

= PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE =

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Dear friends,

Thank you very much for the excellent attendance at the European Conference in May. We were in all over 100 participants from 18 countries. In addition 90 musicians from Poland and Estonia attended the event. Among the participants there was a large US contingent. The European conference has grown to be a good event for both members and non-members. In this issue there is a summary of the conference and other chapter reports. As for coming events there is an important invitation for the fall: A PTP European Youth Conference. Please share this information with younger members in your chapters. We hope to share more invitations from chapter programs as the summer turns into fall. Let's keep in touch.

Lars Poignant, PTP European co-ordinator

Goodwill Mission of Mary Eisenhower Atwater

In July Mary Eisenhower Atwater made a Goodwill mission in Europe visiting Switzerland, Belgium and Berlin. The hosting chapters had prepared intensive programs and took advantage of the PR opportunity this mission offered. Plenty of members turned up as did local and national media. Mary Eisenhower Atwater is grand daughter of PTP Founder and US President D. Eisenhower. She is PTP Executive Vice President. (Daniel Schaubacher and Lars Poignant)

Switzerland

In Switzerland Mary Eisenhower Atwater untiringly met with dozens of journalists, civic leaders, and the rank and file of People to People and the Swiss-American Society's members.

In *Bern*, she addressed 40 Student Ambassador high school students from New Jersey on a European study trip, and some 80 guests and Swiss homestay hosts at the American Embassy, reminding them of the noble principles of PTP, whereas Mary Ellen Koenig, US Public Affairs and Cultural Counsellor, warmly welcomed her, the Student Ambassadors and their homestay Swiss hosts and friends on behalf of the U.S. Information Service.

In the city of *Lucerne*, where she was hosted by the young officers of the dynamic Lucerne PTP Chapter, she met with Mayor Studer and Convention Director Illi, at the Town Hall, and visited, together with representatives of the four Swiss PTPI chapters and PTPI Director Regina Wälti, the Picasso Museum, followed by a lunch in her honour at a 17th century restaurant, the famous "Old Swiss House".

The night before, she met with, and addressed 45 members of PTP Bern and of the Swiss-American Society at an Apéro and Dinner in her honour, in the gardens of the lovely Tierpark Restaurant in Bern, on the banks of the River Aare. In her speech "People to People: Hope for the Future", she recalled:

"Granddad felt very strongly that everyday citizens of the world wanted peace and could attain it much more effectively without government interference or representation. He felt the means to do this would be by face-to-face contact through various cultural activity as co-ordinated by independent grassroots chapters and networking... Having seen the slow impact government had, he realized that world peace had to come from the soul of human nature and that governments could not dictate the human heart, only reflect it... Our organization is a form of proof that he was right. Some forty-plus years later, we are still working very hard to accomplish what he saw as the solution."

After the audience's warm applause, the Revd Thomas Norton, President of the Swiss-American Society, thanked her for her remarks and her commitment to peace. There she also met with NASA veteran scientist, Fritz and Mrs. Casal, and former PTP President, Dr. Otto Zimmermann, who helped establish PTP in Switzerland.

Belgium – Veterans recognised

In Belgium Mary visited the two chapters Brussels and St Ode in Belgium. In *Brussels*, where her father served as Ambassador, the two mayors of Schaerbeek, Dr Francis Durain, and Brussels, Mr De Donnea, arranged receptions for chapter members, Belgian veterans, media and the public. Mary's presence was highly appreciated. Also a visit was included to the European Commission – department of Education and Youth.



**Read in this issue about PTP
youth conference in December!**

During a one-day excursion to the PTP chapter in *St Ode* and the memorial site in Bastogne, the war victims were recognised at a ceremony accompanied by the Bastogne City Mayor, who also had arranged a reception at the City Hall. Accompanying during the day were Belgian veterans. In Belgium Dwight D. Eisenhower is rather remembered as *General* Eisenhower for his important role in the Second World War.

