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- ...13 dreams*
- ...17000 students*
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## Message From The Editor

Dear reader,

For the celebration of 15 years Summer Universities Project of AEGEE-Europe, we decided to focus on Summer Universities in AEGEE in this News Bulletin issue. It was prepared with a co-operation of the Summer University Co-ordination Team, AEGEE-Europe and News Bulletin Team. You will find information about people from the past who worked in the Summer University (SU) Project. And also, by reading the articles of the SU events organized in summer of 2003, you will get info about the topics of the events which are organized every summer in AEGEE.

We hope, it will be a significant material for the celebration of 15 years of Summer University Projects of AEGEE.

On behalf of the News Bulletin Team;  
Editorially yours,

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**A**nother hot summer in Iasi, Romania, another hot AEGEE event: our Summer University « Romanian Beauty...!» was held between the 28th of July and 7th of August 2003, being the 5th SU consecutively organized by our antenna. Our organizing team was initially composed of 10 members, but in the end there were 7 organizers left. The main problem in Eastern Romania remains the lack of serious and generous sponsors, who are usually refusing to get involved and to support this kind of projects. Personally I took part in organizing 3 Summer University in our antenna (2000, 2001 and 2003) and the financial problems chased us like a curse every year....But this is also a sign that our Fun-raising group should act more intensively.

But enough with the bad things, let's just say some nice ones. This year we tried to combine all the ingredients of a successful SU, especially trips to the mountains (the Brasov area, sightseeing the Peles Castle, the former royal residence and the Bran Castle, Dracula's temporary residence) and also to the sea side (Costinesti, the most popular youth spa).

In Iasi, there was also a very interesting social program, including the guided visit of the most important tourist attractions in Iasi: the Cathedral, the Culture Palace, the University, the National Theater, the Botanical Garden, the Copou Park and the the famous fortress monasteries Cetatua and Galata (to see how perspicacious were the participants, we also organized an

orientation contest). The participants together with the organizing team had fun in many ways: the European night, a pool party, a sex change party, the Romanian traditional day and also going out in the most popular pubs in Iasi. I personally consider the organization of this event very good, taking into consideration the lack of financial resources and the problems with the sponsors (this year one of our sponsors didn't respect our agreement regarding the bus trip, so we had to hire urgently a minibus). The only thing I can blame our organizing team of is represented by some communication problems between us and the participants. Concerning the group, as a general observation I must say that the participants were not so young, the average age was about 24-25 years, so sometimes the general atmosphere was not so "crazy": people was mainly interested in sightseeing and discussing, than having fun together with the group.

Anyway, we had a very good time together, beside some small organizational problems and this is what some participants said about our event:

Alberto Lenza AEGEE-Firenze: "I spent a really really good time in my Summer University in Iasi and I would like to thank a lot the organizers for the thorough preparation, their engagement and friendly and especially their good spirit of Aegee. I think this event can offer you everything because it includes an experience in the mountains, in a city and at the seaside. I wish good luck



to the members of Aegee Iasi and all the best in the future and I hope to meet them somewhere in Europe."

Gemma Capella Roca, AEGEE-Barcelona: "I would characterize the quality/price ratio (the fee was 120 Euro) as being very good. The meals were perfect, everybody could choose what they wanted, it always took long, but that's normal with so much people".

Petra Seufert, AEGEE-Freiburg "The main activities that took place during the evening were the European cooking night, pub crawling, European discussion, pool party, disco night, they were great! Thanks to the organizers. Despite some problems concerning the organization I enjoyed myself and got a real impression of life in Romania".

From my point of view this SU was a success, even if we encountered some organizational problems and also some totally unexpected difficulties, but it definitely was a good lesson for the future events organized by AEGEE-Iasi!

**02-16.08.2003**

**I**t was beautiful!!! All the participants were very nice and special. We made a real group and now we are still in contact. The SU program was full of excursions. After a quick poll, all the participants voted the best trip of the SU: it was "Trip

to Aliminusa", where we offered them Sicilian special food and an idea of a really special day in a little village in the middle of the Sicily. "Summer Boom 2003" was also characterized of Cultural Exchange: we showed to participants all the most beautiful places of the Sicily, starting

from Palermo and go on to Taormina, Agrigento, Monreale etc... Two teachers have organized the two lesson levels and it was a success. What more??? Me and the other organizers are proud about our work.

Regards!!!





## SUCT introduction

It is with immense pleasure that we celebrate the 15 years of our most important project. Its vitality, and still, its capacity to amaze the people who take part in its events makes us believe that in SU lies the inmost AEGEE's soul. Still, after so many years and so many people experienced the SU concept, it is always like the first time, even better than that, every year people are proposing new ideas.

Now we are facing the challenge of integrating disabled people and creating new SU types like volunteering, and also trying to increase the general level of the courses taught.

However, plunging into the historical research has been one of the best tasks ever.

When last year me and Kamala started it with the help of Susanna, we found in a dusty box all the SU booklets from 1988 and even hand written applications and financial reports... the head-office can really be a treasure at times!

It took us one full year and many people's work to complete the quest. Our eyes have been blazing with joy many times for each new discovery.

We hope that you'll appreciate the history of Summer University-Université d'été...

**Fabrizio  
on behalf of the Project Team 2004**

## Foreword AEGEE-Europe

Dear AEGEE members!

Ever since the Summer University Project was introduced more than 15 years ago, it has been enjoying a great popularity within the Network, constituting a powerful driving force for the locals to become active, recruit new members, get integrated with the rest of the Network and have an excellent valuable time in the summer.

Having gathered together a group of young people speaking different European languages, so much distinct from each other culturally and mentally, SU manages to create a unique "melting pot" with one-of-the-kind atmosphere, spiced by mutual curiosity being the best motivation and help for people to break the barriers and make wonderful friends.

What people experience together at Summer Universities cannot be simply committed into paper. Putting all the theory aside, that is a real integration in

practice, so natural in its assumptions, so deep in our common understanding and practice of tolerance between the nations, that it touched the most genuine feelings of ours, establishing magical bonds of remarkable friendship being much more than just an empty gibberish about friendship, but a real development of incredible, wise relations towards one another.

What joins people together at Summer Universities is not only entertainment, but also long serious talks lasting sometimes even until the break of dawn, getting wet in the rain altogether, hot steaming tea drunk in the little wooden mountain shelter-house, traveling squeezed in a small compartment with all our luggage on our lap, secret smiles that make your day and the sight of the Albanian and Serbian guys giving each other a friendly hug. What joins people together is a dream we all have, a belief in Europe without ethnic wars, where prejudice and hostility get replaced by friendship and co-operation. Europe of

which we all could feel safe and valuable citizens.

With best wishes for the next 15 and many more years,

**Your Comite Directeur:  
Adrian, Wiebke, Nicola, Ewa, Horea,  
Karolina and Risana**



## Article From 1995

"**S**omething to do during the first two weeks of July?" It was a very simple and innocent question that a friend of mine asked me during the spring some years ago. In this way my adventure in AEGEE started and it was with a Summer University. I didn't have anything special to do that July - it was 1988 - but for the next four years some weeks June and July were to be entirely dedicated to the Summer University.

A summer course for European fellow students? No problem! Let's find lodging places, teachers, classrooms, university facilities, let's organise the leisure programme, the excursions, the parties: a titanic job for a students' association that only had 57 local branches through Europe and in Milano didn't have any office. And more or less all the other antennae were in the same situation: no faxes, few computers. There was, anyway, a central SU coordination with the task of publishing a brochure including a presentation of the first 10 courses offered by AEGEE. For the

### **MORE INFO** (from 1995 article of Vittorio dell'Aquila):

"Last month AEGEE was exactly three-years-old. " These words started the first edition of the Summer University brochure, published in 1988 by Daisy Koplmeis in Amsterdam.

For the first year AEGEE presented 11 courses in 10 different towns, for 290 participants, - 6 languages were taught: Catalan, Spanish, German, Italian, Dutch and French. One year later there were already 16 courses and it was possible for the first time to study Greek and Computer Sciences. 23 courses in 1990 and 9 subjects: German, Dutch, Greek, Spanish, Catalan, French, English, Italian and Russian.

registration it was enough to fill in the application form and send it directly to the organising antennae; it was possible at that time: there were only 290 available places. For the first three years a single person was in charge of SU project; but in 1991 more than 40 courses were expected and the number of participants was quickly increasing.

For that reason AEGEE-Europe decided to encharge an entire antenna and to create the "Summer University Coordination Team". One of the first meetings of the SUCT was held in Maastricht. It was February, streets were covered by ice and it wasn't easy at all. But all the interested people were present anyway; we had hours of colourful discussions about which was the best payment procedure and which punishment should be inflicted on those who didn't show up to the courses. We felt like pioneers, and we all knew that we were building up something. Yes: but what? It was Europe. Big word indeed. Centuries and centuries of history, kings and diplomats, writers and philosophers, professional politicians

1638 people applied in 1991 for the 887 available places; they came from 91 cities all over Europe, most of them were Dutch speaking (330), Spanish speaking (279), German speaking (273) and Italian speaking (270). 37 courses were offered for more different subjects. The preferred course was Spanish in Madrid, for which 225 people applied.

In 1992 AEGEE offered 57 courses in 52 different places: German, Danish, English, Dutch, Greek, Spanish, Catalan, Italian, French, Romanian, Hungarian, Russian, Czech, Bulgarian, Theatre, Economics, Geology, Architecture, Photography, Folklore, Journalism, Statistics, Law, Sports, Arts.

didn't manage to create one Europe; how should a band of broke young students change the world travelling from town to town learning some phrases in a new language? Too easy. So easy that nobody else had tried it before. Summer language schools, university courses, postgraduates studies: old stuff; afterwards everybody back home with some knowledge more. With brand new SU spirit it does not happen, because AEGEE is a formidable machine in which is easy to get in and maybe impossible to get out. Because you live with other people, because one lives people, because friends remain, because if you are in Amsterdam, Praha is just around the corner, because in your pocket you always keep addresses of people you will meet again, one day. Because beyond the Euro-bureaucracy it exists a Euro-spontaneity. Political frontiers and linguistic borders don't exist anymore: we, the Summer University enthusiasts, just destroyed them some years ago.

**Francesca Guerrini**  
**Silvia Negrotti**

In Summer 1993 AEGEE organised 68 courses in 72 different European cities, taught 16 languages (Bulgarian, Catalan, English, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian) and 10 other subjects (communication, computers, environment, European law, folklore, history, navigation, politics, sports, water sciences). The preferred courses were French in Genève (with 164 applications), Spanish and Flamenco in Sevilla (151) and French in Bordeaux (131). 3324 persons (1910 women and 1414 men) applied for our courses. They come from 124 university towns in 30 European countries. They spoke 33 different languages (22% of them had

In the year 1994 we have organised 81 courses in 92 different European cities, taught 16 languages (Bulgarian, Catalan, Croatian, Czech, English, Dutch, French, Galician, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish) and 13 other subjects (associations' organisation, communication, computers, culture, European law, gastronomy, folklore, history, navigation, philosophy, photography, politics, sports). The preferred courses for Summer 1994 were the Travelling Summer University through the Nordic Countries organised by AEGEE-Aalborg, Kobenhavn, lurid and Turku/Abo (with 167 applications),

the course of Spanish in Madrid (162) and French in Montpellier (151). 4028 persons (2322 women and 1706 men) applied for our courses and more than a half of them participated in a Summer University. They come from 135 university towns in 31 European countries. They spoke 38 different languages (20% of them had Italian as mother tongue, 14% Spanish, 10% German and Hungarian, 8% Dutch, 6% Greek, 5% Polish, 3% Finnish, Slovenian, 2% Slovak, Creation, Romanian, Swedish, French or Macedonian). The average Summer University participant was born in 1972, the oldest was 34 years old, the youngest

was 16. 27% of them were studying economics at university, 12% law, 11% engineering, 10% languages, 6% political sciences, 3% medicine. Italian as mother tongue, 20% Spanish, 11% German, 9% Dutch, 7% Hungarian, 5% Polish, 4% Greek, 3% Finnish, 2% Turkish, Romanian, French, Slovenian or Slovak). The average Summer University participant was born in 1969 or 1970, the oldest was 35 years old, the youngest was 18. 25% of them were studying economics at university, 12% law, 10% engineering or languages, 5% political sciences, 4% humanities or medicine.

## All The SUCTS

**1988** Daisy Kopmels and AEGEE-Saarbruecken

**1989-1995** Vittorio dell'Aquila and AEGEE-Milano

**1996** Mauro Bartoletti, Silvio Oliviero, Sabrina Tropea, Lorenzo Nicora and Claudia Casali (CD)

**1997** Mauro Bartoletti, Lorenzo Nicora, Cover: Gianluca Fecchio

**1998** Lorenzo Nicora, mar coll i opisso; marta vinals kosters; mauro bartoletti; Cover: forma disseny, Isabella Casartelli from CD

**1999** Mauro Bartoletti, Lorenzo Nicora, gemma tonisastre, ernesto monacelli, kerstin klopp

**2000** Ernesto monacelli; Gavino paolini; Mauro Bartoletti and torsten schassan, Fani Zarifopolou from CD

**2001** Ernesto Monacelli, Gian Marco Tagliani, Kamala Schuetze, Torsten Schassan

**2002** Ernesto Monacelli, Gian Marco Tagliani, Kamala Schuetze, Antonio Violante

**2003** Antonio Violante, Kamala Schuetze, Fabrizio Fantini, Judit Lada

**2004** Fabrizio Fantini, Silvia Baita, Antonio Violante, Kamala Schuetze

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Aachen	Brasov	Debrecen	Giessen	Keszthely	Luebeck
Aalborg	Bratislava	Delft	Gliwice/ Zabrze	Kharkiv	Lund
Adana	Bremen	Den Haag	Goedoeloe	Kiel	L'viv
Alba iulia	Brescia	Dnipropetrovsk	Goettingen	Kobenhavn	Lyon
Amsterdam	Bucuresti	Duesseldorf	Granada	Koeln	Maastricht
Ankara	Budapest	Dunaujvaros	Grenoble	Komotini	Madrid
Antalya	Bursa	Edinburgh	Grodno	Konstanz	Magusa
Athina	Caen	Eger	Groningen	Kosice	Mainz/ Wiesbaden
Augsburg	Cagliari	Eindhoven	Gyoer	Krakow	Makiyivka
Baja	Cakovec	Ekaterinburg	Hamburg	Kyiv	Mannheim
Barcelona	Canakkale	Enschede	Heidelberg	La Laguna	Maribor
Bari	Castellanza	Erlangen/	Helsinki	Larissa	Messina
Bayreuth	Castello	Nuernberg	Heraklion	Las Palmas	Milano
Beograd	Chisinau	Eskisehir	Iasi	Lecce	Minsk
Bergamo	Cluj- napoca	Famagusta	Innsbruck	Leiden	Montpellier
Berlin	Coimbra	Ferrara	Ioannina	Leipzig	Moskva
Bialystok	Como	Firenze	Istanbul	Leuven	Muenchen
Bistrita	Constanta	Frankfurt/ Main	Ivano-Frankivsk	Liege	Muenster
Blagoevgrad	Cork	Freiburg	Izmir	Ljubljana	Mykolayiv
Bologna	Cosenza	Gdansk	Kaiserslautern	Lodz	Nafplio
Bonn	Craiova	Geneve	Karlsruhe	London	Napoli
Bordeaux	Danube	Genova	Kaunas	Lublin	Nice

Nicosia	Pecs	Salamanca	Strasbourg	Trier	Warszawa
Nijmegen	Peir��ias	Salerno	Szczecin	Trieste	Wien
Niksic	Perugia	Sankt-Peterburg	Szeged	Turku/ Abo	Wroclaw
Nizhni Novgorod	Plzen	Santander	Tallinn	Udine	Yalta
Oradea	Poznan	Santiago de	Tampere	Utrecht	Zagreb
Orhei	Praha	Compostela	Tartu	Uzhgorod	Zaporizhia
Orleans	Presov	Sarajevo	Ternopil	Valencia	Zaragoza
Osnabrueck	Regensburg	Sevilla	Thessaloniki	Valladolid	Zielona Gora
Ourense	Rennes	Sibiu	Tilburg	Valletta	
Oviedo	Riga	Sighetu Marmatiei	Timisoara	Varazdin	
Palermo	Rijeka	Simferopol	Tirgu-Mures	Venezia	
Paris	Roma	Skopje	Torino	Verona	
Passau	Rotterdam	Sofia	Toulouse	Veszprem	
Patra	S' Hertogenbosch	Split	Trento	Vigo	
Pavia	Saarbruecken	Stockholm	Treviso	Vychodna	

## Organisers Per Year

### 1988

Amsterdam  
Barcelona  
Heidelberg  
Kiel  
Madrid  
Milano  
Orleans  
Paris  
Sevilla  
Toulouse  
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### 1989

Aachen  
Athina  
Barcelona  
Heidelberg  
Lecce  
London  
Madrid  
Mainz/ Wiesbaden  
Milano  
Muenchen  
Nice  
Orleans  
Paris  
Salerno  
Toulouse  
Utrecht  
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### 1990

Aachen  
Amsterdam  
Athina  
Barcelona  
Bergamo  
Bonn  
Bordeaux  
Erlangen/ Nuernberg  
Goettingen  
Heidelberg  
Karlsruhe  
Maastricht  
Madrid  
Milano  
Muenchen

Palermo  
Rennes  
Saarbruecken  
Salerno  
Sevilla  
Strasbourg  
Utrecht

### 1991

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Cluj-Napoca  
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Duesseldorf  
Erlangen/ Nuernberg  
Freiburg  
Goettingen  
Groningen  
Heidelberg  
Karlsruhe  
Konstanz  
La Laguna  
Lecce  
Maastricht  
Madrid  
Milano  
Moskva  
Muenchen  
Nijmegen  
Osnabrueck  
Palermo  
Pecs  
Praha  
Rennes  
Riga  
Salerno  
Strasbourg  
Trier  
Turku/ Abo  
Utrecht  
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### 1992

Aachen  
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Amsterdam  
Athina  
Barcelona  
Bari  
Berlin  
Bologna  
Bonn  
Bordeaux  
Bucuresti  
Budapest  
Caen  
Cluj-Napoca  
Como  
Constanta  
Edinburgh  
Eindhoven  
Ekaterinburg  
Erlangen/ Nuernberg  
Firenze  
Freiburg  
Groningen  
Heidelberg  
Karlsruhe  
Kaunas  
Keszthely  
Koeln  
Konstanz  
La Laguna  
Las Palmas  
Lecce  
Leiden  
Maastricht  
Madrid  
Mainz/ Wiesbaden  
Mannheim  
Milano  
Montpellier  
Muenchen  
Muenster  
Nafplio  
Nijmegen  
Osnabrueck  
Oviedo  
Palermo

