

# = PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE =

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In this issue of the PTPE newsletter two new programs; ESL and Russian Language and Internship program. The programs are described in the newsletter, application forms have been sent to each chapter president or can be obtained from PTP Europe or its homepage.

## PTP Regional conference in St Petersburg

In mid February a regional conference was held in St Petersburg. It was geared towards all Russian speaking chapters to promote PTP programs and give an understanding of PTP. The event was organised largely by Olga Ganzen and Natalya Alexeeva. In general the event was quite a success with 25 participants from Moscow, Narva, Sochi, St Petersburg, Tallinn, Troitsk and Zaporozhie chapters. The participants have an improved understanding of PTP and agreed to work on some projects for the future. For PTP in Europe this certainly can be repeated in other areas.

The program was divided into two days with these components;

Saturday	Sunday
Introduction	Evaluation of Saturday
What do we want from PTP? (group task)	Chapter development
Background and history of PTP	Chapter presentation
Mission of PTP (group task)	NGO Management
Programs of PTP	Share the Vision
Create your own program (group task)	Fundraising and financial management
When programs fail (group task)	Future co-operation and plans

During the conference various programs were discussed. Among others; English as a Second Language (especially for adults), Russian Internship and Language program and the World Wide Conference in Chester.

At the end of the conference we discussed possible joint programs. Three things were suggested.

**Russian Newsletter.** For the Russian speaking chapters a newsletter will be produced. For now it will only be in one issue. Besides updates on general PTP matters for members, the newsletter can also be used when in contact with new members.

**Russian tour.** To promote Russian chapters for foreign guests a tour between Russian chapters should be suggested. The idea is that 3-4 chapters can be visited during 2-3 summer weeks.

**Russian speaking meeting 1999.** It was suggested to have a renewed meeting in the fall 1999. A possible location would be Sochi.

For any program development the importance for updated addresses was brought up. Both from the conference and from other PTP chapters addresses will be supplied. The idea of Sister Chapter was also mentioned as a good means to get started with programs.

## Comments from the conference

At the conference it was discussed what PTP means for the participants and how PTP programs may be promoted. Here are some of the thoughts.

### Why PTP is important for you?

- Untraditional communication
- Possibility to meet with other people
- Get to know life of other people from other countries.
- Help and trust other
- When travelling you can get help through PTP
- Language practice.
- Possibility to practice professional skills.
- Culture exchange through the family
- Travel
- Children can get friends
- Culture programs inside a country
- Invite guests to a country.
- Learn from visitors.
- PTP gives a feeling of that you are part of a family - part of the earth.
- Get to know yourself better through other people.
- Teaches people how to be interesting for other people

### How do we promote programs and PTP?

- Through teachers of civic
- Seminars in national libraries
- Co-ordinators in schools and universities
- Mail to different chapters
- Newsletters
- media (radio, TV, Newspapers)
- Internet
- PTP Conferences.



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## ESL - English as a Second Language (new program)

People to People will offer a set of language camps in Central and Eastern Europe for teenagers. The program is organised through a co-operation with Bridges for Education. The ESL camps will all take place in July and last for three weeks. Teachers are US volunteer teachers. People to People has chosen Bridges for Education as partner, since we believe that BFE has a well thought through program, experienced teachers and a mission, which corresponds to the one of PTP.

### International camps

The camps will be open to participants from different countries. In this way English will be the common language and it promotes exchange of cultures between the participants. Each camp is estimated to have between 50 and 100 participants.

### A typical day

9-12 Morning classes with 3-4 sessions with an active non lecturing approach

14-17 Choice of activities; sports, arts and crafts, games, tutoring, newspaper club, and student council etc

19-22 debates, dances, competitions, theatre, students performances, costume night, etc

All meals are eaten with teachers. The afternoon is free time with plenty of things to chose from to do.

On the weekends, excursions and events are planned by host country.

### Camp details - price and payment

The prices of the camp varies between 250 and 500 USD. The price doesn't include the trip to and from the camp, insurance and administration fee for the chapter. Each student will receive a dictionary and a T-shirt and a certificate. Arts and craft supplies and prizes for gifts are provided by American teachers.

