

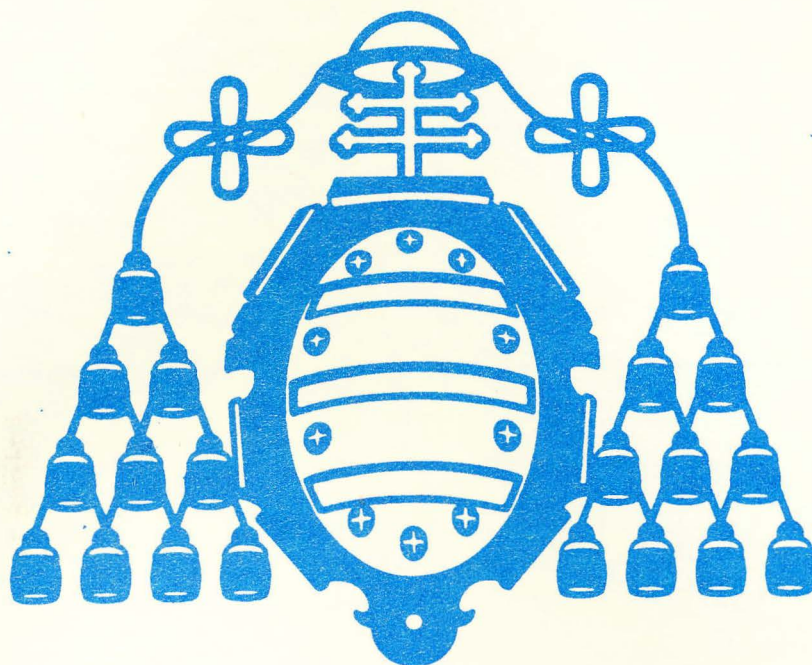
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Dear members,

After a period of more than one year as President of AEGEE-Europe, the very sad moment has come to say goodbye and to concentrate again on my studies and the final exam. I therefore would like to use this opportunity to thank all members of our association who have continuously supported the activities through their practical help as well as through their constructive and critical advice. Without this commitment I and my colleagues would not have been able to carry out our tasks and obligations.

We have also tried to ensure continuation through several measures and I believe our partners will appreciate this important point and I believe AEGEE will benefit from this positive development.

I would also like to thank those you are ready and willing to continue or to candidate as CD-members, because an association as AEGEE needs capable and enthusiastic people to work on a European level of organization and operation.

Furthermore my proposal is not to dissolve the Comité Directeur, because this European level is not only an important and characteristic appearance within AEGEE; it is the only way to combine and manage a network which renounces to a national level of organization. But this also requires flexibility and not too many restrictions on the way of proceedings.

During the Agora at Kos you will have the opportunity to study and listen to the Moral Reports and to evaluate the activities of the CD which have been initiated and coordinated over several months. This was a managing and coordination role of the CD. Please make use of your right and obligation to express your critics as well as recommendations.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Maria Alvarez and the Newsbulletin-crew for the efforts they have undertaken in order to publish a magazine containing useful information about and around our network. I believe in the "human resources" our association has and I am therefore convinced that AEGEE will continue to be an association where open mindedness, tolerance and the respect for other cultures are the underlying principles behind all our activities.

You can count on my experience and support whenever you consider it to be useful for your future work. AEGEE has been my home for more than four years and I hope it will be a home for future generation too.

With love from Kos,
yours, Georg.

At the Agora in Kos things for AEGEE will definitively change. Our President is leaving and we'll have to elect a new one. Georg was President for a year and a half and he has marked the "Quo-Vadis" period of AEGEE. Due mainly to his and his CD's work, AEGEE has changed from an élite organization to an association open to everybody and bigger than I ever imagined when I joined AEGEE-Europe. AEGEE is no longer a club of friends and enemies where everybody knows everybody. This was the period of the development in the East, of the growing South, of the EFTA countries and Scandinavia, of the solidarity, of the expansion in other fields of interest, of the cooperation with other associations, of the active Working Groups, of the thousand attempts to get a better working format for every AEGEE institution, and the multiple offers for AEGEE members. This may sound unmodest but all these had effects over the book of addresses and the Calendar of events that have been growing up as fast as a wellfed teenager. All those developments were the fruits of the work of a lot of people on the local level and of the three CDs passed. For me the CD elected in Amsterdam was the nicest one to work with, even though Silvia and Bernd (with Rainer Emschermann, our QuoVadis father, three of the nicest and most gentle people I've met in AEGEE) left us, Marco kept looking after every coin like a father, fairly and hard but understanding. Eric, our beloved General, kept us all together due to Delft's telephone lines. Michael and Vittorio (the monsters and the brains) kept on talking and talking about European culture, history and languages. From those talks some of the most brilliant ideas and projects of AEGEE came out. Cécile taught us how to organize a Presidents meeting with no money from AEGEE-Europe or the participants and Paula showed us that Finish people can also talk (which I seriously doubted after my visit to that country). Peter worked like a dog to get us "operative" and Giuliano saved us all from going to jail with his financial miracles, while Stefan Gerwens and his friends tried to save us from going to environmental hell. Jeroen showed us how to move from top to bottom in 5 minutes, when he changed from addressing a big Agora to cleaning floors in Amsterdam's agora hall; and also how to be the most serious person at 3 in the afternoon and the craziest at 3 in the morning. And Georg, he showed us how to dedicate your 25 hours day-time to the association and how to move from country to country at ultrasonic speed, so to be in everyplace he was needed. Of course I'm forgetting hundreds of people who all in all made it funny and worth to work for AEGEE-Europe although the critical moments were also many, and who helped making of AEGEE such a big organization that it desperately needs structural changes if we don't want to lose control. Hereby I want to thank all those who helped to make AEGEE something closer to a solidary Europe and I'd like to encourage all those who take the torch to try to handle these newly created problems, so that we don't lose what we've got now, and so we solve the problems still existing. Thank you to you all.

Maria J. Alvarez

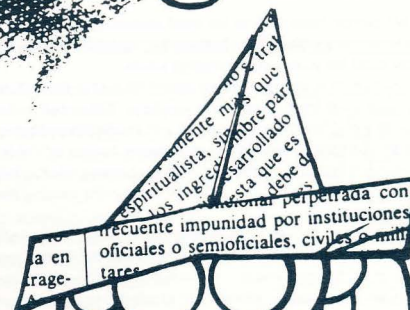
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITION Working solutions for a more livable Europe

A new event is on the move. The Environmental Working Group has scheduled a Competition for which the AEGEE members will be asked to work out studies on specific topics to promote what they consider an example of environmental-friendly attitude from their town or region.

It will start on 7th June 1992 during the EnvWG meeting in Nijmegen and will end on 1st December 1992 at the Agora. The results and the prizegiving will take place in the last week of January 1993 in a place still to be defined.

As first edition, no strict rules were decided. Each antenna cannot run with more than one study-group. The minimum number of members for each team is of three people. The final works must be no longer than 8 pages and written in English.

Do you want to join it?

You just have to focus a local solution to an environmental problem and emphasize such points as... its global impact on the Environment, its originality, possible improvements, economic considerations, whether it could be used in different situations or places and so on.

A jury composed of five experts (three environmentalists, an economist and an EC official) will examine and judge the studies.

Five big prizes are to be given to the best works but smaller ones will be offered to all the participants anyway.

Finally the results of the Competition will be collected and published in a booklet.

More detailed information about such event will be available at the agora in Kos. If you have some interest or want to help the organizers please contact:

-Stephan Decher, CD AEGEE-Europe, AEGEE-Mannheim
-Stefan Gervens, Speaker EnvWG, AEGEE-Münster
-Massimiliano Savini, AEGEE-Milano

THE ESSAY COMPETITION

European integration from a students point of view

The Agora in Budapest 1991, saw the first signs of life of it and at this moment a small group of people is working very hard to set up this new AEGEE-project:

A Europe-wide essay competition accessible for all students and young people in Europe.

The aim of this essay competition is to involve students and young people more actively in the process of European integration by stimulating them to express their ideas, in written form, about different developments that take place within Europe. It will also give the students the possibilities to create a more critical attitude towards the process of European integration. The main theme of the essay competition is

European integration from a students point of view

The annual theme will be the same as the theme of the AEGEE year, this year:

Students building bridges across Europe.

Every year we will choose 4 or 5 categories, like environment, culture, politics/economics, sciences, literature or others. Each of the categories is subdivided and gives you some (up to 3) concrete guidances for writing an essay. But also a specific calendar of events and information on events and working groups that are related to the category and to the guidances.

Are you still there? If not, please keep reading the most interesting is yet to come!

Not only can you write essays in all categories along all of the quiddelines, you can choose any European language you want! But your mother language will do.

According to me, the European languages are an important part of the cultural heritage of Europe and shall be kept alive for our future generations. They shall not be abolished completely and replaced by 1 or 2 "common languages", just for efficiency reasons.

As said, it shall be a truly European project which also means that we will try to approach all universities and institutions of higher education. Via this we hope to reach a large amount of students. But we also need an extensive network of professors for judging the essays that come in, in all different languages.

For this and other things that come up later we definitely need the cooperation of the antennae in the whole network. We also need some people who are interested in this project and who want to cooperate with us. At this moment we are in the initial phase, and most has to be done for the first time now. We create a brochure (Who helps?) to inform everybody about the essay competition. But we also need it for sponsoring (any suggestions?) and P.R. at universities, European institutions etcetera. And a good Committee de Patronage (Vaclav Havel?) will also facilitate our work. We if one of these jobs is "What you always wanted to do, but were afraid to ask for", then please write an application letter with some of your ideas to us.

In a later stage we will apply directly to local boards for executive tasks towards universities and students.

The local boards I would like to ask now to publish this in their local bulletin as soon as possible so that you and all other AEGEE-members can read this.

If you have any questions or if you want to assist us with the organization you can write to the following address or call one of us:

The Essay Competition

European Integration from a students point of view

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review on topics from the AEGEE-FREIBURG CONGRESS

The introductory panel discussion on

THE USA

A MODEL FOR THE EUROPEANS?

was meant to be an "appetizer" and thus a lot of the questions which turned up later during the congress had already been touched upon during this first event. The central point of dispute was the accentuation of common European values by Prof. Ula Janssens, which was most strongly opposed by Prof. Kurt Shell. And indeed, this question about the conditions for European integration seems to be the crucial topic to be dealt with before moving on to the questions of how to integrate. In the following I won't give a summary of the discussion but rather take up some of the ideas of the discussion and try to formulate a picture of my own.

So, can the United States of America serve as a model for the future shape of the European Community? It is true, that during the last centuries the United States have been a melting-pot for different, though mainly European cultures. The immigrants all had one thing in common: they were all willing to leave behind their homes and their countries for the prospect of a NEW START into an unknown future. Today, we must ask ourselves if the same preconditions have to be demanded in the context of European integration.

Those who believe that European cultures are so closely linked to each other that the integration in a single, though decentralized, state like the USA were feasible still owe the answer to what avail integration should take place. Other questions follow up: What, then, is our understanding of "culture", if we don't think it would hinder us from forming a closely integrated state? A closely related question is, what role do we attribute to "language" as the central organ of every culture? I strongly believe that we must be extremely careful not to underestimate the importance of language for collective identity. Also, Aristoteles' thesis, that to every democracy there is a maximal geographic extension must be kept in mind. The validity of both arguments we are witnessing all over Europe: e.g. in Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union in the East, in Belgium, Tirol and even Scotland in the West.

I believe, that integration cannot be an aim in itself. Obviously, there is a growing number of political subjects which can be treated only on a multinational level. This applies for environmental protection, economic cooperation, redistribution and a variety of other problems. However, these are global issues rather than European ones. Our problem in Europe is not to find our values which distinguish us from the rest of the world. THERE ARE PLENTY NOT JUST OUTSIDE BUT ALSO WITHIN EUROPE. In Germany for example, many people are looking for identity within European integration because "identity" is taboized on a national scale. However, it is our task to OVERCOME the strict believes in our identities in favour of workable global denominators for the sake of PRAGMATIC solutions to the pressing issues.

