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Hello AEGEE People,

We are very glad to write here and meet with the whole network with this issue. We were very excited, when we applied for new NB. After that, we began to work on NB and tried to create new concept. We sent many e-mails, interviewed with many people and companies and met many times in our office. In conclusion, we have prepared this enjoyable issue that you are reading now.

What is new in NB? First of all, the whole 17th News Bulletin is colorful. It has some illustrations for some articles, which were drawn by a cartoon department student. The whole layout has been designed by a professional graphic designer and it's proof-read by English teachers. We have put articles of all interesting events and topics of AEGEE from last 6 months. We aimed by this to give you a small taste of this great network. Lastly, we want to thank for their great support to Foreign Languages School and Fine Arts Faculty of Anadolu University – Eskişehir.

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DINNER IN THE CD HOUSE

(Meg Chudzik)

WHO IS COOKING TONIGHT??? The question is usually left unanswered, everybody seems to be way too busy to react... It's not that CD members don't like to cook ;) The cooking list is one of the most important documents in the Ho-



use? Life of at least 11 people depends on it. Susanna, who is responsible for the house maintenance, takes care so that the list was always filled in with the names of CD members, Assistants and visitors. This task is very challenging? cooking for a small army is not as easy as it seems? especially when pasta is not allowed!

Despite the clear rule concerning cooking, namely: every day one inhabitant of the CD house has to prepare a meal for the others, there are days, when right before the dinner time we realize that no signs of food are to be noticed in the kitchen... What do we do then? We don't panic, we don't cry... We LOBBY!

Mark enters the office and the first thing he can hear is: Mark, you're cooking tonight!? He starts laughing... No way! I cooked two days ago. Hmm... This time it didn't work. Diana comes back from the meeting in the city, she enters the office... Diana, you're cooking tonight!? Her answer is immediate: Noooooo-

oooooo, I have an online meeting, I have to prepare the fund raising offers, I have to work on the project... etc. Looks like we will be starving tonight. What to do, what to do? Emrah is in his room... How to make him cook? ? Emrah, can you come to the office for a while?? After 5 minutes: Emrah, you forgot that you are cooking tonight! What are you making...? Emrah's face turns pale...It can't be, I cannot cook tonight... His face tells us

everything... OK... We need another victim...

Susanna cooked yesterday, Eric is cooking tomorrow... Not too many possibilities left... Mariann is working on our reimbursements... No, we can't disturb her ;) Sena looks busy... Aniko is having a meeting in the

She looks like having fun... Can we interrupt her? YES, we are hungry! We need food! SHE HAS TO FEED US!

Megi, what are you doing? Hallo? Megi? She is not even listening..Who is she chatting with? ;) MEGI, we are hungry!!!!? Megi: Is it my turn today? Did I forget? Hmm... Susanna, where is the cooking schedule??.... Suskie! Hide it! She can't see it!!!? Susanna? The schedule just fell into the garbage, I am sorry, we need a new one... Megi, you agreed to cook tonight already two weeks ago...?. Megi: OK., if I promised....?

BIG SUCCESS! We will eat something home made again... No need to go for fast food! Hurra! Common dinners in the CD house are one of the biggest attractions of the day. When we get together at the table, we



city...What to do, what to do? What is Megi doing? Difficult to say, her desk is covered with tons of papers and it's hardly possible to see her from behind those. AHA! She is chatting...

talk, we laugh and we joke... Like at home, one big family... If you wanna see how it really looks like, please visit us, but don't be surprised to hear that YOU are cooking tonight!

AEGEE-TV

AEGEE-TV

(Wieger Rottier)

What is AEGEE.tv?

A website? A group of people making television about AEGEE? Lots of fun, parties and stressy deadlines? Actually, AEGEE.tv is all of this, and more. AEGEE.TV started out as the idea of some members in Eind-

Agora, AEGEE.tv made items about everything but the politics. Which is still one of our basic rules: no candidates in the clips. Because TV can make and break people.

AEGEE.tv at the Agora was a big hit. So succesful, in fact,

that the decision was made to make AEGEE.tv bigger, better, faster and even more fun! AE-

all our exploits.

So we had more Media Schools - in Patra and in Nijmegen. There were more events with an AEGEE.TV presence - the Agora in Athens, some wonderful Summer Universities and the PM in Enschede.

But enough about the past. What is the future? More Media Schools, more Agora's, PM's and other Events. Who knows, maybe an AEGEE.tv Summer University or more features. And how are we going to reali-



hoven. They had the idea that the internet could be used to transmit television items about AEGEE. Which is a very nice idea, except for the fact that there were no television items about AEGEE. And certainly not enough to make an entire website about.

So these people decided to take the next step. They were going to make television about AEGEE. They did it successfully.

The first thing they did was organize a Media School in Eindhoven. In a Media School, enthusiastic, creative, mediaminded members from all over Europe are taught how to write a script, how to use a camera and how to edit video. Next, they took all those people they trained at the Media School to the Agora in Amsterdam. That's where the general population of AEGEE was first introduced to AEGEE.tv. At the



GEE.tv made a feature on Koen Berden, as a farewell present on his stepping down as chairman of the Agora. We made a feature on the CD in Brussels. In fact, we liked that so much that recently, we made another. We also decided that we needed more people to help us in

ze all this? With your help.

Do you have the creativity it takes to make television? A steady hand needed to hold a camera, or that feeling for sound and video that would make a perfect editor? Want to be involved? Visit our website: <http://www.aegEE.tv>.

THE EUROPIAN ROLE IN THE ISRAELI - PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Past European Peace Initiatives and Future Possibilities

(Christine Binzel)

On the 23rd of February, students from across Europe were joined by Israeli and Palestinian peers in the town of Hofgeismar, Germany under the auspices of a conference on "The European Role in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" organized by the PIE Project Team of AESEE. Lectures and workshops tackling the issues of the conflict's narration, refugees, and the nature of borders were arranged to facilitate dialogue and enable understanding between all sides.

What unfolded over the course of the next week was a process that nobody, including organizers, expected. Heike Kratt affirmed that "it really has been the most interesting, the most intensive and the most exhausting conference I've ever been to. It went way beyond mere academic discussions and exchange. Rather it involved emotions and set in motion some sort of psychological process. Maybe not each and every one of us to the same extent but at least to my understanding there was a general feeling of personal exchange."

The first day kicked off with the outlining of the group's expectations for the resolution of the conflict. It was decided that one was inevitable – because of fatigue, popular will or the role of external actors. Most importantly, however, the role of positive expectations was highlighted. Ahmad Badawi, one of the conference's moderators, elucidated this factor by suggesting that any future is dependent to some extent on the ex-

pectations held about it, which are in turn shaped by perceptions of the past. In other words, "the choice of expectations is a mechanism for determining the future". With this bold, emancipatory agenda – the group collectively produced a vision for 2008. In what was perhaps a portent for the rest of the conference, it was a vision already imbued with tension between

only meant extensions of workshops late into the evening, but a soul-searching exercise for all.

This became evident on the last night during an open discussion on the Holocaust. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict, after all, is one contingent on the fact of the Holocaust on this continent. Alon Simhayoff, a participant from Israel, confessed, in per-

haps one of the most heart-breaking and illuminating moments of the event, "What goes

PIE

Palestinians Israelis Europeans



the majority desire to see a two-state solution along the '67 borders and a splinter single bi-national state objective.

With a vision in hand, the group spilt up into the three workshops. Obstacles were identified, and then methods of resolving them. Yet among all this affirming activity, underlying friction strained the process and historical baggage constrained its progress. It not

on in my head when I travel on a train, or take a shower in this country are not things you would be thinking of." One was confronted daily with such glimpses of naked fear - and the guilt it elicited. These emotions were summed up in presentation after presentation of the workshops' result identifying the lack of mistrust as the gravest obstacle to the conflict's resolution.