All camps start on Monday July 6th and last for three weeks.

### Application, prerequisites and questions

In order to apply participants will need to contact the local PTP chapter co-ordinator, who has application forms. He or she will then send the applications to the camps. Participants must have basic reading and writing skills and present proof of medical insurance and medical records. Any questions regarding the program or People to People, please contact the local PTP chapter.

### Homepage: [www.algonet.se/~ptp](http://www.algonet.se/~ptp)

Updates will be available via the program homepage.

### Bridges for Education

The purpose of Bridges for Education is to promote tolerance and understanding using English as a bridge. BFE is not a religious or ethnic organisation. Teachers and students are recruited from all ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds. BFE was founded as a non profit organisation in 1994. Last summer BFE sent 140 teachers and served about 1,500 students and teachers from about 10 countries. BFE works directly with the Ministries of Education and Youth and UNESCO and different foundations and NGOs to help finance the camps.

### ESL Camps planned for July

Below is the list of camps scheduled for this summer. More information will be available.

	Camp	Participants	Deadline	Price
1	Belarus, Minsk	15-18	May 20	\$250
2	Poland, Krakow	15-18	May 31	\$300
3	Poland, Leborg	15-18	May 31	\$300
4	Poland, Poznan	Primarily for college students (teachers' training). Still any one from PTP older than 18 is welcome.		\$450-500 (to be decided)
5	Poland, Pulawy	15-18	May 31	\$300
6	Poland, Rzeszow	15-18	May 31	\$300
7	Poland, Tuchola	12-14	May 31	\$300
8	Poland, Ustka	15-18	May 31	\$300
9	Poland, Wroclaw	15-18	May 31	\$300
10	Ukraine, Lugansk	15-18	June 6	\$300
11	Ukraine, Lviv			

### 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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## PTP International update

Three new staff members have joined PTPI's headquarters! We are honored to welcome such talented and pleasant individuals: Kim Flynn, Programs/Internship Coordinator; Julia K. Keffer, Homestay/Special Projects Coordinator; and Kenneth Taylor, Collegiate and Professional Studies Program Coordinator. Each has an interesting background in international programming, and each has completed graduate studies.

Chuck Battey is no longer working at PTPI. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Headquarters also gladly welcomes Dr. Altan Kodanaz, who will join Joan Fletcher as a Pen Pal Program Volunteer Coordinator. She is a past president of the Greater Kansas City Chapter and currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

### Wedding announcement

People to People Europe would like to congratulate PTPE board member and PTPI Trustee Miriam Troxler and PTP Coral Gables (Florida) vice President Gustavo Casas all success and happiness. They married in both Florida in February and in Ruswil, Switzerland, in Easter. They will live in Sarnen, Switzerland.

## People to People Denmark invites to trips to the US

People to People Denmark has planned two different trips to the US - one for youth and one for seniors. There are still some places available and interested people are encouraged to contact PTP Denmark for more information and registration.

### PTP Denmark Student Ambassadors

In the period of 28/06-13/07 a group, with young people in the age between 16-21 years old, will be visiting the United States. The group will have three homestays, like for example in Red Bank and Greater Trenton, NJ; Green Bay, WI; Lancaster, PA; Dallas, TX; and Farmington Hills, MI. Also a two days visit in Washington D.C. is included where the group will stay at a hotel. The price for this tour is DKK 9.984.- approx. \$1.443.-, everything included except travel insurances.

### PTP Denmark-Senior Ambassadors

In October 1998 a group of 20 adults and one leader leave to Kansas City where the group will stay from the 9/10-13/10 in a homestay. Thereafter the group will be welcomed from the St. Louis chapter until the 16/10. After this two homestays the group will visit Memphis, New Orleans and Orlando, where they will stay at hotels. After 14 exciting days the group returns to Europe. The price will be DKK 11.500.- approx. \$1.665.-.

