

PTPI Leadership Seminar
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Minutes



International

Peace through Understanding

In total: 27 participants from 22 European PTPI chapters in 14 countries, including 4 members of the European Executive Committee and 3 PTPI trustees.

Introduction and Updates of PTPI: Lars Poignant (Friday)

Introduction and PowerPoint presentation including general information on PTPI and PTPI programs as well as updates from World Headquarters and the European Office

Country Presentations (Friday)

1. Belgium: Wendy Haccuria
2. Denmark: Gunild Bogdahn
3. England: Peter Whitby
4. Romania: Sorina Danciu and Bogdan Tamba
5. Switzerland: Regina and Ernest Wälti
6. Albania: Aleksander Ndini
7. Italy: Chiara Pedretti
8. Bulgaria: Stoyka Bakalova
9. Czech Republic: Lenka Kestrankova
10. Hungary: Mariana Hári
11. France: Graziella Queron
12. Ukraine: Iryna Cherednychenko
13. Russia: Diana Belan

Chapter Presentations (Friday)

1. PTPI's Moscow, Russia Chapter: Diana Belan

- 10 PTPI Moscow members, age 28- 50.
- Six chapter meetings in 2005
- Special interests: culture, law, human rights, traveling, sports
- Activities and Projects:
 - Encouraged members to participate in the summer program of the American Institute on Political and Economic Systems (AIPES) in Prague, July, 2004
 - International conference on student democracy (Sweden-Russia), Moscow, March 17-20, 2005
 - V International summer school on human rights and democracy, Moscow, August 15-26, 2005
 - *School and Classroom Program*: special interest in finding a German partner to participate in the competition "Peace for Europe - Europe for Peace"
 - *Cultural Program*: Folk children vocal band "Krasnopakhoroehka"
 - *Pen Pal Program*: with the US via e-mail

2. PTPI's Angoulême, France Chapter: Graziella Queron

- Members come from three different towns: Angoulême, La Rochelle, Saint Auvent and Poitiers
- Chapter activities focus on contemporary art. The main activities from the last years were: a Cartoon Festival and "Le rencontre d'art contemporain" that takes place every summer
- Between its objectives are: develop rural areas and provide artistic education for children.
- Power Point Presentation on past and future activities.

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3. PTPI's Kiev, Ukraine Chapter: Arkadii Monastyrskiy

- Kiev: capital of Ukraine, 3 million inhabitants => brief information on sights of Kiev and culture
- Chapter: 25 adult members
- Programs:
 - Community center offering different activities
 - Meetings with three ambassadors: Sweden, Poland, UK => and lectures on those countries
 - Center has exhibition halls => artists from abroad are invited to exhibit
 - International Center Festival: together with Ministry of Culture => no entrance fee, free of charge
 - Exhibition of Anne Frank House (Netherlands) has been in Ukraine (more information at www.annefrank.org); training of students to be exhibition guides
 - Seminars on tolerance in Ukrainian schools (contact to COE trainer established by European Office)

4. PTPI's Galych, Ukraine Chapter: Vasyl Ukhman

- Average of the chapter members is 30 years old
- Although they are a new chapter, most of the members have previous experience in public activities
- Above all, the chapter wants to improve people's development (leadership skills; creative, intellectual, physical skills) and foster intercultural and international dialogue through exchanges, cooperation and informative activities
- Most recent project: "EU Information Days for Secondary Schools in Rural Areas" (Project was realized with Delegation of the European Commission in Ukraine)
- Coming projects:
 - Seminar "Euro-Atlantic integration steps of the Ukrainian NGO" on November 18th
 - Cultural program for kids and youth "Winter Holidays" between December 19, 2005 and January 7, 2006
 - "EXERCISE OF DEMOCRACY" (public leadership development) European seminar for leaders of NGOs, trainers and social workers on January 17-19, 2006