Pecs  
Perugia  
Poznan  
Praha  
Rennes  
Roma  
Saarbruecken  
Salerno  
Santander  
Sofia  
Strasbourg  
Torino  
Trier  
Utrecht  
Veszprem  
Wroclaw  
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### 1993

Aachen  
Amsterdam  
Athina  
Baja  
Barcelona  
Bari  
Berlin  
Bologna  
Bonn  
Bordeaux  
Bucuresti  
Budapest  
Castello  
Cluj-Napoca  
Constanta  
Cosenza  
Danube  
Debrecen  
Delft  
Eindhoven  
Enschede  
Erlangen/ Nuernberg  
Firenze  
Freiburg  
Geneve  
Goettingen  
Groningen  
Heidelberg  
Helsinki

Iasi  
Istanbul  
Kaunas  
Keszthely  
Konstanz  
Las Palmas  
Lecce  
Leiden  
Lviv  
Maastricht  
Madrid  
Mainz/ Wiesbaden  
Milano  
Montpellier  
Muenchen  
Nijmegen  
Osnabrueck  
Palermo  
Paris  
Pecs  
Perugia  
Poznan  
Rennes  
Roma  
Rotterdam  
Salerno  
Sankt-Peterburg  
Sevilla  
Sofia  
Torino  
Trier  
Turku/ Abo  
Udine  
Utrecht  
Valencia  
Valladolid  
Veszprem  
Wien  
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### 1994

Aachen  
Aalborg  
Amsterdam  
Athina  
Baja  
Barcelona  
Bari

Bergamo		Tampere	Rennes	Ljubljana
Berlin	<b>1995</b>	Thessaloniki	Rijeka	lodz
Bologna	Aachen	Tilburg	Roma	maastricht
Bonn	Amsterdam	Timisoara	Rotterdam	madrid
Bordeaux	Ankara	Torino	S' Hertogenbosch	mainz/ wiesbaden
Bratislava	Antalya	Trier	Salerno	makiyivka (donetsk)
Bremen	Athina	Udine	Sankt-Peterburg	milano
Budapest	Bari	Utrecht	Santander	montpellier
Castello	Bergamo	Valencia	Sarajevo	moskva
Cluj-Napoca	Berlin	Warszawa	Sevilla	muenchen
Constanta	Bologna	Wien	Skopje	muenster
Cosenza	Bonn	Wroclaw	Split	napoli
Delft	Bordeaux	Zagreb	Stockholm	osnabrueck
Eindhoven	Bremen	84	Szeged	ourense
Erlangen/ Nuernberg	Bucuresti		Thessaloniki	palermo
Ferrara	Budapest	<b>1996</b>	Tilburg	paris
Firenze	Castello	Aachen	Timisoara	passau
Freiburg	Chisinau	Adana	Torino	peiraia
Geneve	Cork	Amsterdam	Toulouse	perugia
Grenoble	Cosenza	Ankara	Trier	praha
Groningen	Delft	Antalya	Udine	regensburg
Heidelberg	Dunaujvaros	Athina	Utrecht	rennes
Innsbruck	Eindhoven	Augsburg	Valencia	rijeka
Istanbul	Enschede	Barcelona	Varazdin	roma
Karlsruhe	Erlangen/ Nuernberg	Bari	Veszprem	rotterdam
Kaunas	Ferrara	Bergamo	Warszawa	s' hertogenbosch
Kobenhavn	Firenze	Bologna	Wien	salamanca
Koeln	Freiburg	Bremen	Zagreb	salerno
Konstanz	Gliwice/ Zabrze	Budapest	85	skopje
La Laguna	Goettingen	Cagliari		split
Las Palmas	Grenoble	Castellanza	<b>1997</b>	stockholm
Lecce	Groningen	Castello	aachen	thessaloniki
Leiden	Heidelberg	Chisinau	amsterdam	tilburg
Lund	Helsinki	Delft	ankara	torino
Lviv	Innsbruck	Enschede	athina	treviso
Maastricht	Ioannina	Ferrara	augsburg	trier
Madrid	Istanbul	Firenze	barcelona	udine
Mainz/ Wiesbaden	Karlsruhe	Freiburg	bari	utrecht
Milano	Kaunas	Giessen	beograd	valencia
Montpellier	Kobenhavn	Granada	berlin	valladolid
Muenchen	Koeln	Grenoble	bologna	venezia
Napoli	Krakow	Groningen	bonn	verona
Nijmegen	Kyiv	Hamburg	bratislava	vigo
Osnabrueck	Las Palmas	Heidelberg	budapest	warszawa
Palermo	Leiden	Helsinki	cagliari	wien
Paris	Leipzig	Istanbul	cakovec	zagreb
Perugia	Liege	Kaunas	castello	90
Praha	Lund	Kiel	cluj-napoca	
Presov	Maastricht	Koeln	coimbra	<b>1998</b>
Rennes	Madrid	Kyiv	constantia	aachen
Roma	Mainz/ Wiesbaden	Las Palmas	craiova	amsterdam
Rotterdam	Milano	Leiden	delft	ankara
Saarbruecken	Montpellier	Leuven	eindhoven	athina
Salerno	Muenchen	Liege	enschede	augsburg
Sankt-Peterburg	Napoli	Ljubljana	ferrara	barcelona
Santiago de Compostela	Osnabrueck	Lviv	firenze	bari
Sevilla	Oviedo	Maastricht	freiburg	beograd
Sofia	Palermo	Madrid	giessen	berlin
Thessaloniki	Paris	Mainz/ Wiesbaden	goettingen	bologna
Tilburg	Peiraia	Maribor	granada	bonn
Torino	Perugia	Milano	grenoble	bratislava
Toulouse	Praha	Montpellier	groningen	brescia
Trier	Presov	Muenchen	heidelberg	budapest
Turku/ Abo	Rennes	Muenster	helsinki	cagliari
Udine	Roma	Mykolayiv	kaunas	castello
Utrecht	Rotterdam	Napoli	kiel	chisinau
Valencia	Saarbruecken	Nijmegen	kobenhavn	istanbul
Verona	Salerno	Osnabrueck	koeln	karlsruhe
Veszprem	Sankt-Peterburg	Palermo	kyiv	cluj-napoca
Vychodna	Santander	Paris	las palmas	craiova
Yalta	Santiago de Compostela	Peiraia	leiden	debrecen
Zagreb	Sevilla	Perugia	leuven	delft
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enschede  
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## AFCEE Stuttgart

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**S**pecial things about the programme were:

1. Visiting the chocolate factory Ritter Sport, it was a great success! We received so much chocolate for free that we couldn't bring it all with us! I still ate chocolate 4 months afterwards
2. We had a wonderful European night on the first day - everybody was happy after 10 minutes!
3. The most special day in Stuttgart was probably a long hike in the nearby mountains, with a break at the lake (where the italians stole the most beautiful girls and drove away with them in a rowing boat, singing like people in Venice do!), after that we were lodged in an old castle, having a whole pork grilled and fresh beer from the barrel for everybody!

I will attach some reports by the participants:

The time is 4:30pm an we have to end violently our siesta because we have to meet with the others, so as to go for a boat trip in the crystal waters of the river Neckar. "Taaake me baack to my boat oon thee river" (STYX - again all rights

reserved!) Three boats on the river, three captains and thirty people on the boats! Our captain must have burned about seven million six hundred thirty five thousand and three hundred twenty one calories trying to make the boat move in the water with ten people and my belly on it! Oh, I've got a big problem! There's no sombra on the boat! Anyway, after collecting some very interesting small forms of life on our bodies, because Jose had the great idea to give us a shower with pure river-water, and after seeing speedy Gonzalez (know also as Rouben, the soul of the party") executing acrobatics without safety net (call me "swimming in the river"), we reached our destination, where it was planned to have a BBQ. "Come on baby light my five" (DOORS - you know about the rights!") and then "smoooke on the waaater" (DEEP PURPLE - ok, I won't say it again!), while some flower-power guys on the other bank of the river were playing something like music to accompany us (I kind of liked it though!) I didn't it any steak! A filthy greedy animal must have eaten my steak (I just kidding!) I wasn't hungry anyway! I was thirsty though and it was one of the

about 83 times that I had to discover that the most difficult thing to find in Germany is cold water ohne Kohlensure!! At 9 o'clock we evacuated the place as in Germany after that time alles ist verboten!! What the hell we are in Germany! You know Goths, Ten tons, whatever!

After that, we went to a bar where we drank Caipirinha, a Brazilian alcohol drink that can make you call the bishop "Panagiot" (ok, it's a Greek expression; don't try to translate it, 'cause you'll die trying!) We also found there some other Greek guys and stayed there with Alex (and some Spanish girls) to speak about you know Greek men stuff; as the sound of the guitar of Angus Young (AC DC - no rights reserved!) was touching gently my ears! Then dormitories etc etc! Maybe a little gossip with Marta and then sleep! The disappointing thing about this day, is that at this certain part of the day (or night, I should say!). Not even a small partonza took place! As far as I know!

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# Join the time machine!

## On the traces of the SU Project...

**Y**ou know what the Summer University Project is about, you know the courses that will take place this summer, you know the unforgettable experience a participation in such a course means.... But do you know how it all began? Come and dare the adventure: Get on board of the time machine and join our travel back to the year 1985! Let's go!

1985, 16 April: 700 young Europeans participate in Paris in a conference called EGEE... The first local "EGEE" branches were born: Paris, Muenchen, Milano, Leiden, London and Madrid. By that time, no one knew what would happen only 3 years later...

1988, January: EGEE changes its name, from now on the association is called AEGEE. By that time, it counts 12.000 members in 50 local branches throughout West Europe... But the Summer University Project is yet not born...well, not yet...

1988, July and August: 10 language courses with 320 places are organised. Barcelona, Madrid, Sevilla, Heidelberg, Kiel, Milano, Amsterdam, Orléans, Paris and Toulouse: the story of success begins...

Did the organisers know that this was the beginning of the biggest project of our association?

Did they know that still 15 years later more than 90 courses would be offered and over 5000 AEGEE members applying for them? Let's continue our trip....

1989: the Berlin Wall crumbles and, first among all students' associations, AEGEE opens its doors to the East. And the members can choose between 16 courses in 6 countries.

1991: The first Summer Universities in East Europe take place in Budapest, Cluj-Napoca, Moskva, Pécs, Praha and Riga. There are already 38 courses offered.

1992: For the first time, the number of Summer Universities is higher than 50: that year, there are courses in 62 cities! Still, the applications have to be handed in either at the Spring Agora or have to be sent via postal mailing. Unbelievable how the Coordination Team of that time managed to co-ordinate the events around Europe without computers or Internet!

1995: AEGEE celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! And the SU Project is not stoppable: for the applicants it's not easy to choose between the 84 courses offered. One would like to join all SU!

But we have no time, our time machine starts again... Jump on!

1996: The "Summer University Coordination Team" (SUCT) is born. A team of 4 people elected by the General Assembly of AEGEE in order to run the project. Until now the coordination was fully centralized in the Comité Directeur "hands" but due to the growth of the figures the reform was made necessary. The new SUCT tasks include: to coordinate the applications both from the locals (to organize events) and from the members (to take part in the events), to prepare common PR materials like booklet and posters, to keep the network interested in the project and in general to spread "summer energy" the whole AEGEE year round.

1998: 10 years of Summer Universities! In the meanwhile, many locals around Europe organise a course within the project.

1999: New application Procedure for the SU! Instead of handing in the applications on paper, the locals are asked to collect the applicants' data in a database: the SU-application tool LAMA is born and it will cost many people's nerves...

2000: The official Summer University home page changes from to .

2003: Applicants are now asked to apply via world wide web and the "application assistance". LAMA is sent on pension with great relief of the SU responsables.

Impressing story, isn't it? But it's not over yet, one important stop is still missing...

Nowadays: We celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SU Project! Involving each year 2/3 of the local branches, it became the biggest project within AEGEE. Every summer, about 100 SUs in more than 20 European countries are organised, with an average of over 5000 people applying for the courses.

Though, it's time to reform the project a little bit. Now, there are 6 different SU types: Summer Event, Summer Course, Summer Course Plus, Language Course, Language Course Plus and Travelling Summer Universities. And the fee is set to 60/ 80 Euro per week.

Well, we reached our goal. We hope you liked the trip with us and hope to welcome you soon again on board. We wish you a nice day, and see you on a Summer University!

## for the 15 years of SU project



**V**ittorio Dell'Aquila, 38 years old, linguist, was elected honorary member of AEGEE Europe, is today a senior academic and has two children, but he still seems to have an ever green AEGEE spirit.

He is the man who made possible for the «Summer University – Université d'été» project to become the great success it is nowadays; we interviewed him to discover exactly how he managed. We reached him in his small villa in the Alps near Milan. The two young children are crying and complaining but already speaking several languages, and he is packing for the imminent four months trip to Finland, that is his acquired second home. In spite of that Vittorio cheerfully recalls those days still vivid in his memory and introduces us to the time when the Comité Directeur was made up of people living in different cities because there didn't exist a central headoffice; the time when e-mail and Internet were still a secret world for militaries and few academics, the time when EGEE turned into AEGEE and the "Berlin wall" was still in its place.

«It was 1988 and there was an Agora in Milano, the city where I used to live and study at that time. That was the Agora where the first AEGEE Europe president (and founder), the French Franck Biancheri, stepped down to a new one, Vieri Bracco. At the same time, the Comité Directeur – in spite of difficulties of communication – had thought of the new idea: a project gathering students from all over Europe... the SU project.

As it happens I found myself into this new reality by chance; as a student I found the idea of self-organised language courses which could also be deep cultural courses and exchanges very much appealing.

A few days after discovering AEGEE I

joined the team, in AEGEE-Milano, which was looking for an organiser for its first Summer University, unaware of how this would have changed my life! At that time the coordination was in the hands of AEGEE-Saarbrücken, who collected the applications on paper and did everything manually (but there was no pre-selections that year).»

In 1989 Saarbrücken left the coordination of the project and it passed into your hands... how and why did it happen?

«Well, one must say that organising our first Summer University in Milano was such a rewarding effort, that soon after me and Silvia (Silvia Negrotti, the psychologist with whom I am living together now) decided to join the revolutionary list "Quo Vadis?", the one which among the other things made AEGEE open up to East Europe in the turn of some months.

But let's go back to Saarbrücken. After the big success of first year SU project, they decided to leave the coordination of the new project and AEGEE-Maastricht announced their candidacy for it. Unfortunately the Dutch local asked for a large sum (something like 10.000 ECU, probably) to run the project (before Euros were minted ECU was the name of the virtual European Common Unit of currency, with more or less the same value of one Euro).

As it happens in AEGEE, the CD had totally no money to invest in Summer Universities, therefore no money... no SU project! That's when me, Silvia, Cesare Romano (today working as an academic in New York) and some other people from AEGEE-Milano took over the challenge to run the project for free in Milano.»

And there it stayed for five years! But

how did you cope with the crisis in 1989?

«Well, there existed no European team, it was a personal matter between AEGEE-Europe and Milano for logistical and economic reasons. We had to make the 1989 booklet in a private copying facility in Milano partially paying the costs with AEGEE-Milano funds, zero sponsors and very little time, and of course we couldn't manage to do posters or other promotion beyond the tiny bunch of copies which was the booklet of the time.

Moreover, when AEGEE-Maastricht left, we had to re-invent the wheel, meaning that we had to go to Maastricht taking the materials that meanwhile the locals had delivered there (SU descriptions and few other things). Unfortunately the AEGEE antennae had described their SU in English only, which was a terrible and unacceptable thing for a linguist like me.

So I had to write (by snail mail) back to all the locals to hand in their descriptions in a second language and I also had to translate many of them myself. Many locals, of course, spotted several language mistakes in my translations!».

How have you managed the project for the next five years?

«It was kind of presidential thing, it means that it was one of the tasks of the President of AEGEE-Europe who then delegated me and my friends in Milano to do everything. There was no juridical basis or elected team, and when a decision was needed I had to call the President of AEGEE-Europe by phone, like when we decided to delete the SU in Ekaterinburg because in 1992 (first year with East SU) they had done a disaster.

We were basically doing everything in my house. I created myself the first SU database on FileMaker (it is actually very easy) but all the applications were collected manually. The locals sent us their paper applications by mail and we had to put them one by one on the DB. This database had a semi-automatic preselections engine which produced a homogeneous group of applicants per each Summer University.

We gave out (up to) three lists to each SU organiser, in order of "suggestion" from us. Every person was pre-selected

for one SU only but we arranged in groups so that the first group was well balanced in terms of age, sex, local and mother tongue of the participants. Of course the receiving local was free to choose from the three lists, but so to say, we did something to help them understand the importance of balance.»

Which kind of problems did you face?

«As the technology slowly advanced we developed the first management programmes so that we could get the applications in a more automated way. A student in informatics created a open source DB that we sent out by snail mail to all the antennae, but still, we had to collect many applications by hand because most of the locals had totally no idea on how to use a computer or on what was a database, and if you think that on my last year we had raised the figure to as many as 3600 people applying out of the few hundreds of 1989...

So this meant that we spent whole nights in my house to enter the data in the computer, run the pre-selections, then print everything and put into boxes for snail mail sending – in a group of 10/15 patient manual workers!

Another problem was linked to the motivation letters, which were sent separately and later to the locals (because they weren't managed by the automated database); they often had to wait for them before making the final selections, and that caused problems to the SU starting early in June, especially for visas. This caused the antennae much stress.

But there were also funny parts, like the home-made brochure; or when in 1993 we got the sponsorship from Barilla and Lufthansa and we managed to print also posters».

Then in 1995 the Summer University Coordination Team was born.

«I was also in the Juridical Commission at that time. Having realised that I had never been elected, that the project had grown much bigger and - been then old enough - I needed to quit, I created this new structure, and made it up for a SUCT of four people elected by the Agora. We just set up very basic rules; Lorenzo Nicora and Mauro Bartoletti were the newcomers and set up the new SUCT following these rules. They then continued for the following four years.

The basic idea was to make language courses available to as many students as possible for a very low fee. According to what the AEGEE founder Biancheri said, it's up to the locals to arrange the facilities, and the participant should be charged almost nothing.»