## Coming events

May 1-3	PTPE Board meeting in Sursee, Switzerland
May 9-10	Regional Conference in Prague, Czech Republic
June 12	28th Anniversary of PTP Belgium
June 22-29	Berlin Airlift
July	PTP ESL Camps
August	Cluj
September 29	PTP European conference in Chester
September 30 – October 4	PTP World Wide Conference in Chester

### PTPE Open Board meeting in Sursee

To the meeting chapter officials and members are invited. On the agenda there is Homestay, PTPE programs, Youth programs, Chapter Development, Finances/Resource Development, Public Relations, Bylaws.

### Regional Conference in Prague

The conference is aimed to chapter officials, members and people new to the organisation. The conference is an excellent opportunity for people starting chapters and/or would like to know more about the opportunities within People to People. The conference will be similar to the one in St Petersburg.

During the conference the programs of People to People will be discussed as well as fund-raising, resource development and NGO management. For registration or questions, please contact Lars Poignant or visit the conference homepage: [www.algonet.se/~ptp](http://www.algonet.se/~ptp)

### PTP Belgium – 28 year Anniversary

On Friday June 12th PTP Belgium will celebrate its 28th anniversary at the prestigious Forest Abbey in Brussels. For more information and registration, please contact Mrs Denise Maurice.

### Berlin Airlift

As a celebration to the memory of the Berlin Airlift festivities will take place in May and June. PTP Berlin (Hans-Dieter Robel) will be happy to assist people visiting Berlin on June 26-29.

### PTP Europe Annual Conference

This year PTP Europe will hold its annual conference in one day before the 13th World Wide Conference in Chester. Participants may register at PTP Europe. More details will come.

## **13th World Wide Conference, Chester**

The last time a Worldwide Conference was in Europe, Bern hosted the event. Six years later PTP Chester will show both the city to all participants and, together with PTPI, offer the 13th World Wide Conference - Share the Vision. Invitations have been sent out to all chapters. Please contact any PTP office if you need a copy of the brochure. From the program, the following speakers are confirmed or invited.

- Mary Jean Eisenhower Atwater
- the Lord Mayor of Chester
- Winston Churchill, Esq.
- Sir Peter Ustinov
- Peter Ueberroth

Because of the growth of chapters in Central and Eastern Europe, PTP plans a session where delegates will learn from the political leaders of Central and Eastern Europe. The session will be about the extraordinary transformations in their everyday life and the struggles they have endured while changing to a democratic form of government.

PTPI's Resource Development Committee is trying to develop scholarships for financial support for

participants from Central and Eastern Europe to cover part of their costs to participate and travel. They are approaching various companies, corporations and chapters for assistance with this effort. (For example, individual chapters may make in kind contributions to the event.) Mary Eisenhower Atwater, PTPI's Director of Development, and Shirley Brooks-Jones, Chairman, Resource Development Committee, are taking the lead on this project.

In addition, PTPI is offering 15 scholarships to cover the costs of the registration fee (US\$350) to help enable chapter members to attend the conference. (Applicants must be able to cover their transportation, lodging, meals (not included in the registration fee) while in Chester. These scholarships are available through the matching grant fund and are being offered to all chapter presidents. (A letter is forthcoming.)

The scholarships are intended for PTPI members who are in financial need and have demonstrated their commitment to PTPI on the local or international level. Each chapter president can nominate one applicant plus an alternate in the case that either their first choice is unable to attend or PTPI receives less than 15 applications. Applications must be sent by June 1, 1998, to Cindy Spake at International Headquarters.

## **Chapter reports**

### **PTP Interlaken, Switzerland**

Elsi-Maria Shepherd and Regina Waelti

Our Annual Meeting was held on March 6 and we are delighted to inform you that during 1997 we had 85 guests from Europe, the United States and Australia. Two members of our Board - Elsi-Maria Shepherd and Regina Waelti - attended the European Conference in Gliwice (Poland) and president Regina was present at the conference of the Board of Trustees in Washington D.C.

