

= PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE =

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The end of 1999 was for PTP in Europe as intensive as the year has been impressive. Seldom have the chapters in Europe had so many programs and exchanges as now. Nor have there been so good chances for members to take part in new activities. And, the beginning of the new year looks equally as promising. It has been a great pleasure to meet so many of you during the year and I think we all look forward to a great year.

Lars Poignant, PTPI

PTP Youth Study Session, Budapest December 5-12

In Budapest 35 young PTP members met for a weeklong program. The program had been carefully prepared and the participants selected from different chapters. In total 17 countries were represented. The Study Session aimed to educate the participants about Volunteer Organisations and Democracy, display meetings of different cultures (typical PTP programs) and establish a pool of motivated resources for PTP in Europe. The session consisted mainly of interactive processes where each participant had to contribute with his or her own experience.

The Study Session was sponsored by the European Council, which paid all costs for each participant enabling many join. During the week there were exhibitions on each chapter/organisation and an

international food and drink evening. There were also good chances to meet with other organisations and to learn about funding opportunities within Europe.

Each participant listed their interests and skills to a common PTP forum for future resources. The forum will enable project to progress by asking for help from others. For PTP chapters this may be a useful asset as new projects are started. At the end there was a daylong group project to formulate programs. These programs may now become reality as the participants share their ideas with chapters and members. (see below). Both participants and organisers were very satisfied with the event and all shared the idea of this not being the end of a good activity, but hopefully the start of several projects and long term friendship.

People to People Regional Meeting in Budapest December 11

On Saturday December 11th 20 PTP members from six countries met for a day meeting on PTP programs in Budapest. The event aimed to promote existing programs and to initiate new activities. Attending were also people new to the organisation.

The meeting was led by PTP Berlin Chapter president Hans-Dieter Robel. Also assisting was Andrew Shipilov from Crimea, Ukraine. It was noted that of the attendees, there were nine young members from PTP Berlin. Other nationalities were Hungary, Slovakia, Poland and Italy.

Since the meeting was held at the same time and place as the European Youth Study Session good opportunities were offered to talk with each other, to get inspiration and to create new contacts. The event ended on Saturday evening with a joint dinner with the participants of the Study Session. The dinner was held at the top of the European Youth Centre overlooking beautiful Budapest.

The days before and after the meeting attendees enjoyed sight seeing in Budapest. Special thanks for good help from Hey Lórént and Balazs Lengyel of the Budapest chapter.

Budapest agenda

AM	Arrival	Coffee
	I. Introduction and presentation	Presentation of participants, expectations
	II. PTP International Programs	PTP Background, Mission of People to People Organisation PTP Chapters – the backbone of PTP Who is a member?
Noon		Lunch
PM	III. Where do we go from here?	What possible programs would we like to promote, start and/or participate in?
		Coffee
Evening	IV. Dinner Reception	Dinner together with PTP Youth Study Session at the top floor of the European Youth Centre.

Possible future PTP programs

Below are summaries of the programs that were discussed at the Budapest Youth Study Session. Each program is supported by 2-5 people.

Education, Information, Awareness (EIA)

The world is becoming increasingly global in terms of how societies interact. Our project will increase global understanding of human rights issues. We believe in true intercultural learning.

The program aims to raise the awareness of human rights on a global scale by reaching a deeper understanding of other societies rights. Its objectives are:

- ◆ Create a network of teachers with knowledge on human rights issues.
- ◆ Create awareness among students on human rights in the Balkans (religious inequality)
- ◆ To establish a network of information
- ◆ To hold a conference focusing on human rights

East–West European Social Forum

To increase critical awareness concerning the relationships and differences among former communist and western countries. In the long term the aim is to promote understanding, encourage activity and make contacts across Europe, bridge barriers and create an on-going forum for ideas regarding the cultural, political and economic relationship between East and West through a network of Universities

The target group is students from five European Universities: Strathclyde University (Glasgow, Scotland), Universite Deli Studi (Pavia, Italy), Technical University (Omsk, Russia), Transylvania University (Brasov, Romania) and International Relations Institute (Kiev, Ukraine).

The objectives are

- ◆ To create contacts between the students in the five universities,
- ◆ To provide first hand experience on relationships and differences among the five countries e.g. Politics, economics, culture, education systems,
- ◆ To form and sustain channels and means of communication between the students,
- ◆ To create an on-going environment of information within the universities and to promote on-going interest among the students.