5. PTPI's Eastern Ukraine Chapter: Iryna Cherednychenko

- Active chapter members: four adults, all foreign language teachers
- Both children and parents participate in activities, most children 12-15 years old
- Activities:
 - Local sponsoring
 - Christmas talent shows
 - Halloween and Christmas parties
 - "Ice cream Hunt" => 100 children took part in different competitions and fun events aiming at improving team working skills
 - International Visitors Program
- Idea for future project: summer camps for children aged 12-15

6. PTPI's Pécs, Hungary Chapter: Hans Randau

- History:
 - Organized European Conference in 1996
 - Afterwards most active members left => almost no activities
 - Since 2002, reactivation started
- Chapter: currently 12 members (students as well as adults)
 - Most don't speak foreign languages
 - Board of chapter has translated the brochure into Hungarian for PR efforts
- Activities:

- Organized English lessons: Hans Randau and his wife Julia are both retired teachers as some other members
- Participation in official events in Pécs => present at inauguration of a Roma grammar school
- Future projects: chapter would like to host people in the future (International Visitors Program)

7. PTPI's Budapest, Hungary Chapter: Marianna Hári

- PTPI's Budapest Chapter has 10 members, but most don't live in Budapest itself, but in the region => makes meetings and communication difficult
- Activities: mainly International Visitors Program and Pen Pal Program
- Idea: start new chapter in Veszprém (100 km from Budapest, home town of Marianna) => so far 5 members, all teachers, Marianna is still looking for more to start the chapter
- Interests: International Visitors Program, SCP
- Future project: participation in training for trainers on human rights education organized by PTPI's Plovdiv Chapter
- Presentation accompanied by digital pictures of Veszprém and the region

8. PTPI's Sternberk, Czech Republic Chapter: Lenka Kestrankova

- Chapter started in 2004
- 15 members, most between 20 and 30 years old, youngest 16 years old
- Activities:
 - Organized different activities for children
 - Trip to Australia (five months) in 2004, visit of local PTPI chapter in Australia => building an informative trail
 - Slide shows of trip in Sternberk
 - Slide shows of trip to Iceland
 - June 1: International Children's Day => organized games, competitions, singing for children and youth
 - Exchange with a student group from Spain under the title "We are going to change the world from Europe" => group of Sternberk went for 16 days to Northern Spain, afterwards a group from Spain came to Sternberk
 - Activity in psychiatric asylum: different fun activities with patients together with visitors from Spain

9. PTPI's Plovdiv, Bulgaria Chapter: Stoyka Bakalova

- Most members between 16 and 20 years old, two around 30 years old
- Activities:
 - Chikho: International Video Game (available Online at www.chikho.com) to get to know other cultures => created in cooperation with groups from three different countries (Italy, UK, ...) => next year, more partners might be included for Chikho 2
 - International training session organized together with partners from Balkan countries: Romania, Greece, Montenegro
- Future activities
 - Training of trainers on human rights education organized in Plovdiv from April 1 to 10, 2006 => partners from Romania, Hungary and Turkey are invited
 - 2 host families can offer homestay for international visitors

10. PTPI's Milan, Italy Chapter: Valeria Magistrelli

- Chapter established in 1980
- Activities:
 - International Visitors Program (organized annually tours to USA for student groups)
 - Participation in Conferences (Worldwide and European)
 - Hosted international visitors (last summer two groups of 8 people from US)
 - Organized Worldwide Conference in 2004

- Supported charity events => sponsored fountains in Cameroon with funds obtained at the Worldwide Conference
- Organized dance performances to raise money for humanitarian initiatives in Africa
- Future projects:
 - International summer camp for 200 students organized in cooperation with other organizations in July 2006, goal: improve active European citizenship
 - Preparation meeting to discuss organization of camp planned for January 2006

11. PTPI's Ravenna, Italy Chapter: Serena Saragoni

- Chapter not as active as it used to be => chapter used to host a lot of international visitors, but now it has not many possibilities to host any more
- Activities: language courses in Italian (chapter linked to a local language school)
- Ravenna as a city is a tourist attraction => short presentation of sights in Ravenna and cultural highlights