Yet, determination was also manifest throughout and the last day culminated in the outlining of concrete commitments on the part of the group. A range were declared from a proposal to establish a project to "live the life of the other" between Israelis and Palestinians, hel-

past and present misery as rationale – she sung out that "Here, where the hills slope before sunset/ And the Chasm of Time/ Near gardens whose shades have been cast aside/ We do what prisoners do/ We do what jobless do/ We sow hope". The conference ended on a Fri-

it may be; but everyone with a keener understanding of how difficult and important it is to simply be able to hope - with all the resolve and fearlessness youth can impart, and peace will need.

We would like to thank the Robert Bosch Foundation and the



ping Israeli and Palestinian students enter the ERASMUS program, a planned visit to Israel later this summer by European students, and various networking and funding opportunities to follow up on.

But perhaps the most significant accomplishment that resulted was something less transmutable and more intangible. Dima Abdellatif, a participant from Ramallah, quoted a Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish in her presentation on the effects of the Occupation. She stood in front of her "other", sitting alongside their "other". Before this visible demonstration of a vicious cycle being played out where because the Germans created an "exceptional history of the Jews" as Simha-yoff had previously declared while justifying a point in debate, the Israelis are now creating an exceptional history for the Palestinians and both use their

day afternoon with the promise of spring and a final photo-op outside. Handshakes and fare-

German Academic Exchange Service for their support. Moreover, we would like to



wells were exchanged in front of a frozen lake beginning to thaw and each left. Some left Hofgeismar with promises made in their hearts to continue this process at the next PIE conference in Copenhagen this August or back home wherever

thankAECEE-Mainz/Wiesbaden for the post event they organised for the Israeli and Palestinian participants. The statement of the participants of the conference can be downloaded at www.aegee.org/pie

YOUTH & GLOBALIZATION

BECOME PART OF EUROPE'S FUTURE!

(Aniko Vass)

With the yearplan topic "Europe in the World," AEGEE takes an active look outside European borders. The primary aim of the yearplan project "Youth and Globalisation" is to empower future European leaders to deal actively with the forces of globalisation.

There is a reason why you voted for this topic and this project. After 18 years of concentrating almost entirely on 'internal' European matters, it is now time for AEGEE to acknowledge the world outside Europe and to start thinking

about European responsibilities. We should not forget that one of the primary reasons for the formation of the European Union is the desire to deal more actively with the changing global environment. Only if we unite our actions, can we be strong enough to shape Europe the way we envision it.

With the yearplan project we wish to attain two major goals: we want to produce quality work by engaging students and experts in study meetings and involve you, the network, to express yourselves analytically

and creatively in this arena.

The success of this project depends in large part on you. We would like you to help us distribute and collect questionnaires, so our survey is representative; participate in our creativity contest and help us organise local debates in May to start a broad discourse about youth and globalisation.

With your active help and participation, this project will mark a step forward for the whole organization. Let us encourage you to give this project the attention it deserves.

ROOTS OF EUROPE

APPROACHING ROOTS OF EUROPE

(Radmila Andreea Bulgarea)

Born as a gateway to the experiences and richness of the past and focusing on increasing cultural knowledge, tolerance and dialogue in the future of Europe. The Roots of Europe Project leads active discipline concerned with the development of a critical approach from cultural diversity among the citizens of member and candidate states and controlling the process, which affect the lives of people living in Europe. You can easily find useful and detailed information by Aims, Objectives, Events, Co-ordina-

tors / Team Project) accessing: <http://www.aegge.org/roots/>.

Alternatively, at Roots of Europe e-mail address: rootsofeurope@yahoogroups.com

Roots of Europe Team invite you to The East and West

Intercultural Dialogue open conference set up by

AEGEE- Adana and AEGEE- Mersin in 8-9-10 th April 2003 with a following, great post event

Born as a gateway to the experiences and richness of the past and focusing on increasing cultural in 11-12-13 th of April in Mersin. During the conferen-

ce, you may show your interests regard tolerance and intolerance in multi-ethnic, multi-religious or multicultural aspects of European and candidate countries.

The East and West Intercultural Dialogue conference will improve communication amongst the culture of east and west dialogue being one of the twelve great conferences having the honours and guilty of being Roots of Europe- Opening Conference. More information regards the out-coming Roots of Europe events: go to www.aegge.org/roots/adana.htm.

Dare to show up at the Opening Conference in Adana or at all our future events:

"Stereotypes in Europe: Do they



exist?" Cluj- Napoca April 2003
 "Photography: Picture Cultural
 Diversity" Timisoara May 2003
 "Music & Food: let's mix our
 Cultures" Bursa September 2003
 Cultural Diversity: "Can it exist
 in One Europe?" Final Confe-

rence Rotterdam
 October 2003
 We are
 kindly
 inviting
 you to join us im-
 proving intercultural

tolerance among
 European citizens.

On behalf of the Roots of
 Europe Team,
 Radmila Andreea Bul-
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AEGEE-BEOGRAD

UNI DEBATE AEGEE-BEOGRAD

(Jadranka Masic)

AEGEE Beograd has organized for its members an UniDebate event which lasted from 24th to 31st October 2002. Partner in the project was Open Communication – University Debate Network of Yugoslavia. The theory and practical demonstration of the parliamentary debate was completely entrusted to Open Communication, whose renomee is due to the best IDEA team and IDEA speaker at the World University Debate Championship (Glasgow 2001, Toronto 2002) and whose team is defending its colours this very moment at the Oxford Open (Nov 2002).

The goal is to promote debate as an educational method and means of political and social communication. Considering the fact that there is no existing tradition of following parliamentary procedure and public debates in Yugoslavia, the aim is to make Belgrade regional debate centre and to make our debaters respected opponents at international tournaments. The most important issue for the whole UniDebate project is

the impact that our event had generated: there are two new debate clubs for three faculties where there were no debate clubs earlier (Faculty of Philosophy, of Philology, and Political Sciences). More about the organizing and partnering organization you can find at www.aegEE-beograd.org.yu and www.ok.org.yu respectively.

The first part of the project was a debate course, including a whole-day tournament. All the debate elements were elaborated on: the rules of debating, building of the affirmative and negative cases, closing speeches, rhetoric... The tournament resolutions were mostly half-open, and some such as: This House believes that AEGEE is a clan, and This House loves The Hague drew most of our imagination and strength to interpret and defend.

The second part of the project were two public debates at the Faculties of Law and of Political Sciences on the 29th and 31st of October, and the resolutions were This House believes that

Europe is more valuable than the new Constitution, and This House believes that Serbia belongs to Europe. The guests of the project were the professors who took roles of speakers and members of the jury panel: Prof Rakic, Prof Avramovic, and Prof Bulajic. The number of visiting students was unexpectedly good, represented by couple of hundreds from each of the Faculties. As mentioned above, after the promo-debate at the Faculty of Political Sciences, this faculty has got its own new debate club, which will initially be ran by debaters from Open Communication!

Both of the debates were chosen carefully to correspond to the actual and current state of affairs, so the special interest was paid to the former debate. The affirmative team based its case on the assertion that European integration of Serbia depends on passing the new constitution. The fact is that it is badly written and not well presented to the National Parliament, but status quo is the worst possible solution, so it

should be enacted as soon as possible. We would prosper in spheres of politics, economy and law, alleged the President of the Government team. They stated that it is the chance to make a step forward, and since we cannot do it ourselves, so why should not we let others help us? The Opposition team made definite goal to make us try this one time to make something right and once and for all, that is: not to pass something that is so badly constructed that even violates the principle

of rule of law, it will serve to legalize chaotic state, and enable the law discontinuity. The critique of the judges was that the rhetoric used in the speeches was exquisite, and pointed out that precise language rules should be promoted and protected by the speaker since the lack of it could do much damage to the impression, as well as more organization of the speeches is never too much.

Though the affirmative team had a strong case, we could not help being trapped by the rhe-

torical elements in the speeches of the opposition, who won the majority of votes. They left as all a fine analogy to quote between the home address to which any letter from anywhere around the world would be sent simply because it can be delivered, and a Constitution which will tell us and the world who and where we are, or we could get our cardboard beds and shelters and trump around that same world to which we will be unwelcome and which will look at us with pity and sneer.

working groups

CWG

CULTURAL WORKING GROUP - GET ACTIVE!