Activation of PTP Members

Contribute to activities and the future of People to People. The objectives are:

- ◆ Each chapter should at least support one member to be actively involved in the chapter,

- ◆ PTP chapters should promote youth work,
- ◆ Improve communication within and between chapters,
- ◆ Giving more responsibility to members.

Exchange of ideas among youth in the world

This project aims to create a model for multicultural collaboration among young people. The mission is to:

- ◆ Create understanding among youth and
- ◆ Personal and society development (setting new ideas into practice)

Through uniting and have discussions among youth from the whole world we want to (objectives):

- ◆ Make young people aware of the cultural backgrounds to different opinions,
- ◆ Exchange experience and knowledge between countries and people,
- ◆ Get rid of the stereotypes among the participants,
- ◆ Form visions for how young people want their future to look like,
- ◆ Make the participants discuss the results of the study session in their own countries,
- ◆ Ensure that the method used is properly documented for use anywhere and anytime in the future.

All equal – all different

In order to promote cultural understanding people from different countries will meet for two weeks. The objective is to exchange ideas, experience and values about customs and traditions between people of different countries. Study sessions will be organised about common problems.

Vision of Europe Through Art

The objective of this is to have a view of different images of Europe seen through the eyes of young artists from European countries. The program would include

1. Exhibitions of works of young artists from Europe will take place in different European countries,
2. Editing photo albums and CD-ROMs.
3. One international meeting /seminar a year with the young artists. The discussions will concern their different visions of Europe through art.
4. One workshop camp a year for these young European artists.

International Folk Tale Theme Park - Hungary

From Budapest the local PTP chapter reports on the development of an "International Folk Tale Theme Park". Through the efforts of the chapter president Hey Lóránt the local community of Kesztlöc has created the foundation for a park, which will display international folk tales. The goal of the park is to preserve, show and make known the folk tale treasure of different countries, their traditions, the most ancient cultural heritage in order to have it in the next millennium. The park is located 45 minutes from Budapest in the very beautiful area of the Pilis-mountain.

"Europe is not interested whether we took everything over that European culture may offer, but what we made European culture richer by from our own." (István Györffy)

Countries will be asked to contribute to the Tale Park, as there will be space for many cultures. During the summer months the Park will be able to among other things display different tales and host folk festivals for people of all ages. The Park will open in August 2000.

For more information please contact PTP Budapest, Hey Lóránt, Klement u. 19, Kesztlöc, 2517, Hungary

European Discovery with Student Ambassador Programs

For the coming summer Ambassador Programs International will offer European students to take part in their tours in Europe. For this year it is the "European Discover 2000", and the "Cultures of Europe", which will be offered.

European Discovery (16 days/15 nights): Paris – Zürich – Tyrol - Vienna – Graz - Venice - Florence – Rome. The rate is 1.307 Euro. For students from Eastern Europe there is a 15% discount.

There is also two short versions of the tour; 10 days/9 nights: Vienna – Graz - Venice - Florence – Rome (716 Euro) or (7 days/6 nights): Tyrol – Zürich – Paris (477 Euro).

Both trips include meals, all entrances. American teacher leaders escort the groups.

The price for **Cultures of Europe** is not set yet. It is assumed to be lower than the one for "European Discovery". The tour covers: Paris - Freiburg - Annecy - Barcelona – Sevilla – Madrid (and vice versa)

PTP supports this program and encourage members to join. For more detailed information, please contact

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Europeans go to the US

The chapters in the US offer a good network for people to visit the country and to get to know people. PTP headquarters assist in finding homestay and for groups to find good connections between cities. Please contact Ines Dahne-Steuber or Andrea White. Or, you may contact any chapter already going. Since many years PTP Denmark organises homestay trips to the US. For the year 2000 also, PTP Interlaken and PTP Lucerne plan to send a group.

For Denmark there are three groups planned. They all start for Denmark to Washington D.C., with two overnights at a hotel. Three homestays in three different states are planned, further information will follow or can be achieved by contacting PTP Copenhagen: ++45 33 14 10 35 or e-mail: ptp@peopletopeople.dk; att: Halldora Hansen.



People to People Collegiate and Professional Studies Program

Each year People to People offers academic programs in various fields. The programs include seminars and study visits within each field. They are led by experts and are open not only to students, but also to any one interested. Each course usually leaves time for tourist visits and some include PTP homestays. The programs have traditionally been aimed for US participants, but PTP welcomes European participants. For more information, please contact PTP Headquarters (Ken Taylor). Below are extracts from the program descriptions.