To my mind, Prof. Shell was right to criticize the accentuation of the Common European traditions and christian values. These have been the excuse for some of the worst crimes of world history. Just let me mention a few: cruzades, inquisition, imperialism, progromes against religious minorities, nationalism and so forth. The European culture - like most others - has failed to develop deeply pluralistic traditions until the end of world war II. But let's not forget that Europe does not just have Catholic or protestant, but also Greek orthodox, Russian orthodox and Islamic traditions.

The greek christian philosophy pursued the idea of history's progress towards a fiction of a static idealized world without material conflicts, contrasting especially the indian path of philosophy. It encouraged rapid cultural development of intellectual elites mostly consisting of individualists, who paradoxically have been and are still widely abused for the foundation of collective (istic) identities. More than in most other cultures this aim has been easy to be abused for the justification of uniform, later totalitarian states, suppressing cultural and religious diversity.

Finally a few words about the democratic system in Europe. As mentioned above it was Aristoteles who first stated that there were natural geographic limits to a democracy. According to him it could only work on a local level. Obviously he has been proved wrong. However, the parliamentary system as applied in the nation-states cannot imagine to be practical on a European basis: who does really believe that the European parliament, once having attained real legislative powers, could function with the current system of transnational fractions? These fractions would have to enforce even stricter internal discipline once having to support a European executive. Despite the fact that "Socialism", "Liberalism", "conservative", etc. mean something different in different countries, a European assembly of the parliamentary kind would certainly bear the danger to alienate even more from the electorate than this is already the case in the smaller national systems.

We must derive that it cannot be sensible to let the European government be elected by the parliament, since majorities would be inconsistent. Rather, THIS IS where the United States of America should in fact serve as an example: The American presidential system of strong local dependency of representatives and senators leading to flexible majorities in the federal organs has proven to be able to integrate different cultures and peoples. Doubts remain, if this will be possible within the babylonian diversity of languages in Europe, but the American concept of pluralism should be remembered as a condition for whatever kind of integration is envisaged on our continent.

Rainer Emschermann

DISPATCH MARCH

The monthly CD-letter especially for the East European antennae

First of all practical information I have a new faxnumber:

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content:

1. general matters and results PM Krakow
2. Agora Kos and membership proposal
3. role and finances of WG

1. As we started the official development of AEGEE in Eastern Europe in 1990. We were first looking for personal contacts to create AEGEE groups out of it. Now we are present in 35 university towns and the most important thing is to keep our antennae there alive. Therefore we need regular information like the Dispatch for example and of course projects. We have started this already as you can see this since the Agora Budapest and if you look to our future activities for example more Summer Universities, the congress in Prague, TEMPUS Academy Budapest etc.

But then the question was raised where we can find help to finance these events. This was one reason why we approached the TEMPUS-matters and will do it for the Council of Europe. This was and is the approach to the topic AEGEE and Eastern Europe.

I think we have to thank AEGEE Krakow for their good realization of the PM. During our PM we had besides many presentations of coming projects, a bigger discussion about the situation and the perspective of AEGEE Europe. AEGEE-Amsterdam brought forward some practical ideas for example that no CD member can be at the same time a local board member, more written moral reports from every CD-member and they have proposals about the reduction of CD members and a better definition of the functions. Also problems inside the CD happened because of the different approach of its members to their work (how much time they have and spend, how important it is for them).

CD members should act as coordinators and the Working Groups as the middle level have to take more practical work, therefore their role is increasing. We can welcome AEGEE-Gliwice-Zabrze from Poland, AEGEE-Keszthely and Veszprem from Hungary as new contactantennae.

2. In Kos AEGEE-Ljubljana and Sofia can get the antenna status, because they organized a congress, a European event and provides the other criterias.

So what is to do to become contactantenna or antenna:

1. contactantenna, you

-must set up statutes according to the AEGEE-Europe sample statutes for antennae - contact the juridical Commission.

-have to found your association officially and get registered

-need at least 10 members and present a membership list

-have to sign the Convention d'Adhesion on an Agora or PM

-must present a plan of future activities

2. antenna, you

-have to be a contactantenna

-must have paid memberships

-must organize a European event or AEGEE-Europe event or a Summer University (no Regional, Working Group or CD meeting)

Please check which status you can reach and contact me quite soon.

By the way all these things are mentioned in the Operator's Manual where everything about AEGEE is explained and in the new edition of the statutes from the Juridical Commission. If you haven't got those editions please contact me.

Membership proposal for the Eastern antennae

The Agora of Amsterdam accepted the proposal of AEGEE-Freiburg that every East European antenna have to pay to AEGEE-Europe in their local currency 2% of their monthly average student income. AEGEE-Freiburg demonstrated in figures and economical facts the necessity of this percentage.

The proposal was only valid for one year and the new general membership proposal from the Agora of Budapest is quite weak. Also the economical problems in Eastern Europe haven't changed completely and the way to equal living and working conditions in the East and the West is very long.

After the Moskva case we think that's better to have a minimum and maximum payment of the fees to AEGEE-Europe, so that every interested student can join. The financial situation in Eastern Europe is quite different: Hungary, Poland, CSFR and Slovenia more or less on one side, the rest on the other side.

According to our statutes 25% of the local memberships are transferred to AEGEE-Europe. If we fix the payment to AEGEE-Europe we do the same for the whole memberships.

As the minimum payment we suggest to let it be the 2% of the monthly average student income and the maximum should be 5% of the same income. We found this out after the comparison of different fees.

You should contact the treasurer of AEGEE-Europe Matthias Hinnah for the special payment and you have to give him your financial report.

We will check every financial report and year if the above mentioned percentages are still valid and change them if the situation has been changed.

3. As I have already told, if we reduce the number of CD-members, more work is transferred to the so-called middle level the Working Groups. The CD has then more the role of a coordination body. The CD members need the support of the antennae to fulfill their specific coordination task. The members interested in the subject from different antennae could create a Working Group or Team in which the CD member should act as a coordinator.

So it could exist for the special CD task PR a European WG its members coming from different antennae the same could be or exist for sponsoring/fundraising, development (one WG for all the developments), external education (ERASMUS, TEMPUS, COMETT, LINGUA - the mobility programmes), internal education (exchange from experience - European School, relations to former members), for the thematic WG's one coordinator (EWWG, EnWG, Europe of the Regions, Cultural WG, health Care WG, NSWG etc.) Also without this AEGEE is getting bigger and more work has to be done.

The WG members have to do the basic work but to organize something you need money. AEGEE-Europe can't finance the WG's and European sponsoring for WG's is quite weak.

Therefore we want to propose to the Agora a creation of a special WG fund. The antennae should contribute to this fund with 5% of their whole membership income because in every antenna it is a special interest to have AEGEE-Europe active and good working.

The WG fund should be administrated by the treasurer of AEGEE-Europe. This money should be divide between the WG's and can only spend for mailing, coping/printing and fax matters.

Each WG has to apply for their part via their own treasurer to the treasurer of AEGEE-Europe. The Agora itself controls everything via the installation of each WG and has to decide about the necessity of each WG.

All in all it would be the beginning of regular financing of the WG's. But it will not cover the costs of the necessary work.

Therefore we want to ask the Agora to advise the WG's to take from every member a yearly fee of 2.5 ECUs. This creates besides the necessity also for a higher interest in the results of the work.

On the Agora in Kos a WG roundtable will take place to discuss all this interesting topics.

We hope that these ideas will help to solve some of the existing problems.

Please don't forget to send the information about the situation of TEMPUS in your university as I asked you in the Dispatch.

You will also get a letter about the idea of the European School in March 1993.

So I wish you all the best and don't hesitate to contact me.

All the best Yours,

Michael Merker

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF AEGEE-EUROPE AGORA AT KOS, APRIL '92

Dear members

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Agora of AEGEE-Europe on the island of Kos.

It is also the first time in the history of our association that the General Assembly - representing more than 150 antennae - has been convoked in this edge of Europe. This has to be considered as an important step towards the expansion of AEGEE in the Balkans in terms of providing a framework where close cooperation and interaction between young Europeans can take place.

Therefore we, AEGEE-members and our friends from all over Europe meet at the right time and at the right place: The word Agora in its original meaning as public forum where people gather in order to discuss and to express their opinion apart from different nationalities, cultural and social backgrounds symbolizes our basic approach and ideology.

Secondly, especially in this year of the anniversary of 2500 years of democracy at its original birthplace, it is an excellent opportunity to affirm that we will stay on our chosen road of Europe, democracy and of respect for the otherness in his difference.

Furthermore I would like to congratulate and to express my gratitude towards the members of AEGEE-Athina for organizing this important European event and therefore contributing to the aims of AEGEE. May everybody have unforgettable days on the island of Hippocrates ...

Since this Agora is the last one in my term as President I would like to use this opportunity to thank those who have taken responsibility within our association and who have worked so hard on the steady and continuous development of AEGEE.

Keep on building bridges of understanding and cooperation across Europe and let's hope that our common efforts will replace national egoisms and prejudices.

If we want to turn "Europe", as an abstract construction, into a Europe of the Europeans, the peoples will have to grow much close together.

I am convinced that AEGEE will continue to bring people together and therefore remain an essential key to Europe.

In this light, I remain with my best wishes for the future of AEGEE and I do hope to see you again - somewhere in Europe!

Berlin, 12/3/92

Georg von der Gablentz

TEMPUS ACADEMY Budapest 19-23 November 1992

Tempus forms part of the overall programme of Community aid for the economic restructuring of the countries of Central / Eastern Europe. Within this framework, training has been identified as one of the priority areas for cooperation. Therefore the TEMPUS Scheme has been designed to support the development of higher education systems in the above mentioned region of Europe focusing on organized student mobility programmes.

The Tempus Academy should serve as an information market that aims at providing a real overview of the work that TEMPUS has carried out so far. This time we will have a look at how TEMPUS practically works and in what ways it has to be improved. Our main goal through organizing this academy is to prepare the first evaluation study from the university and student point of view.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

November 19: Arrival

November 20: Opening

Seminar: Development of TEMPUS

Roundtable: Introduction to future developments

November 21: Lecture: general overview by National TEMPUS Representatives

Roundtable: how TEMPUS offices work on university level

Workshop: students' reports on individual experience in exchange programmes

November 22: Work of AEGEE in the field of TEMPUS

Presentation of TEMPUS TEAM

Foundation of TEMPUS WG

Roundtable: future policy

AEGEE and mobility - overview of the work in ERASMUS/COMETT

Among the invited speakers there will be:

- representatives from the EC-TEMPUS Office, Brussels

- officials from the National TEMPUS Office

- officials from the Ministries of Education

- students with experience in TEMPUS mobility programmes



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STRUCTURED GROWTH

During the last years AEGEE has been growing throughout Europe. Not only in Western Europe, but mostly in Eastern Europe, antennae have been emerging very rapidly. This has led to an organization with an enormous bottom level and just one top level, the Comité Directeur. To keep the organization manageable this will most probably not be sufficient. Therefore we have thought about a new way of structuring AEGEE.

This new structure should incorporate some kind of sublevel between the antennae and the CD, because the distance between those two is already large and can only grow. The existence of such a sublevel will make it possible to close the gap between the antennae and the CD. It will also give a good opportunity to take some functions out to the CD, which to our opinion should not be CD-functions. In this way the number of persons within the CD could be decreased, which would stimulate the internal functioning of the CD and also cause less costs. Some could see that new sublevel could also bring some costs for AEGEE-Europe, but this will still have to be seen.

We think that the functions that could be handled by the sublevel should first and foremost be the development functions. Now we have functions like Development Scandinavia, Development France etc.. These functions are very important to assure the future of AEGEE as a European student organization, but in our opinion should not be CD-functions. That is why we thought of a sublevel that could very well be regional. In this way only one development responsible for Eastern Europe should remain, because the development in Eastern Europe needs a considerable lot more of attention than the development in Western Europe countries.