12. PTPI's Korce-Bilisht, Albania Chapter: Olda Cico

- Started in May 2005 (during European Conference in Tirana, Albania)
- 10 members, 4 board members
- Activities: aid to residential center of disabled and orphanage
- Interests: cultural programs, exchanges, humanitarian projects

13. PTPI's Durres, Albania Chapter: Abdulla Cergani

- Presentation of Durres (history and tourist attractions) => PowerPoint
- Chapter members: most English teachers
- Humanitarian efforts:
 - Distributed clothes, wheelchairs, aqua boxes to people in need
 - Sponsoring of a person in a wheel chair to get surgery
- Interests:
 - International contacts
 - SCP for their students

14. PTPI's Tirana, Albania Chapter: Aleksander Ndini

- Activities:
 - Exchanges, excursions and homestay
 - Organized European Conference in May 2005
 - Humanitarian efforts for people in need, especially orphanages and old people's homes, also medical equipment for disabled

15. PTPI's Bern, Switzerland Chapter: Otto Burri

- Information on European trustees meeting in Soul, South Korea => updates
- Chapter activities:
 - Organized Worldwide Conference in 1992
 - Hosting and sending of international visitors
 - Summer parties and reception at US embassy for student ambassadors
 - Sister chapter: Roman (also financial support and humanitarian efforts)
 - Good PR thank to chapter member Ulrich Krebs
- Finances:
 - Membership fee: 30%
 - Homestay fee of student ambassadors: 70%

16. PTPI's Interlaken, Switzerland Chapter: Regina and Ernest Wälti

- Presentation of Interlaken (geography, tourist facilities, attractions, possibilities for sport activities in the region) => accompanied by transparencies for overhead projects
- Chapter established in 1996 with 10 members, today 50 members (singles, couples and families)

- Rotation of board members every 2 years to involve new people
- Programs:
 - Homestay (hosting) => briefings for host families before homestay
 - Travels (sending) => homestay and participation in international conferences
 - Cultural program: sponsoring of a Russian singer to go to university in Italy => after studies were completed organization of a concert with her in Interlaken
 - Once per month: meeting to speak English
 - Youth Coordinator of the chapter organized a young generation meeting in Spiez (now participating in PTPI's Mongolian Culture Program)
- PR:
 - Newsletter (3-4 issues per year)
 - Regular reports
 - Local newspaper sometimes publishes reports and announcements
 - Brochure

17. PTPI's Roman, Romania Chapter: Sorina Danciu

- History:
 - established in 1990 with the help of PTPI's Bern Chapter
 - originally 10 members, then 30 => some left after the conference
 - In 2000, 20 students joined chapter as young generation group => helped to prepare the European Conference in 2003)
 - Today 38 active members and 20 YGs
- Activities:
 - Organized European Conference in 2003 (since Roman is a small town, the chapter was very happy to be able to host the conference)
 - Received donations and help of sister chapter in Bern
 - Christmas parties once a year with talent shows and other highlights
 - Organized leadership seminar "girl power" for young girls
 - Several exchanges with PTPI's Bern Chapter: sending and hosting
 - Also hosting of guests from the USA
 - Encourage participation of young generation in academic debates program
- PowerPoint presentation on chapter and its activities

18. PTPI's Iasi, Romania Chapter: Adriana and Bogdan Tamba

- Chapter started 2004 with mostly university students as members => most have now graduated to become doctors and lawyers
- Activities:
 - Monthly meetings
 - Sports activities
 - Social assistance center for elder people: dental care, free treatment, materials sponsored by the chapter
 - Support of a day care center for disadvantaged children: fundraising efforts to give them presents and support, thanks to the help of the Berlin Chapter and the European Office, school supplies could be provided for the day care center
- Future activities:
 - Currently negotiation with pharmaceutical companies to get free medication for people in need
- Group of young students (high school) in Vaslui first joined the chapter in Iasi (live about 60 km away) => now they have started a student chapter => some of the high school students will soon graduate and go to university in Iasi, the chapter hopes to be able to attract them