Spring Break Seminar: The London Theatre Scene, March 25 - April 1

Earn three hours of academic credit and spend your spring break with a week of theatre in one of the world's most exciting theatre cities. We will start in London on Sunday where we will be guests at an orientation reception. A lecture on "The London Theatre Scene" will give us background for our theatre going experience during the week. Our three star hotel, which includes a continental breakfast, is located in the South Kensington district.

From West End musicals to Shakespeare, from England's National Theatre to London's "fringe" scene, we will experience a wide range of production styles. The National Theatre will host a back stage tour following the performance we see there. The newly opened Globe Theatre, a reconstruction of the Globe Theatre where Shakespeare's plays were originally produced, will offer a tour and admission to their museum. One day we will travel by executive coach to Stratford for a tour of Shakespeare sights, a guided tour of the city center and, of course, a performance at the world renowned Shakespearian theatre.

Comparative Democracy: Germany – Czech Republic – Poland, June 11 - 24

The end of the Cold War and the globalization of economic and commercial relations have been hailed by some as unprecedented progressive steps for humankind; but problems have also arisen: a revival of ethnic animosities, virulent nationalism, economic and political chaos, and a sense of social void. These changes have been profound in Eastern Europe but have been experienced in the more established democracies of Western Europe as well.

This course will focus on democratic and free market practices in three countries: Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland. Advance readings will provide students with an overview of democracy and capitalism as they are practiced in these countries.

During the study tour, lectures and discussions with government officials, academic experts and civic leaders will provide important insights into the challenges and opportunities for democracy in the 21st century. We will discuss issues of conflict and peace, justice and power, freedom and responsibility in our host countries as well as in America. First hand we will experience how democracy works at the local level by meeting with civic leaders in all three countries. Our concentration will be on modern

history and politics in the framework of past history and cultural influences.

Comparative Education: Brussels – Maastricht – Amsterdam, June 17 – 25

Comparative Education and curricular change are common topics worldwide. Officials and private citizens in the United States are discussing educational reform and the restructuring of schools. The focus of this course will be to compare educational systems at all levels in Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands, with particular reference to current educational reform movements proposed in the United States. We will explore the influence of race, class, gender, and disability on the educational systems of the four countries. Students, teachers, administrators, professors, and counselors are invited to participate in this highly interactive program.

Early Care and Education: London, July 9 – 19

England offers Americans concerned with early childhood care and education superb opportunities. For example, Summerhill, established in 1921, is very famous as one of the first schools to be organized on the basis of anti-authoritarian principles. Summerhill has allowed children the freedom to grow emotionally. It has created happier childhoods for a host of children by removing fear and coercion by adults. Our tour will also include professionally organized visits to carefully selected "British Infant Schools." These state-supported schools for children between the ages of five and eight draw heavily upon the theories of John Dewey and Jean Piaget. They emphasize learning through active involvement in a great variety of fascinating projects.

Participants on this trip will also have the opportunity to visit the world-class tourist sites and attractions located in London. The sightseeing options in London are extensive. Buckingham Palace (and the "changing of the guard"), the Houses of Parliament (with the famous Big Ben clock tower), St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London (which houses the crown jewels), Westminster Abbey (where kings and queens are crowned), and other "must see" sights await. This is Dr. Sussna's eighth trip to this amazing city.

South Africa: A Nation in Transition, June 9 – 24

Since the abolishment of the Apartheid, South Africa has gone through major social and structural changes.

How have the people and institutions of this country handled the changes? How do the perspectives of various groups of people differ? This traveling seminar is designed to probe these questions by visiting three major South African cities and meeting with people at various universities, colleges, and secondary and primary schools. The institutions we plan to visit include the University of the Western Cape (previously for "colored" persons), Vista (a traditional African university), Etibenne ("Place of Hope") Enrichment Center (a community college), and the University of Port Elizabeth (a former Afrikans university, previously for "whites" only). Along with our visits to Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Johannesburg, we will also visit some formerly African Townships as well as some squatter camps.

International Business I, II, II:

The Heart of Europe: Amsterdam-Brussels-Paris, May 28 – June 11

The British Perspective: London, June 11 – 25

Germany, Switzerland and The Czech Republic, June 25 – July 9

Lester Thurow at MIT proclaimed in his book, *Head to Head*, that the 21st Century belongs to the "House of Europe". Although that conclusion is subject to debate, there is little disagreement that Europe has achieved dramatic change during the past decade. The creation of a single European Market, a single currency and progress towards a political and defense union have prepared Europe for 21st Century competition.