Berlin – Schöneberg City Hall revisited

During her weeklong stay in Berlin, Mary attended as key note speaker at the European Youth Summit of Ambassador Programs International. At the opening day of the Summit she gave a speech from the very same room and podium as US President John F Kennedy once addressed the citizens of Berlin during the cold war. The chapter members of Berlin showed Mary the historic and modern Berlin as well as enjoyed a dinner together.

Good publicity for People to People

During the mission in Europe local and national media reported about the visit and People to People.

In Switzerland a television interview and glimpses of the American embassy reception, with the PTP Student Ambassadors and their host families were subsequently aired on the main news program of Bern television. She also gave an excellent interview to the Swiss newspaper *Der Bund*, in which she linked glimpses of the life and convictions of her grandfather, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, with the need of creating today, outside of governments, cultural and social opportunities for people of all nations to meet and engage in a dialogue which will eventually lead to world peace. In Belgium TV reported on the event from the beautiful Schaerbeek City Hall. In Berlin media was eager to report from the Youth Summit and to link the choice of venue at the Schöneberg City Hall to Kennedy's cold war speech.

Thanks to the chapters

People to People International would like to thank the chapters, members and officers for arranging the mission, setting up meetings, inviting the public and preparing information.

Public Relations

New Brochure and Address list

For chapters there is an updated version of the PTP Europe Brochure available. Also, sent to all chapters, there is a updated list of chapter contact persons. Along with it is also a list of chapter Youth Co-ordinators. The list of youth co-ordinators was compiled at the European Conference in Berlin.

The Sound of Europe

Since May the Musical CD of PTP Europe is available. It consists of 15 pieces of international music from mainly PTP chapters. It is not only a very good production, but also excellent opportunity for good PR and/or fundraising. The CD contains information on the musicians and People to People. PTP owes Trustee and former PR officer for PTP Europe *Justyna Dziurma* big thanks for this great effort to put this together.

The CDs are available for chapters and individuals. They can be obtained through PTP Europe in Berlin. They cost 20 DM per CD. For orders over 10, the price is 15 DM.



1. R. Fink, Es Wälzerli für Dachse - Das Orchester Frenesi, Alten, Switzerland	1'04"
2. trad., Es wolt es Frouek z'Mitt'igah - Das Orchester Frenesi and Roland Fink, Singers, Alten, Switzerland	4'16"
3. arr. V. Agafonikov, The Volga's Foaming Brine is Deep - Girl Chamber Choir "Music for Everybody", Omsk, Russia	1'20"
4. M. Glinka, Travelling Song - Girl Chamber Choir "Music for Everyone", Omsk, Russia	2'15"
5. L. Liprus, U moji matysi - Academic Musical Ensemble of the Silesian Technical University (AZM), Gliwice, Poland	1'50"
6. L. Liprus, Kojpanka polska - AZM, Gliwice, Poland	3'03"
7. W. Szalonek, Katowicka ballada - AZM, Gliwice, Poland	6'12"
8. G. F. Haendel, Hallelujah, Chapel Choir of Abbey Gate College, Chester, England	5'13"
9. C. Hubert, H. Parry, I was glad when they said unto me - Chapel Choir of Abbey Gate College, Chester, England	5'40"
10. W. A. Mozart, Concert in G major for flute and orchestra, part II - Nana Symphony Orchestra, (NSO) Estonia , solo Anna Litbekova	9'37"
11. W. A. Mozart, Concert in G major for flute and orchestra, part III - NSO, Narva, Estonia , solo Anna Litbekova	6'59"
12. P. Tchaikovsky, Autumn Song from "The Seasons" for piano, op. 37/13 no. 10 - Yelena Demidova, Sochi, Russia	4'16"
13. A. Gavini, at the Coachmen's quarter from "Sketches" for piano for 4 hands - Dmitry Bondarenko, Anton Medvedsky, Sochi, Russia	3'08"
14. S. Rachmaninov, Tears from "Fantasy" (Suite no. 1) op. moll for 2 pianos op. 5 - Dmitry Bondarenko, Anton Medvedsky, Sochi, Russia	5'54"
15. Anwen Lewis, Fantasia - Telen-Sran Roberts, Chester, England	8'32"
Total playing time: 68'54"	