What is the SU spirit?

«Language and culture courses of (possibly) high level, an occasion to meet each other and get to know in a deeper way than with a simple congress».

What does AEGEE mean to you ?

«A European association with no national structure; I got to know it by chance, and the fact which appealed to me the most is this fluid organization of cities connected by a single European level».

When Vittorio joined AEGEE there existed no link with East Europe. Among the other things he created the antenna in Turku/Åbo - town where he was studying then -, and AEGEE-Milano created several antennae «like, if I recall correctly, Ljubljana, because – he says - new antennae were off-spring of existing ones».

Vittorio concludes that the Agora elected him honorary member but he still doesn't know the exact motivation. Well, maybe after talking with him, we know why...

**Fabrizio Fantini**  
**Charlene Sciberras**

# From Madrid To Heaven...



First EGEE  
Madrid logo  
1986



AEGEE Madrid logo  
1988



the one we are using now.



celebrating 18 years of  
existence logo

This is the story of an antenna through the organisation of sixteen Summer Universities since 1988, which means every year from the beginning of this the most successful project within AEGEE. "Summer Universities are very different from other summer courses: they are organized by students for students, on a voluntary base" (words from the Key to Europe 1991/92). We are now preparing next Summer University, and we are already feeling this tickling again, thinking of what we can improve in order to provide a better course, most exciting parties, and willing to meet those new friends who will come in summer. A tickling which sure is shared by hundreds of organizers among the Network. A tickling which has been shared by thousands of organizers throughout these sixteen years. It is now, looking back in time, when you see how suitable this project was, when launched in 1988.

"Last month AEGEE was exactly three-years-old." Beginning words for the first edition of the Summer university brochure, published by Daisy Kopmels in Amsterdam 1988. Madrid together with other nine antennae offered a language course. All together: 290 places, 6 languages taught, 11 different courses... These figures increased rapidly in the first years.

Thirty five participants came to our summer course in 1988, they were taught Spanish by professional lecturers, got their diplomas and also had unforgettable moments and memories which they took back to their hometowns. The following year, after the previous success, we offered 60

places, 3 weeks, more excursions, sport facilities, reception at the Town Hall... and they were taken to watch a live corrida for the first time, a unique experience which is now already a tradition within our antenna. For five years it was the biggest course in the Network. By that time it cost just 85 ECU. These were some of the ingredients of those first events. Ingredients that proved to be the perfect ones for the project to enjoy a long life. In words of Francesca Guerrini (in the special issue One Decade and Beyond, made to commemorate 10 years of AEGEE) "We felt like pioneers, and we all knew that we were building up something. Yes: but what? It was Europe... Political frontiers and linguistic borders don't exist anymore: we, the Summer University enthusiasts, just destroyed them some years ago." If she could just see how right she was only nine years afterwards.

The SUCT and AEGEE Milano. It was a great pleasure to dive in AEGEE Madrid archives to find out how those people managed to build this project. Procedure has been improved so much recently by the SUCT that we already forget how this was just some years ago. "Sometimes seems to me that working in Aegee in the 90's was a kind of artistic work because now it's strange to think in an office without computers, emails and all this stuff" says Alberto Hernandez (AEGEE Madrid secretary in 1995). There were no internet facilities, few locals had an office or fax facilities. However don't think they were in the Paleolithic age... The process was made by mail. But as mentioned above, the SU Booklet already existed (with explanations in up to 28 languages as in the 1994 issue!).

All the applications were sent to the SUC in Milano, and given back to chosen antennae. After this the contact was continued directly with the antennae. Even though there was a lack of Internet, the Network was well connected, thanks to the first issues of Important Addresses, better known nowadays as Address Book. This one was made by AEGEE Saarbrücken (hereby our greetings to the work made by Dorothea Heisler). About this antenna's SU of 1991 our former member Cecilia Calvete said (to AEGEE Madrid publication EUROtribuna): "This year, SU in Saarbrücken was just unimprovable... A programme full of activities, excursions to Luxembourg, Brussels, Strasbourg. Anecdotes? The international soccer match where the stars were Romanian guys and the Spanish woman! Also aerobic after sleepless nights- it killed us...". Romanian guys, Polish women, Turkish friends... where if not in a SU were you going to meet these people in those years? The Iron Curtain fall let us and them, from 1990, meet and visit friends from the other side in these events. And they made this project richer and more colourful. AEGEE Leipzig was the first antenna founded in the East side of the Curtain, but, just a couple of years afterwards, nine courses were offered in central and eastern countries.

Travelling without moving at all. "Two years ago I attended a 'Summer' in Bonn [SU '90] and I had a great time. Last one [SU '91] I stayed in Madrid (didn't find the way to travel abroad) and I spent all the time with our SU participants... I can assure you that if I had made a 'normal' trip I wouldn't have had such

a nice three weeks!" (Marco Gonzalez-Velez words to EUROtribuna, former president of AEGEE Madrid, 1992). Everyone who has had the chance to organize a SU may subscribe these words. This feeling of being abroad when you are walking through the same streets as every day is thanks to the participants. The participants are the ones who we are standing for, who this project is made for. We, and previous AEGEE Madrid boards, want to thank those more than seven hundred participants that have visited us along these years. Each one with their own stories, their anecdotes, jokes, hangovers, accents, their faces when being woken up... We are sure they also took a bit of our city in their heart and lots of friends that they might have seen many other times. Friends that last for a life time. Friends bound by many sleepless nights. "Top of it I liked Spanish Omelette! A reason for coming to Madrid? 'La fiesta de La Paloma', a nice excuse to party with thousands of people in the streets, with loud music and much sangria!" Silvia Baita, participant of our SU in 2002 (AEGEE Cagliari). Also a perfect excuse to establish close friendship with police, "After an entire night partying, we ended up dancing on a stage in the street and police inviting us to stop and go to sleep"(as Javier Ortega, former AEGEE Madrid president said). But not always the nights are spent in such a way, no, "One strange night? Sure! The one I spent in front of Polish Embassy with this girl who lost her passport..." (Jesus Dominguez, former president of AEGEE Madrid).

From SU in Madrid to the fame. The quality of the SU project is already

proved by its years of existence. Every antenna has a rich programme well prepared for their participants. Each antenna also has some particular activities that make it unique and worth to experience. Spanish media always call AEGEE Madrid phone number at the beginning of August asking when we are going to read El Quijote in front of the monument to Cervantes in Plaza de España, in the heart of Madrid. Press, radio stations, TV channels, agencies, wait every year to listen the beginning words "In a village of La Mancha, the name of which I have no desire to call to mind..." in about a dozen languages. Also unique is the live bull fighting show they can watch, although this always brings up some discussions, and people crying for the animal, nevertheless an experience to be lived.

The city that never sleeps, they say. Many participants are willing to experience Madrid's nightlife. They cannot survive the two or three weeks that the course lasts at the rhythm of this city (neither do we). Parties every day. Couples every night... Who has never heard of the so-called AEGEE spirit? This is also a fact that makes the Summer University always a special kind of course. Highlight of every Summer University is always the European dinner and night. Trying delicious dishes from the best of this continent's cuisine, all from the same table, accompanied by the strongest drinks is an offer that no participant can decline. Counting always with the more than a hundred litres of sangria that organizers have prepared for this day. Litres and litres of sangria... almost as many as the litres and litres of drops left

in the farewell... The magnificence of El Escorial monastery, the culture mixture of Toledo, the so-needed bath in the swimming pools in the middle of the event, the luxury of the Royal Palace, the wild nature in the mountains, the gun shots in the roof of the Parliament... are nothing compared with what you get from the participants, from living side by side with these people, because one lives in people. Because each summer your own map of Europe becomes wider and wider. "There is not 'one Aegee'...there's just the Aegee you live" (Alfonso Hernandez). So we are indeed building Europe.

Proud to be since the beginning always among the most preferred destinations, we feel in the duty to offer a better programme every year and to give our best always... To let our participants believe that after SU in Madrid Heaven really comes.

**Javier Irastorza**  
AEGEE Madrid President



Las Ventas arena. We take them every year to watch the show

# AEGEE-Passau

**21.06.2003**

**05.07.2003**

**A**EGEE Passau organised the first week of the SU.

During the mornings (from 9 to 12 o'clock), the main focus was on the language lessons.

There were at least two teachers for each group. We had a beginner's class and a class for advanced speakers. The lessons were interactive, that meant that the participants had to sing, to paint and to act in German.

Here the detailed programme for the afternoons:

The first day, when all of the participants arrived, there was a welcome party at a private place. We played ice-breaking games in order to get to know to each other.

On the next day we hired a bus to go to a famous place in the Bavarian Forest where history is alive: the folk village museum. We had a guided tour there and afterwards, we went on a picnic at a lake. Most of us also jumped into the water. In the evening there was a pub crawl.

On Monday we went to a organ concert. Passau is famous for its biggest organ of the world.

In the evening we organised a Running Dinner which was really appreciated among the participants.

The next day we hiked to a "restaurant" which was situated very lovely in the countryside next to a river. There, the introduction lesson of AEGEE took place. In the event we went to a concert.

On Wednesday afternoon, we canoed on the river. We had two teachers who were very patient with all the participants.

In the evening we organised an Erasmus Summer Night at a discotheque.

On Thursday we did a Boat tour on three rivers and afterwards we went to the historical museum where we had a guided tour.

In the evening we sat around a big bonfire and we sang songs from each country.

On Friday there was the City Rallye. Everybody got a prize.

For the evening, a group of Bavarian folk dancers came and showed us how to dance in the Bavarian style.

The next day we went to Munich where we had a guided tour by a very experienced and enthusiastic priest.

On Sunday we first went to Regensburg where the City Festival took place. We only could stay for a short time because we had to hurry to go to Bamberg.

Here are some of the opinions of our participants:

It's almost one week after we left su, and each other. I just finished to tell to my family and to friends how marvellous was this 2 weeks in Germany, and i look back, what we did in that time and it allways makes me smile.. It was two weeks, I will never forgett, and I think all the participants will remember it.

That's why i would like to say thank you for all the organizers and for the others who helped us...

"Bavarian Madeleine"

So many things come to memory when thinking about a holiday like this. So many faces, cultures, moods, characters and ways of life. So difficult to say what I liked most, because everything got a particular meaning. The meaning of gathering all together around the fire for one night, the meaning of dancing Bavarian dances, everything made this holiday a world apart. I like thinking about all these people who come from distant countries, no one knew anybody before, everyone brought his own history with himself and suddenly we were all here, sharing a part of our lives in a foreign country, trying to learn German, meeting German people and at the same time trying to know more about one another. It really tastes like a discovery, in all senses.

And more, I'm sure that the taste of some moments I spent there will come to my memory with everyday things, so when I'll eat Kebap in Italy I will think about the dinner near the river in Passau, or a Spanish song at the radio will talk to me about Spanish people I knew here, and many other things like that.... You know something like Proust and his Madeleine...!

I want to thank you all, friends from Germany and from all countries: every one of you has given me something; I hope something from me will stay with you too.

# AEGEE-Trieste

**17-31.07.2003**

**T**he Su took place from 17th to 31st July (one day more than planned). 22 Aegee members participated in it, representing 15 different nationalities. During the morning the participants attended the Italian lessons (3 hours a day, three courses organized).

The afternoon were dedicated to the visit of trieste and its surrounding, as Muggia, the castle of Duino, The giant cave, the Miramare Castle. It was organised a one day excursion to Venice and a half day excursion to Grado, a touristic village on the sea. We went also to the beach of Trieste during the

weekends.

In the evening different activities were organized. Nights orienteering in the wood, dinner in the tipical osmiza, beach games, discos, two European nights, pub crawling.

11.  
I have enjoyed so much this summer university, maybe these two weeks, have been the best two weeks in my life, now I'm absolutely exhausted and a little sick because of the big quantity of activities, but I have had a lot of fun. This has been my first summer university, and I hope this is only the beginning. The accommodation and the meals were really good, and I've found in the organizers a very nice people. Thank you for everything. I haven't got complaints in the summer university.

12.  
This SU was just the best thing that could happen to me this summer! I met so many nice people there, made so many good friends, visited new places and did many, many, many other special things :-)!  
  
It just exceeded all my expectations!!! So thanks a lot to all the SU organizers, especially to those from Karlsruhe who did such a great job during those unforgettable 2 weeks!!!  
THANKS AGAIN!!!

13.  
Thanks for the chance to be part of that great event where I met incredible people:) I liked the organization of the event and enjoyed a lot:) Great job- congratulations for the organizers:))))

14.  
A Thanks of true heart is directed on my behalf and of all the participants to the organizers... Alex, Martin, Dylan, Mathias... To all the people that have contributed to this dream to open eyes!!!! Thanks!

## AEGEE-Groningen

**04-19.08.2003**

The theme of the AEGEE-Groningen SU was "Waterproof". The program consisted of many water-related activities (described below). In the end, all participants got a certificate, stating they were approved "waterproof" by the organizing team. Besides, the possibility to buy a "Waterproof" t-shirt was offered.

The first day, Monday August 4th, was arrival day. The participants had time to rest, meet their hosts, and explore the city of Groningen. Tuesday August 5th the SU really started, with some nice introduction games (like throwing a pair of socks to each other, shouting the name of the person who had to catch it; touching the hands of all participants standing in a circle with a pair of socks within the shortest time possible, etc.). And of course, learning some Dutch language... especially pronouncing the "g", "sch", "eu" and "ui" in the Dutch way turned out to be hard. But the participants could practise all afternoon, by asking Dutch people in Groningen in Dutch to help them finding the text of the provincial anthem of Groningen.

The rest of the SU consisted of more water-related activities: a city tour alongside the canals that form the edge of the city center; canoeing (through the province of Groningen and within the city of Groningen (through the canals)); walking the Dutch fords ("wadlopen"); visiting the seal care center in Pieterburen; relaxing at a lake; visiting a polder mill, which keeps the polder

from flowing over; a bustour to Groningen Seaports; sailing; waterskiing; visiting the Northern Maritime Museum; waterpipe smoking.

As can be seen above, the program contained serious (educational) and recreational activities. One of the serious activities not yet mentioned was the law simulation game: in this game, the participants imagined being a member of the European Parliament. Decisions had to be made about new rules for water management in Europe. Each participant was a member of a specific party. The points of view of the parties were set, and one had to defend the point of view of his/her party. Of course, a course about what AEGEE is was part of the program, too. Some of the recreational activities took place during a 3-day camp during the first week of the SU. Going on a camp and sleeping together in a big tent proved to be a good way to get to know each other and creating a feeling of belonging to one group.

Some activities that took place in the evenings were: folk dancing; playing games (making a line of clothes, e.g., played during the camp); European drinking night (also during the camp); pubcrawls; watching a European film; strip & screw party, with 5 guys from AEGEE-Groningen and 1 from AEGEE-Enschede performing a striptease act; karaoke.

In general, the participants were very

positive in their evaluations about the SU, although a few things could have been organized better or in a different way, according to the evaluations. To conclude, the AEGEE-Groningen SU was a great success!

To get an impression, hereby a picture... (900 more pictures at [www.aegEE.org/photo](http://www.aegEE.org/photo)) (cycling was part of the program as well, since one of the most important means of transport for Dutch students is by bike)



**16-30.07.2003**

The theme of our SU was criminality in Amsterdam, or "Amsterdamned" as is the title of a Dutch movie. We had a couple of lectures about this and about the drug policy in Holland, we visited a prison etc. Then of course we did some standard sight-seeing in Amsterdam and surroundings. And we gave our participants a chance to see the nightlife in Amsterdam... We had two great weeks with fantastic participants, I'll quote some things they wrote after the SU:

Hallo Every1

I was sooo very glad when I saw the messages you sent on the screen today when I checked my mail, but I still very-very muck miss the times we spent together!!!! My friends were so kind when they tried to cheer me up, but all I can think of all day is you all!

Alessandro & Paola: too bad you weren't there at the last night, but we've had a really good time together!!!! I'm gonna miss your Italian-english, as well as Francesco's...

To Mara: I feel sorry that we couldn't say goodbye to each other, I'm gonna miss your laughter very much... as well as Laura's and Veronica's...

I agree that we should arrange a time to chat with each other! It'd

be fun!

Oh, and for the organizers: Thank you for everything, you're the best on the world!!!

AND IF SIEBERT OR ARIGJE OR ANYBODY COMES TO HUNGARY, LET US KNOW!  
WE'LL BE WAITING! SEND ME AN SMS AT +36705159665  
AND/OR +36204150065

Bye for now Bálint

I have so many things to say and write that I'm not sure about how I can start... two beautiful weeks, I even miss the canoa thing! :) I was telling my friends about the 4 hours in the lake and we laughed so hard! I'm so sad... Back to reality, business, study, work tomorrow, the luggage waiting for me in the bedroom... and I don't feel like moving or doing anything. I came back at home from the airport yesterday late in the afternoon. I was so tired that I slept 12 hours (but I went out yesterday night ;).. Hey, I miss you all. Really. And I won't forget Nikola and Siebert at the Central Station yesterday in the morning... so sweet... ("everything is soft and sweet...", ahahha!). I will develop the pictures late in the afternoon; I can't wait to see them. I will write more later, I have so many things to say.. And

I'll try to be in the next Agora... really!!!  
Take care..

Mara (so sad... miss  
oooooooooooooooooooooooooooo)

What is the most beautiful and touching thing that you've done in this SU? For me it was the beachparty, when all together like dancing and want feel good like together! I love you when you walked on the beach and entered in the sea, it was a great sensation, really!

In the few hours I slept, I dreamt all of you, and I've had the same sensations when I was with you in Amsterdam! The most important thing is that everybody wanted know each other, and feel the same stupendous sensations together! For my future foreign travels I think I have known some people that will guide me, and vice versa!