Other functions that partly could be delegated to the sublevel are Public Relations and Fundraising. With these we do not mean the European part, but more the regional or even national (excuse the expression) part.

By now you may be wondering what we mean with this sublevel. We think that this sublevel should be consisted of antennae that are relatively close to each other (not like the existing regions, in which e.g. the region North-East is about 15.000 km²). Furthermore the sublevel should be manageable. This would mean not too many antennae and not too many people forming the regional coordinators. This should have three advantages. The first would be a better contact between the CD and the sublevel, but also a better contact between the antennae and the sublevel. All in all this could greatly improve the vertical communication within AEGEE. The second would be that the communication and cooperation between different antennae within the region would strongly improve, because they will have more contact with each other during the regional meetings. The last advantage has to do with preparing CD members. People that already have experience on the regional level will be aware of the European side as well as the local side of the story.

From now on we will call the regional sublevel Inter Antennae Council (IAC). The structure of the IAC's should, in our opinion, consist of some people forming a kind of daily board and local board members meeting regularly, at least four times each year. The functions that should exist are:

- IAC coordinator
- IAC secretary
- IAC P.R. responsible
- IAC Fundraising responsible

The IAC coordinator should be responsible for the contact with the CD and together with the IAC secretary for the development of the IAC-region, together of course with the responsibilities of those functions in the CD. Annual or bi-annual meeting with all IAC-responsible and the CD responsible (e.g. at the Agora) should improve the European coordination. This concept should not be seen as fixed concept, so if need be also other functions could be incorporated.

Our idea of the division of IAC-regions is that the following regions should together form an IAC-region

- Norway, Sweden and Finland
- Denmark and Northern Germany
- Southern Germany, Austria and German speaking Switzerland
- The Netherlands and Flanders
- France, Wallonia and French speaking Switzerland
- Italy, Slovenia and Italian speaking Switzerland
- Poland and the Baltic States
- Great Britain and Ireland
- Greece, Bulgaria and Romania
- Spain and Portugal
- The states of the Former Soviet Union

Although this might not be the way you think AEGEE-Europe should be structured little doubt exists that changes are needed. If we continue like this the association will surely get out of hand and even more serious problems will rise. We think that the most important thing that will have to take place is the implementation of a working sublevel. Linked to this, it would be good to decrease the number of CD-members. Together this should increase the efficiency as well as the effectivity within AEGEE-Europe and lead to an increased communication between the CD and the antennae. Bear in mind that this paper is not meant as a proposal, but merely as a discussionpaper. Depending on the reactions this could however be transformed to a proposal. So please let us know how you feel about our ideas in the hope that we can come to good solutions for AEGEE's problems.

Eric Magelse Vice-Chairman of the Agora
Frank v.d. Peppel President AEGEE-Delft
Willeke van Ophuizen P.R.-responsible AEGEE-Rotterdam

The Situation of AEGEE in Moscow and Future Plans

Dear AEGEE members,

as almost everybody of you knows some terrible problems with the former AEGEE contact group in Moscow came up. Because of the disagreements and the unclearness it soon became clear, that there is no more base for further cooperation with the so called AEGEE group at the Moscow Nuclear engineering institute. The CD took the decision to stop any cooperation and information exchange with these people. Today there is no existing antenna in Moscow.

But AEGEE shouldn't give up and in spite of the numerous problems we are trying now to organize a NEW well-working AEGEE contact group at the moscow state university (MGU).

A group of student of the MGU has been so kind to promise their help in organizing AEGEE in Moscow. It is to be said that these student are students of the Unversity and that they have nothing to do with the former AEGEE group of the nuclear institute.

The new people now are organizing a big AEGEE INTRODUCTION MEETING at the University. The meeting will take place in the middle of May '92, from 11th to 18th of May. Everybody is invited to join this event!

This event includes:

- Introduction and presentation meetings in one of the biggest lecture halls of the University.
- Interviews and articles about AEGEE in the big newspapers.
- Television transmission about AEGEE in the 1st channel.
- accomodation together with Russian students
- a couple of free time days in Moscow

Costs: The organizers refused to take money from us, but everybody should give his/her host a little by way of compensation for expenses.

Participants: max 25.

Invitation and visa: you will become through the EWWG Bonn

Language: English

Preparation meeting: is planned by the EWWG-Bonn.

Announcement: please send informal announcements as soon as possible to the EWWG-Bonn. Don't forget to state your birthdate, sex, nationality and address! This is necessary for your invitation

For further information please contact the EWWG Bonn
 AEGEE-Bonn, Postfach 1552 D-W-5300 Bonn 1



Europe Against Discrimination -info-

AEGEE is an organization, built on an outstanding principle: the idea of bringing people together, taking away traditional distrust and mutual prejudices. People learning to respect each other, to open their minds to other nations all over Europe. This is the basic value of AEGEE, and it is this value that we, as AEGEE-members, should promote first of all.

For this purpose, we, as AEGEE should stand in the forefront combatting racism, which is now spreading all over Europe in a terrifying way. Is history, again, repeating itself? Not if we act now! We should try to bring parties together, look for solutions, encourage dialogue, but above all: fight for human dignity, for everyone within our European borders.

Denouncing racism, stimulating a tolerant Europe, and the defense of our democratic principles: that is exactly what the truly European initiative "Europe Against Discrimination" is about. AEGEE can and ought to play an important role in this high-level European discussion. The pragmatic approach of AEGEE, as well as its ideals, suit this goal excellently.

Georg von der Gablentz, president of AEGEE-Europe for one year and a half, and Arthur Braam, former president of AEGEE-Amsterdam, took the initiative and brought the organization of "Europe Against Discrimination" and AEGEE-Europe together. Together with some AEGEE-friends -we are only with six right now- we want to form a platform in which we discuss all kinds of topics relating to this phenomenon. Therefore we invite you to join the newly founded Discussion Group (in the future Working Group) "Europe Against Discrimination".

Fill the coupon below out and send it to us. We are looking forward to every initiative, people wanting to join the Discussion Group, people wanting to organize an event relating to this theme, etc. - serving our common goal: a peaceful, democratic and tolerant Europe.

Georg von der Gablentz

Arthur Braam

I am interested in the project "Europe Against Discrimination".

Please send me some information!

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**AEGEE-Warsaw and
the East-West Working Group
present**

**EASTERN BLOCK ACADEMY
WARSZAWA 1-3 May 1992
Solidarity after Warsaw Pact?**

The academy will deal mainly with relations between the Central and Eastern - European countries after the revolutions in 1989 and the subsequent breakdown of institutions like the COMECON and Warsaw Pact.

After an introduction of the history of these and other institutions and an overview of the history of Central and Eastern Europe, there will be workshops in small groups to discuss several topics related to the main theme. Another lecture will deal with the economic situation in the Central and Eastern European countries. On the last day of the academy, on Sunday, there will be a presentation of the papers made during the workshop sessions.

We will shine our light over the process of desintegration in the eastern part of Europe and compare it to the process on integration in the western part of Europe. We will then also discover the different approaches of ten various countries towards the European Community. Is there or will there be any mutual cooperation for the E.C. entrance or are the countries competing each other to be EC members as the first (and only?)

Another problem to be discussed openly is the problem of the minorities.

In history several nations were divided on an arbitrary basis. Therefore large groups live in neighbouring or even further away countries. These and other minority problems will be tackled

programme:

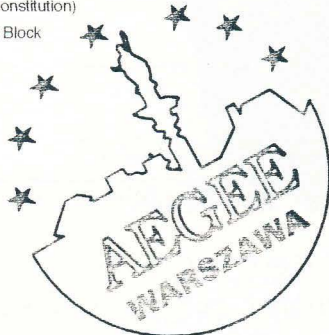
- 30th April, Arrival
- 1st May, 1st May Demonstration / Activity East - West
- 2nd May, The history of Warsaw Pact / Solidarity between post-communist countries / Ethnic minorities / Triangle Poland-Czechoslovakia-Hungary
- 3rd May, Polish National Feast (the day of Constitution)
- 4th May, The Economic Situation in Eastern Block

Deadline for applications - 20-04-92
Application should contain:
Name and Address, antenna, Nationality

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03-977 WARSZAWA Praga-Pld. POLAND

Participation

A paper should be written on one of the topics of the workshops of lectures, preferably send in before the beginning of the academy. By this we want to encourage every participant to engage himself more actively in the theme of the academy, and we also want to give everybody the opportunity to express his or her opinion about the theme of a specific topic. Even if you cannot attend the academy we would appreciate your contribution. The papers written before and/or during the academy will be published in a small booklet available or all AEGEE members (not for free?)



**EAST WEST WORKING GROUP
MEETING**

Besides the EW academy the EWWG cordially invites you to its EWWG meeting. The meeting will take place before and after the academy (especially not during the academy). The main topic for the EWWG meeting will be the transformation to a more thematic WG: organization of more projects and activities on a local and the European level. Furthermore we shall prepare for the trip to Moscow, from the 12th to the 18th of May (information Sebastian Hubner, AEGEE-Bonn). In Moscow new, reliable contacts shall be found. A group of AEGEE members will go there to teach and tell about Europe, the European idea, AEGEE and the aims of AEGEE. By this we hope to prevent the misuse of AEGEE and the AEGEE network.

Practical information EWWG Meeting

Date: 1st and 4th of May 1992
Place: Warszawa
Application: see above
Topics: Thematic working group

- Structural change
- Moscow trip
- Results Agora
- Summer Universities
- AEGEE and the Balkan countries

**AEGEE-Milano and
the Environmental Working Group
proudly present**

**EAW
Ecological Action Week '92**

in collaboration with
Parco Lombardo Valle del Ticino

THE PLACE

The "Parco del Ticino" is a park developed along the banks of one of the main Italian rivers. It includes the valley excavated during the last centuries by the river Ticino, running from the lake "Maggiore" to the famous Po river, and a vast surrounding area characterized by villages with significant historical and artistic traditions. More than 100 km long and extending for some 90'640 hectares. It is said to be the largest river park in Europe regarded as one of the most ambitious examples of environmental recovery and protection. In fact it is in the middle of a densely populated region where the industrial presence has brought about a quite serious deterioration in the natural habitat. Nearly twenty years ago in Lombardia 46 municipalities joined their efforts to protect this area and founded the "Consorzio della Valle del Ticino", an institution to coordinate and manage this exacting task. Every year thousands of people visit its water-meadows, its woods, its river-banks looking for wild animals or willing to take a rest not so far away from home. Finally you shouldn't forget the many farms, abbeys and manor-houses scattered all over the park.

THE WORK

Owing to their short staying and, as we think, to their wish to do different things, we decided to develop for the EAW participants a flexible and wide ranging programme. These people will be involved in a work for the global maintenance of the park. They will get in touch with the many aspects of the life of such a natural environment. The job we are preparing is not just a manual one and it's divided into more activities. First they will be asked to help the experts of the park in the work of reforestation recently undertaken. New 17% of the total area is covered with woods, alders, willows, maples and chestnut-trees are just some of the species you can actually find along the river and that require a great deal of care. In fact on the one hand they are a trace of the ancient wood that thousands of years ago filled the entire Padan plain, on the other they form a unique "natural laboratory" and, thanks to the policy of the "Consorzio", a place of social utility. Another important part of the activity of the park is the protection of the fauna. Here we can be helpful with little tasks like placing boxes for the nesting-birds (over 100 species). The tracing and the cleaning of the paths would be another possibility.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Since the very beginning we didn't mean simply to organize a moment of work and leisure, of a common life. The aim of the EAW is also to teach people how to act and think in an environmental friendly way. That's why we have planned a series of workshops where you can learn for instance about the way such an important institution has been established, the changes in the course of such an important river and their consequences, and the historical background and country life of the surrounding region. All this stuff will be "administered" in a friendly way with practical experiences, visits and hikes to the most interesting places.