(René Keijzer)

After working for eight months behind the scenes, finally AEGEE will see that the Cultural Working Group is still alive. Just before the Agora will be the late second issue of AEGEE-Live. At this moment we are working on the third and renewed issue. On the 1st of June, the Artistic and Cultural ma-

gazine LIVE will be online at <http://www.artcult.org>. This issue's theme will be Cultural Village. If you want to write an article, just write a message to the CWG-Board.

Besides working on the magazines, the CWG is also working together with AEGEE Bukaresti, to organise a cultural fair on the Agora for the first time. This will

happen on the European Night.

This fair will be regional: it will show

the beauty of

the region, you can taste local food and drinks and listen to music from the different regions within Europe. We hope that we can this a

recovering event.

The third project, which takes a lot of hard work, is "Roots of Europe". The opening conference will be in Adana. This conference will be about East meeting West. Right after the Agora "Picture Cultural Diversity", will take place in Timisoara. There we will see, how Europe will look in two hundred years. The CWG is preparing already for 2004 a theatre event. At this moment we are researching for a local and theatre companies who are willing to work with us on this big event.

Of course there will be a workshop at the Agora, of course, and there will be a workshop on the PM of Magusa about this theatre event.

Enjoy life!

On behalf of CWG,



IPWG

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS WORKING GROUP GOES
DEN HAAG II

(Olivier Genkin)

Den Haag and Delft, 7-10 April 2002. The event, already at its second edition, gathered this ti-

Europol was followed by a beach tour in Scheveningen and a guided city tour in lovely Den Haag.

In the evening, Jürgen Kappenmann from the IPWG-Konstanz delivered a lec-

background of the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), where the group attended a real session of the Milosevic trial the next day - live. There, meetings with Mr. Stuart Beresford, Associate Legal Officer, and Mr. Anton Nikiforov, political advisor to the Prosecutor Carla del Ponte, who gave insightful perspectives on the work of the ICTY, were arranged.

This meeting was particularly interesting to the participants, which were not only members of AEGEE, but also students from former Yugoslavia, co-ordinated by Claudia Wünnenberg and Thomas Triebs from the AEGEE project team "Education of Democracy".

The event ended on Wednesday, 10th of April, with a visit to the Dutch Parliament "Binnenhof", organised by Maartje Vermeulen from AEGEE-Utrecht. Afterwards, MP Mr. de Haan joined the group for a

discussion round – in parallel to the presentation of the Srebrenica report.

This event took place for the second time under the main co-ordination of Jürgen Kappenmann and the IPWG-speaker Olivier Genkin and its success determined

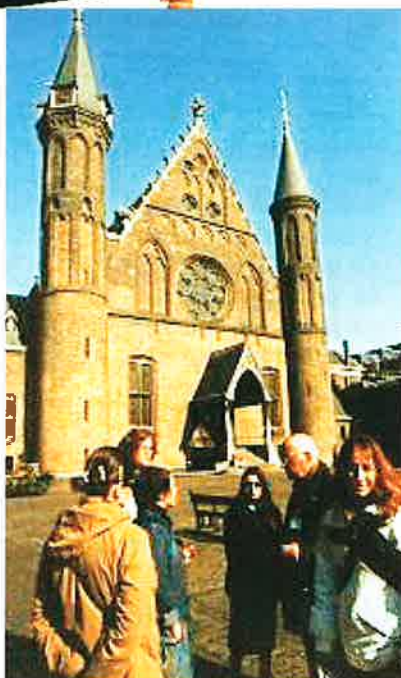
them to reiterate its organization in 2003.



me 25 young people from all over Europe eager to learn about international justice and witness its making during the visit to the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia in Den Haag.

The event started in Delft, where the tour of the city was followed by a dinner in the city centre, where the participants were kindly lodged by the members and ancient members of AEGEE-Delft.

On the 8th of April, the participants visited another key institution located in Den Haag - the headquarters of Europol where three speakers gave an interesting introduction to the work and tasks of the main institution in international crime investigation, a report on drugs and trafficking in Europe and a tour of the building. The lunch at



ture on international law and justice, providing the participants with historical and legal

PRWG

OUR NAME IS: " CREATIVE, SERIOUSLY CREATIVE! "

(Elena Constantin & Virag Szabo)

Lately, you got to see us very often on various AEGEE mail lists. True – we are very much alive, very active, very visible and with our eyes set on you, as one of our key words is the image! What you see, is what you get! What you get is what we do! In just two months, due to the prompt and very reliable help of the talented members of PRWG, we managed to put our engine into function, and the results can be easily seen:

The first noticeable breakthroughs was the PRES 6 (Public Relations European School) organized in Sibiu (25th of April until 1st of May); which was a smashing success. 25 participants have developed their PR skills, and are prepared to im-

rove their antennae's image.

The second strike came with the evaluation of all AEGEE websites (locals, WGs, projects, and AEGEE.org). As this was the first such undertaking within our organization, the amount of work that had to be sho-



PRWG
SERIOUSLY CREATIVE!!

uldered was considerable. 10 people did the evaluation, one for every region. No one assessed his or her own region.

A framework was laid down for a uniform evaluation; we looked at all sites in detail, and rated them. We also sent a quick questionnaire to the local's

PR/IT responsables to ask them about their internet-related activities. We hope the results of this assessment will prove useful to PR and IT responsables all over Europe, and will encourage every local to maintain a quality and up-to-date web presence. At the end of the process, we were able to provide objective information on specific areas of improvement on AEGEE websites.

Take a look to the new designed web site of PRWG for more info about the results: "www.aegEE.org/wg/prwg". You will also find our virtual magazine focused on PR matters E-zine on line, new slogan, new logo, well determined targets.

VFF WG

VISA FREEDOM FIGHTERS WORKING GROUP

(Volodymyr Martsynovskyy)

Heading to the point that AEGEE's main pillars are active citizenship, cultural exchange, higher education and peace-&stability, it become obvious the association always deals with visa matters. Does Visa Freedom Fighters WG really fight for abolishing visas in the countries of AEGEE's presence? This question is often asked to our members, and touching such a delicate matter as visas, we would like to say that VFF WG declares its activity loyal to the laws of the countries where AEGEE is presented. As it was

decided at VFF WG session during Spring AGORA 2001 in Constanta, the three main goals of the working group are as follows:

1. To inform AEGEE members about European countries' visa policies. This is done by means of AEGEE Visa Booklet, really a useful tool, also, any member of the association can subscribe to VFF WG mailing list and have all the news regarding visa policies hot. In special cases, we help our members directly by providing consultations about, for example, manner and order

of submitting documents to embassies. Till the moment of issuing this article, the web-site of VFF WG will be ready and firstly located at www.vffwg.narod.ru, so our members can receive all the information about our VFF WG and visa matters.

2. To supply European governments about AEGEE in order to facilitate our members' obtaining visas. VFF WG had several presentations at the embassies and ministries of foreign affairs, which took place in Italy, Romania, Ukraine.

3. To oppose using AEGEE visa

opportunities by criminals, especially in case of visa abusing and illegal migration. This one can be really a bad problem for the association's image among authorities, and after 11 September 2001, we have to realize another possible threat. That is why we provide addressed statistics-based consultations to the locals which sometimes ask for help when inviting or accepting a foreign participant of an event. Also, a question of opposing illegal migration, in case of its probable touching AEGEE in some way, from Middle East to Europe was raised by Markus Schoenner and studied by the working group.



As to the priorities, in the last years, the main fields of VFF WG's interest became Ukraine, Russia, Belo-Russia and Romania.

And about our methods – lately we got to the point that what we really need is a good statistics. The first steps done in that direction – Jet de Waard's database of West European locals

(for internal use) and Volodymyr Martynovskyy's questionnaires (general question on visa matters for AEGEE locals and also the one to prevent visa abusing throughout AEGEE). Finally, we have got our logo. Volodymyr Kupchak (AEGEE-Ivano-Frankivsk) had created several examples, so after voting the one was selected.