I'm very sorry haven't told goodbye you, I hope see you again!  
Now I will recommend my friend to make a member of AEGEE, maybe it will change better them ^\_\_^

Write and write and write your feelings, I'm curious and too much alone!  
With love

**Alessandro**

**06-20.07.2003**

There where excursions like going by bike to Schiedam, visiting a windmill and a distillery. Also there was a Sailing weekend. Excursions to Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague. In the course program there was included an introduction to the Dutch language, an intercultural communication course by professional teachers and a few

workshops concerning "the budding bridges" theme. These workshops were performed by small groups of participants where they had to work together in their group (of different nationalities) and build a bridge ;-)

## 2003 Statistics Summer 2003

**92 SU** events organised  
2727 total places offered  
10688 choices from 4826 persons  
Average: 2,215 choices per person  
Probability to be selected: 56.5%

1st choices won: 3653 (75.7%)  
2nd choices won: 787 (16.3%)  
3rd choices won: 386 (8.0%)



**18.08.2003**  
**01.09.2003**

As the organizing team we started off with good intentions. Although at the end we were satisfied with what we did, a rather realistic approach would be to state that there were mistakes in organizational part of SU. By that I specifically mean the events such as European Night and the social program. However, the reason for that was because our understanding and our participants understanding of social program was a bit different. In addition to that, a more important reason was lack of opportunities. Most of the places that we went to were rather small and there weren't enough facilities. However, for a better inquiry of mythology, archeology and philosophy the inclusion of those places in our route was necessary.

On the other hand, we achieved what we had planned by means of the topic we chose. We had workshops about our topics and had the chance to see many of the archeological sights that were of importance to us. We had professional guides and as organizers we were more or less informed about the topic. Furthermore, the follow-up discussion of SU-MAP proved that we also reached our long-term aim of

"cultural exchange". As one of the four pillars of AEGEE, the very main was to provide ourselves and our participants with the opportunity to meet other people from all around Europe, experience their differences and similarities personally and to let them free of their prejudices (if they had any). Therefore, in that sense we were successful.

To summarize our program, it is appropriate to say that it consisted of four main parts. The first one was our stay in Ankara. During the two days in Ankara we had ice-melting games, opening ceremony and official Aegee introduction as well as city tour and introduction of Turkish culture. Next, we went to Çanakkale, located at the very north of Aegean Sea. There we had workshops about mythology mostly and had trips to archeological sights. The third part of our trip took place in Izmir, the third biggest city of Turkey and the most important city in the Aegean Region. This part consisted of city tour, archeological excursions and workshops. The last part was meant to be the free-time of the Summer University, although we still had workshops on philosophy and went to

archaeological sights that had importance for the history of philosophy and to museums and castles. Most of the special events in our organization were reserved for the last part of our trip, which took place in Bodrum. We have been to many of the most famous nightclubs and discos in Turkey and we had a one-day long boat trip in the beautiful coasts of Aegean Sea.

As I have stated at the very beginning, although in general we did a good job, as the organizing team we are aware of our shortcomings. Our inexperience when combined with some unexpected and last-minute delays or cancellations because of external reasons led to few negative consequences. However, the fact that most of our participants expressed their good will and satisfaction after the event through mails and postcards was worth all the work and time we put into this organization. What we did was to try to pay attention to the specific and personal needs of the participants and to erase the line between participants and the organizers. As the most emphasized part of thank-you letters, I think we achieved that.



**14-30.06.2003**

During our organization, we had got some excursions, and course about natural disasters, keeping natural balance. This organization that we organized was fist. Therefore we did not know about SU Projects. But All participants were happy. We had got some unimportant problems about management of finances and general. But these were unimportant.

Participants wrote about our organization. These are;

Tuncay: Follow me please  
Tom: Where?  
Musa: Who Knows?

Augusto: Tuncay sayssss  
Together: "Follow me"  
Tom: Tuncay sayss  
Together: "Follow me"

Kinga: "Every way that I can (Eurovizyon champion)" Does we compelled to this?  
Tuncay: No, But we have got only this CD at present.

After 3rd Day  
Kinga: "Every way that I can"  
Tuncay: No, But I lost other CDs.

After 7th Day  
Kinga and other Participants: Tuncay !!  
"Every way that I can"  
Tuncay: I am sorry. I can not find other CDs.

After 10th Day  
All Participant: Tuncay !! Where is the CDs Shop ?  
Tuncay : On the right 7th shop.  
All Participant: (In shop- Every way that I can) "NOOO, Again that"

Luis: Tuncay! Did you see my bag.  
Tuncay: No, I did not. No problem. We can find it.

Luis: Tuncay! I think I lost it again.  
Tuncay: No panik. I can find it.

Luis: Tuncay! I know that you will angry with me. But I lost my bag again.  
Tuncay: YES Problem. I think I have to buy a rope.

**14-28.07.2003**



**2**003 has been a great experience for both the organisers and the participants. We spent our first week in Athens. Every morning we made sure to visit as many as possible interesting places of the city. Sightseeing and walk around beautiful quarters of Athens. In the afternoon the participants would attend courses: Aegee&Europe, History of Athens & Greece and Language Course. Afterwards, they had some time on their own to rest in the dormitory or decide to go wherever they wanted. At night we would all together go out and enjoy Athens by night. We succeeded to make them feel like they were part of the Greek youth and the way we spend our lives here during summers. During the first week we had also included in the programme excursions to interesting places outside Athens (of historical and archaeological significance etc). They enjoyed them and we thought it was important to show more than the capital of Greece,

so as to add to the picture they had over our country. In the second week we travelled to one of the most beautiful Greek islands, Lefkada. There the programme really rolled unstressfully – even for us, organisers – and the participants had the chance to visit an island with actual and vivid cultural activity. Tours by boat and by bus around the island were arranged by the organising team. Thanks to the support of local authorities we attended some of the cultural activities (such as Tango performance) and organised our own activities, where participants would hold the leading role: Song Contest, Myths&Tales, Theater playing and Dance Course. They even joined a kind of an «olympic race» in the ancient town of Olympia – one of the organised excursions. Throughout the Summer University we had made sure to offer the participants enough free time, so that they could choose to see more or

circulate on their own within Athens or Lefkada.

The organising team had worked hard and kept on doing its best during the organisation so that everything would be perfect for participants: at least two basic meals per day, no transportation costs for participants and total help and support whenever they asked for.

Some quotas from the emails we received after the end of the SU prove how successfully the organising team of Aegee-Athina had worked the year 2003:

- 1...my heart is longing for its daily portion of love and friendship. It has got used to that during the last two weeks.
- 2...I want to thank for one thing to everybody: their smiles

It has been a wonderful experience for all of us!!!



**25.08.2003**  
**08.09.2003**

**F**rom the nice words of our fresh new board member, Giuseppe "Pippo" De Benedictis:

Hallo,  
ours was definitively an exciting and complete SU, complete because we had beach, excursions, culture, language course, nice evening parties and so on, a trade-off among all you would like to have during a summer.

Actually our summer was divided into two parts, the first in Bari, where the participants were hosted in our private flats, finally ten days all together in a wonderful residence over the BEACH (with an own swimming pool).

We had to be honest more than 2 EXCURSIONS: Alberobello (a u.n.e.s.c.o. heritage site), Lecce (the second most important city of the region), the caves of Castellana (the

second biggest in Europe), Mercadante forest (the only forest in our worm surroundings)

For all wanted also some CULTURE there were guides (professionals for some tours) in all the places we visited.

Because teaching Italian was something obvious, in our brief LANGUAGE COURSE, we included some nice expressions and gestures typical of the heel of the Italian boot. All the EVENINGS were spent in different villages (Polignano, Bari, Martina Franca, Villanova, Ostuni.....) in order to give the opportunity to feel lyfestyle in these nice villages.

Our PARTIES (almost each evening) were well organized with drinks, nice music, nice people, nice games, nice I will write down my opinions:

Personally I used to live in Holland and I really like international

atmosphere (my president makes fun of this sentence of mine!), I am looking forward to live again the summer universities; moreover all of us has been abroad to study (either to work) so we really wanted such an event here, our goals were to create a group and let our foreign friends have fun.

I just hope to have next time opportunities to sleep a bit more because 24 ours weren't enough for everything planned and the lack of sleep for me had been definitively big. Thanks to everyone who joined us!

**Pippo**  
**Local Activities and Summer**  
**University Incoming Responsible**

## AEGEE-Beograd

**03-17.07.2003**

The first part of the SU took part in Beograd, where the participants stayed for 6 days. We waited for all of them at the airport or bus/railway station and brought them to the students' dormitory, where they were logged. They had a breakfast and lunch or dinner every day. The programme was based on sightseeing in Beograd and its surroundings, there was one excursion to the archeological site Vinca, barbecue by the lake, visit to the Serbian royal family palace... The night programme usually included organized visits to Beograd clubs, or sometimes just improvised going to the city for clubbing, but the whole group was always holding together and there were always at least 5-10 organizers and other AEGEE-Beograd members with them. I could say that the participants were pretty much party-people and they were mostly interested in this part of the programme, so they were never tired for more clubs and parties. We also took the participants one night to "Exit" music festival in Petrovaradin fortress, which they say they especially liked. There were about 10 organizers from Beograd, and a few



of us went with the group also to Novi Sad and Subotica till the end of the SU. The second city of our TSU was Novi Sad. We stayed there 4 days long. We were logged in a very beautiful students' dormitory. The programme included some Novi Sad sightseeing, an excursion to Fruska Gora Mountain, famous for exquisite Serbian monasteries and the relaxed part by the lake beach... The night life was based on parties organized at AEGEE-Novi Sad members' weekend-houses, which turned out to be very practical in developing even warmer relationships between the participants, or participants and organizers! In Novi Sad we held the AEGEE introductory lesson. There were about 5 organizers from Novi Sad.

After Novi Sad, we spent 1 day at Palic lake in very nice bungalows and during the day we were staying at the lake beach. The ending of the SU was organized as a slow, more relaxing part of the programme.

The last part of the SU was in Subotica for 2 more days. The programme in Subotica was also slow and relaxed, including getting to know the town and time at the beach. Since it was the end

of the SU, in Subotica we gave the participants the CD-s with all the photos from the digital cameras from the whole SU.

We left to Beograd for the last night of the TSU, and the following day was the farewell of the participants. For some of the participants it was faster, so they went home directly from Subotica, and some others decided to stay a few days longer in Beograd with us.

After the SU we keep in touch with the participants. Most of them were new AEGEE members and after our SU they decided to help in organizing the SU-s in their home antennas, so they were often writing about their further aegee experience and how it looks so much harder from the other-organizers side. They tell us that they enjoyed our SU very much, but what they seem to have liked the most were crazy parties every night, dancing and drinking till the morning and our people's spirit and energy, and what they seem to have liked the least – were more cultural and serious parts of the programme, such as monasteries, history...

## AEGEE-Cluj-Napoca

**26.07.2003**

**09.08.2003**

AEGEE Cluj-Napoca organized this year the Summer Course "Summertime ... and life is easy ..."

The course was a complex mixture of lectures about culture, traditions, history and Romanian language (the participants' favourite, by the way...). The course was very enjoyable, a multi media presentation. At the end of the course, as an exam, the participants had to sing a Romanian folk song. They all did very well, and graduated with honours.

We had so many more interesting activities. The important thing to say here is that through it all we tried to show a true image of Romania, of our city, Cluj-Napoca, of our region,



Transylvania and our daily life. I will not go into detail with the programme, but simply point out its most special parts:

- Horse-back riding: participants loved it. It was a first time experience for most of them

- The pick-nick: they actually got to prepare the food themselves (together with us): the boys grilled the meat and the "mici" (delicious Romanian speciality), while the girls were taking on the salad.

- International Cooking Night: there were two of them. With so many participants, we had to split them into two groups. Both parties were a culinary delight, to which added specific drinks, music and even dances.

- Trip to the beautiful region of

Maramures, the cradle of Romanian traditions. Three days in that beautiful scenery amazed the participants.

- The visit to the Botanical Garden of Cluj. This garden is our city's pride, it is the biggest in the SE of Europe and it is always a good escape from the city's rush.

There were many more special moments, besides from these ones, and I must say that, in spite of certain small flaws (well, nothing is perfect), the participants' reaction afterwards was more than rewarding for our efforts. That could be observed also from the evaluations they submitted on the net.

To end, I must say it was quite a success and that we are on our way to make it even bigger next year.

10-24.08.2003

This Summer University has begun in a little bit strange way for us because from 35 participants eager to come to our event only 10 have appeared! Some of them cancelled in the last minute but most of them didn't bother to tell us that they couldn't come any more. I think this is a very important problem in Aegee (let's remember the troubles Aegee Bistrita encountered last winter when only 5 participants showed up at their event!) and that some measures should be taken against it!

After many calls and after advertising on the SU list the free places we managed to have 16 participants. Another strange thing was that from the very beginning there were few girls and after the cancellations the group was

formed from one girl and 15 boys! She really enjoyed this situation because she was treated like a princess any time. They were all great persons and we had a lot of time together.

The topic of our SU was teaching the participants to build their own sites (we initiated this programme last year and it was highly successful) they had 5 days of 4 hours course and in the end they proved their skills in a contest!! Although learning sounded incompatible with the idea of summer they had a great time and they really appreciated this idea. There were a lot of cultural programmes (visits to various museums, to Aquarium, Delphinarium and Planetarium), two trips (to the monasteries and archeological sites) and a picnic in the forest and team-building games (such

as City Rally and the Treasure Hunt). This summer we were lucky because the sun smiled to us (unlike last year when it rained cats and dogs all the time to the disperation of the participants and of the organizers) so that we had wonderful moments on the beach practising different summer sports or just having sunbath!

The parties on the beach, the European Night, the Romanian Night and the Sex Change Party were really a big hit and unforgettable memories for all of us! We have kept in touch since then and we are looking forward to the next Summer University!



We spend an amazing two weeks visiting our beautiful country- Poland! We invited 25 people from which arrived 22 of them people from Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Moscow and Hungary! We had a great team!

We started our travel on 25th of July in Gliwice and next day we left to Aushwitz- it wasn't one of the funniest trip and some of the participants cried, but then we went to Zakopane-our winter capital and they liked it very much! We saw many beautiful and famous places like: Cracow, Warsaw, Gda\_sk, lakes, castels, museums and a trip on the sea ;))

We wanted show to this people how beautiful country Poland can be, because almost none of them know anything about this country! But after this summer they told us that now they can say-I know almost all Poland, especially the most important places!

After TSU we get a lot of emails from our participants-we have our own mailing list- where they explained how much they liked TSU and they missed it already! Lately there were some ideas to organise New Years'Eve here in Poland-so that means that they liked it very much ;))

This Summer University gave us a lot

of new experience-it was our first travel SU but we have learned a lot of new things and what is the most important- we have wonderful new friends in whole Europe!

If you would like to learn more just visit our site:  
<http://www.aegee.gliwice.pl/su2003/index.htm> -

There are also the results of feedbacks so you can get some more opinions from our participants!

# AEGEE-Cagliari

18.08.2003

01.09.2003

## "Sole, Cuore & Amore II"

It is really difficult for me to express the feelings of this great Summer University Course, the 8th organized by AEGEE Cagliari: 33 crazy participants have joined us: 25 girls and 6 guys coming from Austria, Croatia, Germany, Denmark, England, Spain, Slovenia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Turkey, Russia...

Every participant has given his/her "something special" to these 15 days! From Aug.18th to Sept.1st 15 days of fun and emotional moments; at the beginning, a fashionable event, a big novelty in our traditional program; all the group had the possibility to visit the most important city monuments, museums and churches... and by me and Enrico Lai to have cheap and free tickets for every place and above all the discos that we visited.

After that, in the other days we had: On Tuesday 19th, a "sweet" wake up after the mine Welcome Party, we had the Welcome Conference (many thanks to Gunnar Erth) & our Italian Language Test in the morning at the AEGEE-Cagliari office with also a big lunch...Then everybody went to the city beach, "Poetto", our meeting point during the day and for all days of SU. Then, it was time for mine big Beach Party on one beach only for us! I've organized personally all the parties during the SU, especially at our Student House, but I have to say a big "Thank you" to all AEGEE-Cagliari members who permitted our success event, looking after all participants and driving

their cars even until 5 o'clock in the morning for 15 days!

During all the SU our participants attended our lessons of Italian and Sardinian language (thanks to our official teachers: Silvia, Valerio, Marco and Giorgio) so now we have lots of little Sardinian speakers all around Europe!

On Thursday 22nd first excursion, to the Roman site of Nora, then to Chia, one of the most beautiful beach of Sardinia, where very white skins of some participants were in a great danger without a sun protective cream, factor 50!

On Sunday, another traditional appointment of our SU, the Beach Volley Tournament with more that ten teams and long and emotional matches!

Monday 26th, beginning of the second week, departure for the wonderful deserts of "Piscinas", 60 Km from Cagliari, especially to have one of most beautiful sunbath of our wonderful island... On Thursday 29th, early wake up and departure for a famous excursion of our Antenna.

With a reserved bus, we went to Villasimius, for a trip with "Matilda", an old sailing-boat, who shown to participants the wonderful colour of our sea (13 meters of water....and you could see the bottom!).

On Saturday, there was a shopping to buy all the ingredients for the European Cooking Competition. Last Sunday



people was free for all the day and in the evening we ate all the beautiful dishes of our participants, may be the best European Cooking Competition of the history of our Antenna!!!! With a Grand Juri like me, Enrico Lai & Vanni Soffietti and...the Winner was Utku(Turkey) and the Polish Team(Ewa, Ewelina, Agnieszka, Marta and Agnieszka"bologneszka")...then we have the elections of our Miss and Mister Summer University "Sole, Cuore & Amore II", the winners were Breda from Maribor and Gunnar from Debrecen. The best organizer... Alessio Fichera, of course!

Monday, September 1st, last day, full of happiness, sadness, broken hearts.... after an unforgettable event, many participants left Cagliari and the beautiful Paradise, but not for the last time...they (and we) hope!

This had been a Summer University made of friendship and happiness...Made of hot long nights in disco, dancing until 6 am... Made of Tequila competitions... With lots of hot French kisses ... Made of beautiful nice souls that AEGEE Cagliari won't forget...

One day if you decide to visit again or for the 1st time our beautiful Paradise, remember that AEGEE Cagliari will be here to give you its Welcome!

**Europeanly yours**  
**AEGEE-Cagliari**  
**SU2003 Responsible**  
**Alessio Fichera**

# AEGEE-Heidelberg

26.07.2003

09.08.2003

Due to time lack, I will just tell about our SU-programme here. If I find some more time, I will try to add some remarks:

We have had 15 participants, all having German knowledge on a communicating level 3. German classes were between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the afternoon we did short excursions into

the environment. In the evening: picnics, barbecue or parties. There were 2 whole day excursions: one to Speyer and one to the European capital Strassburg including a guided visit of the European Parliament.