AND... THE SPARE TIME?

Well, you can have walks along the river, rent a boat or a kajak, hopefully have baths and so on. We have also planned trips to Vigevano, Morimondo and Milano where you'll have the possibility to enjoy beautiful examples of Italian art. To respect the AEGEE traditions you won't miss a disco-night, a barbecue and the fabulous Ciop's Party. Anyway since there isn't any leadership or fixed schedule, we can decide our own activities all together.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The EAW will take place in Pontevecchio di Magenta, a village about 20 km east of Milan, from the 3rd to the 9th of May 1992. The deadline for registration is fixed for the 15th of April. To the people selected for the EAW we will send a sheet with all the practical information required, the definitive programme and for those who need it, an official invitation. Since the project was worked out for 15 people we would like to exhort all the persons picked out to keep the pledge or in case of renunciation, to inform us as soon as possible. As to the applications the best would be to fax them to the AEGEE office in Milano at the fax number 39 2 55192892. If you want to send it by mail or need further details please refer to: Massimiliano Savini
Via Molinetto 15, I-20094 Corsico
Ph: 39 2 4409641, E-mail: taegee01@imipoli
More exhaustive information will be sent by request to all the antennae. Do not hesitate. We are working for you!

**APPLICATION FORM
EAW'92, Milano 3rd-9th May 1992**

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Antenna: _____ Date of Birth: _____
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GREETINGS FROM THE SCANDINAVIAN SUPER POWER!

We are naturally perfect- friendly tolerable, sociable, open-minded, virli, smart, intelligent, beautiful, handsome, sexy sporty, healthy, lovable, eatable, sober-as-alcohol-hating, dwarfly red-eyed and blackhaired - anxious euro-citizens!

Most of us live in igloo or saunas and we make our living from fishing and hunting. We don't have national radio/TV network system, central heating or cars - we use reindeers and polar bears as horses. Because of the lack of pubs, discos and television many of us play kantele or dance (traditional) dances during the evenings. We do lot of eki jumping with wooden skis and most of us have never heard of golf tennis or icehockey.

We poor people have only one luxurious university which is located in a small fishing village. We use to call it Turku but some of us have a wrong pronunciation and call it Abo. This wonderful university of ours has even 153 students: 50 CIS people and 103 AEGEE people. One of our most popular interests is to study rare languages such as English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Our politicians always think about our best. That's why they carefully follow the politics of Cuba and the Bahamas and are not interested anymore in European integration, unlike in the 60's and the 70's. In fact our government is going to tell the EC in March 1992 that we rather integrate with our Caribbean allies. The students in Turku are anxiously looking forward to the possibility to study international relations and law in the University of la Habana instead of l'IEPParis.

To tell you the truth: we don't use Nokia computers, Fiskars scissors, Benetton car telephones, Luhta or Marimekko clothes. We don't fly with Finnair, we don't sail with Swan sailing boats, we don't drive Saab convertibles, we don't use Finnish paper, we hate Finnish design and Alvar Aalto was never born. Santa Claus comes from the Canary Islands.

Is Finnish humor too tough?
If it is, flash it down with Finlandia vodka!

Jonna Suni
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**Michael is too sexy for AEGEE!
Right said Mike
(and Wrrright said Cristoph.)**



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(Gossip message for Saarbrücken: "The Beast exists no longer. "It" is no longer a danger to women. Pictures available.

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AEGEE-BUCURESTI

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Did you ever swim through the nice waves, did you ever bronzed on the finest sand under the burning sun of the East? Did you see the parade of the most beautiful swimming -suits in the entire Eastern-Europe? If you didn't and if you want to have a great fun and wonderful nights you may do it with only 100-150 ECU.

DEADLINE IS 01.06.1992

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GUESS WHO WAS THE AUTHOR OF
"EUROPE FOR 5 ECUs" (Newsbulletin Feb. '92)

*Of course, you've got it. Michiel Ybema.
Sorry for the gap.*

In the last newsbulletin we publish by mistake a draft version of this interview, The Erasmus Bureau was not responsible for that version, since it was published without their revision of the answers. Now we publish the right version and of course, our excuses.

Interview with Mr. Alan Smith, Director of the Erasmus Bureau

What is the Erasmus Bureau?

The Erasmus Bureau is a technical agency under contract with the Commission of the European Communities. Its role is to assist and advise the Commission in the administration of the ERASMUS programme. The Commission decides on all major orientations to be given to the programme.

What does the Erasmus Bureau do?

Every year one of the major tasks of the Bureau is to carry out a systematic and detailed qualitative assessment of all the applications for support sent by the universities of the Community, thus enabling the Commission to make the final decision on the selection of the Inter-university Cooperation Programmes (ICPs). On the basis of the information provided by the Bureau, the Commission chooses the priorities of each academic year, the main concern being to maintain a good balance within the ICP network between the various regions of the Community and give students in all disciplines a fair chance to participate. On behalf of the Commission the Bureau then follows up the contracts awarded to the selected ICPs.

Other important tasks of the Bureau include policy advice to the Commission, producing and distributing all the information documents on ERASMUS, coordinat along with the National Grant Awarding Authorities (or NGAs: National offices which distribute the student grants in each country), monitoring the developments which take place in the field of academic recognition and coordinating the ECTS pilot project.

How many people work in the Erasmus Bureau?

56 people work in the Erasmus Bureau with a contract of unspecified duration, plus seasonal workers coming mainly from universities. Students tend to work on technical service tasks; some have done stages at the ERASMUS Bureau, some have worked for it on fairs, like the European Student Fair, or worked interpreting the glossary of the technical words.

How to join the Erasmus Bureau?

The Erasmus Bureau is a private organization. The staff comes from all the EC countries, a very important aspect in order to get knowledge of the different university systems throughout the Community. Normally, when there is a job vacancy, we advertise it in the universities involved in ERASMUS and sometimes in the press. Another way would be just to write us. It has happened before that someone wrote and found a place available! I wish to emphasize though that working for the Erasmus Bureau is not exactly as glamorous as one might think. It is mostly paper work!

Is the Bureau completely aware of what is going on concerning: -academic recognition - selection of students in the Universities - amounts of grants awarded - services offered by universities to Erasmus students?

The most serious answer is no. The Bureau does not have the means to know everything within Erasmus. However, great efforts are made to monitor the activities that take place within the programme. The Bureau receives and analyses all the reports provided every year by the universities, the National Grant Awarding Authorities and the students themselves. Additional evaluation studies are made for the Commission by external bodies when it is necessary. This way we get enough information for a good management of the programme.

What do you think is the role of student associations active in this field?

One of the successes of the program was the getting together of the associations. They play an important role in information; they provide a good feedback to the Bureau and a strong practical support.

What do you expect from AEGEE and other students associations?

I personally see two different kinds of associations: one lobbying to influence on a macrolevel, the other seeking to influence on day to day life. The Erasmus Bureau needs especially this more practical approach.

What are the expectations and hopes for the Erasmus Programme?

In the years to come we hope that thanks to the programme inter-university cooperation will become firmly rooted in the habits of all Higher Education institutions in Europe so that an increased number of students can benefit from it. Some questions remain to be solved, such as the need for more institutional involvement, the need to maintain the motivation of the individual professors, essential for Erasmus and to get more students involved in it. This will only be possible with more funds and with the support of the national governments and the institutions themselves. The last, but very important question is what would happen to the estimated 90 percent of student not participating in the programme. Not enough is being done for them now, mainly for lack of funding, but we hope it will be possible to help them give a European dimension to their studies, i.e. through more exchange programmes between professors throughout Europe, enabling these students to have courses in different languages and to experience a different approach to the subjects.

EFTA countries entry; how is it going to affect the programme?

The entrance of the EFTA countries will certainly represent an enrichment, resulting in a mutual benefit. The Erasmus Bureau expects students and universities from these countries to be eager to participate, contributing in the success of the Erasmus Programme.

When will it become normal to study abroad?

My answer is: hopefully soon. It will take an outstanding chance of mentality from both students and universities. Although the general attitude has changed a lot already since 1985-86, when spending a year studying somewhere else in Europe was not an opportunity students considered at all, still a lot has to be done to reach this goal. The main challenge is to keep up the momentum created by students and universities. Moreover, the Commission does not want Erasmus to be an élite programme; therefore special attention is to be given to the social and cultural aspects of the programme so that the available funds - we hope they will go on increasing - really benefit to those who need it most.

Any messages for our readers?

Yes, a message of deep gratitude for the work AEGEE has done and is doing to support Erasmus. It helps us very much, so a very warm THANK YOU to all AEGEE members!

By Georg von der Gablentz and Cristina Donadio;

Questions by Enrique Riesgo

Brussels, the 20th of January 1992.

letter

Dear Newsbulletin readers, for seven years now AEGEE-Europe has tried to combine ideals and reality. We always met the hot reality. It is easy to put some ideals on paper, it is more difficult to put the ideals to practice. Nevertheless, AEGEE-Europe was able to put some ideals into practice with success. Our members want to see direct results of our actions, as fast as possible. We want to know every detail, every single thing that we are doing. The Comité Directeur is often considered as AEGEE-Europe. This, however, is a mistake. We, all members together, form the network. The CD is nothing more and nothing less than the executive body of AEGEE-Europe.

Expectations in our association are too often too high. We should go back to reality, come down to earth. That we have made a lot of results is the truth. We need more selfconfidence. We also need more transparency. A complicate structure causes too many problems. Especially problems with communication, and consequently understanding.

Time has come, for a rigid change of mentality. We should not stand too much time on our structure.

It is there already. The only question is how to make the structure work. The local level doesn't cause problems, most antennae have enough experience and even tradition to function as the firm basis of AEGEE. European level lacks the transparency. The Statutes are clear.

- The Agora is our most important organ and decides on changes of structure and the main lines of the policy of AEGEE-Europe.

- The CD is the executive body of AEGEE-Europe democratically elected.

the CD represents AEGEE externally and coordinates all activities within the association.

- The PM has been created especially to put our pragmatic approach into practice. A PM does not discuss our structure, but is open to learn from eachothers' experiences to make a work.

- Working groups are there to organize activities in special fields of common interested with a European range..

- Regions have been created for an extra means of communication. (Article 12 of the Statutes) not for nothing! The regional meeting in Sanlader showed that a RM can be very effective, especially for exchange of information and assistance to new members and new antennae.

We should go back to our main lines, we should go back to the real contents of our statutes. If you believe in AEGEE, we can make it work not as individuals but as a team. Even if expectations are high, only actions can be considered as reality. Even if promises sound like magic, only results count. So let's look to the results. The conclusions out of this can be used for our future actions.

As a candidate for the Presidency of AEGEE I cannot offer more than words. The main objectives of the new CD has to be the return to the structure, to coordinate the big lines (public relations, fundraising, European projects, development, etc.), to offer more transparency in the work of the CD and to motivate the AEGEE members to support the actions of AEGEE-Europe. The CD is responsible for the results, the agora decides on the quality.

I hope we have a constructive and fruitful agora at kos.

Jeroen Hoogerwerf, chairman of the Agora

candidate for the Presidency of AEGEE-Europe

Hitch-hiking Through Europe!

Dear Hitch-Hiker, Hitch-hiking through Europe is much fun, we know, it's for free, you hear interesting stories about the country you're travelling through, and it really can be quick, if you

- Know where to start

- don't get stuck somewhere someplace

- know good gas-stations

So for all the AEGEE-members who still don't hitch-hike because they don't know how to do it, and for the people who already hitch-hike, but haven't been everywhere yet, we want to create an AEGEE-HITCHHIKERS GUIDE

This can make hitch-hiking a lot easier!

Especially with hitch-hiking it is of great importance to have much info; if you don't know where to get off easily, or how to hitch-hike quickly, it can be frustrating and take a lot of time

...