19. PTPI's Chester, UK Chapter: Peter Whitby

- Brief presentation of history and tourist attractions of Chester
- History of chapter:

- Chapter started as part of the sister cities organization
- Through contact of this organization to PTPI, chapter started to participate in PTPI activities and programs
- Members:
 - Age: 60 years and older => problem for hosting
 - But members can help to find budget accommodation if people want to visit and can offer hospitality (but not homestay)
- Activities:
 - Every year: music school exchange with sister city in Lakewood, USA, including intercultural exchange (information on each others culture)
 - Participation in international conferences and homestay
 - Meeting with international visitors coming to Chester

20. PTP Denmark: Gunild Bogdahn

- PTP Denmark can host up to 250 people per year
- 15 local PTPI chapters in Denmark
- In the past, Denmark hosted up to 800 student ambassadors, but no the groups are not coming to Denmark any more
- Members would very much like to host
- Past activities:
 - Trips to Berlin, New Zealand, Switzerland, Japan (16 days)
 - 4 trips to USA: 3 student groups and one adult group
- Future activities:
 - People from abroad are invited for homestay
 - Denmark plans at least one trip abroad per year until 2010 => for all trips there are already waiting lists
- PR: own Web site www.peopletopeople.dk
- PowerPoint presentation on past and future activities

21. PTPI's Brussels, Belgium Chapter: Wendy Haccuria

- Chapter established in 1970
- Today 35 members and 320 contacts
- PR:
 - Invitations
 - Press releases
 - Newsletter (4 times per year)
 - Send participants to conferences and other events to inform on PTPI
- Activities:
 - Monthly meetings
 - Social and cultural events (day trips, parties, excursions to cultural events)
 - Homestays and dinners at home
 - Concert and intercultural programs
- Future activities:
 - Christmas Dinner in December: international visitors are welcome
- PowerPoint presentation on Brussels and chapter activities

22. PTPI's Berlin, Germany Chapter: Hans-Dieter Robel

- History: active for 27 years, but first member of an organization called "Friendship Force" => part of PTPI for 10 years
- 70 members, but most older now => problems to attract younger members
- Activities:
 - Monthly meetings of members
 - Regular board meetings
 - Homestay: sending and hosting

- International evenings and other events (slide shows on trips etc.)

Workshop on Stereotypes and Prejudice: Behrooz Motamed-Afshari (Saturday)

Lemon-Exercise to introduce the term "stereotype": People are asked to briefly describe what a lemon looks like. Then everyone receives a lemon and is asked to look closely at it and give it a name. All lemons are collected and everyone has to find his or her lemon again. Result: Most manage to find their lemon. As it seems, lemons can be distinguished from each other even though it is easy to generally describe them ("stereotypical lemon" vs. "unique lemon").

Exercise "Prejudice Barometer" and debriefing with the goal to raise self-awareness (What do I think generally about prejudices?) and compare own point of view to the one of others (What do others think about it?): Three statements were presented and people were asked to position themselves in the room: One corner of the room was labeled "I agree", the other "I disagree". The following questions were asked:

- "Some prejudices are useful."
- "It is my right to have prejudices."
- "I have prejudice."

In each group, people were asked to explain their point of view. The exercise sparked quite some discussions on the meaning of prejudice.

Providing basic information and definitions: 30 min. Interactive PowerPoint presentation about Prejudices and Stereotypes (based on socio-psychological perceptions) => as examples to explain the notions of stereotype, prejudice and discrimination, statements about an imaginative people called "Malekulians" were presented.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION: Stereotypes and Prejudice



Relate the following statements to the three terms "stereotype", "prejudice" and "discrimination"

Quiz

- Malekulians are lazy people!
(Stereotype)
- We don't trust Malekulians!
(Prejudice)
- Let's not work with Malekulians!
(Discrimination)

Stereotype

- A Stereotype is... an oversimplified **generalization / categorization** of an entire group of people without regard for individual differences.
- A stereotype is a **belief** about individuals based on their membership in a social group.

