Bayreuth offered a variety of activities, things as a sightseeing tour, barbecue, swimming, a town rally, a pub-crawl, and, brought to you exclusively by AEGEE-Bayreuth, the total eclipse! On Saturday the 15th, the group was handed over to AEGEE-Passau.

**Banat - a model of interculturality
CST Timisoara 26.02-03.03 1999**

The concept of interculturality has been vividly discussed when it came to the emerging of a New Europe where borders don't mean too much anymore and still different identities have to be acknowledged and safeguarded from assimilation.

"Banat- a model of interculturality" was designed as a study visit in which 40 students would be in direct contact with the way different ethnic groups live together in a region known for its tolerance and respect for the newly established Romanian civil society.

The aim of the study visit was to establish whether after 45 years of communism in which totalitarian and nationalistic ideology was propagated all over Romania we can still speak of tolerance and understanding in a region that used to be a model of interculturality at the beginning of the century.

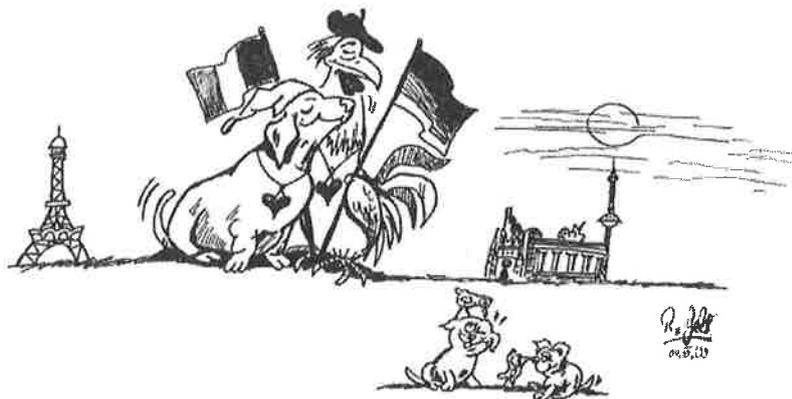
The case study visit was structured in 6 days dedicated to the observation of the lifestyle, opportunities and difficulties of a different minority: German, Hungarian, Serb, Bul-

garian, Ukrainian, Slovak and Rroma, the days in their turn having the same pattern: discussions, trip and traditional party. In this way the participants had the possibility to receive data from theoretical presentations, from concrete observation of everyday life population, and not in the least from parties organised by each minority. Here, they really got into the specific atmosphere, through dance, music and sometimes through more than this...

The CST was a wonderful opportunity for discovery especially because of the trips, the most appreciated being the one in the Hungarian village Tormac where the rustic atmosphere, the dance and the music proved to give the participants a wonderful time. It was also a time for discovery for the organisers, a very young team for whom organising such an event was a first experience. However, they managed to create a friendly atmosphere appreciated by the participants who rated the quality of the event in Timisoara very high.

France and Germany Conference in Heidelberg

This seminar focuses on history, present and future of the relations between the two key-countries in Europe! It is a co-operation between French and German AEGEE-members. The opening question will be about respective images of French and Germans in the other country. Later on we will analyse the different points of view of the two peoples and especially the young generations concerning role and duties of state's structures and the expectations from higher education: For this, representatives of student's unions of the two countries will discuss about how they see their systems and what they would like to change. Are there rapprochement tendencies or are the points of view very different? The historical and political part will be formed by lectures about historical key events and the interdependency of the developments at both sides of the Rhine River. After that we will discuss the role of the Franco-German relation for the European integration, especially the impact on this relation of an EU-enlargement and a stronger Germany after the



reunification, and the people's attitude towards Europe. Since this is a Peace Academy event, we will also ask for what can be learned from the success of this reconciliation for other peace processes such as on the Balkans (if there will be one...) or between Germany and Poland. The Seminar is designed for 50 students coming not only from France and Germany. There will be top lecturers such as the French Envoy in Germany and advi-

sor of the French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, Mr. Prof. Jacques-Pierre Gougeon, or the Secretary General of the Franco German Youth Organisation, Mrs. Babette Nieder. Translation into all three languages (German, French and English) will be provided!