"I personally like this WG because I find it realistic and practical, and also because it's a real Supporting WG, that tries to support mobility in AEGEE. Is there anything more important for an association like ours?" Says Luca Falcone, the Speaker of VFF WG.

EWG of AEGEE-ANKARA

ERASMUS OFFICES RESEARCH REPORT (Beran Tanilir)

As members of Education Working Group, we are proud of publishing "ERASMUS OFFICES RESEARCH RESULTS", finally. The report consists of several parts mostly focusing on Erasmus experiences of the different countries namely United Kingdom, Hungary, France, Germany, Belgium, Romania and Portugal. These countries are selected both for their economic and educational backgrounds. Some are prosperous ones in European Union and some are recently joined mem-

bers trying to implement Socrates Programme. Furthermore, report highlights a part which gives a proposal to the newly established National Agency of Turkey and various related institutions according to the outcomes of the analysis of the

structures of Erasmus offices in the countries that are mentioned above. In addition to this, the report includes several headlines such as; briefly Socrates, Turkey's current situation and ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) experiences.



AECEE-FIRENZE

ALIVE & KICKING

(Paolo Santoni)

Once upon a time there was a baby antenna in central Italy. The baby was born in 1992, in these years has grown up organizing many Summer University and other events.... and after many years the antenna was more and more active and alive and a bunch of enthusiastic members invited all Europe to celebrate this great goal.....10 years of life!! Almost 110 people (mainly from our beloved Rainbow region...but every region had some Members present!) gathered in Firenze for this event. The earliest comers had the chance to get a night glimpse of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo, a "marvellous balcony" up above the city centre. Friday was dedicated to the sightseeing around the centre passing through the cathedral S.Maria del Fiore and walking on the world famous via Calzaiuoli that leads to Piazza Signoria with Palazzo Vecchio and the "DAVID" statue.



Just in time to gather all around and travel to Montepiano a village on Appenine mountain were the celebration "2 days party" was held!! Music, drinking games, international dances.....until 5 in the morning just in time for a quick meeting in the kitchen and a "snack-breakfast" for the survivor before

on and whole Europe.....before the latin-american (salsa) Lesson held in the main dancing floor in Villa Sperling the ancient mansion used to host all the participants and to share every breathtaking moments of the event. Sunday was mainly dedicated to recover after the Saturday night party finished (for some crazy guys.....at 8 o'clock am!!)....time to say goodbye and for the luckiest an additional tourist tour Again walking through the narrow medieval street of the centre of FIRENZE.

going to bed...Saturday morning an early breakfast (12,30 am !!) before the trekking trip... unfortunately Ruined by the rain.

In the afternoon there was time even for a couple of informal meeting talking about Future events and projects in the regi-

on and whole Europe.....before the latin-american (salsa) Lesson held in the main dancing floor in Villa Sperling the ancient mansion used to host all the participants and to share every breathtaking moments of the event.

Sunday was mainly dedicated to recover after the Saturday night party finished (for some crazy guys.....at 8 o'clock am!!)....time to say goodbye and for the luckiest an additional tourist tour Again walking through the narrow medieval street of the centre of FIRENZE.

AECEE-NAPOLI

AECEE-NAPOLI CALLS EUROPE!!!

(Elio Larrobino)

Europe replies: "Here I am!"; "Let's go!"; "Always together!". To bring Europe in Napoli and Napoli in Europe; 365 days in a year, 24 hours in a day! Pure AECEE spirit. This is the key for

success! AECEE Napoli focused on the local development and on the cultural exchange with the Italian and European antennas. "Union makes us strong... AECEE make us stronger!"

Our antenna's development, thanks to a good increase of the local activities, is fundamentally based on the spread of European AECEE spirit in our city through the participation of local



university students and of foreign students from all over Europe, belonging to programs such as the "Socrates-Erasmus" and Leonardo",

AEGEE-Napoli has placed its European nature the disposal of Erasmus students, finding lodgings for them, setting up a free course of Italian language and solving problems of adaptation. In order to help these European students we have created an Erasmus Working Group, involving foreign students designed for understanding and pleasing all their needs.

Periodically we organize trips around the city, visiting castles, parks, the fascinating corridors of the "Underground Napoli", not forgetting very important sites as Pompei, Sorrento and The Volcano Vesuvio nor the gorgeous islands of Capri, Ischia, Procida; pushing on as far

as the high Appennino, organizing nice week end on the snow! Weekly we organize International Student Party in beautiful nightspots and in wonderful sites such as villas of the 17th century, in order to soci-

alization. Art has held an important role as well! In fact we have presented at famous theatrical performances and at interesting concerts in renowned jazz clubs and in the conservatoire; without forgetting the tradition of cinema, through a film club with famous Italian films, subtitled in English. Contacts with the national antennas, like AEGEE-Roma/ Pisa/ Salerno/ Firenze/ Trieste, have always been continuous and steady. Unity is strength! Involving all the members and Erasmus students we organized more than one International Students Local Event together with the Italian antennas. We visited the wonderful Imperial Roma, having a

delicious dinner on the Roman hills, we swam along the Amalfi coast, sipping a good limoncello, and we walked along the Gulf of Napoli, eating the special pizza!

In fact another unavoidable drawback is you can not avoid of putting on weight when you eat Italian food!

But these are the inevitable consequences of living in our mad city..! But that's not everything. We are still alive, with a lot of energy to spend with you. Don't forget AEGEE's 10th anniversary in Napoli, 2003.

So we're waiting for you in the hottest and maddest European city, with our lethal cocktail of



culture, sun, sea, history, fun and love. 100% Neapolitan life...100% Italian Style...100% Europe...100%pure AEGEE Spirit! We are waiting for you!!!

AEGEE-PISA

SALSA COURSE UNDER THE "LINING TOWER"

(Paolo Santoni)

Finally after some years of almost total inactivity and on the razor edge of being Deleted from the network, AEGEE-Pisa came back to new life and a new board.

New fresh forces and motivated people guided by Irene Buoncristiani (new president in Pisa) and Paolo Santoni (president in Firenze and reference person towards the Rainbow

Region and the european bodies) and especially thanks to Network Commission and their help and assistance.

The re-launch event was a Latin-American dances course

(mainly Salsa and Merengue) held

Under the "lining" tower of Pisa.....ehm "almost under"!!

During the event, 20 participants from all Europe were able to discover every corner of Piazza dei Miracoli with the Cathedral, the Baptysterium, the "Lining Tower" and the monumental cemetery, Under the precise guide of Irene. Apart

from walking and visiting the whole centre of this pretty university town, we were guided to visit Lucca another Tuscan beauty characterized by having Still all the medieval walls and many picturesque tower belonging to the old medieval time.

In the morning Paolo was waking up the participants to a Latin melodies sound and

made a wide Introduction to Latin rhythm and dances for beginners and intermediate dancers.



Last night great party together with a group of Erasmus students that joined our activities, During the Lucca trip and the Pisa Centre walking discoveryin the traditional habit of Involving Erasmus student in every Aegee activity and events.

AECEE-SZEGED

BORN TO BE ALIVE

(Virag Szabó)

Past events in 2002 included the end of the trilateral exchange program with Katowice and Groningen, as well as the very successful gastronomic protocol event called Planning Eating. 30 students from 11 different universities took part in the 4 fantastic days of fun, food and laughter. The event received great feedback. In April, 2003, Szeged hosted "Born to Be Alive", the 6 day opening fest of DWG's "Dance Around Europe". The fest focused on folk culture and dancing in particu-



lar, with participants from various countries presenting their own.

This summer, Szeged will organise a 12-day bike tour called the "Maros Rally" with 4 Romanian antennae to promote the idea of unity. Szeged also has its sights set on hosting another Planning Meeting like the one in 2000, or European School in the near future. A further exchange program is also in the making, and Szeged, being close to 2 borders, is hoping to launch some form of co-operati-

on with locals from neighbouring countries.