⇒ The picture in our mind!

What's the difference between heaven and hell?

- In heaven, the police are English, the workers are German, the lovers are Italian, the cooks are French and the organizers are Swiss.
 - In hell, the police are German, the workers are French, the lovers are Swiss, the cooks are English and the organizers are Italian.
- ⇒ A **Stereotype** can be ...
- Positive (useful)
 - Negative (problematic, inaccurate and hostile)

Prejudice and Discrimination

- **Prejudice** is pre-judging, **making a decision** about a person or group of people without sufficient knowledge. Prejudice thinking is based on stereotypes. Prejudice is an **attitude**.
- **Discrimination** is the **behavior** that can follow prejudicial thinking. Discrimination is the denial of justice and fair treatment in many arenas, including employment, housing and political rights.

Prejudice

(Picture of man and woman)

Business: Men

Nurse: Woman

Note

- Both stereotypes and prejudices are often transmitted in the process of socialization, from very early period in our life (through family, friends, schooling, media etc). We often adopt them at unconscious level and they often act unconsciously.

Managing prejudices and stereotypes: 60 min. An exercise (with debriefing afterwards) for participants to begin to identify, challenge and manage their own/personal responses and prejudices in “small groups” in relation to issues of race, religion, age, sexuality and disability. This exercise was a starting point for the workshop “Tolerance in Intercultural Cooperation” which followed in the afternoon. Each group was asked to find examples for stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination concerning the issue assigned to them. Then they were supposed to find solutions to the problems. Each group presented the results of their discussion to the others afterwards. Result: The examples to the various issues were quite different; the solutions found by the different groups were quite similar even though they were addressing different problems.

Workshop on Tolerance in Intercultural Cooperation: group work (Saturday)

Participants were divided into four groups. Each group was led by a member of the European Executive Committee. The EEC members had the task to facilitate the discussion, make sure that the time frame is respected and that everyone contributes since every person represents a chapter. (Prior to the seminar, each EEC member received information on the task.)

In the groups everyone had the possibility to formulate concerns and address problems that he or she has encountered in his or her chapter.

After this exchange of experiences, solutions for the problems were discussed and a brainstorming was done on possible future projects.

One group member took minutes of the discussions. Then the group prepared together a presentation of the results for the next day.

Presentations of groups (Sunday)

1. “Panorama Room” Group led by Cornelia Siegenthaler (Treasurer EEC)

Group members:

- Lenka Kestrankova (Czech Republic)
- Graziella Queron (France)
- Aleksander Ndini (Albania)
- Serena Saragoni (Italy)
- Diana Belan (Russia)

Concerns:

- Lack of members
- Some chapters have not enough young members and a lack of new initiatives
- Some chapters have only young members (for example Sternberk)
- Fundraising
- Difficult communication because chapters are spread out (even if not too far away from each other like in Switzerland)

Ideas / Solutions:

- Fundraising: contact local government, contact embassies for support
- Fundraising: Angoulême has established a local business club to get support
- Fundraising: idea to organize tours for business people
- International summer camps
- Integrate parents of the students into PTPI to get new members
- Sternberk is looking for a “sister” school (more intense cooperation than usual SCP)
- Ravenna wants to join SCP or maybe do an exchange with Albania
- Moscow would like to do an exchange with other folk choirs and dance groups
- More exchanges between young generation members as done in Switzerland (young generation age is not clearly defined yet, according to Swiss YG: 18-40 years old)
- Establish a mentor for new chapters as advisor and also as contact person concerning new chapter projects

2. “Salon I” Group led by Peter Whitby (President EEC)