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The Peace Academy AEGEE Valletta's Contribution to Peace in the Mediterranean

An international congress on Peace in the Mediterranean, the first of its kind organised by AEGEE Valletta, will be held in October 1999 as an attempt to take action over some of the overwhelming problems faced by the Mediterranean region. Malta, a small but significant island right in the heart of the Mediterranean, has been fought over and conquered by various rulers from all over the region. It therefore seemed appropriate to hold a conference on Peace in the Mediterranean right in the place which has so often been a central actor in International Relations.

The major conflicts in the Mediterranean region today are essentially due to the lack of tolerance of the existing multitude of cultures and religions, and the associated craving for power over the Other. War, destruction and the violation of Human Rights are not just myths: they are the reality, which we have all witnessed in our lifetime. AEGEE has always taken pride in overcoming the obstacles that have been encountered and in realising the dream of a Europe United, before any politician: through AEGEE, students from Eastern Europe have fully integrated themselves with the West. AEGEEs from Turkey and Greece

are no enemies, but friends who co-operate and co-ordinate their activities. We are now seeking to focus our efforts in integrating the Mediterranean Region with the rest of Europe.

This congress is part of a series of con-



gresses organised under the umbrella of the Peace Academy Year Plan of AEGEE Europe, as established in the Maastricht Agora. The aim of Peace Academy is 'to construct a new peace culture for the 21st century and to promote peace all over Europe through assisting peaceful co-existence, tolerance and mutual understanding.'

We shall proceed by giving the partici-

pants, coming from European and Mediterranean countries, a better understanding of the origins of Mediterranean Civilisation through a series of lectures delivered by local and foreign University professors and experts. With this knowledge, they can work on obtaining practical solutions by means of a series of workshop discussions. A discussion on the current relations of the Mediterranean Region with Europe and on how these relations can be improved is on the agenda. The conference shall include a simulation game where the participants will be required to take immediate action on a realistic crisis situation.

A summary of lectures and of the various ensuing discussions will be incorporated in a result brochure, which will be distributed to politicians, experts and other NGO's, together with results from other Peace Academy Conferences.

We have currently received applications from all over Europe and the Mediterranean. If you feel that all this appeals to you and would like more information, please feel free to contact AEGEE Valletta at aegee@um.edu.mt.

Angie Mijsud
co-ordinator

Three years of continuous functioning and activity Case of Education Working Group in AEGEE-Istanbul

Alper Akyüz

Hardly any antenna has a really functioning thematic working group. The Istanbul Education WG seems to be an exception. Is it also an example to follow? We asked Alper for a text explaining the secret of their success.

As you may have read in the other article on what the activities of AEGEE-Istanbul and Ankara on Socrates issue are, you may be asking yourself how this continuity of three years was achieved, as it is a rare example in a student organisation. In this article, I will try to give a review of the insight of the functioning in Istanbul without listing the activities themselves again.

Activities are conducted within the Education Working Group of AEGEE-Istanbul, a registered working group in a registered association; this provides us a legal and institutional framework for the external contacts to take us serious; if you consider that the aim is contacting national and European decision mechanisms, you can understand the significance of this feature and the impact of the framework AEGEE as a European association provides us.

But, indeed, how could we succeed maintaining the activities for such a long time in a student organisation? There is not only one answer to that and there is not a recipe that can be applied to any kind of activity or working group. However, our answers were the following.

Our aim was concrete: inclusion of Turkey in Socrates program and proper functioning of it in the country. It had something beneficial for each related party in the country, and something not vague for the European contacts. This aim was fully complying with the general aim of AEGEE, the organisation we belonged to, and this made us consistent. Our targets are also concrete; they contain

short, middle and long term ones that were subject to continuous revision and part of a general strategy.