Coming events

PTP Youth conference in Budapest

In December People to People will hold an international Youth Study Session. Thirty people in the ages between 20 and 25 will be attending. PTP has managed to get support from the European Youth Centre (EYC), which means that the costs for the participants will be limited to 280 FF.

One of the aims of the program is to enable the participants to act as future co-ordinators for international projects in the local PTP chapters. PTP would of course first and foremost like to see young members of PTP chapters participating. Or, people that would possibly take an active role in the organisation after the conference.

Excellent chapter opportunity!

To ensure international participation, People to People would need assistance of chapters. Each chapter is kindly asked to assist by *nominating* up to three participants for the conference. For this task there are application forms sent to all chapters, which should be shared among members and interested youth. Based on the nominations the conference committee will select the participants. Important criteria for the selection process are; PTP experience or, if not available, experience with similar organisations and good

command of English. To ensure the value of the program and for PTP participants are sought that already work on international chapter programs.

The deadline for applications is October 1st.

The study session has the following aims.

- To prepare participants to plan and run a project
- To motivate and organise participants to act as a resource
- To consider the role of volunteer organisations in promoting democratic society
- To exchange on experiences and national situations
- To learn about PTP organisation and programs.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	Arrival	Arrival	Welcome dinner
Monday	Welcome and Introduction	What is a democratic society?	Organisation exhibition
Tuesday	Volunteer organisation and Democracy What is the role of Volunteer Organisation to promote the rights for youth in a democratic society (ideal & real)	Lecture on NGOs, civil society, youth field, successes and transformation	International food and drink evening
Wednesday	International Youth Work Intercultural learning	Concepts of European identity.	
Thursday	Teamwork Eurostructures	Afternoon free	dinner in town
Friday	Practical project Practical input on project (planning, management)	Practical team work on project planning	
Saturday	Presentation of projects & evaluation (project & team work)	Evaluation	Farewell party
Sunday	Departure		

Next European Conference: Lucerne, Switzerland

At the conference in Berlin it was decided to have the next European conference in Swiss Lucerne. The date is set to May 12-14. Already now the Lucerne chapter reports they have prepared for the event and appointed an organising committee. For now the committee lets us know

that they work on a conference fund for participants to apply from. More details will be available during the fall and winter. For information on the event, please contact chapter president Miriam Casas-Troxler.

European Conference – Berlin in May

To the European Conference in May some 100 participants came from 18 different countries. The intensive two day long event was organised by the local Berlin chapter along with the European Board. The theme of the evening and the whole conference was "Historic Berlin". It was 10 years ago the Wall fell and 40 years ago the Berlin Airlift ended. Today however Berlin is the new capital of the reunified Germany.

International event

The European conference has become an international event. Attending the event were not only European delegates but also 16 from the US, two from New Zealand and three from Mongolia. In addition, the event attracted people new to the organisation, who wanted to learn more about PTP and its program. PTP International was represented by Mr Bill Jarvis, President, and Dr Alan Warne, Chief Executive Officer.

Conference sessions

During the conference sessions the European Board reported on the past year. The Board has put a lot of efforts to formalise procedures and documents. The conference decided to adopt a "Chapter Manual", which will be distributed to all chapters. During the conference new members to serve on the European Board (Executive committee) were elected. The new Board now consists of the following members.