We are all looking forward to another busy summer and to welcome individuals and groups from England, the United States etc. Furthermore, our chapter just visited PTP Zürich in February and will visit PTP Berlin (Germany) in April. Later we will attend the European Board Meeting in Sursee (Switzerland) and - in September - the Worldwide Conference in Chester (U.K.) If ever you plan to visit Switzerland, please come and stay with us!

### **PTP Bern, Switzerland**

Daniel Schaubacher

The PTP Bern-W. Switzerland Chapter has a new contact person; Otto Burri. Please contact him if you plan to visit Switzerland on a homestay, a dinner-at-home, or just to meet with Swiss friends in the Helvetic Capital, Basel or the Geneva region.

On February. 28, the PTP Bern-W. Switzerland Chapter met for its annual General Assembly Meeting, at which past and future activities were reviewed. New members were greeted. Support for youth (14-18) from E. Europe who will attend ESL Peace Camps

this summer was voted by the assembly of members. Felix Engler, Vice President and Treasurer, reported on the Chapter's satisfactory financial situation, in spite of decreasing revenue from members' dues. Two Swiss youth from Bern who attended the International Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, September 1997, reported enthusiastically, showing slides and photograph albums, on their encounter with U.S. Student Ambassadors, PTPI Trustees and Directors, visits to the Capital's monuments, and discussions with Congressmen and staff. They made several friends with conference attendees, and with their host family in NJ where a subsequent homestay was arranged for them by PTPI headquarters.

In January, several Chapter members attended a fund-raising concert for flood victims at the Czech Ambassador's invitation, and three recent luncheon meetings and functions of the Swiss-American Society, at which PTPI was recognised. Daniel Schaubacher, Chapter President and Trustee, made new contacts for PTPI, including the Student Ambassador and the Artistic Programs, in Austria, France, Germany, Slovenia, and USA. He spoke at the AIESEC Global Days conference at the University of Ljubljana in March.

The Chapter will host two Student Ambassador groups consisting of U.S. senior high school students this Summer. It will be represented at the PTP European Board Meeting in Sursee in May, and at the Chester Worldwide Conference this fall. After visiting Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela, a chapter member has left with a message of goodwill for PTP "down under" on a trip to New Zealand.

## **Lucerne, Switzerland**

Ruth Weber

On April 4th we had a nice evening together with six teachers from Arizona USA. They had a homestay in Milano. On the way to Munich to catch their plane they spent a day in Zermatt (Matterhorn), Switzerland. Then they had lunch with the chapter Interlaken in Interlaken and stayed overnight here in Sursee in a hotel. We had dinner together and went to see one of the oldest dance organs of Europe. We sent emails to a few of their families at home. Of course we exchanged a lot of (PTP) information and had fun together. Even though it was not a homestay program it was very nice to host them - and we had fun together - and a lot to talk.

The chapter will also receive an Ambassador group with 35 American high school students this summer.

## **Cluj**

Dan Lazar

PTP Cluj plans a two program with classes at the beginning of August with Romanian and international participation. All details are not set yet, but we find it important to make a round trip in the most important and beautiful places of our country. The idea of this program is to build a strong "training centre" lead by our Chapter which could prepare young people in fields like: communication, PC Operators, English as a Second Language, leadership, how do you plan your time in different jobs, techniques of negotiation, etc. We work in this plan with university and the university teaching staff is also, involved in this project.

Participants will be

- young students, who we want to prepare them to know that are some knowledge needed for certain jobs before they will graduate their school.
- young professionals, who will develop ability and knowledge in different fields, the fields: communication, ESL, etc.
- professionals, who will share us their knowledge in this fields.

We currently seek sponsors and have already found some. The participants could be hosted in the University Campus where the prices are very low. After, first discussion we were agree that the cost for young participants is about 300 \$, 30\$/day (for international applicants) room in the campus, food, transportation, courses, etc. We can also possibly add an, optional the tour of Romania.

## **Zaporozhie**

Evgeniy Azarenkov

Among people and organisations that collaborate with our chapter is a collective of chamber chorus. It is popular collective, which plays spiritual and folklore music. The age of its members is from 25 to 55. They have experience in tour within Ukraine and abroad.