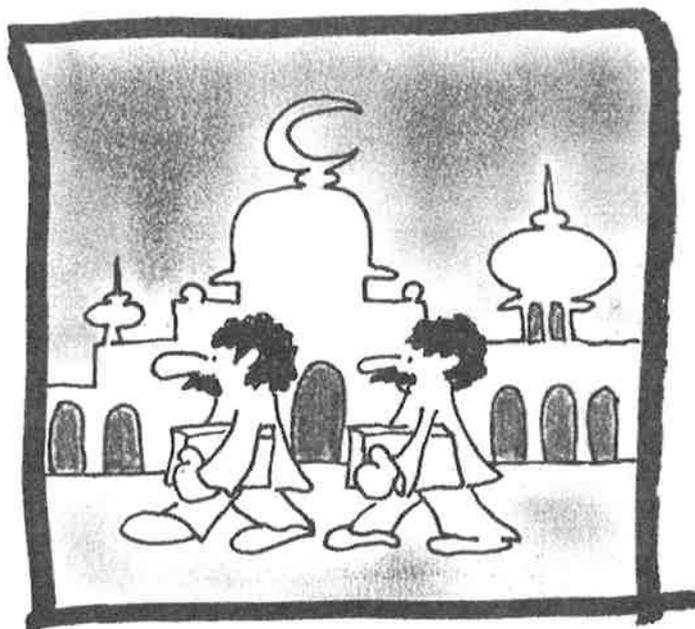
Activities themselves (including the organisation of conferences) are not the aims, but tools: they are part of an integral strategy to achieve the targets and general aims. As you can see in the other article, our activities included campaigning methods like press releases and contact with media, open statements and declarations; continuous monitoring and access to information like the systematic check of Official EU news sites on Internet, direct contacts with all related persons like assistants or consultants of MEPs (they even contact us themselves when a related development occurs); direct meetings with persons holding the decisive power; and organisation of all kinds of meetings like conferences, seminars, press conferences etc. All possible tools of an NGO activity are being used.

Working group functions continuously: even during the summer holidays, as the authorities do not wait for your summer holiday to end to take decisions that will affect your activity directly; we were contacted to take place in the hearing in the European Parliament in August and if we were not contactable, we would miss this opportunity. Even when the number of members reduce substantially for some reasons, there is a core group who can replace each other and change only in very long term.

Group meets once in a week normally; even more if needed, and makes the actual work out of these meeting times. Meeting weekly makes people feel that they belong to a serious work resulting in a positive motivation; meeting in the same day of the week makes it easier for people to plan their attendance to the meeting; still exceptions can be made. A culture and method of "meeting" makes it more efficient: main points on the agenda are determined beforehand and then other urgent points are proposed by the members in the beginning of the meeting, minutes are a must and one takes this duty.

Decisions, minutes and progresses are sent to the lists of AEGEE-Istanbul and another list for Socrates activities where all Turkish speaking AEGEE members can be subscribed: this transparency leads to the adoption of the activity by all AEGEE members and they can provide us with ideas and help even though they are not member of the working group. One major reason of our success is sharing the information and achievements with the whole association continuously. So in times of emergency, any member can be helpful for that time being.

To keep every information written, documented and categorised, and accessible for everyone, makes things easier: despite the minutes, reports required monthly and yearly by the board of AEGEE-Istanbul from all working groups causes us to continuously re-evaluate the work we had done and prepare the documents to provide transfer of knowledge within the organisation. This activity is a real difficult one as we can attract members with the impression we give, but hardly keep a new member. It deals with such a specific issue that it



requires some degree of expertise and multidimensional skills, hard to adapt one and requires a longer time than usual activities. Also EU bureaucracy and policy contributes to this with its slow advancement in its decision procedures leading to a demotivation of members getting nothing of a concrete result for their effort in the short term. On this point, realist determination of targets in short and middle terms gains importance: every possible sort of achievement should be defined among the targets. For example, the blockade of EP on Turkey's inclusion lasted two years, but during this time each document released by European institutions supporting our aim, and even the experience and know-how of AEGEE-Istanbul was defined and presented as part of the target beforehand: so we would have already realise these achievements as AEGEE even if Turkey had not been included in the program. Internal education within the group is another measure against losing members: coinciding with the activity itself, it covers a wide scope of issues (from EU institutions to the program itself, our activities with aims and history to report writing, campaigning and PR to meeting authorities) that can be beneficial to all AEGEE members, so it's open for all members.