Participants came from:  
1 Denmark  
1 Holland

2 Spain  
2 Italy  
1 Russia  
2 Poland  
2 Czech Republik  
1 Hungary  
1 Slovenia  
1 Croatia  
1 Macedonia

**14-27.07.2003**

**F**rom June 14 until June 27 we had Summer University in Gda\_sk. It was sport SU with motto "Have you ever done it? ;-)" .We had 23 friendly guests from Spain (5), Russia(1), Macedonia(2), Germany(3), Turkey(1), Hungary(3), Italy(3), Slovenia(1), Romania(2), Netherlands(1) and Sweden(1). We were lodged in a youth hostel in Rumia – a town near Gda\_sk, which is connected to bigger cities by Fast City Train (SKM). Because Rumia don't have many tourist attractions (only the biggest cactus plantation) meals and accommodation are cheaper there.

We wanted to show our region in very attractive way. We had time for sightseeing and sports. And here in Gda\_sk at the sea side there are many things to show. We visited Gda\_sk, Gdynia and Sopot. These tree cities are called Tricity. Gda\_sk is the oldest one of them there is Long Street with Neptune Fountain. It is one of the most beautiful places in Poland. In Gda\_sk, there is the biggest brick church in Europe, buildings from medieval and museums. Gda\_sk is also place where people started fighting against communisms. Here is the place where shipyard workers with Lech Wa\_sa started their famous strike. Sopot is a city which is very tourist friendly. There is a wooden pier and wonderful beach. Gdynia is modern city with port and few ship-museums. You can see the City Aquarium with many tropical fish. We

saw things these things. During SU in Gdynia there was Cutty Sark Tall Ship Races. It was exciting to participate in this event.

We had excursions. We went to Lake District – Kaszuby. It was three day excursion. During this time we had a canoeing day. And we went to Bytów where we saw a castle and museum in it. There was time to play volley and to cycle to the highest hill in the region. We also went to Malbork where the Teutonic castle is. The biggest one in the world. Next excursion was to \_eba where sand dunes (and also sea) are. Participants had to pay only for excursion to \_eba.

Our Summer University was one sport. Because of it we had many sports. We tried to prepare sports that are unusual (Have you ever done it?). So canoeing, windsurfing, paintball, gilders, bowling, beach, volley and small dose of football. I think paintball and gilders were the most successful.

We didn't want bore our participants. There are lot of things to see in Tricity. But we decided to show them only the most important things. In our opinion sports and integration is also very important. Having fun with people make them integrated. It makes them think about the place they are visiting in a positive way.

During SU participants had breakfast in our hostel. Dinner was sometimes in

hostel and a few times in the kindergarten. There was nothing like supper in one time. But people were allowed to take food from the fridge whenever they wanted. The fee was 120 euros. And the participants gave us money at the beginning of SU.

We received some financial help from University, Sea Academy and Sopot City. It was money we could use as we wanted. We had also some free entrances in Gdynia (ships and Aquarium), Sopot (pier), Gda\_sk (museums) and Bytów (castle and museum). It was possible because of coordination with local City Halls. This coordination helped us to raise free meal in Gda\_sk. Music Academy gave us free dinner too. Guides in Gda\_sk were cheaper than usually. We made many contacts. And it will be easier to prepare SU next year.

I think participants were glad after SU. They told us about it during evaluation. Some of them told us that they were going to prepare SU in their locals as a "thank you" for the SU in Gda\_sk. We are very proud of these decisions. We still keep contact with participants by mailing list created especially for SU. We hope that our friendships won't die. We are waiting for June. SU 2004 is coming.



**12-19.07.2003**

OK! Let's start! What happened during the first Aegee-Kaliningrad summer event? We invited 20 Aegee people from 12 European countries, but finally we've got on the first day 28!!! From 14 European countries! It was unexpected, but really lovely people from Lithuania and Ukraine! They made our life easy and funny!

What did we do during these days?  
Activities

- 1) Excursion to a Soviet submarine
- 2) Excursion to an old Cathedral
- 3) Excursion to the museum of World Ocean

- 4) Excursion to the scientific research ship
- 5) Excursion to the zoo
- 6) Excursion to the museum of amber
- 7) Visit to the National park on the Curonian spit
- 8) Visit to the Baltic Sea (Svetlogorsk resort)
- 9) Visit to the Guest house (farewell party)
- 10) International football game Europe vs Russia
- 11) Visits to disco, pubs, clubs, pizza place
- 12) Several interviews with local,

regional and federal Mass media  
A lot of other activities we organized!  
What did we get after it?  
First of all some people came back to Kaliningrad after SU again! And some are still coming. Why? Because of very very VERY close relations have our members!  
Secondly, we've got a lot of new friends! And we love all of them! It was a team, dream-team!  
Thirdly... they wrote it in evaluations.





**18.09.2003**  
**02.10.2003**

**H**ere you have the programme. This Su was great for the organaisers and also the participants. They were very nice.

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21:00 Welcome dinner! At least some food in our stomachs

23:00 After the dinner, of course, a welcome party! The first chance to get involved with all the group.

**19th Friday**

09:00 Breakfast

10:30 Visit to a supermarket... why? Because we are going to buy all we need for the international dinner  
16:00 Sorry, we don't like this at all, but we must do it, in fact, you must do it: level test of your Spanish knowledge  
21:00 Yes, it's dinner time and it's international dinner (please, we don't want any intoxication!!)

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**20th Saturday**

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10:00 Excursion to Navajas (it has nothing to do with Curro Jiménez)

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celebrating their annual (or biannual, they love parties...) FIESTA

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23:00 Yes, we know you liked it, so... again to Benicàssim (and its Fiestas)

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(or Spanish lesson day)

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AEGEE-Innsbruck

**20.07.2003**  
**03.08.2003**

## Tirol isch lei oans

We started our Summer-University on July, 20th in Innsbruck. Most of the people arrived on that Sunday. Our official program started on Monday, 21st with a guided tour through Innsbruck and the registration. Before our welcome party took place we had the AEGEE-Introduction made by our president. In the evening we had a wonderful party at one of the Irish-Pubs here in town.

The next day our first highlight took place – the "Innsbruck Yard". This is a kind of treasure hunt organised by one of our members. The people had a lot of fun and also had the chance to see some parts of Innsbruck they did not visit in the city-tour. The Innsbruck-Yard-Tour ended in one of our best party-locations in Innsbruck.

On Wednesday the first hiking tour took place. Unfortunately one of our groups – a Hungarian girl – was injured and we had to bring her to hospital. Nevertheless we had our cocktail-and-dreams-party on this evening. Most wanted drinks were Caipiringha and Caipiroschka.

On Thursday the 24th some of our group went to a rafting trip. The rest of the group spent the day in town and visited some tourist-points and had a shopping day. In the evening we started our Pub-Crawl.

On Friday the 25th we went to another hiking-tour. Due to the bad weather some of the people did not want to go to the mountains and so we visited a small town next to Innsbruck with this people.

On Saturday, 26th we spent the whole day next to a small lake where we could enjoy the sun and had some bathing and sports activities. In the evening the second part of our pub-crawl took place.

On Sunday, 27th a small hiking tour was offered. Due to the European-Night that took place in the evening the people were preparing their food most of the afternoon. Our European-Night was a real good party which the people enjoyed it very much. At midnight we were celebrating the birthday of one of our Greek friends.

The second week started like the first one – with culture. We spent the day in museums. In the evening we had a big barbecue-party. This Monday was also the birthday of one of our Greek participants so we really had a wonderful day.

Tuesday again was a big highlight. We had a trip to Bozen that's the capital of the southern part of Tyrol that belongs to Italy. A friend of one of our board-members, who is guide in Bolzano, showed us the town and told a quite a



lot of its beauty and history.

Wednesday the 30th we spend the day with bathing and sports activities. In the evening we wanted our participants to make us happy – so we called this evening "make-us-happy-party". This was quite nice but some of us expected more.

The next two days were spent in the mountains. The group had a long hiking-tour to cotton in the Karwendel-mountains. The Karwendel is north of Innsbruck. Unfortunately not everybody could join this trip because the weather was not good and some of them did not bring the right shoes with them although we told them more than once to bring good shoes with them.

The last day we spent at the Baggersee, that's an open-air bathing-area, before we had a really wonderful fare-well-party. As a small present we offered a CD with all the pictures we took to every participant.

So this was our SU this year. It was really fun and we were sure that most of the people liked the time with us. Unfortunately we could not meet all the wishes of all the people, but we think that it is nearly impossible to reach this goal with a group of more than 40 people.

**21.07.2003**

**03.08.2003**

Let us give you an objective, we say, description of the SU beginning with the main problems.

**Problem 1: MONEY.** Yes, it is a common problem, and yes there are many ways to solve it. Our most important source was the Regional Youth Department which greatly helped us last year when we had a better SU. But in June, there was a change of ministries, some disappeared, some interconnected. The result, not only for our antenna, but also for the other NGOs was no funds at all, they stopped all financial aid. And we were only informed at the beginning of July. Solutions: 1) local companies (a campaign started in February 2003) which led to an insufficient amount of money; 2) sponsorship in goods (badges, paper some food, banner etc.).

**Problem 2: NEW AEGEE MEMBERS.** We tried to make the new members an active part of the SU, but they proved to be incapable to handle the work they had to do, in such ways that we lost valuable time replacing them.

**Problem 3: LOCAL AUTHORITIES – NOT interested in non-political actions,** starting from the Chancellor of the University to the Mayor. The University was closed to public access due to admittance exams (which, by the way, are established in June not July as it was this year) and the response of the Mayor to our request to approve us the use of one conference room was "it is a too long period of time ...".

**Problem 4: OUR OWN LACK OF COMMUNICATION (BUT NOT IN ALL PROBLEMS) WITH THE PARTICIPANTS IN PROBLEMS WHICH WERE,** naturally, directly connected to them, this coming as an attempt to solve the problem, without them knowing there was a problem.

These were of course the main problems that led to some others.

Our SU meant 2 parts: a) Craiova; b) trip.

Craiova - 21st July – 28th July  
From the very first day we had to solve the location problem because nor the University, the City Hall or 'the students' center didn't have an "available" conference room, and in the end we had the courses in a high-school classroom (and that thanks to personally knowing the principal) ... well, if you lived in Romania/Craiova you would understand better.

The specialists invited did their best, we believe, but they did not offer the kind of information we asked from them. Not to mention that one of them did not show the second time.

Lunch and dinner were at a local restaurant, every day, with enough for some, not enough for others food. We prepared breakfast.

There were some changes in the program, but we honestly did not consider them major or harmful or disturbing. For example, we were announced that the visit programmed on July 23rd was postponed for the 25th. So, we considered the best solution to be to change the days with the whole program, not to confuse people. We were wrong. People got confused, although we tried to explain.

In Craiova, about 80% of the initial program was accomplished. Most of the time the participants were accompanied by Romanians and only a very few time they were left alone in the city.

The trip – 29th July – 2nd August was meant to lead us to important cities and places of our country and also to two biggest vineyards in Romania: Dragasani and Jidvei.

The bus meant for us, the organizers, a huge headache. Why? Because the first company we signed a contract with, did not respect its obligations and this cost us almost 100 Euros that we still cannot get it from the owner of the company. The solution was renting a bus from the local state transportation company. The big "surprise" came in the departure day when the bus showed up. It wasn't

the expected one. This bus meant not very comfortable traveling and a driver that we had to bribe to respect the itinerary, and even so, there was a monastery that we did not visit because he did not want to stop. For some, we've spent too much time in the bus, for others, too much in one place, for the rest, not enough to visit. We know what was to visit in every place we went from a previous trip made by us, the organizers, in May to establish the exact agenda (locations, activities and hours).

Another "wonderful" element that added to the already tensed situation was the RAIN. Everyday of the trip was a heavily rainy one. The result of the first night spent in Sibiu was 70% of the tents not wet, but soaking wet. Solution? The next nights spent in dormitories and cottages of not such fine conditions (in Sighisoara, because we were expected to sleep in tents, there were not enough rooms available, so the participants had to sleep 2 people in one bed, the Romanians in the tents and we, the organizing team, had to find a host in Sighisoara.

Due to the rain we constantly had to adapt the agenda, which created some confusion and it was impossible for all the Romanians to know changes we were making on the spot.

What else... oh yes! Very important!! The expenses in the trip were paid by each Romanian participant for himself/herself.

These were, of course only the main problems as seen by the organizing team, and as you can see we tried to put on paper ONLY the problems and the solutions that we had to find, with the commentary, honestly, that we did not discuss with everyone (every foreign participant) the issue, and later, when we realized this was actually the real solution, things went better, because we really were fortunate to have understanding participants.

Now when we think back, at our crazy driver who forgot about the fuel level and ran out of gas down town Brasov,

at the fact that two people (Romanians) were lost and found, at the rain, at the whole SU, we are asking ourselves if there were any Good times, Good laughs or Fun? YES. There were good moments, excellent moments.

About the mistakes we did, we learnt from them. But this doesn't mean that the participant students, especially the ones that went for the first time to an

SU, really understood the spirit of Aegee. We clearly want you to understand that all these things were very sincere, and through these words we are not trying to defend ourselves. We just want you to know all these facts. We hope even our worst enemy not to have the bad luck we had this SU. Although we kind of "pictured our SU from hell", it wasn't only purely problems. It was an interesting great experience,

testing our limits as organizers and persons, which repeatedly made us think: QUIT! But there was always something major to keep us going: the people,

Sincerely yours,

**Craiova SU organizing team  
And  
Coordinator and President**

## AEGEE-Karlsruhe

**10-24.08.2003**

### Feedback of Karlsruhe participants

1.

Hiiiiiii!

I want to say I'm very happy to write to you but in fact I'm very upset that I can't speak with you face to face! I really had the time of my life in this summer university..I have met really nice people and I think I've gained friends for a life time!

It's so strange for me now being home again! I miss you people, my bicycle, my room... Everything there... I really hope we'll keep in contact and you don't forget the Romanian girl... Maybe you want to visit Romania sometime! I will be here waiting for you!

ELENA

2.

Hello my Summer Friends!

I've just got home but I miss you very much!

After 14 crazy days and nights I would like to thank you for everything. I'm very glad that I've met all of you! I enjoyed this past two weeks a lot, cannot express how awesome it was! As somebody told me, it's not the end, only the beginning... :)

So I hope we will meet soon (maybe in Zaragoza ;)).

Hugs and kisses: Zita

3.

hi everybody

it's been 2 days that I'm back to Greece and I can't stop thinking of all the magic and incredible moments I've spent with all of you guys in karlsruhe !! I saw the

photos in aegee-karlsruhe website and they sure look amazing! I can't wait to have mine developed!!! If any of you ever comes to Greece, don't forget to tell me about it, so that I can show you around in Athens !!

I miss you all take care Ilias

4.

Hi everybody!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now I'm in Poland and all the time I'm thinking of our 2 weeks.....It was fantastic time for me.....

I saw the photos in webside and they are really nice... Today evening I will have my photos from Karlsruhe which are about 120photos!!! I really miss for all of you!!!

Don't forget you are always welcome in Lublin  
hugs and kisses  
Lidia

5.

Hi people

I'd like to tell you that the 2 weeks spent together were simply fabulous. And I want to thank and thank German people for the almost perfect organization, next year we'll try to copy you, if possible!!

I miss you all,  
un bacione!  
Giulia from Udine

6.

It was really great everything! It was my first summer university and I'm sure it won't be the last one... At least if depends on me it won't be..I met some really nice poeple and I think I've gained some more experience of life! The organizers were the best... And I'm not overreacting! They had everything

very well planned and... Let's not forget they had to deal with 40 people.. The trips we have taken were really a great success..I was a little surprised about the parties... I liked that most of them were just with us, the people from the SU... so we had the chance to know eachother better..

I really want to thank the organizers for everything... And I promise I will be back some day!

7.

Hi Karlsruhe guys!!

You know, I've only to thank you for the fantastic weeks you prepared. I was especially impressed by the van following our bicycles in the Black Forest, full of bananas, Herste Hilfe and more bicycles in case we destroyed ours...

Free time was well balanced with activities. For 120 euros you gave us almost everything (tickets, museums entries, a single room!!) and, who knows? Maybe it was destiny maybe you're wizards or very experts in human understanding, you chose a great group of people.

With us you were always professional and attentive, never upset or hysteric. I liked your day-responsible organization. This gave you time to rest.

I will advise your Su to Udine members, for sure.

Thanks!

8.

I had a great time in Karlsruhe. I have no problems or complaints to mention... Keep up the good work guys!!

9. It was the best holiday in my life because of people and the atmosphere. The organizers were great. Everything was carefully prepared, they helped people with all kinds of problems, we had all kinds of activities: visiting, swimming, cycling... I was impressed how great everything was prepared. I miss Karlsruhe so much now! They gave us two weeks tickets for trains, trams and buses in the district. They provided us bikes. We had Mensa cards. We had single rooms!

We could cook at home. There were also fridges. They provided us a booklet with free tickets to interesting places. I felt there both: like at home and like a beloved guest. Thanks a lot! Something more: they provided us a medical help- there was a guy who worked in an ambulance and he took care of our health really professionally.

10. su organizers in karlsruhe are

AEGEE-Izmir

### 10-24.07.2003

We were happy participants were happy... nobody was unhappy... :) It was really really good... I can talk for it for weeks but I can't write an A4 for it :)). Well everybody cried in last day :) we had too many mails for thanking but I can't remember them... And it was better in our last summer uni :) well you can ask the participants it was fantastic... nobody left here with a bad face :) but they were all crying :) see you soon :) I am proud of me :) again :)

1. day  
Travel around the city  
(Kemeralti for shopping  
Inciralti for eat near the seaside  
Konak for museums)

Welcome party

2. Day  
Travel around the city  
Bornova, kar\_yyaka, konak, alsancak  
Barbecue party

3. Day  
Learn how to make sculpture and then wood painting  
Night life in Izmir (Traditional live music)

professionalist they prepared perfect su i really enjoyed .....

SU IN KRALSRUHE IS THE BEST everything is excelent: food, party, bicycle, lessons, games, pubs and very important for girls: organizers are very very very handsome they are lovely

11. I have enjoyed so much this summer university, maybe these two weeks, have been the best two weeks in my life, now I'm absolutelly exhausted and a little sick because of the big quantity of activities, but I have had a lot of fun. This has been my first summer university, and I hope this is only the beginning. The accomodation and the meals were really good, and I've found in the organizers a very nice people. Thank you for everything. I haven't got complains in the summer university.

12. This SU was just the best thing that could happened to me this summer! I met so many nice people there, made

so many good friends, visited new places and did many, many, many other special things :-)! It just exceeded all my expectations!!!