Group members:

- Sorina Danciu (Romania)
- Ernest Wälti (Switzerland)
- Stoyka Bakalova (Bulgaria)
- Abdulla Cergani (Albania)

Concerns and solutions:

- Regular reports about homestays to create a database that informs on outgoing and incoming groups for each chapter => most chapters do not record their homestays
- More transparency about the finances of PTPI for local chapters: distribution of a report on funding sources and distribution to all chapters as well as an announcement of the priorities for every year
- Trips to USA: no common strategy for traveling to the US, some Europeans don’t want to give their personal information to enter the US, for some the costs to travel to the US are to high (especially for Eastern Europe, but also in the west)

- Cooperation among European chapters to develop a common “travel plan” to go to the US might be helpful
- Close contact to US embassies to get information could be helpful (in Romania the US embassy started an initiative to facilitate twin cities between the US and Romania => Romanian chapters have not yet participated, but such initiatives could be interesting, they might exist in other countries as well)
- Try to find Peace Corps volunteers to help with chapter development (has been done in Roman, Romania)
- A lot of people, especially from Eastern Europe cannot afford the costs for participation in international conferences
 - Chapters should try to raise enough funds to send at least one delegate per year to the European conferences
 - It might be useful to approach outside funds
- Young Generation meetings: place them under the supervision of one chapter and then try to find partners to get a European participation
- Sister chapters to have a mentor and to help each other with logistical information

3. “Salon II” Group led by Chiara Pedretti (Secretary EEC)

Group members:

- Regina Wälti (Switzerland)
- Hans Randau (Hungary)
- Hans-Dieter Robel (Germany)
- Olda Cico (Albania)
- Iryna Cherednychenko (Ukraine)

Ideas:

- Develop European identity
 - European chapters should find “their” way
 - More cooperation between European chapters (reason: closer, cheaper and easier to visit each other than visit US or other continents; great variety of nations, languages and cultures within Europe)
 - Keep in mind the differences between USA and Europe, but also between Eastern and Western Europe when organizing projects/trips etc.
- Homestay:
 - Detailed information for host families and guests as preparation before the homestay (helps to avoid problems and wrong expectations)
 - Homestay: exchange experiences after the homestay, inform on trips by doing presentations and showing pictures/slides
 - For chapters without hosting capacities: try to attract visitors anyway and find them inexpensive accommodation in hotels/hostels, then offer dinners at home and organize sightseeing tours for them (meeting is very important to get to know each other and improves future cooperation)
 - Young people: difficult to host if too young, but without homestay for young people there is no way to attract them as members
- Future projects:
 - Inform on PTPI: PR in universities, schools, other organizations, local newspapers etc. => personal contacts as first step for PR
 - Sisters chapters: exchange of expertise, organizing events together, but not necessary financial contributions of one chapter to another
 - Summer camps for students in Europe: maybe try to have one event per year and rotate the location

4. “Wartburgsaal” Group led by Bogdan Tamba (Youth Coordinator EEC)

Group members:

- Gunild Bogdahn (Denmark)
- Vasyl Ukhman (Ukraine)
- Wendy Haccuria (Belgium)
- Mariana Hári (Hungary)
- Valeria Magistrelli (Italy)
- Arkadii Monastyrskyi (Ukraine)

Concerns and solutions:

- Membership:
 - Problem: maintaining members and attracting new members
 - Reasons: lack of time, boredom, some members expect profit of membership that we cannot offer
- Fundraising:
 - Denmark has no problems with fundraising
 - Belgium has enough finances of existing sources as well
 - Sources are available, a problem is often to convince the funders
- Visitors: Denmark would like to have more international visitors, members get frustrated because there are no visitors
- Chapter meetings: there should be more and more members should be involved
- Language barriers: many members lack language skills which is also a problem for homestay
- Lack of understanding of the PTPI concept among the members
- Problem: legal registration of a chapter is necessary in order to obtain funds
- Lack of PR of PTPI in general (through World Headquarters), lack of PR done by local chapters (often no newsletter, brochures etc.) => could be improved