Didn't we make any mistakes nor have any faults? Of course, it is impossible to be without a mistake in such a long lasting activity of a wide concept. Major ones are our failure to prepare specific written sets for the newcomer, and our failure to share it with the whole AEGEE network as frequent as it should have been. We are trying to improve ourselves on these points, and this article is one of the first ones to share us. Furthermore, requests from various locals for a case-specific internal education program are received and we will try to provide this transfer of experience to the whole AEGEE network as far as we can.

As a summary, main reasons for our success are:

- Patience and persistence of the core group,
- Realist self-confidence and conscience of achievements of such kind of activity,
- Continuous evaluation and target modification,
- continuity of adopted institutional functioning,
- and sharing both the problems and achievements as the whole association's.

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Continuity – Rise or Fall of an antenna?

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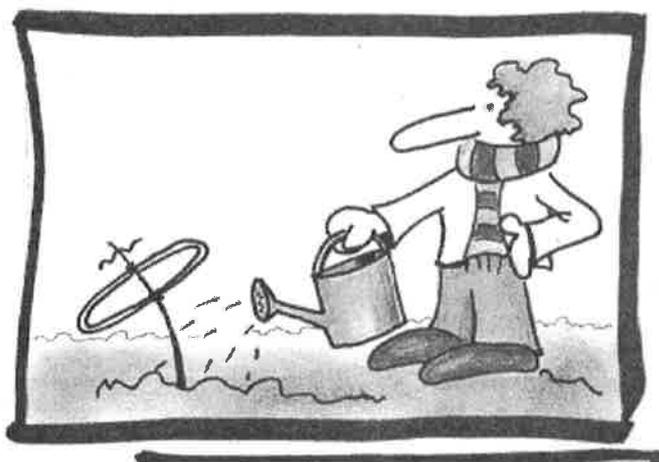
Continuity is one of the topics being discussed most intensively within AEGEE, either on the local or on the European level. AEGEE has to cope with the fact that every year or even every half a year there is a complete change of generations. This of course includes the threat that the local or AEGEE Europe loses the hardly acquired experience of the old generation and thereby the "wheel" has to be reinvented again and again.

The following advice is far from being perfect and is subject of further discussion. Differences among locals of different regions are sometimes that big, that it is hardly possible to come up with generalized rules or advices.

a) Preparation phase

Search for candidates

Most critical is the early start of looking for potential successors, observing their working attitude and teamability, motivating and coaching the ones you consider adequate for the new board. Basic question: Who should take care of this, if not the current board? It is always possible that new members come up with their own proposals for the future and often this is also desirable, especially when the same board kept its positions for years. It is then up to the democratic procedures during the local assembly to decide upon this classic power struggle. Pre-condition is that you have gained



Practical advice – generation change in three phases

The hand-over, transfer of knowledge process can be roughly divided into three phases:

- Preparation phase
- Actual hand-over phase
- Care phase

The basic idea is to reach a floating hand-over of know-how and responsibilities in particular from the old board to the new board of a local. If possible, it is even advisable to implement a period during which both boards are together responsible for the antenna. Especially antennae in the Netherlands practice this floating transfer in reality. It is not necessary to change the statutes of your local for that but it is already enough to create an informal tradition (unwritten law).

enough new members during the first half of your term and that out of these, there are enough new active members to take over responsibility. How to gain new members and involve them in your local activities is not subject of this article, so we simply have to believe that you successfully managed this.