Position	Officer	Elected
President	Bill Walker, Manchester, England	1999
Secretary	Peter Whitby, Chester, England	1998
Treasurer	Brigitte Kasigkeit, Berlin, Germany	1999
Youth Coordinator	Annick Debien, Angouleme, France	1999
PR Officer	Ruta Pels, Tallinn, Estonia	1999

Special thanks to Olga Ganzen (President), Ruth Weber (Treasurer) and Justyna Dziurma (PR Officer) for all the time they have devoted to the organisation the past years. Also thanks to Elena Dorofeeva for serving as Youth Coordinator between the conference in Chester last year and Berlin.

During the conference workshops were created in which among other things *homestay* and *youth programs* were discussed.

Proposed changes to the European By-laws

At the European Conference Secretary Peter Whitby reported about his meeting with PTP Denmark. Supplied to each chapter president are suggested changes to the bylaws.

Artistic program

At the conference the delegates had the pleasure to hear Mr *Vitalye Poida* play his own creations; "America" and "American Sorrow". Mr Poida comes from the Lugansk region in Eastern Ukraine. He has created and performed many international pieces, which have become great attention.

On the Sunday the conference had the great opportunity to listen to "Berliner Composers". This was a joint effort by the "Narva Symphony Orchestra" (Estonia) and "Academic Musical Ensemble" Gliwice, Poland. The in total 90 musicians performed a three piece concert in the Heilandskirche in Central Berlin.

- Katowicka Ballada, Slaska Ballada Lodowa (Szalonek)
- Concert for Violin (Bach), "Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet" (Prokofiev)
- Berliner Messe (Arvo Pärt)

The musical event was not the first artistic meeting of musicians from these two groups: the idea of common work and concerts was born in 1996 during the first tour of the Gliwice Ensemble in Estonia. The finale grande of that idea began in summer 1997 in Poland. The main concept was joint performance of Requiem by G. Faure and presenting Polish, Estonian and Russian music to the audience of partner countries. PTP International sponsored the effort of the two groups.

European Youth Summit

During a week in July, Ambassador Programs International held "European Youth Summit". Attending the event were almost 100 young people from mainly the US. From the European chapters there were five participants; Anamaria Luca and Traian Cimpeanu from Roman, Romania, Andrea and Cornelia Siegenthaler from Bern, Switzerland and Anna Kläppe from Eskilstuna Sweden. In addition during the days local students from Berlin school attended the event. The event was an excellent opportunity for the participants to learn about the historic and present Europe, meeting representatives from successful companies talking on future career chances. For the local Berlin chapter there were new contacts made for membership and programs.

PTP International Cooking Book

Two young members of PTP, *Vasja Ganzen* (Estonia) and *Ricarda von Ellerts*, (Switzerland) have initiated an international Cooking Book. Already the book consists of eight contributions from four different countries.

Recipe	Contributor	Home
Fotzelschnitten	Ricarda von Ellerts	Zürich, Switzerland
Rolled oats spots	Marianne Aebi	Spiez, Switzerland
Chocolate sausage	Nastya Azarenkova	Kiev, Ukraine
Vanison Chili	Julia Keffer	Kansas City, USA
Borststj	Natalja Borodina	Tallinn, Estonia
Pizza	Pavel Smulski	Tallinn, Estonia
Blini	Vasiliy Ganzen	Tallinn, Estonia
Pancake with meat	Vadim Gritsenko	Tallinn, Estonia



Chapters and members are more than welcome to contribute to the book. To do this please:

- Write down the recipe for 4 or 10 persons
- Tell where the recipe comes from
- Give a short presentation of yourself, your family, chapter and/or town

- Illustrate with drawings or photos.
- You may use 1-2 pages for your description.

Please send contributions to Ricarda von Ellerts, Seefeldstrasse 29, CH 8008 Zürich, Switzerland. Telephone and fax: +41 1 2524657.

Chapter reports

Bern

As in previous years, two groups of 35-40 US Student Ambassadors were hosted for four days each in and around Bern. This was part of the three-week tour "Southern Europe". In France, Germany and Spain the students stayed at hotels. Here in Switzerland, families mostly with children of about the same age as the high school students welcomed their guests at their home. As Swiss schools were also on vacations at this time, the families organised excursions to the mountains or other interesting regions of the country.