In short, the beginning of a new millennium offers an opportunity to examine the problems and prospects that confront European business, economic and political organizations in the future. These courses provide students with a rare opportunity to discuss important issues first-hand with business leaders in a variety of different organizations in some of the leading business and financial centers in the world. An Internet web site will support student learning prior to the start of the course and after the conclusion.

International Politics: Brussels – Amsterdam – Maastricht – Paris, May 27 – June 10

Europe has undergone dramatic change in the past decade. The collapse of Communism and the end of the Cold War ushered in a new era in world history and transformed the map of Europe. With the establishment of fledgling democracies and market economies in Eastern Europe, former enemies have become allies and trading partners. Although recent events in the Balkans demonstrate the ever-present danger of ethnic conflict, the European Union is breaking down economic and political barriers

associated with the centuries-old nation-state system on the Continent.

NATO and EU expansion, the use of allied forces outside of NATO's borders, creation of a common European currency, and the prospects for moving from economic to political integration are among the topics we will explore. Brussels is home to the headquarters of both NATO and the EU. Amsterdam is one of Europe's most important commercial hubs; the Hague (International Court of Justice) is nearby as well. Maastricht, where the historic treaty creating the European Monetary Union was hammered out in 1991, boasts one of Europe's leading universities. Paris, the original site of NATO headquarters, is not only the capital of France, a major European power with an independent nuclear strike force, but it is also one of the Europe's architectural and cultural showcases.

The Relevance of Managed Care in International Settings: London – Amsterdam – Munich, July 2 – 16

During this course we will visit England, the Netherlands and Germany to learn how their systems work and to see what relevance some of their experience may provide as our own system continues to evolve. The British National Health Service has recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and is undergoing efforts to modernize the system with quality improvement programs and changes in incentive payments to providers. The German National Health System traces its roots back to the time of Bismarck more than 100 years ago. We will investigate the role of nearly 500 "sickness funds," their relationship to providers of medical care and payment techniques. We will also pay a quick visit to the Netherlands to observe a substance abuse program that has captured the attention of health professionals world wide.

Sweden and Denmark: Health Care and Social Services, June 11-29

Here is your chance to learn and observe firsthand how health care and social services are organized and provided in two advanced, socially concerned Scandinavian countries. Sweden and Denmark have long been accepted as world leaders in health care and social services. To fully understand these very innovative care systems, you will learn how they are nurtured by and integrated into their nation's culture.

Why is this learning experience important to American professionals and students? During the past decade we have been involved in intense discussions over our health care and social service systems. What should our position be in this discussion? Over fifty million Americans are either uninsured or underinsured for health care. Labor force participants worry for their children and elders because of the lack of adequate day care and family leave policies for birth and illness. We have undergone dramatic restructuring of our welfare system. Violence, AIDS, escalating health and social care costs, poverty and homelessness, long-term care for persons 80+ years of age, child day-care, etc. are pressing issues for us in the new millennium.

PTP Updates

PTP Europe Board

PTP Europe President Bill Walker has resigned due to personal reasons. Bill was elected to the Board in May and assisted with the progress of the organisation in both Europe and internationally. Bill will still stay as a member of PTP.

International Chapter update

During October and November PTPI has sent out the annual chapter inquiry to all chapters. All chapters are kindly asked to fill out the form and return them to the Kansas City office. The response will be used to make sure the international directories are up to date.

Chapter Manual

Along with this issue of the Newsletter a European Chapter manual has been sent to all chapter presidents. It is a direct result of the work of the

European Board and decision at the Annual Conference in Berlin.

Music CDs

The PTP Europe Musical CD has been sold with great success. Of the originally 500 pieces only a very remain. Chapters and members may order the CDs from PTP Europe. The revenue will go to programs in Europe.

New Danish office

PTP Denmark has a new office. The new address is:

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Coming events

PTP Meeting in Slovakian Banska Bystrica

Put on your hiking boots and skis for the planned get together in beautiful Banska Bystrica. Marian Gajdos from the local chapter plans to invite people for a program in Slovakia.

Prague Culture week, March 2000

PTP Prague plans to invite members to a weeklong culture week. With culture a variety of items will be understood. It is expected that 20 people will participate – preferably non-youth. Invitation will be sent out separately.