Having enough active and adequate members, you start to motivate them to take over a board position. This is in many cases an extremely tricky business, because most people are reluctant to take over responsibility, especially those who take it serious. There are different ways how to achieve this and it depends on the respective personality which one will be successful. This of course requires your right judgement. Here just some basic strategies, how to proceed (please note that here I prefer being realistic to being political correct):

The president's approach: This means, that you first of all look for the best option for the new president and motivate her/him in a way that she/he is really enthusiastic to take over, so she/he will look for the other candidates her/himself. This implies the big advantage that the candidates most probably might know and respect each other, so the new board more likely is a good team. But it also implies the problem that the local might be "ruled" by one bunch of friends then, not really representing the membership structure. This can lead to demotivation and leaving of other active members who are not part of this group. This has to be evaluated before. For the implementation of this approach, you have to take care that you start early enough with motivating the potential "president".

Individual approach: The other choice is to look for all candidates individually, which in general has the advantages and disadvantages exactly opposite to the first approach. It requires a lot of psychological skills to find the right skills and personalities for a good team, but also to resist one's own wishful thinking.

Both ways don't really comply with democratic principles as you pre-select in a way long before the new elections take place, thereby most probably creating facts. These "facts" however, might not be accepted by the local Agora, so be aware that in any case you need the support of your members, otherwise your continuity work might turn out to be fruitless. In fact, in almost all democratic bodies, organisations or parliaments, this kind of pre-selection is common practice.

Shortly about approaching potential candidates: You can choose the aggressive or the soft way how to address the respective person. First means putting some pressure on the person, e.g. by trying to touch or increase her/his feeling of responsibility for the antenna. Second means, softly and slowly guiding the person to a point where there is no turning back. Many small steps usually cause less resistance than one big one. Which strategy you use depends on your own personality (e.g. your general attitude to which people got used to and likely will tolerate) and the personality of the potential candidate. To give you detailed advice would mean to write a book about it, so there is not more to write about it here.

Involving, familiarizing the candidates to the board work

Once you found adequate and motivated candidates it is best to start to involve them in your board work already some time before the elections (always with the risk that the Agora elects other people...).

It means already handing over some tasks and responsibilities to the candidates, thereby naturally handing over part of the job and know-how step by step. It increases their know-how, their self-confidence and motivates them because they feel you trust them. Most of all, it creates the link of sympathy between old and new board, which is able to solve many problems of the future by keeping the old board's feeling of responsibility for the antenna with its new board alive.

b) Hand-over phase

The real hand-over phase is here defined as the period between two weeks before and after elections.

During this period, the efforts to hand-over experience and know-how should be highest. The following means may be suitable:

- Jointly preparing the local Agora with its elections;
- Organisation of a hand-over weekend, preferably somewhere outside in a cottage (cabin, mountain lodge) of old board, new board and a few others the like project responsible;
- Organisation of trainings, especially regarding usage of e-mail, Internet (Listserver, aegee.org, Virtual Office, LAMA) and necessary other technical and organisational skills;
- Hand-over of a board manual, adapted to the specific conditions of your local and city (e.g. Heidelberg manual);

What to consider when organising a hand-over weekend

Best is a place where you won't be disturbed, like a cottage somewhere outside the city. The best time is the weekend right after the elections took place. All crucial data, materials and files should be brought there. This is crucial, because in most cases it is not the problem that certain data are not available, but where they are available, so where to find them. Handing over passed, running and planned projects and activities is better done when you can show the respective files, especially regarding crucial contacts etc. Putting up the agenda for this weekend is completely up to your own judgement, but here some suggestions for possible items to be discussed anyway:

- Hand-over and explanation of the most important files and info like membership list (structure), official documents (local authorities supervising non-profit organisations, tax office, valid contracts) etc.;
- Critical evaluation, discussion about last years' activities, what was good or bad, what to improve, what to skip etc.;
- Preparing the strategy for the next year, what to focus on, which projects etc. (Here it is crucial that the old board gives clear advice

but does not try to patronize the new board!);

- Introduction in running projects or activities, like conference or SU preparations, "Erasmus-program", etc.;
- Explanation and support with complying to legal duties (announcing the board change etc.);
- Rough introduction in the operation of AEGEE Europe and the responsibilities of the antenna towards AEGEE Europe (Activity Report, Financial Report...);