For each group, we arranged a welcome-party at the US Embassy. Over 100 persons attended each time. Host families with their guests, US Public Affairs and Cultural Counsellor Mary Ellen Koenig and Chapter members spent an interesting evening. The second group was in addition welcomed by Mrs. Mary Atwater Eisenhower.

In addition, the PTPI Bern chapter has sent two young delegates to the PTPI Student Ambassador Youth Summit in Berlin, and has sponsored teenager students from Albania, Romania and Switzerland, to participate in English as a Second Language three-week

intensive courses at Bridges for Education Peace Camps in Poland. (Otto Burri)

Chester

The chapter had its Annual Meeting in June. For new chairman *Barbara Roberts* was elected. She replaces *John Cowap* after his successful two-year term.

Through the cooperation with the "Music Board", the chapter offered a concert at Eaton Park. The scholar from Lakewood, Colorado, *Elizabeth Busch* performed supported by Charlotte Wilson, Massimo Di Trolio, Felix Rees-Hughes and Eleanor Jones. Elizabeth also performed with the Chester Philharmonic Orchestra. (Barbara Roberts)

Estonia

People to People Estonia organised its traditional summer camp for teenagers. It was held 11-17 of July close to Otepa in Southern Estonia. It was part of the project in the democracy education of PTP Estonia and Phare program. The participants listened to lectures about theory and practice of democracy, discussed the issues raised and of course played games and had a lot of fun.

The leaders in the groups are teachers in history and civic who during the winter and spring

had several seminars within the project. They came with the participants from Tallinn (Jevgenii Samohvalov), Sillamae, Kohtla-Jarve and Narva (Jelena Hlebova) and from Tartu and Viljandi (Vera Lukusepp).

The next step of this project is one seminar for teachers and children in September. Then the children will issue two newsletters "Global citizen" and after that PTP Estonia will collect all the materials and articles from participants for textbook in civic for alternative education at school. (Ruta Pels)

Interlaken

Our chapter sent three delegates to the European Conference in Berlin. We had very interesting days. We learned a lot and met many old and new friends.

After the conference, eight Americans travelled back with us and had home stays in Switzerland, first in Lucerne and then in Interlaken. They were a wonderful group and we had a great time.

On June 20th, President Regina Wälti went to Zürich for the annual Swiss Chapters Meeting. About 25 people from all four Swiss Chapters showed up. The Zürich Chapter President Claudia von Ellerts and her team had prepared everything very carefully, and we had a very interesting time - and a delicious meal.

On June 27, our member Marianne Aebi (16) travelled to Denmark and joined a youth group for a trip to the United States. They had a wonderful tour with home stays in three U.S. chapters.

At the end of June, Interlaken hosted a party of 38 Student Ambassadors from California. They were extremely nice young people and liked by their hosts very much.

On the 24 of August, we have arranged a reunion (garden party) of this summers hostfamilies to exchange stories of the days with the groups and to look at photos.

On September 18 and 19, our friends from the Luzern chapter will be visiting our chapter. We are all looking forward very much to this visit. (Regina Wälti)

Stockholm

In connection to its annual meeting the chapter offered a thematic weekend about Iceland. The attending members and guests could listen to presentations on current and historic Iceland. The old sagas were discussed and used for inspiration for future programs and contacts with Iceland. The second day a proud group went riding on Icelandic horses. Both experienced and non-experienced riders enjoyed this hands-on contact with the remote island.

During the spring PTP Stockholm supported high school student Malin Tuuvas from Västerås, Sweden to attend a week-long seminar in Washington DC.

The Stockholm chapter hosted an Ambassador group. The group stayed with families north of Gothenburg and enjoyed local Swedish summer food. (Rolf Dahlberg)

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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