Therefore we ask you, the experienced hitch-hiker, to help the inexperienced (how noble!) so we all can attend more congress, keep money in our own pockets and still see more of Europe.

We ask you to send us your experiences, what we need especially:

- Good start-off points from the major cities in Europe; give us detailed information where you can get away quick (e.g. gas stations) and places where you had to wait long.

- Good and bad gas stations (e.g. many international trucks / big restaurants) on the main Highway-routes though Europe.

- Your most interesting hike: the Big Story

- Additional hints and remarks in general.

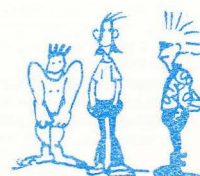
Indeed we hope you will find the time to write these things down and send/fax them to us; it is of great importance for your fellow-AEGEE-members and for yourself too of course!

The guide will consist of a summary of all the big cities in Europe, where to start from and how to get there. Furthermore a map of the big routes with gasstations etc., and the most important expressions in different languages

The plan is to publish the guide before Summer-time, so everybody can easily go to the Summer Universities.

Be quick to send your information, the quicker we all go!

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AEGEE-Oviedo Summer Activity

Dear EUROPEAN FRIENDS,

We have the pleasure of presenting to you three activities of AEGEE-Oviedo to be held during next spring and summer. We will welcome participants from your place, and we would be very thankful if you could make this information known among students and other young people interested.

The activities are the following:

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK:** to be held during the last week of April (27 - 31) in Oviedo, at the Chamber of Commerce. Maximum of 100 participants. Lodging provided.
2. **SUMMER UNIVERSITY GIJON'92:** to be held during August (2 - 16) in Gijón, at the INTRA (Universidad Laboral). Meals, lodging, spanish course, excursions, beach, sports, parties, - 60 participants for 3 levels of spanish. Prepare yourselves to survive one of the most intense AEGEE S.U.'s !!!
3. **MOUNTAIN COURSE PICOS:** to be held during July (6 - 12) in Picos de Europa (Asturias). Nature, trekking, climbing, orientation + survival course. Maximum of 30 participants. Everything from the very moment you arrive to Oviedo till the minute you leave is taken care of. Come to the most exciting AEGEE Summer activity !!!

Please, find enclosed a short presentation of these activities. For more information, contact us (Fax: 34.8.5226254), check the next N.B. or wait for the presentation at the Agora.

We do look forward to meeting you here in Asturias.

Europeantly,
AEGEE-Oviedo.

ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK, OVIEDO, 27 -30 APRIL 92

Chamber of Commerce

The Environmental Working Group of AEGEE-Oviedo is inviting you to the "Third Environmental Week" which is to be held in Oviedo during April 27-30th at the hall of the Chamber of Commerce.

The basic programme developed, consists of conferences followed by a panel discussion and a round table. Everyday covers a specific subject presented from several diverse points of view. The schedule of this environmental week is not too tight: conferences start at 19:00 hours Monday through Thursday and will finish off with an excursion on Friday.

After the high quality of work accomplished during the environmental week last year (the first one held by an AEGEE antenna in Spain), this year we are hoping to reach a great number of people, without sacrificing the quality of contents and speakers.

The seminars we have planned will consist of the following:

- Monday (April 27th): The urban waste problem and RECYCLING.
- Tuesday (April 28th): The environmental impact of new industrial activities.
- Wednesday (April 29th): Environmental recuperation.
- Thursday (April 30th): Protected natural areas.

As you can see, we have distanced ourselves a little bit from the central motives of the original Environmental Week. This is for two reasons: the first being that it is very difficult to deal with environmental education in a dynamic way without running into technicalities or discussing actual activities that are taking place. Second, and more significant, is the economic and socio-cultural situation that the region is going through. Without a doubt, Asturias is facing, along with several decades of delay with respect to Europe, brutal restructuring in the primary sectors of its economy (farming, mining and steel industry). On the other hand, the region's very own geography, as complex and rough as beautiful and charming, is conditioning these changes.

As you will see, all subjects covered in our environmental week have a great regional and national importance.

The subject of the first day, recycling, is quite important in Oviedo since one of the collaborating associations (EBA, Biological Students) is developing the only paper-recycling programme at the university level in Spain. As for the second day, impact of industrial activities, has become a very popular issue in Asturias due to the installation of a Dupont factory in the central valleys. A good debate on this subject is ensured since all parties: Dupont representatives, environmental associations' reps. and public officials are invited. The third day, environmental recuperation is also a high-time subject as the whole region's mining industry is collapsing rapidly. What to do with all these mines after they are closed will be another interesting subject for debate. Finally, the fourth day will cover "protected natural areas", and again this subject is in the papers one day after another: there is a project to preserve an extensive mountain area of Picos de Europa by converting it into a National Nature Reservation.

In order to end our environmental week in a very practical environmental way, we have organized a typical ESPICHA (cider + good asturian food party) and an excursion to our mountains.

So, if you decide to come over to Asturias at the end of April, please get in touch with the AEGEE-Oviedo office so that we can arrange some lodging for you. Meals are not covered by the organization unless unexpected incomes arrive (let's hope so).

REMINDERS:

- * Dates: 27-31 April 92
- * Programme: 4 days of conferences and then one "espicha" and an excursion.
- * Lodging: provided at AEGEE-Oviedo members' homes.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOMED TO TAKE PART IN THE OVIEDO ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK. COME OVER AND HAVE SOME "ENVIRONMENTAL FUN !!!"

MOUNTAIN COURSE PICOS, OVIEDO, 6 - 12 JULY 92

AEGEE-OVIEDO takes pleasure in announcing the celebration of an initiation course on climbing and an introduction to Asturian nature, which will take place between July 6-12th in the Picos de Europa, one of the most splendid wilderness areas of Spain.

The course is basically directed towards people with good physical condition and a desire to spend an unforgettable week in an unforgettable environment and with an unforgettable landscape.

The Picos de Europa has a high reputation for being a unique place in the world, due to a series of innumerable characteristics shown here in alphabetical order:

- Close proximity to the coast. The sea is only 50 Km away, and its endless blue is seen from some of the highest peaks of the mountain range. This proximity to the sea provide with special climate conditions that supply a fan of colors in the indescribable sunsets period.

- Climbing. Although the heights of the peaks are not the greatest (2,648 mt. is the highest altitude), some are considerably difficult. One of the most known peaks is the Pico Urriello, more well known as Naranjo de Bulnes (due to the color that takes in the sunsets seen from the town of Bulnes), where mountaineering experts from all over the world enjoy climbing.

- Narrow mountain side passes. After thousands of years, the rivers and cascades that fall down of the mountains have scraped out these narrow passage ways which are not appropriate for people with vertigo. The force of the water has created precipices that drop 1.400 meters.

The course is not only a lesson about one of the more impressive wilderness escapes of Europe, but also is about learning to live in the mountains and with the others climbers. This is an adventure in which one will learn something about mountains, something about the people and customs of an asturian town, something about cooperation and fun in a team of climbers, and the most important, something about yourself.

MOUNTAIN SUMMER COURSE.

PLACE: Picos de Europa. ASTURIAS
ORGANIZING ANTENNA: OVIEDO
WORKING LANGUAGES: English and Spanish.
PARTICIPANTS: 30
LODGING: Mountain huts, sleepout and youth hostels.
MEAL: Provided by the organization.
DATE: 6 - 12 July.
FEE: 200 ECU = 25.000 pts.
PAYMENT: AEGEE - Oviedo, number account: 00 49 1517 1923/4
bank: HISPANOAMERICANO (suc. Hispano 20)
DEADLINE: 30th JUNE
ASCENSIONS: Torcedredo, Jultayu, Cuvicente, Peña Santa de Castilla, Peña Santa de Enol.
TREKKING: Arenas de Cabrales, Bulnes, Urriello, Cabrones, Amuesa, Cares, Ario, Asturianos, Vegarredonda, Lagos, Covadonga.
MATERIAL REQUIRED: Mountain boots.
Sleeping bag and mattress.
Proper clothing and raincoat.
Personal hygiene stuff.
Personal pottery, silverware and canteen.
CONDITIONS REQUIRED: Minimum physical condition.
Minimum mountain experience.
Flexibility and endurance.
Will of having a great time with new friends in the mountains.

INSCRIPTIONS: Send a fax to our antenna: FAX Number 34 8 522 6254
include your personal data, address, fax and phone.

SUMMER UNIVERSITY GIJON'92, GIJON, 2 - 16 AUGUST 92

AEGEE-Oviedo is pleased to invite you to the summer university of Spanish, to be held in Gijón (capital of the Costa Verde) next August.

Spanish is one of the languages which the europeans students are interested in, and this is a special year for Spain (Expo, Olympics, Culture); therefore, the reason for this course is double.

GIJON is certainly one of the most attractive cities in the North of Spain during Summer time: it's 2 Km long beach, it's 1.000 pubs, it's famous Summer festivals (Begoña), it's International Trade Fair, it's hundreds of parties, it's Cabueñes International Youth Forum, make this city an optimun choice for a summer stay.

The spanish course to be held from August 2nd to 16th will be supervised by the Spanish department of the University of Oviedo. Therefore a good academic level will be ensured for its 40 teaching hours (4 hours per day).

The support of the Gijón City Council and the Government of the Region have provided the organization of this Summer University with an excellent quality level.

Come to Gijón to have one of the most exciting AEGEE Summer Universities and, of course, an unforgettable fun time !!!

We are looking forward to meeting you in Gijón very soon.

SPANISH SUMMER UNIVERSITY

PLACE: Gijón.
ORGANIZING ANTENNA: Oviedo.
COURSE'S OBJECT: Spanish.
COURSE'S THEMES: Asturian culture, Gijón history.
WORKING LANGUAGES: Spanish
English (Beginners)
LEVELS: 1, 2, 3
PARTICIPANTS: 20, 20, 20
LODGING: Student Hall (single and double rooms)
MEALS: Provided by organization.
Cost = +100 ECUS = 13.000 pts.
DATE: 2 - 16 August.
FEE: 100 ECUS = 13.000 pts. (tuition, material and lodging)
PAYMENT: Transfer the whole amount (200 ECUS=26.000 pts) to account number: 00 49 1517 1923/4
bank: HISPANOAMERICANO (suc. Hispano 20)
DEADLINE: June 30th.
INSCRIPTIONS: AEGEE - Oviedo Aptdo. 772 E-33080 Oviedo
Fax: 34 8 522 6254 Tlf: 34 8 523 1945
TIMETABLE: 4 hours per day (10 a.m. - 14 p.m.)
TEACHING STAFF: Teachers of Philology. Supervision by the english and spanish depts. of the University of Oviedo.
TEACHING PROGRAMME: Teaching supported by english for the level 1, but completely in spanish for 2 and 3. Subjects: grammar, literature, history of Gijón, asturian culture.

And a complete leisure programme in a party town:

- Beach sports
- Gijón city Summer festivals
- Rock concerts (Dire Straits included ...)
- ESPICHA (Traditional cider party)
- Excursions,

AEGEE IN TURKEY?

For the Agora in Kos AEGEE-Bonn has made a proposal to open our organization for Turkish students who are interested in the politics of European integration. I will try to shortly justify this approach.

First of all we should make clear that the expansion of AEGEE to Turkey does NOT AT ALL IMPLY any statement on the possible integration of Turkey into the EC. We are a political European students organization, but not part of the EC. As trivial as it sounds, the EC-Europeans among us have to remind ourselves again and again that the political preconditions are fundamentally different now from those before 1989: The Europe of AEGEE has become much more diverse than the EC is. Not only the economic differences have dramatically increased but also new cultural and religious gaps have opened before our eyes: The EC citizens are now encountering larger christian orthodox cultures (Greek and Russian with religious centers in Istanbul resp. Moscow) and muslim populations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria etc. And on top of this, AEGEE-Bonn dares to bring up another problem with the case of Turkey...!