AEGEE-Szeged will celebrate its tenth anniversary next year. It currently has over 100 members. The active core of the membership, along with the board, meets once a week. The meetings, after official business has been dealt with, are usually continued as parties at a cafe, pub, or at the ice-skating rink in the winter. Of course, the members don't only party together after meetings. A crazy 3 day "let go of my hair, I've worked enough" party is held regularly



with active members by Lake Balaton.

In-depth, up-to-date informati-

on is always available on our website at <http://www.szeged.aegee.hu>. Come visit us one day!

planning meetings

AEGEE-ENSCHDE

PLANNING MEETING THINK EUROPE 2003

(Leonoor Brouwer)

After several months of preparation, it finally happened: the first participants of our PM arrived. We, the organizing team, have lived for weeks in the office of AEGEE-Enschede and sleep was hard to get the last couple of days... but there they were, the people we had done it all for. The AEGEE members that arrived were all glad they were in Enschede, and we were happy the participants were so nice and willing to give their best at this spring PM.

At Friday the meeting started with an introduction in how to participate in a PM and with a Dutch Language Course, essential when you would like to order a beer in another pub than our own AEGEE pub Asterion... But who wants to? The opening party was great, everybody met old friends and the DJ was good. The waking on Saturday went well, and at

exactly half past nine the opening took place, led by the chair team. There was just one little problem: the coffeemaker broke down so a few people were unable to pay real attention... lucky enough this problem was quickly solved and when the workshops started everybody gave his best. The European Night was great, everybody was having fun and most of the people were dressed strange, what was perfect because of the carnival theme that night. The cocktails were amazing and so was the rest (maybe partly because of the cocktails...) as we could all see on Sunday, when AEGEE-TV presented us some movies they had made that night. After a cruel waking and some morning aerobics, this last day went smooth, as the workshops continued and the organizing team was relaxing. J

In the last plenary we saw some presentations of events yet to come, which we would all join if only possible. We also heard the outcomes of the workshops, which were fascinating. It was clear that every workshop group had done some good work in discussing its subject.

After the ATV movies the chair-team closed the PM. But it still wasn't over yet! Sunday night was the Dutch party, with a lot of orange, Dutch flags on cheeks, liquorice and cheese. After this and a short night, the participants went home, or to Maastricht for the post event. We, the organizing team, look back on a fantastic PM, with great contact with the participants, the CD and the chair-team. We are all determined to visit a lot of events and to become even more active AEGEE-members. So.... see you in Europe!

FIRST REGIONAL PLANNING MEETING

(Monica Zarna)

It was one morning, one bright Sunday morning...nooooooo!! That's the opening phrase of my soon-to-be-written memoirs. Once again: It happened during the regional

with this statement). The novelty of the event was that there were no IE training sessions but only discussions about topics that were considered "hot" – such as sources of funding,

night when the European Night party took place. THAT was a wild party!!! Ask some of AEGEE's most popular people present there if you don't believe me ;-). It was so crazy that it actually provided us with the topics needed to make a whole "RPM Gossip Review" – the organizing team did not go to sleep but spent the whole night making that – it was a big success according to our very credible sources. Moreover, diplomas were handed in next morning, alongside the breakfast



Meeting in Budapest in April 2002 – the idea of having a new kind of Regional Meeting meant only very active people arose. Six months after (well, not EXACTLY six months to the day) the first ever Regional Planning Meeting started in



Arad. We had to share the pleasure of organizing this event with AEGEE Timisoara – which was not so bad after all, since the participants got to see two of the most beautiful cities in the western part of Romania (I don't expect all of you to agree

present there). For the part organized by AEGEE Arad, we didn't actually stay in Arad but went to a beautiful old (haunted) mansion which proved to be full of surprises – quite cold at the beginning, the atmosphere heated during the second

how to organize exchanges, the situation of the locals in the region (there were quite a lot of CarpaTEAM members

and coffee. We loved so much the diversity of locals present there (at least one from each country in the region) that we gave each of them a little present. Another funny moment (actually it was a gathering of "moments" which lasted for about an hour) was the presentation of the locals present: from the mostly female run by a male tyrant local, to the x-ray censored one-man show – it was something worth seeing. ...and they lived happily ever after...WRONG!!!! That's the ending phrase of my soon-to-be-written novel. Hmmm...how should I end this? ...I got it!!!

EUROPEAN SCHOOL-JUST LIKE A PILL

(Anna Windorpska)

It is often like that: everybody's telling you: "That couldn't work out, it's impossible". And then it works. everything's going ok, everybody's happy. Sometimes



you just need one conversation, one meeting, one smile... And nothing is impossible any more! I'm sure you knew that story before, it must have happened also in your life before. And in October 2002 it happened in Gdansk, with AEGEE-Gdansk organizing European School I. The event took place from 27

Oct till 03 Nov and was simply fantastic! From the very beginning all participants were so enthusiastic and full of positive attitude. Selected staff was willing to share their knowledge and experience, to give as much AEGEE-Spirit as possible.

We tried to do our best: all of them had opportunity to stay in the heart of Old Town in Gdansk, with old narrow

party - you think alcohol. When you put alcohol and AEGEE-member together... you get a huge party! You get "Hondo Game" and European Night! Those crazy nights... Even now when I'm thinking about it I regret so much it had to end.

Seven days... Seven days without sleep but with lots of beer, vodka, zubrowka etc. Seven days which caused that many people are active in AEGEE. Seven days, which were one of the most important for AEGEE-Gdansk - it was like an energetic pill! In October you could



streets, famous Gdansk fountain "Neptun", beautiful houses. The real students' place: with many different pubs, cafes, discos. Who could have been bored there?!

Who could have been not influenced by the romantic atmosphere of autumn evenings either?! Not our participants - not even staff or organizers! First shy looks, first dances and talks - that is also what is ES for! :-)

When you think Poland - you think party. When you think

see only a few active people, now we are stronger and stronger!

We saw that there are so many reasons to be active - as many reasons as AEGEE-members. Reasons for travelling, reasons to get more and more members in Gdansk. If we could experience this, why not the others?

Thank you Matina and Kasia! Thanks Iza! Thank you staff and participants! Without you Gdansk wouldn't be the same!

INTERNAL EDUCATION OF AEGEE-ANKARA, AN ADDICTION, A LEGEND

(Can Uz)

Think that you do not know anything about organizing an event and if you asked yourself "How to organize an event?" then welcome to the greatest internal education event in Europe..

After many sleepless nights, the structure of education, the content of the lectures have been created. A compact European School for 150 participants, From dusk till dawn participants apply for grants, listen to lectures about pr, fr, budgeting...Simulations in your dream antenna, electing your new board, having an interview with professional oldies with interesting characters who play hard when it comes to money issues.Sending nearly a thousand e-mails.A competition between dream antennas...The day finishes and the night starts,great AEGEE parties.

Since 2002 the event is open for not just AEGEE-Ankara members also to the other antennas or to the people who are inte-

rested in AEGEE, we will see the results next year. The people who joined the sessions in recent years are today's boards,



active members in European level or the founders of new locals. In order to strengthening the image of AEGEE in NGO environment we also invite people from different NGO's. In addition to this new people meet oldies, participants also meet people from other antennas and work together for a common purpose.This event trains not just the participants but also the lecturers. The people learn

many things and next year they start to work as a rookie(!) in Ankara or in their antenna. The event is a factory which produ-

ces new lecturers, a good place to find new contacts and meet people.

These are the things which participants see but what about the background. Actually for the event,we start to work for a month ago. Meetings and bla bla bla... The most tiring but also the most enjoyable parts are simulations, answering the mails in a computer lab all day, giving money and taking it back J.. Discussing about the people,reading mails like:

Dear COCA-COLA..., Dear Mrs Michael..., J

Interesting fantasy names to Antennas,companies and to people which makes you smile all day.After 3 days like this, the event finishes but for the people the life starts with another way.They learn more about AEGEE,they have new friends,they have new experiences and ready for new adventures. The result: participants blood type changes, it becomes AEGEE +...