So thanks a lot to all the SU organizers, especially to those from Karlsruhe who did such a great job during those unforgettable 2 weeks!!!  
THANKS AGAIN!!!

13. Thanks for the chance to be part of that great event where I met incredible people:) I liked the organization of the event and enjoyed a lot:) Great job- congratulations for the organizers:)!!!

14. A Thanks of true heart is directed on my behalf and of all the participants to the organizers... Alex, Martin, Dylan, Mathias... To all the people that have contributed to this dream to open eyes!!!! Thanks!

Preparing for travel...

12. Day  
Arriving to our camp  
time have rest and going to the sea side

13. Day  
Trip to the butterfly valley a by yacht

14. Day  
time to leave the camp  
Coming to izmir and farewell party.... :(

4. Day  
Having massage in Turkish bath

5. Day  
Going to camp  
Party at the beach

6. Day  
Beach time  
Games, tournaments

7. Day  
Trip to Selçuk, Efes, Meryemana, \_irince

8. Day  
Making bracelet, necklace, hal hal  
European night

9. Day  
Going to Aqua fantasy  
Belly dance...

10. Day  
Picnic on the mountain...and going to Selcuk Museum  
going to a disco...

11. Day  
Sea time

06-20.07.2003

**W**e've worked a full year to organize the best SU ever for our dear participants. At the end it made us really very pleased to see that everyone turned back home with lots of thanks and a smile on their faces.

First day we made a brief description and a presentation about AEGEE in general as we were supposed to do. After that there was a free welcome dinner and then welcome party at a very nice pub with a perfect view of Bosphorus. The pub was our sponsor so the entrance was free and there was a big concert of a famous pop-rock group of Turkey.

On the second day, there were visits to the historical places, mosques etc., than we gave free lunch at a nice historical restaurant which is famous for meatballs.

On the third day there was a conference titled 'The synthesis of East and West' than we went to the Egyptian Bazaar and the participants made some shopping, than they tried Waterpipe at Galata Bridge.

On the 10th of July we went to the Turkish Bath and than the Grand Bazaar, where there was a workshop about how golden necklaces, bracelets, etc. are made.

Next day was the boat trip to Anadolu Kavagi near Bosphorus, where we visited a castle and had lunch. Than we turned to our hostel to be ready for a big concert in a famous pub near Bosphorus.

The 12th of July was spared for cooking. It was the traditional meal night... It was very interesting and enjoyable for everyone and we had great fun. Everybody introduced their special drinks and meals.

On the 13th of July, we went to miniaturk, which was one of the nicest attractions of Istanbul. After that we went to a salsa night in parkorman, which is one of the biggest places for special parties that are placed in a big forest.

On the 14th of July there was the first

excursion. We went to the Black Sea side to Kilyos Beach for a beach party. There was the world championship of kiteboarding and everybody had the chance to watch them at the same time swim and enjoy the free drinks and a special dj that was playing only for us. We danced on the beach, had rest on the big pillows and enjoy the beautiful sunset. It was maybe the most unforgettable days for our participants.

On the 15th of July, there was a conference about 'Istanbul from a guide's point of view' and then free lunch and free visit to Dolmabahce Palace. At night there was a perfect organization called Turkish Night. We organized a nice dinner near a big pool facing the Bosphorus, where we had live Turkish music and everyone was dressed in red and white. Our participants enjoyed the free dinner and had great time trying to perform Turkish dances especially the belly dance :)

On the 16th of July we went to Bosphorus University for the pool which was free for our participants. And then we had dinner near the seaside.

On the 17th of July we went to Topkapi Palace which has again free entrance. After lunch we went to the handicrafts workshop where the participants learnt about a special handwriting and their names were written on special papers.

The 18th of July was excursion to Prince's Islands. We visited the Aya Yorgi church that is on the top of the mountain and had time to watch the beautiful sea view. Then we had lunch and turned back to hostel.

On the 19th of July there was The European Night which was on a Boat in Bosphorus all night long. Participant said they had a great time and they all thought that it was a great idea to make it on the boat.

On the last day we said goodbye to our participants and they reached their houses safely.

Now let me paste some comments about

the participants. The first one is from Claire from Holland who had an unfortunate accident in the first day and followed all the activities until the last day with a wheelchair.

'Finally I'd like to thank everybody, from the group and AEGEE Istanbul, very specially much, for giving me the opportunity to see almost all of the program, even in my condition. For all the extra efforts that's been made, and everybody pushing me around all day, through the city, topkapi, dolmabahce, miniaturk, grand bazaar, and carrying me on the stairs!! I had a great time in general. And will certainly be back in Istanbul as soon as possible!'

Now Marcin from Warsaw:  
'Our two weeks were extraordinary, thanx to all organizers for this unforgettable SU and hugs to all of you - my summer friends around Europe.'

Metka from Slovenia says;  
'After I got used to rhythm of Istanbul, it really seems dull here. What I am trying to say is that turkish culture, your food, dancing, your whole way of living is so interesting and so diverse, that you should advertise this to tourists. I would also like to say thanks to everybody that you enabled me to spend such great time.'

Costas from Greece:  
'I have a strange feeling. It is like the two weeks that we lived together are burned out of my memory. It is like the things that happened before and after Istanbul are connected, and inbetween there is something that belongs to a different time and space. I think that some of you can understand. Even when I will have forgot your names, your presence will stay in my heart.'

There are more to paste but this is enough i think. Special greetings to all SUCT! Hope to see u soon...

Kisses from ,  
still sunny Istanbul :)

Duygu Korhan

# The Most Exotic SU



**A**EGEE-Eskişehir has been organised Photography SU dates between 21.July-03.August as its first SU organisation. 30 people from different European cities have participated AEGEE-Eskişehir's Photography SU "Express Your Vision" as one of the most interesting thema inside all Summer Universities. Second thema Yoga was also very interesting for the participants which were given by Dr.Dorsh from Far East.

In the first week; the heart of Anatolia and the city of youth, Eski\_ehir was like an education base for participants to do Yoga in the mornings and to take the theoretic photography lessons 5 hours per day. The lessons were given by two academicians Phd.Merter Oral and Erdem Çetintaş from Anadolu University Faculty of Communication Sciences which is the best and the most well-known communication school in Turkey. All participants were affected the quality of photography education and beauty of Anadolu University Yunus Emre Campus. In leisure times participants were tasted the Turkish cuisine, water pipe, Turkish Coffee, Raki and Turkish Bath. At nights, they were all harmonious with crazy night life of Eski\_ehir. Also participants were attended some trips for practising, to the archeological and historical places around Eski\_ehir like Pesimus, Phrigia Valley and Written-rock.

In the end of first week, organisers made

a kind suprise for participants. Photography SU bus stopped by in passing Hierapolis (Whitecastle) before the Fethiye arrival .Participants were really very happy too see this historical place and amazing nature beauty in spite of its not part of programme.

In the second week after theoretical training of organization, the Photography SU bus was arrived to "Virgin of the Illumination Country" Fethiye; which is in a bay open through north, surrounded by pine forests within Fethiye gulf, in which large and small islands distributed within Mediterranean.

Participants had a chance to take hundreds photos as a practicing, in world famous places of Fethiye: Butterfly Valley, Hidden City, Blue Lagoon, Lykia Rocky Tombs, Telmesos Antic Theater and Kaya village. In leisure times, participants enjoyed two blue voyages when they were swimming and sunbathing beautiful virgin Fethiye bays and beaches. Some nights in Kaya village they attended Kayafest, The Youth Festival of Balkania which was organized by AEGEE-Ankara under project of Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue. And some nights they explored cosmopolite night life of Fethiye. Also they enjoyed some trips to historical places and some beaches around Fethiye. They didn't miss also take workshops from Faruk Akbaş who is a very famous photograph artist in Turkey.

After two dream weeks, in the end, very emotional moments have been shared between organizers and participants when many of them were crying. The most of the participants said, this was the best and the most exotic holiday I have ever been.



**18-31.07.2003**

The Summer University 2003 "Dragon Hunt" in Cracow was realized upon patronage of Professor F. Ziejka, the President of the Jagiellonian University. Almost 30 participants from Belgium, Czech Republic, Greece, Spain, the Netherlands, Malta, Romania, Slovenia, Ukraine, Hungary and Italy spent in Cracow and in the vicinity 2 active weeks.

The first part of the SU consisted of the city tour with the Royal Way, Collegium Maius, Collegium Novum, Our Lady's Church, Wawel Castle and the Wawel Cathedral with Zygmunt Bell and Dragon's Den. we dedicated two days to the culture and the history of the Jewish people in Poland. We showed our participants the Jewish district Kazimierz with the Remuh Cemetery, the Old Synagogue and the Izaak's Synagogue. We watched the film Pianist

by R. Polanski, which was met with a warm reception. Later, we went to the former German concentration camp in Auschwitz and Birkenau. Then, there were two excursions: to the very old salt mine and to the National Park where where we visited, Hercules's Club, the Church on the water, same caves, ruins of castle and the Regional Museum. During these days some other activities took place: the course of Polish language, the game: "Dragon Hunt": treasure hunt in which participants had to find some architectural elements; the awards were Cracow dragons! They had a lot of opportunities to taste our old traditional Polish cuisine :)

Next, we went to Zakopane - mountain town where we spent 4 days. Mountain routs were divided into 3 levels of difficulty so that everybody could have chosen the suitable one for himself. We

had traditional highlander dinner and bonfire in Polish style. The special evening was the International Drinking Party.

Last days were spent in Cracow. We visited the Czartoryscy's Museum (the branch of our National Museum) and we had cruise on the Vistula River. Of course the lecture about AEGEE had place too :).

We had a lot of parties (each day) and we visited the best pubs in Cracow. Welcome party was full of games and Polish the best alcohol drink. One of evenings was dedicated to Sangria which was prepared by Spanish and Maltese participants.

## Jurassic School of Survival

Jurassic School of Survival made by Aegee Katowice took place in Kroczyce, Silesian Voivodship between:

19.08.2003 - 01.09.2003. Over 20 people were practising various activities below the mountain rescue professionals (GOPR) eye.

First day: arrivals, plenty of integration games, learning polish words

Second day (GOPR): all participants went climbing two huge rocks using professional equipment, another exercise was to descend the top of the rock with a rope, third exercise: GOPR crew made some kind of elevator made of ropes which people had to use to carry themselves. At night enormous bonfire makes people feel relaxed after all day rich in activities.

Third day (GOPR): Our participants had to equal to water. They were told to build a raft using: four rubber tyres, four barrels and ropes, after building that 'some kind of a boat' they had to swim on that through the lake and get

messages from the bottle which were floated in water. At night clubbing programme.

Fourth day: coach excursion to Sosnowiec, sightseeing that town, meeting the Marshall of the Silesian Voivodship in Katowice. In the evening: 'Za szyba' club.

Fifth day (GOPR): walking through the forest, crawling in caves, exercises how to do the first-aid in mountains. All participants spent night in cave with GOPR crew.

Sixth day: trip to Cracow, all day in Cracow, sightseeing, getting used to polish culture, customs and friendly people.

Seventh day: trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau in O\_wi\_cim and Brzezinka, developing black&white films, after that European Night.

Eighth day: coach excursion to Katowice (meeting authorities), being in the centre of Katowice (shops & cafeterias)

Ninth day(GOPR): learning how to go up and down the vertical caves. In the evening sitting round bonfire, games with guitar.

Tenth day: Participants took part in football match in Podlesice (boys and also girls), played tennis, volleyball etc. At night clubbing programme.

Eleventh day (GOPR): mountaineering exercise, coach excursion over the District of Zawiercie (Jurassic landscapes), visiting remains of an old castle.

Twelfth day (GOPR): lots of competition made by GOPR, cooking meals together using only bonfires as a hit; clubbing 'Za szyba'.

Thirteenth day: sport games, free time, last party time

Fourteenth day: transfer to Katowice, departure

# AEGEE-Innsbruck

**20.07.2003**

**03.08.2003**

**T**irol isch lei oans

We started our Summer-University on July, 20th in Innsbruck. Most of the people arrived on that Sunday. Our official program started on Monday, 21st with a guided tour through Innsbruck and the registration. Before our welcome party took place we had the AEGEE-Introduction made by our president. In the evening we had a wonderful party at one of the Irish-Pubs here in town. The next day our first highlight took place – the "Innsbruck Yard". This is a kind of treasury hunt organised by one of our members. The people had lot of fun and also had the chance to see some parts of Innsbruck they did not visit in the city-tour. The Innsbruck-Yard-Tour ended in one of our best party-locations in Innsbruck.

On Wednesday the first hiking tour took place. Unfortunately one of our groups – a Hungarian girl – was injured and we had to bring her to hospital. Nevertheless we had our cocktail-and-dreams-party on this evening. Most wanted drinks were Caipiringha and Caipiroschka.

On Thursday the 24th some of our group went to a rafting trip. The rest of the group spent the day in town and visited some tourist-points and had a shopping day. In the evening we started our Pub-

Crawl.

On Friday the 25th we went to another hiking-tour. Due to the bad weather some of the people did not want to go to the mountains and so we visited a small town next to Innsbruck with this people.

On Saturday, 26th we spent the whole day next to a small lake where we could enjoy the sun and had some bathing and sports activities. In the evening the second part of our pub-crawl took place.

On Sunday, 27th a small hiking tour was offered. Due to the European-Night that took place in the evening the people were preparing their food most of the afternoon. Our European-Night was a real good party which the people enjoyed it very much. At midnight we were celebrating the birthday of one of our Greek friends.

The second week started like the first one – with culture. We spent the day in museums. In the evening we had a big barbecue-party. This Monday was also the birthday of one of our Greek participants so we really had a wonderful day.

Tuesday again was a big highlight. We had a trip to Bozen that's the capital of the southern part of Tyrol that belongs to Italy. A friend of one of our board-members, who is guide in Bolzano, showed us the town and told a quite a

lot of its beauty and history.

Wednesday the 30th we spend the day with bathing and sports activities. In the evening we wanted our participants to make us happy – so we called this evening "make-us-happy-party". This was quite nice but some of us expected more.

The next two days were spent in the mountains. The group had a long hiking-tour to cotton in the Karwendel-mountains. The Karwendel is north of Innsbruck. Unfortunately not everybody could join this trip because the weather was not good and some of them did not bring the right shoes with them although we told them more than once to bring good shoes with them.

The last day we spent at the Baggersee, that's an open-air bathing-area, before we had a really wonderful fare-well-party. As a small present we offered a CD with all the pictures we took to every participant.

So this was our SU this year. It was really fun and we were sure that most of the people liked the time with us. Unfortunately we could not meet all the wishes of all the people, but we think that it is nearly impossible to reach this goal with a group of more than 40 people.

# AEGEE-Wien

**06-20.07.2003**

**T**he idea behind this year's summer university of AEGEE-Wien, was a "culturALL experience". Hence we tried our best to turn this motto into a real-life experience!

Of course one part of the programme had to focus on this cultural side and so, together with our lovely 21 participants (from 10 different countries)we explored the main sight of Vienna such as the summer-residence of the Emperors, Schoenbrunn, the UN-Headquarters, and lots of museums

(Art History Museum, Museum of Military History, House of Music etc.) One day was focused on Vienna's Jewish Heritage and Life, another one we spent on a trip to Graz, the "Cultural Capital 2003" combined with a visit of the stables of the white Lipizzaner-horses, which are famous for their dance-performances in the Spanish Riding School.

Participants had to be "brave" enough to follow us into the sewage system - on the traches of the "3rd man"...

But of course, we (or well, at least most

of us :-)) still had the energy to explore other sides of Vienna at nighttime: hang around in cosy pubs, dance wildy in a disco, grill some sausages on the shores of the Danube river at the bonfire or sing out aloud on Karaoke night!

I think everybody (incl. the organizers) had a lot of fun during those two weeks.

Get ready for even more of it this year!!

**4-17 AUGUST 2003**

**FOR THE BEGINNING- A SHORT SUMMARY**

A total underground, which meant 14 days of sightseeing, in the smallest but most incredible villages, deep integration among 26 people of 10 different nationalities..

**GETTING MORE INTO DETAILS**

Day after day we dug deeper into the underground history...

We were hanging about in underground corridors, even creeping in the lowest ones ;) in fortresses, monasteries, where weapon factories were hidden during World War II or headquarters for Hitler were prepared. On our way we visited the huge complex RIESE, remaining after Hitler's warfare. In the undergrounds of the Owl Mountains there was an idea to create a comfortable place for living and working.

For a change we did some walking in a religious atmosphere on the holy

mountain Sleza. We couldn't miss the magical spot of fight between Good and Bad.

Most trips were quite exhausting, but still interesting...

One of our targets was Ksiaz Castle. Although the castle itself, and also its surrounding are really, really big, only few chambers are opened to visitors due to some renovation works. But this bit was enough to impress the participants of our SU.

Some most persistent participant even accompanied us to a Jewish graveyard. The old guard guided us through many interesting, sometimes gossip-like details of the Jewish society living in Wroclaw. The gravey atmosphere disappeared among the numerous digressions.

Our marvelous city offered as much as the attractions we visited by bus. On the first day we arranged some active sightseeing, introducing a little bit of competition The Flower of Europe offers

numerous interesting sights, all soaked with history...

**HOT SUMMER NIGHTS**

These two weeks were very busy not only during the day. Thanks to the great team of participants some parties will remain unforgettable for most of us. Beginning with some ice-breaking games, a perfect, deep integration (5 couples) followed. Night by night ... Of course we couldn't miss the traditional European Night. It was a long night, because we had 110 nationalities present that mean 10 stands to present themselves. The ice melted from minute to minute quicker, the temperature rose, and the world started to whirl... All this ended with a multicultural chorus singing as loud as possible till morning.. Thanks to the team of participants and organizers we managed to build a positive atmosphere even though the undergrounds...

Let's not reveal all the secrets... ;)

**AEGEE-Firenze**

**13-27.07.2003**

**O**ur S.U. event is based mainly on the course of Italian Language (every morning) and Latin American dance (every afternoon).

There are several guided visits around the city, both in the Medieval and the Renaissance sides of the city, and many vistic to museums and city garden (like "Uffizi" museum and "Boboli" garden).

Excursions outside Firenze are: one day at "Rosignano white-beach", one day Pisa or Lucca and afternoon Viareggio the seaside, One day Siena, One weekend Vallomagna in the Appenines mountain included visit to Arezzo city, and last weekend in the Appennines muountain in Montepiano.