Program Ideas

- English as a second language: more support and activities, example: summer camps
- More meetings, seminars and trips organized for groups => go places, but not only as individual
- Initiate regular meetings of the chapter where English is spoken to practice
- Attract youth (trips, meetings; especially fun events like survival camps etc.)
- Promote World Wide Conference and European Conference => more people should attend, all chapters should be present
- Initiate programs to disseminate the western society concept in eastern Europe
- Humanitarian aid project of PTPI's Bern, Switzerland Chapter: book donations => one example for sister chapter program
- International summer camps
- More regional and international meetings
- International student exchanges

Final discussion on project ideas (Sunday): Results

General

1. Membership

- Concern: lack of members and fluctuations (some come, some leave)
- Challenge: get new members and young members
- Regular chapter meetings

2. Public Relations – In order to get new members

- Explain benefits of joining PTPI

- Ideas/beliefs of PTPI: spread the message
- Wish was expressed by members to have a media campaign organized by Headquarters and Board of Directors
- Chapter brochures
- Press releases on chapter activities and awards for local newspapers
- Organize local events and invite non-members
- Christmas cards to local VIP's and businesses with info on PTPI
- Moving members can start new chapters
- PR-Coordinator in every chapter as part of the chapter board stays in contact with Karen Hoch in Kansas City
- Information campaign in universities
- Contact to other organizations
- Contact to local press and media (radio)

Projects

1. Homestays

- Information before and after Homestay for host families and guests/visitors
- Database on Homestays capacity and number of Homestays organized by each European Chapter (chapters would need to create such a database and send regular updates to European Office)
- Organized trips to the US (chapters should take things in their hands and cooperate with other European chapters to share the work)
- Prepare for European Conference in Denmark => promotion among members
- Information on chapters as destinations in order to incite increased traveling (people feel more comfortable if they know more about the chapter they visit)
- Improved networking between chapters
- Advantage of Homestay as a program: possible for all ages / mixed groups possible
- Personal contact incites increased travel: visit also chapters that cannot offer Homestays to get to know each other (stay in hotel, meet for sightseeing, dinner) => tool for involving new members
- Future Homestays:
 - Trip from Switzerland to Roman planned by Bern Chapter (contact Ulrich Krebs)
 - Interlaken invited to Ukraine: in preparation (contact Ernest Wälti)
 - Eastern Ukraine Chapter will collect info on tourist attractions in the region to share with other chapters
 - In general: show not only sights, but also daily life (life, work...)
- Meeting of host families
- Sometimes some people have room to host, but not time and others have time, but no room: the two groups could cooperate: "hosts" provide room and "entertainers" time and energy to show visitors around and organize local program

2. Youth

- Definition of age group for young generation was discussed and suggested to be 18-30, 18-35 or even 18-40
- Trips for youth / student exchanges
- Summer camps
 - Camp planned in Italy: 2 weeks, sponsored by several sources, 15-18 years old, July 2006, contact: Valeria Magistrelli and the PTPI European Office.
- YG-Meeting in Bern next weekend (October 15-16): contact person: Cornelia Siegenthaler
- Trip to Taiwan: accommodation in universities, contact: Bogdan Tamba (who will summarize information for the next newsletter and make it more concrete)

- Training for trainers on Human Rights Education in Plovdiv, Bulgaria from April 1-7, 2006; invited are groups of 5 young people and one leader from the following countries: Bulgaria, Hungary, Turkey and Romania; more information at www.ptpi-bg.tripod.com
- Next YG-Meeting in Switzerland will probably take place in Zürich, if interest or ideas, contact Cornelia Siegenthaler
- Use other languages in PTPI: French, Spanish.
- Artists are invited to go to Iasi: expositions or other events/projects can be organized; people interested can contact Bogdan Tamba