AEGEE-HELSINKI

A SNOWY EDUCATIONAL COTTAGE WEEKEND

(Malin Kaiser)

11-12. January 17 goodmooded North-regioners from Estonia, Finland and Sweden gathered in Helsinki for a relaxing Internal Education Weekend. After an introduction to AEGEE and a huge lunch we left the civilisation. An hour and a half later, after taken a train, bus and had a walk in the sun, we ended up in a small cottage by a frozen lake in the great woods of Espoo surrounded only by trees, snow and silence.

While we still had daylight we carried in woods, melted snow

for water, and started to warm up the sauna while big snowflakes started to fall again. The different Working Groups within AEGEE became familiar and the situation in the North region was discussed with some possibilities to improve the co-operation between the antennae were suggested. Games like whoopee and detective were played while the darkness outside made the cottage feel warm and cosy. After the sauna more games were played and long discussions in various languages

held about different cultures and stereotypes we all have.

Sunday morning we had an introduction to IT in AEGEE, sledged down the hill to the lake, played games on the ice for hours and just enjoyed the winter sun. Concrete plans for the Summer University were made to the accompaniment of laughter. After lunch we unfortunately already had to clean up the place and return to the civilisation to remember the nice time we had together that snowy weekend.

local events

AEGEE-KONSTANZ

EUROPA 2005 - A SIMILATION OF THE EUROPEAN DECISION FINDING PROCESS

(Volker Vonhoff-Till Schröter)

Finally it was Thursday, after one year of planning the first participants arrived in Konstanz and everybody realized that the simulation was just about to start. Our goal was to simulate the process of decision finding in the European Union after the joining of the Eastern European countries – altogether with 25 states. The empirical example was the EU Commission proposal for a directive on cocoa and chocolate products for human consumption. The main issue was whether vegetable fats other than cocoa butter should be allowed as an ingredient

.All the people were accommodated and then we started out

at three o'clock. Prof. von Graevenitz, principal of our university, and Prof. Schneider, Euro-

After that it was time to proceed into medias res. Several conferences followed, just interrup-



pean politics expert at our university, held opening speeches.

ted by informal discussions and several trials for lobbying.

At the end of the day, after an informal welcome held by the president of the European Council, we all went downtown and the evening ended with a relaxed pub-crawl in our beautiful city at the Lake of Constance.

The official part of the next day started similar to the end of the first – with formal and informal negotiations and discussions. On Friday as the participants

got more and more involved, controversial topics were discussed, and it was interesting to see how easily the participants adapted to their roles. The individual interests of the countries had been represented seriously and sound.

After a hard working day the "European Night" was welcome. It was time to reassure friendships and to overcome some of the personal disagreements of

the day. Much to soon Saturday arrived and tired participants could be seen working on the last points of a compromise that was finally agreed on. With the ensuring knowledge that at least 95% of fats in any future chocolate will (would) be pure cocoa butter we enjoyed the final panel discussion. We wished each other goodbye until the next Model European Council in Konstanz.

AEGEE-PASSAU

SERVUS = SERVUS

(Stefan Hauk)

If somebody greets you saying „Servus“ it could be that you find yourself in Austria, in Bavaria or in Transylvania ... or you just met someone who took part in the exchange project "Servus = Servus", organised by AEGEE-Passau and AEGEE-Sibiu. This exchange took place from 4th to 10th of March 2003 in Passau. It was the counter-visit of the students from Sibiu after an AEGEE-Passau delegation came to Sibiu last September.

For some of the Romanian participants it was their first trip abroad and thanks to a YOUTH grant we could offer the whole programme for free and reimburse travel costs. During the exchange week the participants visited

among others the cities Passau and Landshut, the biggest BMW factory in the world, a nuclear



power plant and the only graphite mine in the European Union. One of the highlights of this

event was certainly the "Bavarian Evening" with traditional food and drinks, folk dances and a language course in Bavarian. The latter was even helpful for non-Bavarian participants from Germany.

A special element of this event was a fictive criminal case. The participants were divided into several small groups with the aim to collect hints and proofs for their theory about a missing person. The idea

of that case work was taken from the "Sex & Crime" Summer University organised by

AEGEE-Budapest, Wien and Győr in 1998 and adapted with the help of some Kaffifertig (Swiss drink consisting of coffee and strong alcohol).

Thanks to the small group, pe-



ople had a very personal and authentic insight into the habits and life of their new friends. For the organizers of the exchange, Stefan Hauk and Michael Forster, it was the last AECEE event after many years active on the local and European level: "That will not prevent you from seeing us at other AECEE events, but you should



stop when it's the nicest". Let's hope that their last event inspired younger people to start similar projects!

This is actually quite likely: already during the exchange AECEE-Passau grew by two new members who heard of the exchange and immediately caught the AECEE virus

AECEE-VIENNA

CHRISTMAS IN VIENNA

(Barbara Bock)

Some impressions from the organizers' point of view

In the last years it has become a cherished tradition in our Antenna to spend some days in December on bringing to life an early feeling of Christmas.

So again this year 19 AECEE-angels arrived in Vienna to join us for "Christmas in Vienna".

On Thursday evening the first get together took place in a relaxed atmosphere in a pub, where everybody tried to find out "who is who".

Friday, 6th of December, started with a visit to the former summer-residence of the Habsburgian Emperors, Schönbrunn-Castle, in front of which a charming Christmas Market

takes place very year. Furthermore, we visited the exhibition "Christmas around the World", which offered a good insight into customs and traditions in ot-

her parts of the world. In the afternoon a tour through the city did not only show Vienna's main sights but also it attracted the participants with its lovely Christmas decoration. The weathergod seemed a little ungracious to us, but even rain at temperatures close to freezing point couldn't really spoil our mood – it just made obvious that it was time to devote our-

cond corner.

Later in the night we went out for disco.

The highlight of the programme was when, after having dinner at a private flat, every participant presented his national Christmas-Customs, music, cookies and special dishes of the season. We let the afternoon come to an end singing together. After having gained a very

good impression of different Christmas traditions it was time for - a PARTY, where everybody was dancing and drinking till early in the morning.

On Sunday we met for lunch in a restaurant. Afterwards we visited the Museum of National His-

tory and then it was unfortunately time to say goodbye..

Hopefully the participants went home with memories of the event as good as ours!



selves to a popular habit of that season: drinking traditional hot "Punsch" (usually made of rum, orange juice and some spices) – ready to take-away at every se-

AEGEE-LJUBLJANA

TRADITIONAL SLOVENIAN HABITS AND DRINKS AND MUCH MORE

(Mojca Zerovec)

AEGEE Ljubljana is full of fresh enthusiasm and vigour, imbued with AEGEE spirit...so what have we been up to in the last few months? First of all we have to mention the event which took place last December: Traditional Slovenian Habits and Drinks – some sixty participants from the Rainbow region had a great time getting to know Slovenian culture up close and personal in Kranjska Gora. A ski resort in the Alps. Besides enjoying the wonderful natural setting they tried traditional dishes, learned about Slovenian folk dances and songs. We also held a karaoke competition, explored Kranjska Gora's nightlife, tried our gambling luck in a casino and ended our event with dipping

into a one of the nearby hotels swimming pools – which was a good way to recover from the fatigue after the action-packed weekend.

In the beginning of January we elected a new board and in order to strengthen the bonds between us, we had quite a few local activities, including ice-skating. We can truly claim that we are not only connected through AEGEE membership, but also as close friends. So what are our plans for the future? On the local level we tend to arrange a photo workshop for our members, which will help them to take even better pictures when they travel to one of the many Summer Universities and make the most of their lasting memories. Of course we

also plan to organise a Summer University ourselves – this year under the motto *DNature Thrills* – from the Alps to the Adriatic Sea® where we intend to take our guests through three different regions of Slovenia and show them the diversities of our country. In autumn there is a conference on the topic of (Re-) Nationalization and Regionalisation (EU/ non EU Relations) coming up, which we think will be interesting also for other students of the University of Ljubljana, not just to AEGEE members. As we are striving for a greater role and recognisability of AEGEE among Slovenian student population, this will surely be an important contribution to that end.