We now seek possibility to make a tour to Germany, Switzerland and Holland.

PTP Zaporozhie would also like to promote local sports clubs. On behalf our swimmers and divers the chapter seeks partner chapters in Europe, who could host the team members before sports events.

## **Estonia**

Saturday and Sunday March 28 and 29, PTP Estonia held a two day conference and meeting in Viljandi for all youth members. 25 participants from five chapters attended. PTP current programs were discussed as well as future programs. Special focus were made on an all Estonian newsletter, a summer camp and a bike tour in summer.

Between April 5 and 7 PTP Estonia together with US Peace Corps organised a youth conference for 110 youth. There were both Russian and Estonian participants. Among the items discussed were environment, multicultural society and economics. The event was a success and received local and national attention.

## **Berlin**

The chapter had its annual meeting in mid February with 79 members present. For the coming six months the chapter offers a wide variety of program for its members. Here are some examples;

- March 29: Excursion to Leipzig
- April 4: City walk in Berlin
- April 9-13: Guests from Switzerland
- April 24: Study visit to a newspaper printer
- June 14-16: Young guests from Gliwice, Poland
- June 25-28: US Airlift veterans visit Berlin
- June 28- July 7: 15 members will go on a "White night" tour to Riga (Latvia), Tallinn (Estonia) and St Petersburg.
- July: Exchange with PTP Denmark
- August 29-30: Study trip to Elbsandsteingebirge
- September: Trip to Canada and the US.
- October: Guests from Korea

## **Chester**

The chapter is busy with the preparations for the 13th World Wide Conference. Still the chapter has activities such as music evenings presented by the Lakewood Audition Scholars.

## **PTP Stockholm**

PTP Sweden held its annual meeting in conjunction with a brunch and international presentation on March 22. Some 30 participants attended. The presentation was on the "Belarus and the Baltic states - ten years after the Perestroika". The chapter received new members and the participants suggested a similar event should be held again.

For the summer three ambassador groups are scheduled to come to Sweden. They will stay in families on their way between Copenhagen and Stockholm.

## Russian Internship and Language program (new program)

The interest for Russian as a language and Russia as a future market has increased a lot in Western European countries and possibly in the US the last few years. Still there are only a few established exchange programs for students, who would like to go to the region. In Sweden for example there is currently no exchange organisation, which can offer "Russian exchanges". With the Russian speaking chapters People to People can offer a program with not only language or professional training, but also local social contact.

The idea is to establish a permanent program for young members in Europe and the US to go to a Russian speaking environment for a period of time to learn Russian.

There is a possibility to have two different programs; Internship and Language training.

*Internship* is a possibility for students to get practical experience within the field of studies. The intern works without pay, but has a contact person and should as much as possible do the same job as others within the unit he or she works. An internship program will last for three months.

*Language training* is focused on active training in Russian. This can be done by attending schools or taking private classes. The length of the program may vary a few weeks to a whole semester.

For the participant the value of the program would increase by staying in a family. For the program as a whole close contact with people would mean increased culture exchange.

### Internship program

The hosting chapter is responsible for finding a place to work, which matches the studies of the student. There

should also be a contact person to help the intern during the program. The chapter should indicate if there is homestay possibilities or how accommodation else should be taken care of.

The intern (probably 20-25 years old) is responsible for visa, insurance and all personal expenses. The intern should have some knowledge in Russian.

### Language training

Since language training can be done in various ways the chapter needs to indicate what opportunities there are.

The chapter will describe the school, which accepts the students. Or, the costs for taking private lessons or attending private schools. The chapter should indicate if there is homestay possibilities or how accommodation else should be taken care of.

The participant (possibly 15-25 years old) is responsible for visa, insurance and all personal expenses.

### Application procedures

Currently there is one chapter signed up as recipient of applicants - Sochi, Russia. Hopefully more will join. Application form for individuals are available at each chapter or from PTP Europe.

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