However, I believe that we should not exclude Turkish students who are interested in European integration from the process of discussion about it. Turkey has always been part of European history. Today, it is the only laicist state with an islam background and (UNFORTUNATELY ONLY) AS SUCH it is a symbol for the democratic world. It has exchanged the Arabic script for the Latin one. The democratic and pluralistic forces in Turkey are seeking the support of the European Community and other countries for their political aim of strengthening the domestic democratic system. Yes, also with respect to the current campaign against Kurdish minorities in Turkey, AEGEE carries a political responsibility in terms of encouraging the political value of pluralism in an old European country!

So, what are the borders of Europe, what are the borders of AEGEE, you might ask. Let me ask the question a bit differently: What is uniting us within AEGEE? My answer: It cannot be the fact that we are all aiming at a clearly defined system of European integration. Rather, we try to be open-minded students discussing about possible ways of European integration, wanting to overcome cultural prejudices and to learn about other peoples. It would be schizophrenic to promote this principle only within a geographically given area and to fence off against the outside.

If already WE in AEGEE fall in this respect, there won't be much hope for European integration either.

Rainer Ernschermann

EAST WEST WORKING GROUP

Since the Agora in Budapest there hasn't been much news in the Newsbulletin about the East-West W.G..

The 24th till the 26th of January we had an East-West W.G. meeting in Passau. One of the main topics at the meeting was the so called "Moscow-case". Several persons who had actually been to events in Moscow like the Winter University gave their view on the things that have happened there. It became very clear that the situation in the former Soviet Union is very difficult for almost all the people. Prices are rapidly increasing, but the wages do not follow this rise. The situation is still like this that any contact with foreign people can be a tremendous improvement of the personal situation. Hard currency makes you a rich man.

It was obvious that the leading people of the AEGEE-Moscow "Triumvirate", actually 4 people, were using AEGEE and the AEGEE network to make a living, and a nice living if you compare the money they can make with it, with the monthly or better yearly salary of normal people. Another thing that struck us was the lack of democracy in (the former) AEGEE-Moscow. There have not been any kind of democratic elections and there would probably not be any. The four people that are now excluded from AEGEE (see later on) were the ones who had the power. And they mainly used the power for the benefit of themselves.

The results of all this are that East-West W.G. shall start all over again to make new contacts and to see if it is possible to set up an antenna in Moscow. We will face many problems there because the situation will not change so fast. A big problem will be to find people that are really interested in AEGEE, Europe and the idea of our common future, and that are willing to work on the common future, together with the other European students. We have to find this special type of idealistic people that sacrifices time and money to work on a better Europe and that can be found all over Europe as AEGEE has proved.

Another interesting topic was Slovenia, a new slate "on the sunny side of the Alps". Janesz from AEGEE-Ljubljana gave an interesting lecture on the past, present and future of Slovenia, followed by a discussion with topics as the war in Slovenia and Croatia, the fight for independence, the economic situation. He strongly suggested all of us to come to the congress of AEGEE-Ljubljana that took place the 12th till the 15th of March. The event was wonderfully organized, lodging in hotel rooms, a gala party at the castle and several bus-trips to interesting places in Slovenia. With this busy programme there was only one day, Friday the 13th with lectures by ministers and government responsables. Topics were foreign affairs, the economic situation, and tourism in Slovenia. About the foreign affairs of Slovenia, the general orientation is completely toward the European Community and especially an E.C. membership as soon as possible. At least I, but with me I think some more, got the impression that E.C. - membership counts more than assistance for some countries that really have to struggle for life. They are fully aware of the situation in their neighbour country Croatia, the situation there really is almost impossible now, a lot of war damage and 2 million refugees in Zagreb were normally 1 million of people live. But helping Croatia build up its country could mean a delay for E.C. membership. Therefore they seemed to choose for a total focus on E.C. instead of Balkan-solidarity. Unfortunately this topic could not be discussed in greater detail at this congress, but the East-West WG and AEGEE-Warszawa will organize an academy on the relations between the Central and Eastern European countries: "Solidarity after Warsaw pact?". Before I introduce this, something about an East-West trip to Bratislava.

Right after the Presidents' meeting in Krakow a small group went to Bratislava for a meeting with students to introduce AEGEE and find new people to revive the antenna. Unfortunately I had a not so nice encounter with an Ukrainian, accusing me of stealing millions of zloty's. Because of all this we missed the train and we had to make quite a journey to be able to reach Bratislava that same day of course after the successful meeting. I had asked for a meeting with government responsables to introduce to them AEGEE. We were given quite an opportunity and as a result AEGEE-Bratislava will get good support to set up the second antenna in Czechoslovakia.

The first week of May AEGEE-Warszawa and the East West WG will organize the above mentioned academy "Solidarity after Warsaw pact?". For more information I refer to the announcement in the News Bulletin. Around this academy we will also have an EWWG meeting. Everybody that is interested in East West Relations is invited to come to Warsaw the first week of May. We also would like to hear about your local activities in the field of East-West Relations. Please keep the EWWG informed, your projects are interesting for all of us.

South-West Regional Meeting Santander 27-28-29 March 1992

At the end of March AEGEE-Santander organized its first international activity: the South-West Regional Meeting. Representatives from Oporto, La Laguna, Bordeaux, Madrid, London, Barcelona, Oviedo, Valladolid, Salamanca, Montpellier and of course Santander discussed during three exhaustive days about the development of the South West Region within AEGEE-Europe.

The objectives for this meeting were to stimulate the creation of new antennae in this area (especially in Portugal) to help the young antennae and to promote the cooperation between the various locals within this region. In the various workshops held, specific topics like programmes of cooperation, continuity problems, sponsor approach etc. were profoundly discussed.

The most important conclusions of the meeting were:

- 1.- Since AEGEE is expanding more and more throughout Europe the role of the regions within AEGEE and especially the regional meetings must be stimulated. We noticed that some antennae have problems to attend big meeting because of the travel costs, a small region like ours can afford easily to or
- 2.- At least twice a year the South-West Region will organize a meeting.
- 3.- A cooperation programme will be started up to help and promote new antennae in the region. Up to now we have a one person coordination that appears not to be optimal, since having a region responsible has driven us to a dependency problem, and the problem will be bigger when our coordinator leaves us alone. So what we need it to have a team of experienced people of various antennae to disperse the knowledge and information to as many antennae as possible. That will avoid the continuity and work overload problems.
- 4.- A coordination programme will be set up for the summer (winter) universities in the region.
- 5.- Questions also came forward concerning the need to organize common projects within the region and the cooperation in the already existing projects.

Marco Hulsewé, AEGEE-Santander

South-West Regional Meeting or "the official foundation of the Santander Lobby"

Santander was a wonderfully organized meeting, including Hotel, meals, excursion and even boat trip, by one of our youngest locals. It was definitely a fruitful and interesting meeting for most of us, maybe especially for me as responsible for the development in Spain, since the first serious contact in Portugal (one of the AEGEE-loopholes) was made, due to a contact of the Erasmus Universities belonging to the Santander Group and AEGEE Santander. The people from Porto were so enthusiastic that it appears that they will organize in Porto, after the summer, the next Regional Meeting. Will Portugal finally enter the AEGEE Community?

In this meeting I felt, like I've already done several times before, that the corridors and cafeterias had a more fruitful atmosphere than the meeting hall itself, that was maybe just because there were 4 different workshops taking place simultaneously and I missed a nice part of the sessions. However a group of discussion was somehow established, though unfortunately the text of the proposals for kos hadn't arrived yet and we couldn't discuss them openly. In this meeting I understood it was quite useful to lobby (and also funny with the people from Madrid's Inquisition to find the right word to criticize everything and everybody, including myself).

We are lucky to say that from the meeting we held last year the situation in the region has changed quite a lot. There are only 5 more locals in the smallest region of AEGEE, but the general quality is much higher (this year we offer more than 300 places for Summer Universities, this is 3 times more than last year). The antennae are now more concerned about AEGEE-Europe and other antennae affairs (the "Spanish" feeling was much higher last year). But it's a problem still remaining: only a few of the locals are really independent; most of them still need to be pushed from outside, and still need a great dosis of information. Luckily, the European school is taking place just here!

Maria J. Alvarez

WORKING GROUPS AND AEGEE

AEGEE consists of a broad network of antennae that form the basis for the students to explore Europe and meet that European feeling, for visiting other antennae, other cities and meeting other students the best possibilities are provided for by the many different congresses and the Summer Universities that take place every year in more cities and attract every year more people. Working groups are formed by members of different antennae that share the same interest in a special subject. They meet all over Europe to discuss problems and topics and set out for projects and activities. The European working groups function in this as the coordinators of the activities of the antennae and the local working groups. They set out the general lines for activities for the coming year (s).

First of all, working groups can be divided generally into two different types. On the one hand the thematic working groups deal with and discuss about a special (general) topic; on the other hand the supporting working groups that service our network as a whole.

The difference is more obvious if you take a look at the activities of the working groups. All of them will have a number of meetings every year. The thematic working groups will organize besides these meetings, in which mostly debates and discussions on specific topics are enclosed, also congresses and likewise activities. For these activities an antenna usually takes up the tasks of general organization while the working group provides the special support. The supporting working groups will mainly give general support to throughout the year to the different institutions, including the working groups, of AEGEE.

In general working groups offer AEGEE-members sound possibilities to be active, on a local level as well as on the European level. They will be busy in a quiete partical way, having taken up certain tasks or participating in the realization of certain projects, working groups bring students from all over Europe together several times a year. They take care, every working group in its own way, of specific subjects that are of importance for AEGEE and for the construction of that better Europe, of which AEGEE is one of the supporting stones. The working groups are the glue that keeps the stone together. They are the pillars of the bridges that we, European students are building across Europe

Mark Courmans

LES ANCIENS D'AECEE EUROPE

Have you ever met the Grannies and Grandads of AEGEE? Probably not - but let me tell you, they are still around. Some of them have not stopped to promote Europe. Others are busy and successful in their professional lives, often building on the experience that they gained by working for AEGEE. And many wish to keep up the link with former friends from AEGEE.

AEGEE-Europe has an alumni club - LES ANCIENS D'AECEE-EUROPE - for which some 60 "oldies" have signed up yet. They are people who were truly active for the promotion of AEGEE and Europe at their time. Many were members of the CD, others were members of local boards or worked on specific AEGEE projects, some of which are on the agenda of AEGEE-Europe still today. You certainly know the Summer University, you may have heard about AEGEE's space congresses or about Euromanagers (a word once coined by AEGEE); or you may even have profited from the ERASMUS programme, which AEGEE-Europe once helped through the political decision making process. Surely, you have sensed the AEGEE feeling - high quality events for Europe combined with a lot of fun - which helped to make AEGEE the first truly European student association, and which you have so well carried on. But there was also a political motivation in founding AEGEE, of which I will speak later in this article.

Les Anciens d'AEGEE Europe is different. It is a loosely organised club, not an official European association acting in public. Its objective is to maintain and strengthen the personal links between former AEGEE members, who were actively involved in AEGEE. The "Oldies Club" wants to offer a forum for casual discussions on European topics and a possibility to share European and professional experience. And it wants to support AEGEE-Europe, where this is possible, with advice and practical help, if requested so. On the lecturers list of AEGEE-Europe you will find former AEGEE members. And other "Oldies" support the European School of AEGEE-Europe in Madrid. Les Anciens d'AEGEE Europe is a long term project. It is not a simple continuation of AEGEE-Europe and AEGEE's activities after University. (There are other opportunities to continue the work for Europe, e.g. Prometheus-Europe, in which some former AEGEE members are active).

A first reunion of Les Anciens took place during EGEE VI, which was partly organized by former AEGEE members, in Paris in May 1990. The meeting resulted in the formal founding of the Club. A second meeting was held in Madrid in November 1990, and a third in London in October 1991. For each get-together, there is a programme which focuses on a current European issue. It has one or two interesting presentations from participating members, either on Europe or on some other topic of common interest. There is usually also a report and discussion on AEGEE-Europe. The London meeting, for instance, was attended by Georg von der Gablentz, President of AEGEE-Europe, who also recently proposed to hold a reunion of Les Anciens in coincidence with the next EGEE Congress and Agora.