Berlin Youth meeting – May 2000

The PTP Berlin chapter has indicated that they are interested in hosting a youth event for next spring. It is planned to take place in May and the youth committee in Berlin has already started preparing. It will be open for all possible European youth.

Lucerne May 12-14, 2000

PTP Lucerne will host the PTP Europe conference in May next year. No details are ready to publish yet, but I think it will be a good event as the committee has done a good job. Invitations will be sent out in December/January.

PTP goes to Mongolia

Together with PTP Mongolia, we hope to make a good 10-day program in Mongolia for a group for next summer. We anticipate 5-10 participants and we have all reasons to believe this will be a special program.

PTP Meets in Budapest in August

From PTP in Hungary we have received an invitation for an event in the end of the summer. Mária Lénárt and Balázs Lengyel will plan the event and let us know more early next year.

Chapter Matching grants

Chapters and members are informed about the Chapter Matching grant program. The Matching grants are designed to enable chapters an opportunity to promote PTP programs, assist in local efforts while networking with other organisation, and facilitate exchange between the people of all nations. The criteria are designed to enable PTPI the opportunity to assistance the largest number of Chapters the budget will allow. To apply chapters are asked to use a specific form available through the chapters.

Chapter Requirements (extract):

- A. Submit request at least three months in advance and through a Council Chairperson where appropriate. Some exceptions to this rule will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- B. Requests must be for specific, special projects or events and must promote PTP.
- C. Grant will not exceed one-half of estimated costs and in no case will exceed \$2,000.00.
- D. Chapter must verify its share of the costs is available before PTPI will approve funding.
- E. Chapter will submit a report upon conclusion, including an accounting of expenditures.
- F. Awarding of grants is not automatic and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Determinations are based on budget, program content, etc.
- G. The PTPI budget is limited. Some grants may be verbally approved, but may not be sent to the Chapter for an extended period (again depending on the budget).

Chapter reports

Gliwice, Poland

The PTP sponsored Academic Musical Ensemble (AZM) of Gliwice has again shown its excellence. In a competition in Prague, Czech Republic they received Silver in hard competition with 38 other good choirs. Krystyna Krzyzanowska-Loboda of AZM was awarded for the best conductor. Congratulations to the whole choir including PTP Trustee Justyna Dziurma, who also is the choir chairperson.

Bern, Switzerland

Two Swiss students from Bern returned from the Student Ambassador Youth Leadership Conference and successful homestays in Berlin with enthusiastic comments. Likewise, the teenagers from Switzerland, Albania and Romania sponsored by the PTP Bern chapter and who attended last summer a 3-week ESL (English as a Second Language) Peace Camp organized by BFE (Bridges for Education) in Poland were extremely pleased about their unique multicultural exposure to young people from different European countries and their new skills in practising the global auxiliary language.

In September, twenty-three PTP members and hosts who opened their home to no less than 80 American Student Ambassadors attended the PTP Bern summer party hosted by Rosemarie and Otto Burri in their nice new home in Müntschemier. In the afternoon, a guided tour took the participants to the original house of famous Swiss country painter Albert Anker in Ins; the painter's great granddaughter commented while taking the group through the old wooden house, the painter's atelier and well-kept flower garden.

Accounts from the PTP European Berlin conference, to which Switzerland sent the largest single country delegation, and of individual homestays abroad were shared on that occasion. A delicious countryside meal and beverages contributed to creating a joyful atmosphere of friendship.

Otto Burri and Daniel Schaubacher established and renewed contacts at the PTPI Presidents and Trustees Conference early in October in Minneapolis and returned with a renewed vision of, and dedication to, the PTPI programs. At the award dinner, the chapter obtained an honourable mention for its innovative activities, especially among youth. Many good ideas garnered during presentations and in personal conversations will be put into effect in the chapter's future programs. PTP Trustee and Bern Chapter's Secretary Otto Burri visited with PTP friends in the Twin Cities and Chicago, and commented favourably on his American hosts' warm hospitality.

Daniel Schaubacher chaired a panel on "Reaching to Civil Society" and participated actively in the 10th annual conference, November 7-10, in Budapest, of AUDEM (the Alliance of Universities for

Democracy). This PTPI partner organisation consists of no less than 100 colleges and universities, mainly in C. & E. Europe and Eurasia. The AUDEM board of Directors and several members in E. Europe are eager to co-operate with PTPI, so is J. Beth Ciesielski, BFE's Founder and Executive Director in offering ESL courses to young people (14-18 years' old).