3. Sister Chapters/Networking

- Exchange experiences
- Not necessarily fundraising
- Existing sister chapter relationships: Bern-Roman, Interlaken-Bucharest, Berlin-Durres, Zürich-Tallinn
- Chapters interested in finding a partner: Plovdiv, Moscow, Iasi, Budapest, Eastern Ukraine => new liaison might be established between Chester and Pécs (to be discussed among chapter members)
- Improve contacts between chapters
 - More intense exchange
 - More communication among European chapters
 - Prepare partnership thoroughly
- Bilateral and multilateral cooperation possible
- Discussion if it is possible to have more than one sister chapter => the general understanding was to first make sure that cooperation with one sister chapter works fine before starting to establish a second sister-chapter-relationship
- Sister chapters should clearly define goals and content of cooperation: Having a sister chapter means having special and privileged relations to a certain chapter

4. Humanitarian Programs

- Roman: tutoring / English classes for physically disabled children and sponsoring of an Internet connection
- Iasi will continue its efforts to provide medical care and treatment for elderly as well as to support the day-care centre

5. SCP/School exchange

- Master project school exchange (not only classrooms but schools cooperate)
- Albania cooperates with Ravenna

6. Conference/Events/Meetings

- Problem: because of high prices, low participation => not all chapters represented
- Encourage more national and regional meetings (regional meetings = meetings of neighboring countries)
- Promotion of European Conference in Europe, but also the US, Asia, ...
- National meetings: if international visitors English should be spoken
- Concrete meetings:
 - Sternberk meets Rokycany: Czech national meeting
 - Swiss national meeting: probably in Bern in August 2006
 - Italian national meeting: project idea to be discussed
 - National meeting in Ukraine: project idea to be discussed
 - National meeting in France: project idea to be discussed
 - Denmark National Meeting will take place in November 2005 at the same time as the meeting to prepare the trip to New Zealand

Seminar on Fundraising (Sunday)

For details, see fundraising dossier and PowerPoint presentation on seminar CD distributed to all participants

Follow-up seminars (Sunday)

- Chester plans its follow-up seminar for the beginning of 2006
- Interlaken: February 17th, 2006 (before or after the 10th anniversary, together with Bern and Zurich Chapters)
- Romania: National meeting (at least Roman and Iasi, maybe other Romanian chapters as well) in March 2006
- Berlin: March 2006
- France: Angoulême contacts other French chapters (Montpellier, Céret) to ask if interest in a national meeting
- Plovdiv: December 2005 (maybe together with PTPI's Burgas Chapter, if interest)
- Albania: national meeting, invite also the chapters not present, location either Tirana or Korçe
- Ukraine: local meetings in each chapter because of great distances, Eastern Ukraine plans to hold the follow-up seminar as soon as possible
- Sternberk: together with Rokycany in November 2005
- Hungary: as soon as possible (after setting up Veszprém chapter?)
- Denmark: resume sent to all Danish Chapters; follow-up seminar now later than March 2006
- Moscow: as soon as possible, fall 2005
- Belgium: will discuss with members and president best date, but wants to hold follow-up seminar as soon as possible
- Italy:

Evaluation (Sunday): Questionnaire Results

See separate document.

Group Evaluation (Sunday)

Participants were asked to write on a flip chart what they would like to “take home” from the seminar (suitcase) or throw away (dust bin).

Suitcase:

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| - Friends | - They will work together |
| - Ideas | - Old and new friends |
| - Materials | - Good weather |
| - Project ideas | - Knowledge |
| - Friendship | - Desire to meet again shortly |
| - Good feeling | - All the above |
| - Contacts | - Hopes, ideas, friends |
| - Information | - Good atmosphere |
| - Ideas for chapter program | - The best regards |
| - Kindness | |

Dust bin:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| - Boringness | - The bad food |
| - Tears of good by | - Stammtisch |
| - Stammtisch | - Room... too much noise! |
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