...
· Enough time for socializing and having fun together!

c) Care phase

For lasting success it will be important that the old board somehow stays available with advice and action (action only in exceptional cases). Once there is still a feeling a responsibility for the local, the old board often finds it difficult to watch what their successors are doing (maybe mistakes...) without interfering into their business. This can cause the break-up between the old and new board and should be avoided. Some mistakes have to be made, interference or criticism should be restricted only to few but very critical issues and with the right attitude. It is highly desirable to keep a friendly relationship between old and new board.

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the changing of the board

Before the election the board in power preselects board members. At the election the board in power present their preselected board. Other persons can of course still candidate, but usually the preselected board gets elected. This preselection has the advantage that the local agora knows that the preselected members are supported by the current board. After the board get elected there are around three months before the elected board comes into power. This leaves a lot of time for the necessary transfer of knowledge. You can talk with your predecessor and look over his/her shoulder.

For our selves, the present board of Utrecht, it worked out very well; we were well prepared before we started. If this system works also for other locals remains to be seen. For this to work you need of course enough members who want to join the board and know this already way in advance. I hope this is of use to you. If you have any questions you can mail me at: peterx@earthling.net.

Peter Tennekes

How to make posters and flyers

Eric Krier & Julian Zawistowski

Flyers and posters are very important part of many AEGEE actions. It is not easy to make good flyer or poster and, besides, it is often better to give up editing than produce tones of useless paper. In this short article we give you some very useful design information. Let's start with the flyers.

A good flyer is medium-sized so that it fits well into a pocket or in a diary. You can publish them in a large amount and they are easy to distribute. Flyer should give all necessary information in short way.

A flyer should be conspicuous and original to give people an incentive to read it. There are different possibilities to fold a flyer: the typical one would be a three-folded flyer, but be creative and form a new shape – triangle, round, etc.

We can divide flyers in to two basic groups: one kind produced to announce a conference or other AEGEE event and the other to get new members and give some general information about AEGEE.

Conference flyers should contain logo of AEGEE, event itself and sponsors, programme including the titles of the lectures and names of lecturers (remember that famous names encourages to take part in the event). Obviously you can not forget to give addresses or www-addresses for application and information about the event. Also short information about the city in which the event takes place may be included. The most typical AEGEE event flyer is a three-folded paper, with an application form, information about the antenna, the title of the conference, the logo, location and date on the front page, the programme and information about the event inside the flyer. Conference flyers can be distributed on AGORA, during all AEGEE events and everywhere, where you can find those you want to invite on your conference.

Flyers designed to attract new members should contain logos (AEGEE and sponsors), general information about AEGEE-Europe, your antenna and contact addresses. You may also give information about place and date of your weekly meeting and calendar of events (European and local). It can be a booklet, a flyer (e.g. German "Lift Off" or Polish "A że co?") or which could attract students with a semester schedule on the front, or the AEGEE programme, information about

AEGEE, contact addresses, place and date of weekly meeting, etc. on the back. Flyers to get new members should be distributed everywhere, where potential new members are, like in students' cafeterias, during first semester events at university and other events that attract a lot of students, especially during AEGEE events, open to public.



Posters are as important in the most information actions as flyers or even more. They reach more people than flyers but remember that posters are fixed on a location, nobody can take posters home and then read it carefully. And you can almost never meet someone writing down information from poster to notebook.

Those things affect on poster design and placing. Your target group has to be reached within seconds, so information must be given in short sentences, slogans or catchwords, it must be short and easy to remember. Pictures, logos and symbols are very useful – people just see them!

Remember about placing on posters all necessarily logos (of antenna, sponsors, co-organisations, and patrons). It is very good idea to create logo of event or picture illustrating the event. Of course, it should really reflect the topic.

Description of event should be as short as possible, but it must contain information about time and place of conference and deadline application. Do not forget about giving links to contact, like phone, e-mail

or www.