So it is a full glimpse to the whole

Tuscany and not only a S.U. in Firenze.

Included in the fee, there are the lodging place in Firenze, a brand new residence for foreigner students with rooms 2-3 beds and cafeteria included in the residence.

Every breakfast is included, every dinner is included except 2, 6 lunches are included. All the visits to museums, gardens and various entrance fee are included in the fee.

All parties, nights in Discos, and social programme are free from charge included weekends endless parties with unlimited open bar!

There is a welcome meeting with press and local authority in Palazzo Vecchio the headquarter of the major in Firenze.



Some sentences from our enthusiastic participants are:  
 greek participants: "you should organize a 1 year long S.U!!"  
 Latvian participants:"I spent in Firenze the time of my life!!"  
 spanish participants:"I felt the group like my new family....."  
 turkish participants:"the organizers were great.....everything was perfect"  
 slovenan participants:"now in normal life..I can't stop thinking of Firenze"  
 german participants:"..I don't want to live,please hold me here in Firenze"  
 english participants:"...I couldn't believe something organized like this!"

I think is enough to give a general idea of the event.....feel free to contact me whenever you want!

Greetings

**Paolo Santoni**

## AEGEE-Venezia

16-29.07.2003

**D**iscover The Sublime Atmosphere Of Venice

"You'll take part in the biggest event of the summer, the "Festa del Redentore" (Redeemer's Feast). It's a typical popular celebration and it has a long tradition. Nowadays it's a great show, where you'll see people dancing on amazing coloured boats and spectacular fireworks. It will be one big party all day long full of surprises! We'll take you to the beach, where you can relax, sunbathe, play games in the water and have fun! So don't forget swimming suit, sun-cream and sunglasses.

We'll start our evenings with our aperitif, the "spritz". Once you taste it you won't stop drinking it! Then our crazy nights will be full of parties and of course there will be pub-crawling! You'll also discover how romantic Venice is by night. We'll have one evening dedicated to the European Dinner: you'll cook a meal typical of your Country. And there



will also be a sport-day. In other words, get ready for a SUp(er) experience!!"

This is what hundreds of AEGEE members read about our Summer University, at the end more than 100 of them were pre-selected and 50 lucky students had the chance to come to our wonderful city.

During the organization we had a lot of problems starting with the lodging place, that was very nice and comfortable, but sometimes it seemed like a prison...anyway at the end we have been able to solve everything in the best way!!!

Our SU started on the 16th of July and ended on the 29th. During these 2 weeks we worked very hard to prepare every day hundreds of sandwiches, to involve participants in every activity and to entertain them.

In these days we visited as much as possible not only Venice and its islands, but also other important art cities as Verona, Padova and Treviso.

We know very well our city, so we could

explain everything of Venice in the best way; but for the excursions we organized city sightseeing guided by the AEGEE local antenna...so thanks AEGEE-Verona, AEGEE-Treviso and AEGEE-Padova! But the Summer University is not only culture, but also...and most of all...fun and relax! That's why we spent some days at the seaside and all nights in different crazy parties!

Anyway the most significant, funny and magic moment of the SU was the "Festa del Redentore".

During this typical Venetian feast the participants had the opportunity to feel like real Venetians, drinking and dancing the whole day and night along the streets, looking at the fireworks in front of S. Marco Square in an indescribable atmosphere.

Here there are some of the most significant pictures of our SU, trying to explain better than with words what it happened in these 2 unforgettable weeks!

## AEGEE-Riga AEGEE-Tartu

10-27.07.2003

**T**he "Baltic triangle" that was organized by AEGEE-Riga and AEGEE-Tartu was definitely a success and this could be concluded according to the smiley faces of the participants and the organizers.

The summer university started on 10-th of July in Tallinn and next day moved to the Tartu. The beginning part was devoted to getting known with each other with the help of the common events. The main aim of the Estonian part of tsu was to open the creativity of each person, therefore there were many workshops aimed to achieve this goal - dancing, drawing, film-making, etc. Apart from the more serious part of the tsu, there was also a lot of sightseeing, excursions and parties each evening.

After 7 days spent in Estonia, the tsu people moved to Latvia. The main slogan of Latvian part was "experience the unexpected". The main idea of the event was to make all the participants

experience something that they wouldn't even imagine. First days were spent in Riga, the capital doing some sightseeing and having some more serious lectures (about Latvian foreign politics, Latvian language etc), then the tsu moved to the countryside, where they visited fashion festival, had boat tour on river and the biggest surprise of the even - the survival game. The idea of survival game meant that instead of expected sauna party (as it was written in the programme) the participants were divided in the groups and they had to spend the night in the forest with possessing only the basic things for surviving. How everybody would cope with the 'unexpected' and manage to overcome the frustrations and think rationally, was essence of the game. By this game many people discovered many things about each other and mostly about themselves.

After the survival game there was a really nice sauna party in very authentic Latvian style. Then it one day was spent

in Soviet style. And then the route of tsu went to Lithuania, where there was short, but very nice stay in one of the seaside towns Klaipeda.

As it might be expected, the participants were really tired after 17 days of travelling around, experiencing so much and of course partying every night, but this is for sure that it was very sad to say goodbye to each other after so many things were done together. As the local evaluation forms show, the big majority of participants were really satisfied with this tsu, and even if there are always things to improve, there is no doubt that the tsu "Baltic triangle" was a big success both for the participants and also the organizers.



10-24.07.2003

## MACEDONIAN FAIRYTALE DAY 1 10.07.2003 - SKOPJE

The arrival of the participants in the capital of Republic of Macedonia and their accommodation in the Students dormitory "KUZMAN JOSIFOVSKI - PITU", located in the center of the city;

- presentation of the Macedonian language to the participants and teaching them on our alphabet and most basic phrases and informations;
- dinning in the Students dormitory;
- playing games for introduction of all of the participants and the organizers of the Macedonian Fairytale, as well, and having party at the dorm 'till late at night, "supported" by the wines from the BOVIN celery, products from AGROPLOD and for refreshment mineral water KOZUVCANKA

## DAY 2 11.07.2003 - SKOPJE

- waking up of the participants, having a breakfast and preparing for sight-seeing tour;
- introducing AEGEE to the participants;
- the sight-seeing of Skopje, the capital of Macedonia, started from the fortress of Kale with the unforgettable panoramical view of the city for meeting the participants with its history and look through the centuries, with all the important events that happened on this area and that had an great influence on its development and creation. The sightseeing continued with the visit of the church of The Saint Saviour (Sv. Spas), where they find out a lot about the unique handicraft of the Macedonian people since the ancient times, making iconostasis in woodcarving technique, decorating them with painted icons that have been made by the artistic gangs from different parts of Macedonia. They have seen, also, the precious paintings on its walls, called fresques, and that are very important for every ortodox religious object. Our next stop was the old part of the city, Skopje's Old Bazaar, with its most interesting monumental objects - the Bezisten, Kapan han, Daut Pasha Hamam, the Stone Bridge, as the most typical and most beautiful representatives of the islamic architecture that left here since the time of the Ottoman Empire. While the visit of all

this objects that are located on the left side of the river of Vardar, the part that is known as the Old part of Skopje, they have heard and some legends, also, and had an great chance to feel the mixture of the cultures that have passed through this area, the atmosphere that is mostly Oriental;

- coffee and lunch break in the modern part of the city;
- Sight-seeing of the Modern part of Skopje, the right side of the river of Vardar, started with the stories about the greatest disaster that happened on this area and that caused the greatest tragedy - the horrible earthquake, that have destroyed the city completely. After the description of the look of the City Square and after presenting much information about the life of the people before the disaster and after it, the next location was the place where the house of Mother Theresa was placed, in the time when she was born. With the walk along the street called Macedonia, the next stop was the monument of Mother Theresa, and the Feudal tower, the only monument from the ancient time located in the new part of Skopje. The sight-seeing ended with the visit of the Old Railway Station, the one that, today, is an Museum of the city of Skopje, with constant and permanent exhibitions;
- free time and preparing for having a dinner organised by KONRAD ADENAUER; in the yard of his house he prepared a barbaque in which all of the participants enjoyed; after the dinner we went to "waste all the calories" in the night club "Cabrio" located in the city park;

## DAY 3 12.07.2003 - SKOPJE / GALICHNIK

- breakfast and teachings by KONRAD ADENAUER; preparing for the departuring;
- accomodation in typical Galichnik houses; and later a typical Galic sleeping - on the floor of the house and, also, a degustation of the most representative drink in Galichnik so called "Galic Wiskey" which origin and ingridients for all of us left mystery (the chemics have named it H2O);
- dinner in the hotel "NEDA" in Galichnik;
- following the night part of the Galichnik



Wedding ceremony in the center of the village and going on at the traditional night party before the main day of the wedding that happened in the hotel NEDA and that continued in the "all" other restaurants placed there;

## DAY 4 13.07.2003 - GALICHNIK / OHRID

- waking up, having breakfast in the hotel "NEDA" and going in the center of the village where the Wedding was going on;
- following the Galichnik Wedding Ceremony;
- travelling towards Ohrid;
- arriving in Ohrid and accomodation in the Student Dormitory "PALACE";
- dinner;
- time for resting and preparing for going out;
- going out in the center of Ohrid, in the night club "URANIJA"; on which balcon was the meeting with the lake, having bath because of the wavy lake, that didn't interrupted the good party that we had there);

## DAY 5 14.07.2003 - OHRID

- having breakfast and preparing for sight-seeing of Ohrid;
- the sight-seeing tour of Ohrid started from the center of the city, where to the participants were presented the most important informations about the existance of the city, in general. After that was the presentation of the one of the oldest handicrafts on this area, the filigree work, with the visit of the Dereban's workshop. Inside the workshop, Mr. Dereban explained and showed to the participants the way how to make the filigree jewellery. After that visit, the next route were the Biljana's springs, were they heard some interesting informations and stories about the Lake of Ohrid and its springs; there was presented and typical macedonian "stay at restaurant" in the nearby resturant, where the participants had the chance to meet with the domestic way of oredring food, its consumption and finnaly the ritual of "dealing the bill", for which acknowledge were needed more lessons;
- went to the beach "PARK", (on foot);
- dinner; and for the desert ask Jovce; after the dinner was the "degustation"

(in bigger amounts) of cocktails made of vodka, ouzo, gin about which UNIMERKANT took care;  
- going out in the night club "LAPIDARIUS";  
DAY 6 15.07.2003 - OHRID  
09:00-10:30 – breakfast time and preparing for having some more teachings about Ohrid and its history;  
11:00-13:00 – climbing up the hill and visit of the Antique Teather, after that the church of the Mother of God Perivleptos; than visit of the Gouthenberg's stamp office, where the participants found out about the primitive way of making paper and stamping on it; and the last location was the Samoil's fortress with the teachings about the first Macedonian State, and the Macedonian tzar Samoil; this climbing up on the top of the fortress for some of the participants was like climbing up on the highest hills of Hymallayes;  
– coffee and lunch break in the center of Ohrid;  
– going on the beach "GORICA" – travel by boats – on the bich: crowd, water coaster, pedalins, games, and finally organized kart championship where were beaten a lot of records such as: screaming record and record of swinging with the hamlet;  
– dinner and preparing for attending the cultural manifestation "OHRID SUMMER FESTIVAL";  
– attending an Modern Balley exibition;  
- going out at the night club "ANCHOR" and drinking cocktails;  
DAY 7 16.07.2003 - OHRID  
– waking up, having breakfast and preparing for the sight-seeing tour part two;  
– visit of an typical Ohrid house that represents an cultural monument, the Museum house of the Robevci family, with the presentation of its most characteristical features as an unique kind of house; than, visit of the church of Saint Sophia, one of the oldest ones; after that visit of the Saint Clement's monastery, located on the area called Plaoshnik, built by the protector of the city of Ohrid, Saint Clement, himself; and finally, the visit of the church of Saint John Theologican-Kaneo, as one of the most interesting religious monuments on this area.  
– resting on the Kaneo beach; peddling boats to the most spectacular and "unseen" cave churches near Kaneo; after the dinner we had the DRINKING GAMES, and later we went at the night

club "SKY", where for the first time the participants got relaxed, and after that, of course, 'till early in the morning we were on the port, with guitar, wine.....and, of course, that was the right moment for having some nice romantic moments;

DAY 8 17.07.2003 - OHRID  
After the breakfast we went on one of the most beautiful beaches in Ohrid, GRADISHTE. Later, there was organised tournir in CARTING when there were some great new scores, some of the most important of them were: posing record, in screaming, etc. And the girls showed that they are great drivers, also, (Ema MKD-first place, Patricia ESP-second and Hannah UK-third),for the boys Antti from Finland was first, Nino from Macedonia-second and Davor from Macedonia was thirth. The night was free night for going out and we played games like MAFIA, slovenian "lemon"(of course with alchocol), etc.;

DAY 9 18.07.2003 - OHRID  
– breakfast time and time for preparing for the boat tripping;  
– travelling towards the monastery of St. Naum;  
– visit of the monastery of Saint Naum and entering the church of the Saint Arhangels, presentation of the holly work of Saint Naum during his life,relaxation by the springs of the river Crni Drim, playing water games, enjoying the beach;  
- That night was organised Beach party, we celebrated Gregor's birthday, and, of course, he didn't missed to taste the water of the Ohrid Lake in the late night hours;

DAY 10 19.07.2003 - OHRID  
- This day was "reserved" for the beach "LAGADIN"; and the night for preparing some traditional food by the participants for presentation of their country;  
EUROPEAN NIGHT 1 (presentation of the country from which the participants came from by presenting their traditional music, drink and food)At this evening organizers present all the products from our sponsors without which the realization of this project wouldn't be possible; and after that was the going out at the night club "CUBA LIBRE";  
DAY 11 20.07.2003 - OHRID / BITOLA  
– packing and preparing for departing to Bitola;

– coffee and lunch break in the center of Bitola;  
– accomodation in the hotel on the mountain Pelister, having free time, enjoying the nature, playing football;

(Macedonia-Europe=3:4);  
- after the dinner was one of the greatest parties that happened while the Summer University, in one of the most famous night clubs in Bitola, the night club "POSITIVE";

DAY 12 21.07.2003 - BITOLA  
– the day started with the presentation of the history and sight-seeing of the ancient objects on the locality of HERACLEA LYNKESTIS;  
– after that was going on the sight-seeing in the center of Bitola, that started with the visit of the house of Kemal Mustafa Ataturk, the Museum of Bitola in present time; then, walking down the Shirok sokak, visit of the representor of the Islamic architecture, the JENI MOSQUE, located in the center of the town, and, finally, the visit of the CLOCK TOWER; shopping in the market "Vero" and bying of all the neccessary articles for the crazy and awake night;  
– this night was for EUROPEAN NIGHT 2; time for preparing the cocktails (the Sangria was prepared by the Spanish participants), and for presentation of the results of the pool and the exam that every participant was supposed to answer;

- presentation of the results of the pool and of the exam, plus cocktails and playing games;  
DAY 13 22.07.2003 - BITOLA / SKOPJE  
– after the breakfast, begun the travelling to Skopje and stopping for visiting the ancient town of Stobi, one of the two Roman municipiums on the Balkan; (here having a chance of receiving a master's degree in "sun burn"), because of the time of the visit of the locality(about 15.00 o'clock). We used the night for the rest of the travelling with the going out in the caffee "NEW AGE", and after that in the night club "MARAKANA";

DAY 14 23.07.2003 - SKOPJE  
– day reserved for sport activities: going on the mountain Vodno(by bus, of course) and climbing up towards the Millenium Cross, placed on the highest hill of he mountain;this last night had the organised night party in the night club "APOLON" organised by the organisers as GOODBYE PARTY to the participants;

DAY 15 24.07.2003 - SKOPJE  
Farewell to the participants of "MACEDONIAN FAIRYTALE" the Summer University of AEGEE - Skopje for the year 2003.

**03-17.07.2003**

**D**ouble Overdose, in the organization of two locals from different countries took place from 3rd to 17th July 2003. The principal aim was to present to AEGEE members two neighboring countries which will soon enter the EU. With much communication and cooperation before the SU took place, organizers wanted to ensure the diversity of activities and visited sights and to show as many places as possible in this short period of time. Mainly, the programme during both weeks consisted of workshops, traveling, sightseeing, cultural trips and of course there was also a share of social games, adrenalin and parties. During the TSU the participants got familiar with cultural, natural and social characteristics of the two hosting countries and the organizing teams hope they are now able to form their opinion independently and make proper conclusions about this part of Europe. Numerous enthusiastic mails after the TSU convinced the organizers that they offered also much fun, pleasure, long lasting international friendships and experience. For the majority of the participants this was their first AEGEE event and in order to present them the organization's activities presentation on AEGEE and European night were made.

The starting and ending points of the SU were placed in different countries – participants arrived to Maribor, Slovenia and departed from Pécs, Hungary. The

plan was to spend the first week in Slovenia, to visit 4 regions of the country and to move to Hungary for the second week. A lot of effort was put not only to the organization of the event, but also to its PR and it is a pleasure to say that the event was largely covered by different media in both hosting countries.

According to the programme, first days were spent in Maribor and its surroundings – through inevitable sightseeing, presentation of the Maribor University and its activities, wine tasting, Slovene language course, rafting, international festival and excursion to mountain Pohorje participants got to know the life and cultural heritage of this part of Slovenia. Next days were devoted to the Alps - Bled and Bohinj Lake, Kranjska gora, sports activities such as swimming, hiking, mountain biking and traditional way of living in the Alps fascinated sport and mountain lovers. A thorough guided visit to Ljubljana, the capital was the following step. The last days in Slovenia were spent in rural environment near the Hungarian border, in region of Prekmurje. With the stay there, AEGEE helped to shed light on many of the economic and social problems of the poorest and the most agricultural part of the country. As a large Hungarian minority lives in this part, AEGEE also offered a good example of Slovene-Hungarian cooperation and tolerance,

bringing closer the two communities. The most memorable moment was probably crossing Slovenian-Hungarian border on foot. From the Slovene side everybody had to walk a few meters, wait for the passports to be checked and walk again to reach the Hungarian bus.