AEGEE-VALETTA

STARRING MALTA

(Alexianne Galea)

It's half past eight and the December sun is already up, waiting for you to cherish it till the very end, when then, it makes way for the shining moon and the twinkling stars, all staring at you and tracking you down... in STARRING MALTA!

Five years have passed ever since Roger Bugeja decided to take a chance, a chance on AEGEE and to found the antenna on the island which soon began to prosper and organise a variety of events, be it a Summer

University, an International Conference, a Seminar or a Planning Meeting. All of these events have involved hard work yet they have also brought about wonderful friends all across Europe, a blending of different cultures and traditions and above all, a series of remarkable episodes which will always be there!

For the first time in its history, AEGEE-Valletta embarked upon a new venture: the organisation of a New Year's Event. This

idea made a lot of sense since the year 2002 bore a special significance and so, we needed to Celebrate! A celebration for our fifth anniversary, a celebration to the new wave of Valletta enthusiasts, a celebration to wave the passed successful years and above all, a celebration to embrace the new year...

Indeed what a Celebration! A 19th Century Castle was the chosen venue for the New Years' Eve Party. An unforgettable atmosphere of stars descending

at the stroke of midnight, colourful sparkles illuminating the sky above us, champagne being washed down amidst the several balloons coming down ... on the newly-formed couples for the night! And the Celebrations did not stop there - the participants found a lavish à la carte menu waiting for them to devour on New Years' Day!

In the end, Starring Malta was much more than that! Going down the narrow winding streets of Vittoriosa, visiting the Inquisitor's Palace and subsequently enjoying a Wine Tasting Tour was certainly a delightful

day! The same thing can be said to when we went for the night's treasure hunt, hunting down the lanterns and lamp-posts of Malta's old capital, Mdina and finally stopping to taste the traditional pastizzii while drinking wine in a breathtaking setting! Another day was dedicated to Malta's sister island, Gozo where Pre-historic temples older than the Pyramids were visited and where the impressive natural phenomena of the Azure Window and Dwejra could be admired. Oh and what to say about the nights! Apart from the 'clandestine' romances being consumed

in Villa Rosa's corridors, there were also the Astronomy Session where we all got to know a little bit more about stars, which after all were central to our event! However, in the end, we all ended up stars... after drinking the traditional liqueurs brought by our participants during the European Night!

Truly amazing, so unbelievably amazing that a sequel to this event will be organised for the year 2003. Needless to say, Starring Malta gave way to new beginnings for AEGEE-Valletta. Stay tuned coz some more is on the way!

AEGEE-LUBLIN

GLOBALIZATION IN POLAND

(Ola Skurko)

AEGEE-LUBLIN organized a conference about the possible results of globalization to the Polish economy and culture. This subject becomes more and more popular therefore we decided to talk about it. The conference took place in the Grand Hotel Lublinianka (a very nice place with many stars) and the Department of Political Science. The conference was addressed to students from Lublin, antennas from Poland and our favourite antenna: Aegee-Minsk

Actually, the whole event started on 6th March, when our friends from Minsk came and we spent a great evening in a pub talking, laughing and refreshing the memories from previous exchanges- it



was really great, (AEGEE-Minsk we have to repeat it!)

The next day the conference was in full swing. The purpose was to analyze the pros and cons of this process, without gi-

ving the simple answer whether it is good or bad. We tried to show different aspects of the problem.

The first lecture is surely worth mentioning. Prof. Jerzy Koczowski from East-Central Europe Institute made a very interesting introduction to the conference. He explained that globalization is a possibility which can be used in various ways. Al-

so the problem of survival of our national identity is a problem of our personal choice. If we really want to stay or develop our identity, we will, even though we will live or work with people from completely different cultures.

During the second day we discussed



the influence of the globalization for polish economy, especially the role of foreign capital and the process of setting of huge corporations which can lead to monopoly. We also made two debates about the global culture. One of them was prepared by members of Aegee Lublin and participants from another antennas. Two groups tried to persuade the audience of their completely opposite points of view, which



finally made the discussion very funny.

That day we also made a small sightseeing tour around The Old Town. Thanks to our gu-

ides it was more like a great performance with The Old Town in the background!!! After a long European night we started the last day of the conference, which finished with a lecture about the role of NGOs (Aegee!!!) in the globalization.

We do hope that everybody had a great time, we certainly did. We also promise you will hear about AEGEE- Lublin again in the future. We hope to see you all soon.

AEGEE-MARIBOR

ENTER EUROPEAN EDUCATION SYSTEM WITH AEGEE-MARIBOR

(Andra Luji)

Maribor from 21st to 23rd February 2003. ENTER EUROPEAN EDUCATION SYSTEM conference, organised by AEGEE-Maribor with cooperation of the Education for Democracy project, Bologna-Prague-Berlin project and Youth for SEE project and under the patronage of The University in Maribor and Slovene minister of European affairs. The project dealt with higher education, with focus on comparing Yugoslav and Slovene higher education systems with European standards.

Harmonisation of education systems in Europe is essential for a better and more efficient co-operation and student exchange. Mag. Karin Riegler (EUA) explained the basic facts and goals of the Declaration. South-eastern countries require major reforms in all sectors and education system is only one part of global changes and AE-

GEE's effort to participate in the ongoing reforms was a lecture by Dr. Srbijanka Turajli_, (Deputy of Minister of Higher Education in Serbia). Her lively presentation shed light on the past, present and future situation in Serbia.

Dr. Bogomir Mihevc (Association for Teaching in Higher Education) gave a lecture on the present situation of Slovene higher education. All the republics in ex-Yugoslavia, including Slovenia, had the same education system, but Slovene system has undergone broad changes since independence in 1991. Even if it has not fully met the demands of European standards, Slovenia can serve as a model for countries in transition.

Workshops about AEGEE in the Bologna process, Mobility, Quality Assurance of Education and Student impact on reforms at local level were also very in-

teresting, prod

The first conference within the framework of Bologna-Prague-Berlin project took place in uctive and instructive.

Being aware that Bologna declaration is still not well known among European students, especially those coming from South-eastern Europe, the conference offered a deeper insight into the current situation, programmes, projects and actions in the European higher education area.

The first objective "clearing up and explaining basic notions" was successfully achieved. Another goal was experience sharing, comparing situations, problems and problem-solving strategies in different countries and the results of the Maribor conference are going to be used productively in the participants' countries. As a follow-up, a result booklet will be issued.

More about conference:
<http://www.aegEE.uni-mb.si/educonf>

The pleasant part was not neglected and AEGEE-Maribor once again proved why it is famous for great atmospheres, wild parties and hospitality. The post-event, participants could see the magnificent Alps and

Ljubljana, the capital, which was a great success, but we must not uncover all the pleasures that AEGEE-Maribor offered, let us just invite you to discover it yourself! Citation of Sena Latif, vice-president of AEGEE-Europe speaks for itself: There have been 3 days of perfect programme (and 2 days

of post-event :)), very good lectures delivered by externals relevant to the topic, workshops and discussion rounds, as well as fantastic parties and social programme. All in the context of great logistics (nice hostel, university, restaurants etc.) but MOST important: simply fantastic PEOPLE!!

AEGEE-MAINZ WIESBADEN

POLITICS. CHOCOLATE AND BEER

(Christine Müller)

Getting to know THE European institution – the European Parliament – and let other people get to know it, had been the initial idea of our trip to Brussels. So we packed up 50 students, a good international mix, and went to the city of our European dreams.

After an involuntary sightseeing tour through the surroundings (we missed the tunnel that could have guided us directly to the EP) we finally arrived and had an interesting presentation and discussion about the institution. Instead of a conventional city sightseeing tour we did a rally that led us through the most different areas of the town – a potpourri containing tourist attractions like the Man-



neken Pis as well as a glimpse on the specific problems of the capital of the EU. People discovered the city by themselves and got in contact with the natives of Brussels to solve the tasks. Chocolate and beer, delicious and nutritious, gave us a sweet-sour impression of the Belgian cuisine and kept us ali-

ve the whole three days.