If the poster is designed to attract new members it should contain slogan information about AEGEE, time and date of weekly meeting and all necessarily addresses.

There are four important tips we can give you to help you design good and successful poster:

Attention: catch the attention of the reader, even from a larger distance; therefore try to limit your message as much as possible.

Interest: your message must be interesting also at the second glance; therefore try to create an informative but also original text.

Desire: try to create a strong desire; the message should be adapted to your target group and identical with their desire.

Action: enable action to be followed your poster; therefore do not forget to give links to contacts like www, e-mail, phone or snail-mail (printed links have to be correct!). Only then your campaign can be successful!

When you are working on your poster, remember about some general rules. The third dimension does play a role: be careful with what is seen to be in the front of the poster, what is seen to stay in the background. You can play with colours – black images are in the front while white images stay in the background. Your focus must be clear, so take the third dimension into account, too. Colours have different effects, for example yellow is a very active, almost aggressive colour, whereas blue is a passive one. Blue is a good background colour; magenta should be used as a middle colour; Cion should be used in the front. The opposite colours are best to fit to each other; colours that are too near together can interfere with each other.

Very important is how reader looks at your posters. Usually, the reader reads from the right corner at the top diagonally down to the left corner at the bottom (reading a publication, etc. Most people first focuses onto the middle of a poster, coming back to the left corner at the bottom.

Your information campaign will be successful only if you manage to reach your group of interest. Publishing good flyers and posters is very important, but placing posters and distributing flyers is for sure essential for success.

The best locations to put posters are places where students pass by often, where they have to focus their sight, like

doors, toilet doors and mirrors or where they have time to look at posters - on crossroads, queues and in front of lecture rooms.

Try to keep your best locations! Check them regularly, refresh posters or free them from other posters. Have catchy posters - you must be different from your environment like do not hang blue posters onto a blue background.

Better than just simple placing posters is setting out poster campaign. The simplest one is "set of poster", with base on several (mostly three to five) kinds of posters, which are similar, but not identical. The content of each poster is different, but each revolves around the same project. All posters have to have something in common like logo of event or colours.

"Waves" is a campaign which also use different kinds of posters, but not at the same time. After a certain time (about a week) new set completely replaces the old one.

"Teasers" is similar to "waves", but is more complicated and needs much more time and efforts. First wave should create tension - posters do not give specific information, but rather ask questions. Reader does not know by whom and for what is made the campaign. The last wave solves the mystery and gives all information. Intermediate waves between the first and the last one are possible, but there should not be too many so that the reader would get bored about the whole teasing game.

We hope this article will help you in your activities. We are looking forward to see your posters soon!

Example of conference flyer

back

Application form and Contact Addresses	Information of the Local	Title of Congress
		Congress Logo
		Date and Local
	Secondary Sponsor	Logo (AEGEE) and Main Sponsor

front

Program of Congress	Program of Congress	Program of Congress
Information about the topics of the congress	Information about the topics of the congress	Information about the topics of the congress

Enlightened despotism by Michiel van Hees

*Minutes Workshop 'Changing the governingstyle of AEGEE from democratic to enlighened despotism'.
Chair: Michiel van Hees*

Introduction:

Michiel gives a general introduction in why this workshop takes place. 'If you look at the working style of AEGEE, democracy is the leading format. Democracy was invented by Greek people some 4000 years ago and we are still working with it. Democracy only functions if there are a few basic ingredients available:

- People should know what they are discussing and voting about (information)
- people should care what they are voting about (involvement).
- People who give information should be able to do this (social skills)

Neither of the three ingredients are generally available during the Agora therefore it is wise to look for another governingstyle which suits better with the structure of AEGEE.

After looking at a few governing-styles, enlightened despotism was the favourite. 'Despotism is a governingstyle where there is one strong ruler and the people obey him/ her. If the people are not satisfied they discard him and get a new despote. Enlightened despotism is a variation upon this. Enlightened more or less means that the despote is wise. He/ she listens to the people and then takes a wise decision. In this way strong leadership is combined with good governing.'

