

# Newsletter

for People to People Europe

September 1996



## Annual Conference in Pécs, Hungary

*In early June the annual meeting of PTP Europe was held in Pécs, southern Hungary. Some sixty members from nineteen countries attended the conference, which included meetings, city tours and tastes of the local culture during the dinners. Many thanks to Mrs Corinne Farid, who arranged the conference. Right now Corinne is leaving Hungary for Austria, but leaves a chapter behind, which we hope will prosper.*

### **Changing of the Board**

At the conference the present chapters described their activities and future plans. Effort was also made to organise the Board as President Jules Janssen announced that he did not wish to serve the second year of his term. Elisabeth Stierli also left the Board.

On behalf of both the Board and all the chapters I would like to express our appreciation for Jules and Elisabeth's contributions. They have spent many hours keeping in contact with chapters and members as well as hosting foreign guests in their home in Dutch Huizen. I think and hope this was

not the end of their engagement in PTP. Their network is an asset for the organisation and their hospitality an excellent example of PTP spirit. Mr Daniel Schaubacher was elected the new president of PTP Europe and Officer Justyna Dziurma the new PF officer.

Daniel comes from Switzerland. He has a background in international marketing logistics and economic promotion. He is currently International Trade Advisor. He is married to Myriam. With his long international experience and network of contacts we all think that Daniel can contribute a lot to the development of PTP.

### **Priorities for 1996/1997**

The following guidelines and priorities were introduced at the annual meeting by Daniel Schaubacher. They will guide PTP Europe the coming year.

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<b>P</b>	Promote the pledge of PTPI, " <i>I will offer the hand of friendship to people without regard to race, nationality or religion. I shall seek opportunities to meet people of other cultures, to become involved in international projects and programs of mutual interest. I shall try to develop an appreciation of the many ethnic groups that have become a part of PTPI</i> ", and the programs of PTPI, Europe, and its chapters.
<b>E</b>	Emulate equal and excel the program and work of other Chapters and groups.
<b>O</b>	Open doors to new opportunities
<b>P</b>	Pave the way for contacts, programs, and activities - learn to delegate
<b>L</b>	Love show and share a spirit of genuine understanding and appreciations
<b>E</b>	Encourage each other, identify talents, foster cooperation.

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In more specific terms our goals are to:

- Develop chapters and establish new ones with emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK.
- Reach out to youth through cultural exchanges and cooperation with the USA
- Develop resources by establishing a European fund, identify special skills and program in Chapter life; and publishing directory of key PTPE people and programs
- Improve communications with the Newsletter, Internet, PTPI Headquarters; between chapter, publish European flier or brochure, foster credibility and affinity in our PTP and outreach work.
- Focus on events and opportunities (WWC & Youth Conference Newport Beach, Gliwice PTPE Conference chapter programs and skills regional meeting with PTPE Board late fall 1996; Youth leadership conference 1997.

### ***Justyna - New Board Member***

In Pécs Justyna Dziurma was elected PR officer to replace Elisabeth Stierli. She is a 26 year old student at the Silesian Technical University in Gliwice, Poland, where she studies computer science. Her skills come in very handy for PTP since she manages the "web site" for PTP Europe. She likes the idea of PTP, but when she joined PTP last year she doubted if something can really be done in practice. She says "Now I see MUCH depends on people you are cooperating with and I also realized that there are many people who just

*wait for somebody who would draw them to any activity (because not everybody is self-organized). With such people you can really change the world, beginning obviously from your own backyard."*

*I'd like to keep connections between people still hot, not to let them be forgotten, and build new of course. But I'm too young and inexperienced to say that I have plans for the next 20 years: I would be happy if our activity let anybody find something good in his or her life. I would also be careful in making people happy by force.*

## **Essay competition**

*At the annual conference in Pécs the idea of an essay competition was presented. This competition is planned for Sweden in spring 1997.*

The competition would take place in secondary schools (16-19 years old). The students will be asked to write an essay on a specified topic and the winner/s will receive a trip to an international conference. The project has multiple aims. For the *students* participating in the conference it will broaden their understanding of international topics. The *conference* will benefit from well prepared and international participants through this event. *People to People* will not only promote understanding of international relations but also interest in the organisation, which hopefully will increase the network and possibly number of members. The student will be expected to make a presentation in

school about the conference in order to promote more interest.

The organising of the competition will start in fall by contacting schools and teachers. The actual essays will be written in early spring. To evaluate the essays a jury of PTP members and subject experts. Alternatives to an essay are term papers, which would mean that a student will spend more time on the subject.