The main attraction for the accompanying AEGEE members (who were all newcomers to AEGEE) was the visit of the AEGEE head office. Now we know, they're working hard, even on Sunday! Thanks to Susanna and all the others for the warm welcome!



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ADRENALINE ADDICTS A MEETING IN MARIBOR

(Marko and Simon)

It runs your blood through your veins. Rocks your mind! Flashes through your brain...Two times per second. Some hate it, many love it, others can't live without it. No, it is not sex, it's ADRENALINE!!!

For organizers of ADRENALINE ADDICTS event (31.1. – 2.2.2003) started according to the title of the event. 36 hours before the official beginning half of the participants cancelled their arrival. Well we all make mistakes...a very good lesson for the future. A few weeks of planning, endless meetings, lots of letters to our sponsors, high blood pressure, nervous expectations of participants...disappeared once we saw our old friends from Croatia, Yugoslavia and Italy. We have realized that our first event of the year is actually going to be realized. Participants came and af-

to try a few more and even the organizers forgot about the time. Without our punctual guide we would have stayed there till the morning hours :-). The city tour took us all over Maribor and finally to dinner in one of

so we moved to the welcome party place near the dormitory. Drinks began to disappear and after a while we found out that adrenalin attracts a special kind of people that can make a special kind of atmosphere on the

dance floor. Introduction games and many other games made our party louder from one minute to another. First we got the warning from the security man of the dormitory. In spite all the warnings it was impossible to destroy the team spirit. Then we got a visit from the local police. Music stopped and we managed to convince them we are going to continue without it. But of course the spirit was, really great so even without the radio our singing

brought the men in blue back after only ten minutes (I guess even the police likes our parties so they stayed till the end :-)). After 2 o'clock some most tired ones went to bed most resistant ones moved again to the party house trust where we partied till daylight.

After few hours of sleep (for some of us you can say minutes) waking people up was a quite a challenge. Extreme measures were used for the most resistant ones (cold water and pulling people of the bed :-)). Express breakfast and high-speed drive to Pohorje hill woke those most sleepy ones. Still under influence of



ter lunch we traditionally walked to the greatest wine cellar in Europe. Few glasses of various white wines convinced us

the best city restaurants where we got the first chance to get to know each other. Once we started we couldn't get enough of it

energy drinks and those few drops of alcohol from last night party most of us successfully completed all heavy and relaxing tasks that people from Adrenalin Park prepared for us. There were some problems with the pillar of courage. Once you get near the top the adrenaline part begins. You should step with one leg on the top of the pillar but there is no hand support anymore. Balance is the key. Somehow balance isn't as easy 12 meters from the ground as it is standing on firm land. I wonder why? Still many people managed to stand up and even to turn around for 180 degrees and even to make a figure of an airplane. The feeling after jumping off was incredible. Screams from the giant swing were attracting many visitors of the adrenaline park. Many participants were also thrilled when they saw a very

bumpy fast sledge downhill course. Our behinds were really suffering for the next hour. Great speeds made us get off the sledges before the end of the course in a non-expected, wet



and painful way. It was a true miracle there were no serious injuries.

In spite all the adrenaline and

exhausting task through all day and not much sleep from the night before, we were all ready for the party at Trust. Sangria was already waiting there to warm us up. The game of the night was hammer slammer. First we drank a tequila bum who was followed by a real bum with a sledgehammer on the head luckily protected by the helmet. Sunday relaxing part in the spa was more than welcome. Of course relaxation was brief and we continued on ice. High-speed chases on ice between other peaceful visitors can be a real challenge. The day was almost over and so was our event. Energy level was incredible low but emotions at saying goodbye were at their peak. New and old friends went home, but nothing will be able to delete all the great memories of another great event by AEGEE-Maribor!

AEGEE-MINSK

CREATE YOUR FREEDOM

(Nikita Andreew)

Can you tell about your feeling? Can you express it in motion? Can you sing about it? All these means of self-expression are available for us. You only need to find the hidden energy inside you and set it free.

The project "Freedom through Creativity" (21 – 28.09.02) by AEGEE-Minsk was dedicated to promote this principle. It was a final part of the exchange between AEGEE-Kosice, AEGEE-Utrecht and AEGEE-Minsk. The whole exchange was united by the wide topic of "Freedom" and aimed to let the participants share their visions of this notion.

"Unfortunately, very often Belarus is identified by foreigners from the words "white" and "Russia" as a part of Russia, but not as a big independent state



in the center of Europe" says Marina Apolaiko, the coordinator of the "Freedom through Creativity".

With our program we also aimed to show the participants from West and Central Europe that Belarus is an original state with its own history, language, cultural traditions, nation and spirit. We strove to paint this "hole" on the map of Europe with bright colors".

Each day of the week in Minsk was dedicated to a certain kind of art. A traditional day of acquaintance with the city was followed by the Opening Day with lectures on Belorussian culture

and the Art of Living.

The Day of Music gave us a view on the history of music in Europe, the sounds of traditional vocal and modern rock music, and the skills to use our bodies as musical instruments. Then there was the Day of Theatre and Cinema, when the professionals of the national film studio "Belarusfilm" revealed

the secrets of animated work. The Day of History has shown us how art intertwines with the history of Belarus in its traditional architecture. On the Day of Body we have found out how our muscles can act and how they can draw various images and turn us into water or smoke.

The whole week was full of

unexpected experiences that have challenged the participants of the exchange to brake the usual borders of action. The organisers believe that they managed to bring positive impressions to everyone who took part in this event and to prove that art can be a good way to freedom and that true freedom is inside us.

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GOSSIP WORLD - SU 2002

(N. Dzamtoska)

Cultural Pilgramige Jesus Madjoromo Sanchez, in Spanish people more famous as "Jesus que Cruz" was one of the most prominent summer university participants. All Danube pilgrims remember his positive energy, restlessness, dance talent and good mood. The nickname "Lepi"-handsome (with a soft 'L') has been attached to him, but in this AEGEE area he will definitely stay remembered as "Jesus from Leskovac" (soft 'L' again) by his voice and stature. We believe that he could soon become a true star at our Pink television!

To be as well prepared as possible for his arrival to "wild" Serbia, Jesus wished to find out what kind of music does Serbian youth listens to today. His curiosity led him to even learn few lyrics of the song "Le,le,lee,leeee sta mi bi-iii..." (this time with a hard 'L') for which he thought was performed by this area's most famous band called "Tehnike". Later it turned out that 'tehnike' means 'cetnicke'!

Carolina, current president of

AEGEE Vroclav, was nicknamed "Carolina Forinta" during two weeks of summer university. This lovely, young European girl, forgetting about southeastern European borders arrived in Serbia only with forints in her pocket and had a strange look



on her face when she heard that neighbor countries don't accept neighbor currencies. After numerous troubles, tragicomical twists and a melodramatic plot, after getting lost in Kneza Milosa street between Polish and American embassies, over indebted Carolina Forinta suc-

ceeded to change forints into dollars, returning the dinar it's dignity as well as pay back debts to her friends.

3. Some members of AEGEE Beograd, as well as other summer university participants were forced to taste all the magic of accommodation's in one high school home (men's wing) in Novi Sad during the EXIT festival. Encounters and intimacies of "third kind" were inevitable in the bath rooms, which only had showers with cowboy style doors. Showering where "everything is visible but nothing actually is" was performed for couple times a day and the interest for these group refreshments was enormous. I know for a fact that one of these spontaneous mutual cooling-downs occurred between some current board members and that both sides experienced it as a good way of practicing team work and neighbor tolerance. I won't tell you more about other impressions of that "stereo showering", try the same, feel and share AEGEE spirit with somebody, even if is a "cold shower".

These stars are waiting for you!



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