During the workshop there were two main questions that came up:

1. How do we get an enlightened despote?
 2. Which other characters do we need?
- ad. 1. Well basically you just get a despote and hope it is an enlightened one. If not, lynch him in public (Agora's will be much more interesting) and get a new one, repeat this process untill you are satisfied. The workshop agrees that this is not the best solution and will work on it later.
- ad. 2. Which other characters do we need? A despote cannot function by himself. He needs entourage. Therefore we made a list of characters needed in this governing-style:

- treasurer (he who guards the treasure chest,

- membership fees only in coins)
- secretary (he who writes down the wise decisions of the despote)
- carriers (they who carry the despote and the treasure chest)
- women in black (they who defend the despote and the treasure chest)
- ambassadors (they who attend the agora meeting to praise the despote, formerly known as delegates, observers, visitors and envoys)
- governors (they who control certain regions of AEGEE, formerly known as



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- hangman (he who kills the old despote when he is discarded by his people)
 - jester (he who makes sure that the Agora is not a boring place)
 - harem (optional)
- in case of a male despote consisting of women (unless male despote is gay, then consisting of men)
- in case of a female despote consisting of men (unless female despote is lesbian then consisting of women)
- in case of a bisexual despote, no harem but an orgy
- At the end of the meeting we decide to make a new Workinggroup, it shall be named: Salomon Working Group



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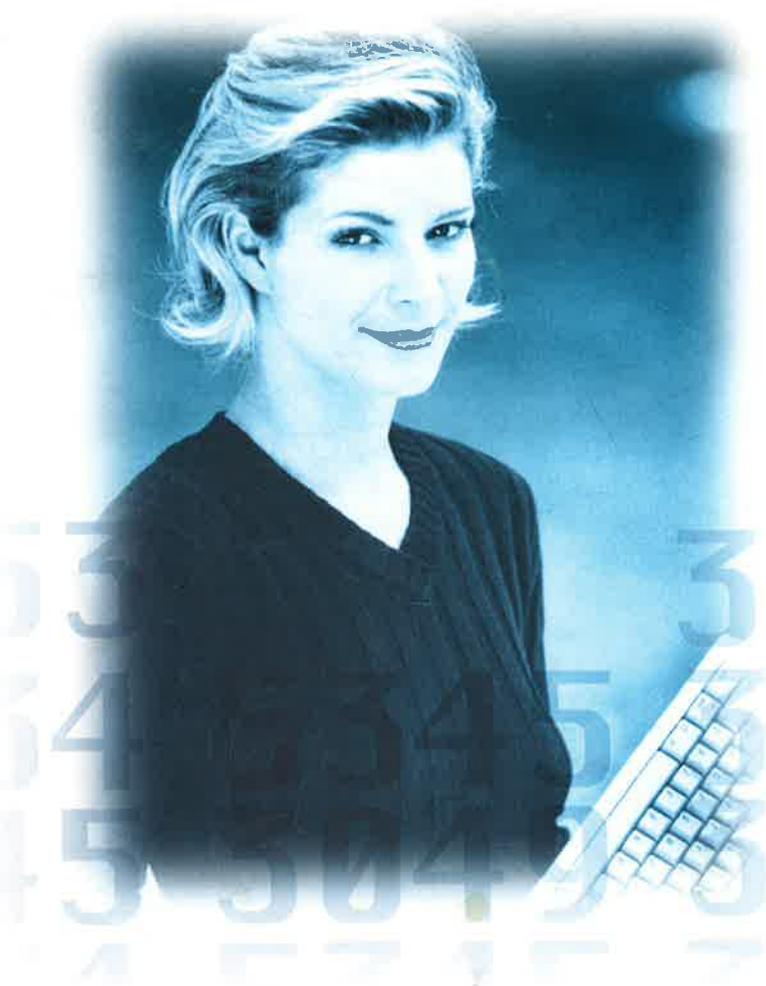
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