Anyone interested can contact Mattias Hedberg, Sweden, who will organise the competition in Sweden. Hantverkarg. 5, 231 44 Trelleborg.

## **European Conference in Prague 2-3 November**

*During the coming fall and next year there will be an effort to promote PTP Europe. One short term goal is to produce a brochure. Steps have been taken to collect information from the various chapters in Europe to put in the brochure. At the World Wide Conference in Newport, California, in October there will be a presentation on PTP Europe. The long term aim will be to increase the number of members and chapters. In addition there will be efforts to provide funding for PTPE activities and administration. These initiatives will be discussed in a conference in Prague.*

During the conference weekend there will be both meetings to discuss internal PTP issues and open sessions in order to promote people from Prague to be active in PTP. We will also invite representatives from AUDEM for a meeting.

Some issues that we will cover are:

- resource development
- chapter development
- project coordination

There is no chapter in Prague, but we hope that the meeting will help to start one. It is our intention to invite people that could be interested in PTP. If you have any contacts with people of Prague, please let us know.

The International Alliance of Universities for Democracy (AUDEM) will have conference and Symposium in Prague November 3-6. AUDEM and PTP have common interests in international relations and development. We intend to invite representatives from AUDEM in order to discuss possible enhancement in the cooperation.

Please notice that that locations for the meeting and accommodation have not been decided. This makes it impossible to include a formal invitation with this Newsletter. However, if you are interested in coming to the Czech Republic for the conference and piece of local culture, please contact Lars Poignant for more information as the details are set.

## Alliance of Universities for Democracy

*What is AUDEM? Meeting AUDEM representatives in Prague will not only answer questions on what we can do together, but also and more importantly how we can benefit from each other..*

In 1994 the boards of PTP International and Alliance of Universities for Democracy signed an agreement to cooperate in areas of mutual interest in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). Shared goals are the development of common moral and social values and preserving and enhancing the civil society in CEE and the US. Since community is a common element, joint PTPI-AUDEM work should

focus on university and community linkages wherever possible. A strategic goal is for PTPI and AUDEM to join forces in application for funding. Ideally such projects would involve persons active in PTPI chapters in both CEE and the US and persons from Alliance member universities.

*Source: Alliance News 1996:5*

The **Alliance of Universities for Democracy** is a consortium of institutions of higher learning formed to enhance the role of education in promoting democratic institutions, economic development including technology transfer, decentralized decision making, human health, sustainable habitation of the earth, and common moral and social values.

The Alliance provides a forum for the faculty and management of higher education institutions to join together and take strength from each other to deal positively and constructively with the changes precipitated by world-changing events. Information about these events and responses will be vital for informed persons throughout the world and will constitute opportunities for scholars, educators and professionals in government and business.

The Alliance is an international, intercultural and interdisciplinary association designed to stimulate and support exchanges between faculty, administrators and community leaders interested in higher education in three broad areas:

- University and Society - dealing with values and motivations in democracies and the role of higher education in the regional, national and local community.
- Infrastructural Reform - dealing with improving organizational effectiveness including: national legal, regulatory or financial reform; higher education restructure, assessment and accreditation; information access, telecommunications and technology.
- Curriculum Reform - dealing with problems and innovations in curricula for education in diverse disciplines including but not limited to: philosophy and applied ethics, engineering, business, sociology, information and library sciences, basic and life sciences, medicine and journalism.

AUDEM links more than 100 universities in: North America, Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe, Western Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Baltics and Balkans.

*Source: AUDEM homepage Sept 13, 1996; <http://solar.rtd.utk.edu/friends/audem>*

### **People to People - what is it and how do I become a member?**

People to People is a non profit organisation founded in 1956. It consists of independent chapters in many different countries around the world. They all however try to promote understanding of different cultures and countries through exchange of ideas and experiences directly among people. Please contact any representative for a chapter or Board member for information on how to join.

### **Newsletter for PtP Europe**

Any written contribution is highly appreciated. The Newsletter is distributed to each national chapter. It may be redistributed within the chapters to members and non members.

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## Peace Seminar for Youth

*For next summer there are plans to arrange a Peace Seminar for youth. Ray Russell lets us know more.*

People to People International is planning a venture to promote international understanding among young people ages 16-20 from the Mideast, Europe, the NIS and North America. We feel this international mixture is vital to underlining intercultural understanding, the core of our mission.

To further facilitate this goal, student participants will be assigned to multinational and ethnic. Through the PTPI network and widespread advertising, we hope to attract 100 young people. As for now the site is not decided. The target date is July 1997.