An irregular letter to all the members of Les Anciens helps to keep in touch with each other. The letter reports about Club meetings and activities and informs on interesting developments within AEGEE-Europe. As always, the level of activity of Les Anciens depends on the initiative of individual members. And I am sure that our activities will grow with an increasing number of AEGEE people joining us.

AEGEE-EUROPE as a Political Organization

Let me come back to the political motivation that moved the founders and the first generation of AEGEE activists. At the beginning of AEGEE-Europe there was an assessment and an idea. The assessment was that we were the first generation which was born and brought up entirely in the European Community. We were the first people which were educated in this new world. For us, living in the European Community had become normal - but yet, how to live and work "together" in Europe had still to be discovered and developed. We were aware that the time would come we had to take responsibility for Europe as European citizens. But we felt unprepared, having learned languages, of course, but not how to communicate and work with each other when common social and political decisions are put on the table. The idea that gave birth to AEGEE-Europe followed immediately from this assessment. We had to build what did not exist: a truly integrated European network. And we had to accomplish this task by ourselves and with our own means in order to learn and to render AEGEE credible as an independent forward looking European organization.

But AEGEE would not have been built had there not been an even broader political idea at its basis. I mean the principle idea that the notion of the Community is a political concept which is superior to the old nation states and that the Community has a value that transcends sheer economic profitability. Furthermore, it was clear that the Community, to be real and a lasting form of democratic political organization and development in Europe, needed social structures, associations, political parties etc. that transcend national borders with the very base of their organizational structure. This feature has become a central principle for AEGEE Europe, and, as I believe, has made AEGEE so successful.

Between the creation of AEGEE-Europe and today, Europe has changed dramatically. The shape of the European Community is becoming increasingly clearer on the one hand, but on the other hand the Community development has been derailed to some extent by the sudden, though welcome, breakdown of communist in Eastern Europe. The challenge that we face has become even bigger today. Europe has been plunged back into its old path in history. And, as far as I can see, the European Community is the only and truly new element in the old European concert of nations. The break-up of the Soviet empire has suddenly thrown the EC onto the world stage and the nations concerned now expect much from the EC. This development creates an increasing internal and external pressure on the Community. Parallel to the indispensable preparations for monetary and political union, the new role of the Community in the world and its responsibility towards Eastern Europe, possibly leading to a Community of 24 nations, is certainly not easy to shoulder and to deal with successfully. We do not yet know how the building of Europe will proceed into the future and to which outcome it will eventually lead. But for me, the EC and the idea of the Community remain to provide the one and only key for a peaceful development in Europe and beyond. There simply is no alternative.

I am convinced that the political idea behind AEGEE-Europe is, with some modifications, not outdated. On the contrary it is more needed than ever. Of course, the terrain on which to act has become larger and more diverse and hence even more difficult. But AEGEE has a unique structure and has gathered unique experience, which render this exceptional association of young Europeans an extremely valuable element in the building of Europe. Therefore, AEGEE-Europe must share the responsibility for the future of Europe and in doing so deserves all the support that members and external supporters can give. I would like to encourage you to carry on on the path towards a truly European Community, be it as a member of AEGEE-Europe or, once out of university, in other forms and structures and in your professional life.

Kiel, March 1992

Johannes Heister

HOST

(Helpers of Student Traveller) Another dimension of AEGEE

Dear friends, as you will know from the Agora in Budapest minutes, if you weren't there, AEGEE-Athina withdrew its proposal for a HOST-network with HOST-responsible in all antennae, as it was not readily accepted from all.

We believe however, that the need of a more organized system of providing services to student travellers is becoming more and more apparent as our organization grows.

Thus, we'd like to continue our effort but on a different, non-compulsory basis. This is why we address this letter of info on our intentions to all antennae and ask you for cooperation. How can this be done? Simply by sending us the following questionnaire completed and letting us know that the idea is of our interest.

Since this is a first communicate, we wouldn't like to go in details... We believe in everybody's contribution, naturally and we hope that the Host idea will be tailored to everybody's needs and abilities!

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU SOON!

Stahis Mihos Veronika Iliopoulou

HOST NETWORK, QUESTIONNAIRE

AEGEE-

- Yes, we'd like to participate in the Host-Network as suggested by AEGEE-Athina.
- We'd like to make the following remarks:
- The services we can offer to students (members of AEGEE) passing by our city could be (depending on our abilities at that moment):

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| A. Lodging | B. Tour of the city |
| C. Suggestions / Information | D. Written Presentation and suggestions on the city |
| E. Company (Drinks at the Bar) | F. Emergency assistance |
| G. Other (What?) | |

- On the matter of a dossier/book that will introduce students to our cities we:
 - Would like to participate writing about our city.
 - Think that it should contain:
 - information on the city (history, geography etc.)
 - places that a student/young person should visit
 - information on university short-term/summer courses etc.
 - other (What?)

(Do you think that for the preparation of such a leaflet you could be assisted/sponsored by your Municipality or University or others? If yes, write which, so that others may try it too!)

- Would you be in favour of organising a HOST-WG? and take an active part in it?

THANK YOU for your attention. We hope that this will go further than being "just another AEGEE Questionnaire". Please, to facilitate our communication write down your data (name, address, telephone, fax, EARN etc.) and send to AEGEE-Athina, Giakfonos 7, GR-11632 Athens.

GROWING FLAMES?

Can we solve with a CD reduction an ideological matter? Can we create in that way a full new structure that, until this moment, is only in Amsterdam's minds? They themselves state not to have the solution: So how do they dare to propose a total change nobody knows which consequences will bring? What's the real objective of these proposals? The presentation of Amsterdam is correct in the problems they see in AEGEE. They fail in most of the reasons for those problems. And the way they want to solve them is completely wrong.

A reduction of the CD with fixed posts will result in loss of flexibility. The CD should be a body of people able to share tasks and do the job all over Europe. If there's a company to be contacted in Greece, it isn't necessary for the Fundraising WG to go there. Michaelis can do it. Amsterdam says they want to create an "intermediate level" to do this, but how? The Fundraising WG is open to everybody, but only CD members are working, because they're the ones that feel committed. Vain hopes doesn't create a working group. Norbert said in Krakow that money can be saved if that "intermediate level" doesn't get the money back. If nobody works now, how will somebody do it if they don't get the money back? The better you work, the more expensive it comes.

By the way, there was an attempt to create a national or regional level in the ERASMUS Team, something similar to the "intermediate level". In the last ERASMUS Team meeting they decided to change name again to ERASMUS Working group and go back to the local and European level system, because the regional level didn't work. Caria Verstoep, from Amsterdam's board was there. Do people in Amsterdam talk to each other? Maybe they have too fixed posts in their board.

If you fix posts you restrict the possible action fields of AEGEE, no new European projects, no possible change of priorities. You make CD's clerks, people working 9 to 5 in a non existing office. Where's the idea of AEGEE? The CD has to decide itself its way of working.

The solution for electing better CD members is not reducing the number the delegates should be more informed and talk to the people who are informed. If we have a flexible CD of 16 members of which 4 don't work, we have a functioning 12-members-CD covering all tasks. If we have a fixed-functions-CD of 9 members, we have a functioning 3 doesn't work we have 3 work-as-is paralyzed. Simple logic! In Krakow it turned out that a lot of people were in favour of reducing the CD, why? there were different ways of thinking. We will summarize them:

a) The treasurer wanted a smaller CD just because he has no money to pay CD travel-costs. Clearly a frightened position; it's the beginning of going backwards: less people, less work done, less money, hey, we have to reduce again the CD!

b) Michael Merker said, a CD with less people can work if we give the money to the Working Groups and let them do the job. We save money with less CD's but spend it on WG's. And this idea is different from the one of Amsterdam: they say working groups for each office task: treasury, secretary, P.R., ... but Michael meant WG's as they are now: Environment with an own treasurer, secretary, speaker, etc., ... c) Amsterdam's idea.

Let's be careful, each person has his own idea. All of them can vote in favour of the proposal by Amsterdam, but expecting different things: it can be approved and ... what's next? Which of those three? Who decides? Or just chaos?

"INCOMPATIBILITY" ?

Independence and Democracy mean that each member of AEGEE must have the same opportunities to be delegate for the Agora. And for this aim delegates should be elected independently and freely inside every antenna. If a CD is chosen by all local members as the best persons to represent them, why should we interfere? In most democratic countries the members of government are members of parliament as well.

Amsterdam also wants CD's not to be local Board members. The work inside every antenna is different and it's impossible to measure if someone is able to handle both or not. It's an internal matter of the board affected.

Marco G. Vélaz & Lea G. Vélaz

ERASMUS

Dear members of the Erasmus WG, dear local board members,

I would like to motivate you to attend the next Erasmus meeting which will take place next May somewhere in Holland. A good number of participants will show that there is a vivid interest on Erasmus within our association, and even more important, that coordinated actions can be taken, both at the local, regional and european levels. But let me go down into more practical matters: I would like you to take notice of the conclusions and thoughts I have got after more than 2 years of working on Erasmus at the local level and more than one year at the european level.

1. Working on Erasmus at the local level: how and why

I have to insist on this point once more but I believe it's important enough as to be stressed a few dozen more times ... As we all know, the total number of antennae within the EC and EFTA can work on Erasmus. That's over 100, counting antennae and contact-antennae.

WHY work on Erasmus???

- Because it does together with the aims of AEGEE and, in fact, it is an optimum way to put into practise our ideals (integration and cooperation of european students)
- Because it can motivate the members of your local antenna to become more active
- Because it can help in the development of AEGEE, both at the local and european level (name and idea of AEGEE moving with Erasmus students)
- Because it can moral and financial support to your antenna (from your Univ ??)

HOW to work on Erasmus???

The complete report of the Erasmus Academy (Oviedo Sept'91) together with its conclusions and memos can help you a lot. Please find that material at the Erasmus meeting or at Oviedo, Geneva or Adam.

2. Working on Erasmus at the european level: what to do, how and why

Before reading this point, please take a few minutes to think yourselves and list a number of activities to do. If you have more than the ones listed underneath, please contact the rest of us as soon as possible!!!

WHAT to do???

- Finish with a success the project "AEGEE-Guide of European Universities" already started in Nov'90
- Produce a brochure about "How to work on Erasmus at the local level" based on the Erasmus Academy material. I herewith take this opportunity to offer Oviedo's free printing facilities.
- Organize the "Erasmus Academy and Congress II" in Scandinavia in the 1993.
- Print a trimesterly internal Erasmus newsletter.
- Take part at all Student Fairs (Brussels, Barcelona, Granada, Lisboa, EAIE, ...)
- Coordinate projects to work together with the NGAAs where possible

HOW can we do it???

Communication, coordination, information flow, motivation, ...

Attending the Erasmus meetings involving members at the local and then the european level

WHY do it???

- Because we want to keep being a serious partner of the Erasmus Bureau, Task Force of the Commission, Council of Europe, EFTA Secretariat, ... on the education field.
- Because it is closely connected with the future of the european student and therefore with the future of our association.

- Because it is an important field of activity in the practical and historical senses.

3. Erasmus WG: past, present and future

Our Erasmus WG has existed within AEGEE ever since 1987. It has gone through a few disruptions and blank periods and change of names. I have managed to gather some pages of our "history" which will also be available at the erasmus meeting or at Oviedo. Therefore we are not creating any new WG ... unless you would like to "start" it one more time. Concerning the Erasmus WG in the present time, a few considerations can be made. I can be glad and proud that there are regular meetings and a stable structure. I am also glad to see that there is one specialist taking care for Erasmus at the european level and that from the time I started out on Erasmus (Dec'90) up till now, more people and antennae are active on Erasmus. My work was not a waste of time !!! I would say that only persistence, hard team work and internal formation can assure a better future for our WG. I do believe we are heading in the right direction, let's get to work!