Hungarian part kicked off with magnificent Budapest, a tour inside the National Parliament, visits to the Castle, Gellért hill, Citadella and boat trip to historical sight of Visegrad included. In order to offer a true image of Hungary, trip to Balaton Lake (also called Hungarian seaside) could not be missed. Afterwards, the TSU moved towards South, to the final stop – Pécs. An exhaustive programme on Hungarian culture was offered. National dances, drinks, food, language course, European House, social and economic problems all mixed together with swimming, hiking in the countryside and visit to Abaliget stalagmite cave. To make sure the participants get familiar with the historical side of the town of Pécs, an instructive city rally was organized as well as a comprehensive dinner collecting to make sure they know the town map and all the streets by heart. At the end of each week, both organizing teams distributed and carefully examined questionnaires, which now offer guidelines and useful feedback for the future work of the two antennas.

**19.07.2003**

**03.08.2003**

**T**he SU started with a long weekend on the mountains, where we organized a climbing course, and excursions with mountain bike, swimming in rivers and trekking. Then we visited some castles and villas in the center of our region, Piemonte, where we also received the hospitality of the major of a small town, San Giorgio Canavese, and he gave to the participants a little gift. We were able also to offer a whole day in a very nice Canoa club, so the participants could also enjoy the lake on the Canoa.

The SU continued in the south of Piemonte, where we could relax, hosted by our vice president in her country house; we also visited a very nice "thermal city".

Then we spent the last ten days in Torino, where we had the occasion to show the beauties of our city, and also the visit the "subterranean city" and the studios of national television. The same day we also visited the cinema museum, to end the tour about the "cinema city". WE also had the hospitality of engineering faculty, where we could

have the conference about Torino, but also about AEGEE. After a bike trip to one of the most beautiful king's houses out of the city, the summer ended visiting an abbey, built on a cliff...and at night: EUROPEAN night!!

The results of this SU were especially good, and the participants were very happy, because we could offer the good mix of sports, fun, and culture. I really hope some of them will come back here to visit again our city.

# AEGEE-Salerno

**20.07.2003**

**03.08.2003**

The participants are very satisfied. They have had the time of their lives and we have all become friends. They remember the welcome party in the mansion of one of our associated, the European night of Cuccaro Vetere (a small village in the Cilentan coast), the party in the mansion of one of our associated in the Amalfitan coast, the boat-trip to Capri. We have organised Italian courses, the visit of the city, 6 days on the Cilentan coast and Amalfitan coast. Some sentences from participants: Giuseppe Ebraico (Aegees Glasgow): "After 'Non solo sole 2003' the other things are nothing...! Mina Mirkovic (Aegees Belgrade) "good parties, good organisers, good places COMPLIMENTS TO AEGEE SALERNO" Panagiotis Tsiganos (Aegees Athina): "Without this SU we wouldn't get to know each other.... Dear AEGEE-Salerno please organize for us a Waiting Survival New Years Event! Please! . Summer University programme

20th July 2003 Sunday  
· 7.00 .... Welcoming the participants at the Railway Station  
· 21.30 Welcome dinner

21st July 2003 Monday  
· 9.30 Presentation Summer University (Entry Test)  
· 13.00 Lunch  
· 17.00 Welcome message from the

President of the "Provincia"  
· 22.00 Welcome Party

22nd July 2003 Tuesday  
· 9.00 Italian lesson  
· 13.00 Lunch  
· 17.30 Visiting the Old Town  
· 22.00 Pub crawling in Salerno

23th July 2003 Wednesday  
· 9.00 Boat trip to Amalfi (lunch)  
· 20.00 Games on the beach

24th July 2003 Thursday  
· 9.00 Italian lesson  
· 13.30 Lunch: Agriturismo "La Quercia"  
· 22.00 Party

25th July 2003 Friday  
· 10.00 Departure to Tramonti  
· 12.30 Visiting Ravello  
· 20.30 Dinner  
· 22.00 Surprise !!!!

26th July 2003 Saturday  
· 11.00 Departure to Palinuro  
· 14.30 Lunch: Agriturismo to Futani  
· 22.00 Party

27th July 2003 Sunday  
· On the beach  
· 21.00 dinner  
· 23.00 "Dune" Party

28th July 2003 Monday  
· 11.00 Departure to Pisciotta

· 16.00 Italian lesson  
· 21.00 Dinner  
· 23.00 Alcohol ... Games

29th July 2003 Tuesday  
· 11.00 Departure to Cuccaro Vetere  
· 21.00 Welcome party (dinner)  
· 23.59 European night

30th July 2003 Wednesday  
· 10.00 Guided Tour to Velia Ruins  
· 13.00 lunch  
· 15.00 On the beach in Ascea Marina  
· Free night to Salerno

31th July 2003 Thursday  
· 9.30 Departure to Capri  
· On the beach to Capri

01st August 2003 Friday  
· 9.30 Italian lesson  
· 13.30 Free  
· 21.00 Pizza (dinner) "Dolce Vita" Party

02nd August 2003 Saturday  
· 10.00 Trip to Pompeii (lunch)  
· 16.30 free  
· 21.00 Sangria Party + Falo' on the beach

03rd August 2003 Sunday  
· 10.00 Italian Language Course Certificate Award  
· 13.30 Lunch  
· 21.00 For the survivors: Farewell Party  
The end !!!!!!!

# AEGEE-Sibiu

The event was organized in the frame of "Dance around Europe" of DWG. The main target of this event was to enhance the dancing skills of the participants. Dancing courses took place every week-day for 4 hours. We taught the participants how to dance: Waltz  
Tango, Samba, Cha-Cha-Cha  
German and Hungarian traditional dances from Transylvania  
Romanian traditional dances from Transylvania (such as Invarita, Jiana and Hategana --sorry, the words are untranslatable :)  
Gipsy dances  
Most of them really get some skills in

dancing those dances above.

Almost everybody learned how to play Greek traditional dances, such as Sirtakis and others. These were taught by a couple of Greek participants that were professional dancers. We didn't plan that from the beginning but we realized that the participants really wanted to dance Greek dances too. So we did it on the spur!

Participants were split in teams, consisting each of five participants. They were given some assignments (usually funny, but also related with AEGEE) Participants attended a Romanian language course and also an introductory

AEGEE course.

We also spent a day in Sibiu, we took a ride in a traditional horse wagon and we had a traditional meal there. We spent three days in Paltinis, a ski resort near Sibiu, at a chalet.

Evaluation forms were filled in by the participants two times, once after first week and the other at the end. Results of the evaluation forms were quite good and in spite of some minor problems (which we fixed on time) everything was fine and the participants left Sibiu happy. The mailing list is still active so far.

## AEGEE-Roma

**D**ear, lovely unforgettable organizers uhhhhhhhhhh one day out of roma and I started to miss u so much :( I would like to be there again with all of u, I even dont care about the weather as in poland is 35 C it makes me no difference"

"....we will be back in your nightmares"

Thanksgiving from participants, just to give an idea of our feelings at the end of this SU...We felt a very big hole and sad atmosphere...:(

AEGEE-Roma had a language course with 37 participants from all over the Europe, three levels in the course with the SU-staff as teachers. It was difficult to show the importance of the lessons and to avoid people going around Rome in the morning. Our teachers had already organized a LC some years ago, so they were able to make lessons great. In particular I did the second level and after two weeks it was a great satisfaction to hear Spanish people speaking Italian without "e" in front of each word!!

The course in general was great and the last day AEGEE-Roma gave a diploma to their participants during the nice

lessons with their photos on the video and our soundtrack "Rome wasn't built in a day". We had another special soundtrack by a guy from AEGEE-Roma and we made a cd for participants with all the songs that they learnt.

Good lodging and the best tours you can desire, professional guide and enthusiastic people...thanks to our magnificent city! Thanks to the lodging we could cook and eat all together in a sort of big patio: it made the atmosphere friendly and amazing...and you found typical AEGEE-spirit!! :-)  
Girls slept in rooms with other 3 or 4 people maximum, and boys stayed all together in a very big room, don't worry! They had bed, they didn't sleep on the floor!

Participants were crazy for our food (2 meals a day, sometimes 3), for European night and excursion round the town, as well.

In the European night we had a long table with tortilla, jamon from Spanish, salad from Greece, vodka from Poland, sausages from Hungaria, Tiramisu from Italy and so on. It was great because the music, alcohol, and people made the night spontaneous and special!!

Another favorite night was the "salsa and sangria party": we invited a professional teacher and he created a funny lesson, and serious at the same time: we danced in the patio and then, completely drunk went to a pub crawling... During the first week, in order to create a group we organized a treasure hunt, mixing people of different language, and special prizes to the winners...Thanks to Janus for his parody of a woman!!

We were happy that the group appreciated our work and we did our best to give them an unforgettable Summer, I'm sure they remember the watermelon in the thermal baths, our shouts in the morning, the roman red wine...and the goodbye party dancing all night long. We remember very well Irene's tears, and we'd really love to help when she wants to wash up dishes, like other Spanish people.

We showed them the most important monuments of Rome, the most suggestive areas and typical sites in which you find just Roman people, not tourists. The funny was that participants learnt Italian and Roman slang, as well. We wish in the future AEGEE-Roma will realize thousands of events like this summer!!

## München and Mainz

**28.06.2003 12.07.2003**

**E**nlargE U'r minds  
After many weeks of preparation, the first participant finally arrived at Munich central station at 2 o'clock in the morning! A group of 18 participants from 16 different countries came to Germany to join the Summer Course Plus with the main subject "European politics", organized by AEGEE Mainz/Wiesbaden and AEGEE München. What could the students expect of the first week in München with the topic "Eastern European Enlargement"? Not only the famous Bavarian beer, relaxing in the English Garden, a night rally across the city or a barbecue at one of the many lakes around Munich. Under the patronage of Günter Verheugen (member of the European Commission) and Christian Ude (the mayor of Munich) this event was more than only having fun: The participants joined workshops about "the identity of Europe", a panel

discussion with different consuls, they visited the Centre for Applied Politics and the Youth Information Centre. After seven interesting days the group travelled to Mainz. The second week under the topic "Migration and Finance" started with a guided tour and a lecture at Frankfurt International Airport, followed by lectures at the Deutsche Bank (German Bank), the European Central Bank and a visit of the stock exchange in Frankfurt. After different lectures at university the participants had the opportunity to exchange their knowledge and opinions in workshops and group discussions. But what about having fun in Mainz? We don't have such delicious Bavarian beer but a lot of tasty wine, as Mainz is surrounded by wine-growing areas. Offered was among other things a boat trip to Bacharach with a wine tasting, city tours in Mainz, Wiesbaden and Frankfurt, Salsa dancing and a stroll

through Frankfurts pubs and the famous "Äppelwoi Kneipen". To emphasize is the fact that the group put a lot of energy into the discussions, was highly interested in the subject and had a good knowledge of all aspects. As people from many different countries participated in this SC+, everybody left with new perspectives and ideas. In the end all of us had to say goodbye to new European friends but maybe we will all meet again at one of the next AEGEE events!

Pictures and further information can be found on the following websites:  
and [www.aegEE-mainz.org](http://www.aegEE-mainz.org) [www.aegEE-muenchen.de](http://www.aegEE-muenchen.de)

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## AEGEE-Valletta

30.07.2003

14.08.2003

Since this summer university was my last as the AEGEE Valletta Summer University Responsible I wanted it to be extra special. I must say it involved more work this year than the previous 4 events. We really had to come up with new events within those 2 weeks the participants were in Malta. Planning for the SU started early during the year, around January 2003, soon after the Starring Malta Winter Event, which gave us some new ideas for events. When it came to the pre-selection process we made sure we chose at least 2 participants from most antennas, and at the end we had quite a multicultural environment for the SU. But the selection of participants didn't stop there, since more than half of the pre-selected participants dropped out for various reasons. But a couple of reasons were defiantly lack of interest from the applicants to check their e-mail and give us feedback about their participation. And also many dropped out due to circumstances which in my opinion were ridiculous considering that these people all new they had applied for an SU and they new perfectly when it was going to happen. It was a tough job trying to find more participants at the very last minute since, it was around



early August when people were still dropping out of the participants list. Cause of this, over 10 participants had to be chosen out of the pre-selection list, which in the case of AEGEE Valletta had never happened before. So defiantly this was my worse year at coordinating participation with AEGEE members, and I have also sent an e-mail to the SUCT to tell them out this situation, which to my knowledge was happening even with other SU organizers. It is a pity that applicants for SU are not interview in a way to be sure that they are really interested in the SU project and in finding that AEGEE spirit. I fear that if next year this situation is not improved more and more SU will be cancelled and that SU organizers will reduce the number of participants to a safe minimum for them to really have enough participants. This will only undermine the future of the SU project, since there is usually a large percentage of applications for summer universities, and only 1/3 of the places available for SU participants.

During those two weeks participants had the opportunity to learn about Malta's historical and religious history. The Maltese culinary traditions, which

are similar to those, found in most Mediterranean countries. They had the chances to visit temples, palaces and churches taking them back from Stone Age to the time of the Knights of St John in Malta. They had a treasure hunt in the silent city of Mdina, and an astronomy night in the countryside of Malta. Beach parties, BBQs, a visit to the smaller island of Gozo were also among the leisure activities. In the evenings the participants used to enjoy the nightclubs and bars of St Julians, that where just a short walk away from our place of residence. This in fact

was a 3 star hotel, which had a pool and dinning room where participants enjoyed day and night activities. Like always 2 weeks pass quickly, but as an SU responsible I am always glad when people tell me that they not only leave Malta with new friends in their hearts but also a little part of Malta leaves with them. These are AEGEE members that when they go back to their country will become more active within their antenna. And that means that they would have learnt what the AEGEE spirit is all about.

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SU Responsible

## AEGEE-Udine

20.08.2003

04.09.2003

The planned programme of the summer university was successfully done. There were no missing parts and all the things proposed have been done. Since it was the first time we organize the event a few kilometers out of the main city, Udine, we had a nice surprise in seeing that all the people enjoyed the countryside and the mountains instead of the old-town.

We had the chance to give an "extra programme"...we found participants swimming in the near waterfalls and we had barbeque near the river during the evening (even inside the river for someone).

All the "historical" trips we planned were attended: guided tours of Udine, Cividale, Palmanova and Trieste. We spent also a full day in Venice. As we promised we offered also "natural trips" like a strong bike-riding along the mountains and a nice walk around the hill and forest of Tarcento. We've taken part in a local festival with dancers from all over the world. The last five days we've been in Lignano abbiadoro, on the see-side: unluckily the weather was not the best and we lost some possible fun swimming and playing on the beech. So we've organized games around the town. In all the trips there were present organizers. During the SU we've left the participants alone only in the free time...

we were like mothers for them! During the two weeks we organized a lot of parties, where participants could try all local famous drinks. In one of the evaluations (all positive) it was written: "Too many parties maybe"...it depends on the persons but I think it's a good thing for a successful SU.

All people show interest in the proposed things: e.g. they all helped in cooking for the European-dinner.

Many of them, after this event, are going to be more in touch with their local AEGEE-antennae and would like to join future events around Europe to meet again the friends of our SU.

# AEGEE-Moskva AEGEE-Sankt-Peterburg

26.07.2003 08.08.2003

**M**oscow Survival TSUs are already becoming a good tradition. In the booklet description we promise our future participants to show a real Russia and I hope we succeed in it.

As usually our program started in Moscow, than we moved to Pskov and Pushkinskie Gory and the last part took place in Sankt Petersburg celebrating its 300-year anniversary.

What did we show to 35 people ready to adventures in Russia?

Kremlin, the Red Square and Tretiakov Gallery, a bit crazy post-modern Mayakovsky museum and huge fountains covered with gold in VDNH, old Moscow streets and huge orthodox cathedral of Christ the Saviour...

They had a possibility to enjoy traditional Russian banya (steam sauna), to participate in folk rites and games with ancient songs and dances, to try Russian bliny and real vodka, and of course to take part in exciting and crazy parties in various pubs.

Numerous white small orthodox

churches and grey wooden roofs in 1100-year old small town Pskov, four days in a real forest near the lake, eating food made on the open fire, singing various national songs and performance of a traditional terrifying fairytale in the light of the bonfire, bathing, fighting with spiteful Russian mosquitoes!), partying and playing games... A trip to Pushkinskie Gory - Russian village situated in a very picturesque place...

And of course, Sankt Peterburg with its canals and straight beautiful streets, Petropavlovskaya fortress, famous Hermitage, Kazansky cathedral, huge Nevsky street, impressive palace in Peterhof, boat-trip on Neva and fascinating night bridges drawing, walking on the roofs and riding horses... Night-clubs and theatres...

Well, how was it... let's read some letters:

"i just got my photos! 11 films! They are perfect and i remember every minute when I look at them! i wish i had made more!"

"...And again I realized how Moscow

and St. Petersburg are huge....and huuugeeeeee cities... And how all my trip to Russia, was much more than trip...it was a big experience... a brick that is building me as a person...

"When someone asked me "borut, where did u went for vacation?!" well... i said it in like (i\*do\* it\* every now \*and \*then) "i went to Russia"...then i would hear wwwwwwooooooooooooooooo.....and again....and again.... :o)"

"...NOW.....I miss the lake...I miss the nature toilets..... (Russia was my first time for this....and I learned how to love the feeling of bugs crawling up my legs while you are focusing on not hitting yourself)....But most of all I miss you....I told myself! This would be my 3.rd and last SU....But thanks to such a great experience..."

"I also often remember about Russian Surprise – definitely one of best experiences in my life, really!!! I can't explain, what exactly was so fascinating about Moscow but I simply cannot forget it..."

# AEGEE-Zaporizhia

15-28.07.2003

**T**he title of our SU was "UKRAINE: OK? > GO!" and the main topic was Arts & Crafts: everything that you can do by hands. We wanted to show Ukraine through the modern & national traditional art in galleries & artist studios. Every participant brought the piece of Ukraine by taking home smth Ukrainian he made by his hands: Batik workshop, when we painted T-shirts for ourselves, Pottery class- ancient pottery technique of Trypillya culture, Pisanka painting-

traditional Petrikivka painting on eggs, graffiti workshop- the word AEGEE is still the decoration of the wall near Zaporizhia University of Humanities J ...

That was the Travelling SU, so we so Ukraine as it is- big & varied country. Kyiv- the capital of Ukraine, the cultural center. Zaporizhia- the freeloiving Cossacks land, real industrial city. Dnipropetrovsk- rocket capital of ex-

USSR. Yalta- famous resort: Crimean mountains, sun & Black sea.

This SU was really great!!! WE became the best friends ever- the result- the New Year party that we gonna spend together in Ukrainian Carpathians J Thanks to our participants for being so great!!! Thanks to AEGEE Zaporizhia SU team for work & help!!! Thanks to SUCT for support!!!

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