## National and Chapter Reports

### **Germany**

**Berlin** hosted guests from Switzerland (Luzern), Denmark (Vojens), Poland (Gliwice) and New Zealand (Chistchurch). Members of Berlin visited Vojens and Luzern in the summer, and in October will visit Gliwice. Helmond in the Netherlands was also visited.

For the next year the Berlin chapter will prepare a family exchange between Berlin, France, Scotland, England, Greece, Denmark, Switzerland, Australia and the US. (Hans Dieter Robel)

### **Estonia**

Within the Democracy School project seven people visited Stockholm and 32 teachers of civics stayed at the International People's College in Helsingör, Denmark.

Ray Russells has helped organising for eight students from Estonia to study at an Augsburg high school for 1½ month.

Contacts have been made with PTP Japan. In 1997 there will be a Japanese language project with teachers coming from Japan to Estonia. (Olga Ganzen)

### **France**

Huguette Martin invites us all for homestay in Poitiers, Angoulême, Bordeaux and La Rochelle. There are many possibilities to combine homestay with tours, for example, of Paris and Loire Valley

### **Switzerland**

**Interlaken** had an exciting summer with three meetings. One of them was a Garden Party with over 40 members and guests. 45 homestays were provided for guests from the US, Estonia, Russia and New Zealand. The chapter has now 37 members. (Regina Wälti)

**Zürich** was also busy and hosted guests from Germany and France. (Claudia von Ellerts)

### **Poland**

An eight person group from **Gliwice** visited Bern and Lucerne, Switzerland.

The Academic Musical Ensemble of the Silesian Technical University gave concerts in Estonia and was hosted by chapters in Tallinn and Sillamae. They met with a Russian choir in Tallinn and gave a concert at the Estonian Conductors seminar in Vigala, and in Sillamae for chapter members. The atmosphere was very high and a result will probably be a common project of this choir and chamber orchestra and Narva Symphonic Orchestra in July 1997. In October the choir will give concerts in Germany. This thanks to Ray Russell and his wife.

A group of 10 Germans are coming to Gliwice in October. The chief of the group was born there before the war and this trip is going to be his first visit to Poland, like for the rest of the group. (Justyna Dziurma)

### **Coming events**

September 25-28	1996 Worldwide Conference, <b>California, USA</b>
November 2-3	1996 European Conference, Prague, Czech Republic
November 9	1996 PTP Sweden 10 year anniversary, Stockholm Sweden
May 16-19	1997 European Conference in Gliwice, Poland
July	1997 Peace Seminar for Youth, Europe

## People to People Supplies

The following items are available through PTP International headquarters and through American chapters. The costs quoted do not include postage. There is a discount for large quantities of some items Please contact PTP International headquarters to order.

PTP General Supplies	Cost (\$)	PTP General Supplies	Cost (\$)
Chapter Stationary	No cost	<i>Organisation and leadership materials</i>	
Envelopes	No cost	Chapter Manual	No cost
Note cards	2,50	Homestay Coordinator's Manual	No cost
Tent Business Card (Blank)	No cost	Secretary	No cost
Blank Business card	No cost	Treasurer Manual	
PTP Pledge	No cost	"How to" publications;	No cost
PTP logo on disk	No cost	Have successful meetings	
Logo Sheets	No cost	Develop your Leadership Skills	
Brochures, Newsletters, Magazines	No cost	The ABC of Parliamentary Procedure	
Background Notes for Various Countries	No cost	About Improving your Interpersonal	
Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation	No cost	Skills	
Chapter Charter	No cost	Understand Diversity	
Name Tags	No cost	<i>Supplies offered through other chapters</i>	
Neckties	10,00	International Cookbook	9,00
Banners	15,00	International Flag T-shirt	15,00
Vinyl Attaché Case	12,00	Wristwatch	25,00
Coffee Mug	4,50	Bandanna	2,00
PTP Logo on Stickers	0,25	International Flags (4*6 in)	2,50
PTP Iron-On Patches	1,50	T-shirt	8,50
PTP Velcro Pouch (to hold drinks, sunglasses etc.)	1,00	Pocket knives	5,00
<i>Membership supplies</i>		Magnet	3,00
Membership Cards and labels	No cost	Address Book	
Membership Pins	No cost	T-shirts - "Everybody Smiles in the Same	9,00-14,00
Membership Printouts	No cost	Language	
Membership Applications	No cost	Sweat shirts	11,00-17,00
Membership renewal Cards	No cost	PTP	call for price
Membership Report Forms	No cost	World balloons	
Officer Report Forms	No cost	UP	1,50
		PTP Label Pins	
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