4. Information material

In order to enable future active members on Erasmus to be informed about our WG and everything concerning Erasmus, I think each antenna should have the following documentation material:

- History of Erasmus within AEGEE
- How to work on Erasmus at the local level
- Erasmus Academy (Oviedo Sept'91) conclusions and memos.
- Erasmus Congress (Geneve Nov'91) info pack.
- AEGEE-Guide of European Universities: the project.
- Erasmus Vandemecum
- Erasmus newsletter and leaflets issued by the Erasmus Bureau

All this material is available upon your request at Oviedo and also at the Erasmus meeting in Holland. Ask for it: it is important for the information and involvement of your members!

5. Internal formation

In order to avoid the disruptions of the past, I strongly believe that only team work, a defined structure and a good internal formation can assure the continuity of the WG. I am referring both to the local and european level. I think we should dedicate more time to inform and pass our experience/contacts/know-how to motivated members, or in any case, we should try and motivate members. How?? First, I would like to invite everyone interested in Erasmus to contact the local and/or european responsible as we are all willing to share what we possibly know. But I think we should go an step further and organize an Erasmus motivation seminar at each one of our meetings. Everything on Erasmus. Maybe we could have a first informal try at the Agora in Kos if you would like me to prepare such a seminar.

6. Erasmus Bureau, Commission and EFTA Secretariat: contacts

At present, the relationship with the Erasmus Bureau, Commission and EFTA is quite a good one: all of them know our work, know some of us personally and a few are quite good friends: Parfira, Dieter, Corinne, Manage, Loba, Alan Smith, Mr. Lugon. Contacts with the EAIE (professional international education association), in Medias (European Student Fairs organizers) and other european associations (ESN, ...) are also good.

So as not to lose these contacts we should introduce new active members personally to our contacts. The European Student Fair in Brussels can be the right moment but others will follow. Let's keep the contacts gained through our own effort!!!

7. Favoured areas: Mediterranean and EFTA countries

In most of the Universities in this areas Erasmus is given a special attention. We should use this for the good of the european students ... and for the good of AEGEE. Present yourselves and activities on Erasmus to your University and you will be in the way to becoming a partner and later on to gain other support for further developments of your antenna.

Your Erasmus friend, Enrique "Kike" Riesgo Lázaro.



Calendar of Events March '92

DATE	TOPIC (PLACE)	ORGANIZERS
10-14 April 1992	Integration on the Balkans and the EC	ÆGEE-Sofia
17 April 1992	CD-Meeting, Kos	ÆGEE-Athina/ÆGEE-Europe
18-19 April 1992	Agora & (CHAMP Europe '92 Meeting)	ÆGEE-Athina/ÆGEE-Europe
21-26 April 1992	2nd Environmental Congress in Riga	EnWG
23-26 April 1992	Europe on air: Communication and New Media	ÆGEE-Erlangen-Nürnberg
25 April 1992	Batavierenrance, Nijmegen, Enschede	ÆGEE-Nijmegen/ÆGEE-Enschede
27-30 April 1992	3rd Environmental Week: Environment and Conciousness	EnvWG
29-30 April 1992	Queensday	ÆGEE-Amsterdam
7-10 May 1992	Genetic Engineering	ÆGEE-Göttingen
11-13 May 1992	Education and Quality 2 (Leiden)	ÆGEE-Leiden/ÆGEE-Perugia
14-16 May 1992	Tele-Visions + fifth anniversary ÆGEE-Utrecht: foreign affairs	ÆGEE-Utrecht
23-26 May 1992	SPACE IV Conference	ÆGEE-Aachen/ÆGEE-Delft/ ÆGEE-Eindhoven/ÆGEE-Enschede ÆGEE-Europe
28-31 May 1992	Danger from another world. The cultural clash of religions	ÆGEE-Leipzig
3-5 June 1992	Food '92: Politics, Economics and Nutrition	ÆGEE-Maastricht
6-9 June 1992	"Edelweiß weekend" (hiking weekend)	ÆGEE-Salzburg
5-13 July 1992	the UNSEAID Festival	ÆGEE-Freiburg
20-26 July 1992	European School, Internal Education (Madrid)	ÆGEE-Europe/ÆGEE-Madrid
October 1992	CHAMP Europe '92 Qualifying Heats -The CHallenge in Management Perspectives-	ÆGEE-Amsterdam/Rotterdam/Berlin/ Budapest/Oviedo/Fribourg/Trondheim/Eur.
3-4 October 1992	Presidents' Meeting, Turku	ÆGEE-Turku/ÆGEE-Europe
7-9 October 1992	North-South Congress - Africa in Europe a challenge	ÆGEE-Milano/North-South WG
11-12 October 1992	AIDS Conference (Amsterdam)	Health care WG
13-14 October 1992	TEAM '92, The European Academic Manager	ÆGEE-Rotterdam/ÆGEE-Europe
15-18 October 1992	Rhine & Dine, Nouvelle Cuisine d'Europe	ÆGEE-Koblenz
21-26 October 1992	Erasmus Academy II	Scandinavia
22-25 October 1992	Students of the Atlantic Border	ÆGEE-Rennes
5-8 November 1992	A first encounter with European Health care	ÆGEE-Cluj
11-15 November 1992	Quo Vadis Czechoslovakia?	ÆGEE-Praha
18-22 November 1992	Tempus Academy in Budapest	ÆGEE-Budapest/ÆGEE-Europe
28-29 November 1992	Agora	ÆGEE-Europe
November 1992	Trade Unions in Europe	ÆGEE-Madrid
November-December 92	Europe in doubt? - a conference between hesitation and volition	ÆGEE-Europe/ Dutch youth organizaions
4-6 December 1992	CHAMP Europe finals at the London Business School	ÆGEE-London/ÆGEE-Europe/LBS
4-6 December 1992	Tourism and its consequences	ÆGEE-Mainz-Wiesbaden

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AEGEE SUMMER UNIVERSITY 1992

Place	Subject	Levels	Partic.	Applic.	Lodging	Date
Aachen	Deutsch	2,3	20	30.6	AE-SH	1.8 - 15.8
Aalborg	Dansk	1	7	31.5	AE	17.7 - 1.8
Aalborg	English	2,3	13	31.5	AE	17.7 - 1.8
Amsterdam & Utrecht	Nederlands (Dutch)	1,2,3	50	31.5	AE	9.8 - 22.8
Athina & Nafplio	Elliniká (Greek)	1,2	25	31.5	AE-SH	27.7 - 9.8
Barcelona	Català	1,2	15	30.6	SH	10.9 - 25.9
Barcelona	Castellano (Spanish)	2	15	30.6	SH	10.9 - 25.9
Bari	Italiano	3	12	31.5	AE-SH	13.7 - 25.7
Berlin	Deutsch	3	12	31.5		27.7 - 9.8
Bologna	Theatre	3	25	31.5	SH	5.7 - 18.7
Bonn	Deutsch	1,2,3	30	30.6	AE	15.8 - 30.8
Bordeaux	Français	2,3	20	31.7	AE-SH	20.9 - 4.10
Budapest	Magyar (Hungarian)	1,2	30	31.5	SH	17.8 - 30.8
Caen	Français	2,3	20	31.5	SH	29.6 - 12.7
Cluj-Napoca & Bucuresti	Român	1,2	24	31.5	AE	18.7 - 2.8
Constanta	Român	1	15	30.6	SH	15.8 - 30.8
Edinburgh	English	2	16	31.5	AE	29.6 - 13.7
Eindhoven	Economics		25	15.5	AE-YH	16.8 - 29.8
Eindhoven	Management		20	15.5	AE-YH	16.8 - 29.8
Ekaterinburg	Architecture	1,2	40	31.5	SH	27.7 - 9.8
Ekaterinburg	Geology	1,2	40	31.5	SH	27.7 - 9.8
Ekaterinburg	Russkij (Russian)	1,2	40	31.5	SH	27.7 - 9.8
Erlangen-Nürnberg	Deutsch	2,3	15	30.6	AE	30.8 - 13.9
Firenze & Perugia	Italiano	2	15	31.5	AE-SH	14.7 - 5.8
Freiburg i.B.	Deutsch	1	15	31.5	AE	25.7 - 8.8
Groningen	English	3	25	1.5	AE	10.8 - 24.8
Heidelberg	Deutsch	2	15	31.5	AE	12.7 - 25.7
Karlsruhe	Architecture		10	31.5	AE-YH	22.8 - 6.9
Karlsruhe	Dance		15	31.5	AE-YH	22.8 - 6.9
Karlsruhe	Français	1,3	15	31.5	AE-YH	22.8 - 6.9
Karlsruhe	Photography		10	31.5	AE-YH	22.8 - 6.9
Kaunas	Lithuanian (& Culture)	1	50	31.5	AE-YH	13.7 - 3.8
Köln	Deutsch	1,2,3	20	31.6	AE-YH	2.8 - 16.8
Konstanz	Deutsch	2	16	31.5	AE-SH	19.7 - 2.8
La Laguna	Castellano (Spanish)	1,2,3	40	31.5	SH	6.7 - 19.7
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	Castellano (Spanish)	1,2,3	30	31.5	SH	12.7 - 26.7
Lecce	Italiano	1,2,3	30	30.6	AE	18.7 - 2.8
Lecce	Statistics		10	30.6	AE	18.7 - 2.8
Leiden	European law	1	25	31.5	AE	13.7 - 24.7
Maastricht	English	1,2	30	31.5	AE	18.7 - 1.8
Madrid	Castellano (Spanish)	1,2,3	60	31.5	SH	27.7 - 9.8
Mainz	Deutsch	1,2	15	31.5	AE	2.8 - 15.8
Mannheim	Sport	1	20	31.7	AE	15.8 - 30.8
Milano & Como	Italiano	1,3	20	31.5	AE-PH	5.7 - 25.7
Montpellier	Français	2,3	15	31.6	AE	24.8 - 5.9
München	Deutsch	1	20	22.6	AE	28.6 - 11.7
Münster	Deutsche Kultur	1,2	20	31.5	AE	6.9 - 19.9
Nijmegen	Arts		20	31.5	AE	12.7 - 25.7
Osnabrück	Deutsch	2,3	25	31.5	AE-SH	11.7 - 25.7
Oviedo (Gijón)	Castellano (Spanish)	1,2,3	60	30.6	SH	2.8 - 16.8
Palermo	Italiano	1,2,3	30	30.6	SH	14.8 - 5.9
Pécs, Veszprém, Keszthely	Astronomy	1	15	31.5	SH	1.8 - 16.8
Poznań	Polski (Polish)	1	15	1.5	SH	21.6 - 5.7
Praha	Cesky (Czech)	1	20	31.5	YH	2.8 - 16.8
Rennes	Français	1,2,3	20	15.5	SH	1.7 - 15.7
Roma	Italiano	1,2	25	31.5	SH	23.8 - 6.9
Saarbrücken	Deutsch	2,3	20	31.5	AE	29.8 - 12.9
Salerno	Italiano	1,2,3	27	31.5	AE-YH	12.7 - 26.7
Santander (Laredo)	Castellano (Spanish)	1,2,3	40	31.5	SH	20.7 - 2.8
Sofija	Bulgarian (& Culture)	1	30	31.5	AE-SH	17.8 - 31.8
Strasbourg	Français	1,2	15	1.5	SH	1.7 - 15.7
Torino	Italiano	1,2	12	31.5	AE	12.7 - 25.7
Trier	Deutsch	1	15	31.5		2.8 - 16.8
Worclaw	Polski (Polish)	1	15	31.5	AE	4.7 - 18.7

AE: with AEGEE-members; SH: Students Hall; YH: Youth Hostel; PH: Private Hostel;



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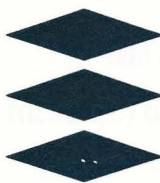
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