Cornelia Siegenthaler, a young lady student and active member in the Bern Chapter will attend the Budapest Youth Conference in December and report there on the chapter activities.

Several PTP members attended the Swiss-American Society's Thanksgiving Dinner Dance on November 27 and met with the new American Embassy's Chargé d'affaires Randolph Bell, Swiss VIP's and media representatives. On December 9, Daniel Schaubacher, at the invitation of NASA and Swiss/European astronaut Dr. Claude Nicollier's, will attend the launch at Kennedy Space Center of the Discovery Space Shuttle - the STS 103 Hubble Telescope Repair Mission. A visit to the Emmentaler Liebhaberbuehne Theater preceded by a reception and dinner is planned for January 8.

The chapter's annual meeting will take place on March 15, 8 p.m. in Bern's Hotel Kreuz.

Felix Engler, the long standing chapter's Vice President and Treasurer, with the board's assent, will contribute financially to the PTP European Conference budget; homestays and an excursion by bus will be arranged for conference attendees next May by the Bern chapter.

Incoming homestays are also planned next summer for large groups of American high school students under the PTP Student Ambassador Program, in cooperation with its new European coordinator, PDM Tourismus Consulting in Vienna. A group of twenty seniors from Denmark will be hosted in the late summer.

The chapter board will again consider favorably requests from Albania, Romania, possibly Switzerland and other countries for ESL scholarships to BFE Peace Camps scheduled in the course of the summer 2000.

Through contacts made with Presidents of PTP chapters in the U.S. at the Minneapolis conference, the Bern chapter envisages sending young Swiss students on homestays and for language courses to the West Coast of the USA as of the fall of 2000.

Daniel R. Schaubacher,

Troitsk

We have had some trouble with our Internet connection for some months, but we would like to report a successful year as we had participants at the Berlin conference and had a visit of a delegation from

Japan in May. For the moment we are busy registering the chapter locally, which may take some time.

Oleg Preobrajenski

Interlaken

The chapter supported Marianne Aebi's trip to the USA (with a Danish group) and also Andreas Guler for attending the Youth Conference in Budapest. The biggest challenge in the moment is the support of a Russian student, Ekaterina Gaidanskaia, who is studying voice in Genoa. For 2000 we plan a trip to the US. It will be a small group, which will have an interesting program between east and west coast (including three homestays.)

Regina Wälti

Zürich

The year started with our annual meeting, where the "Ministrings" were our special guests. In spring a group travelled to Eindhoven /Netherlands where we stayed with members of the European Friendship Force.

In May five members attended the European Conference in Berlin, which was successful. Shortly there after our chapter hosted the Annual Swiss Meeting with guests from all four chapters

Our guest from Gliwice /Poland had to cancel his homestay. The "Dutch" group had a barbecue party to show pictures and refresh memories.

In July a small group of Student Ambassadors had homestays and were very pleased as well as their hosts. Via Internet people who like to travel find our address. We also received requests from India, New Orleans, Austria and Russia.

All Swiss Chapter presidents met in Zürich with the new API Travel agents from Vienna to discuss the new program. They expect around 20 groups coming to Switzerland.

Some members will join the "Christmas" lunch in mid December to review the past and look to the future, seeking a new president.

Claudia von Ellerts

Estonia

PTP Estonia continues 11-month project Global Citizenship in cooperation with EC program Phare. The main task is to provide democratic education for teachers in civic and children in Estonian and Russian schools, to create understanding between them. Seminars and lectures PTP members organise in Tallinn and other PTP chapters in Estonia. PTP participated in the local discussion about democracy and people rights in the Estonian Association in people rights for 20 non-government organizations in Estonia. Now the coordinator of the project Jevgeni Samohvalov collects materials from teachers in civic for handbook which PTP will issue next year in Estonian, Russian and English.

Ruta Pels

Zaporozhie

We have established closed contact with Garrett Harper, the president of Nashville PTP chapter regard to execution of our program for Foreign Languages Training in Zaporozhye area, by this matter we've also contacted International Education Centers in the USA.

We actively conduct activity for participation in Homestay program.

We have created a club "Saddha" in Zaporozhye. Its current and main aim is: to combine various eastern cultures and trends (e.g. Buddhism) with existing centers in Zaporozhye, which take keen interest in this field. Additionally, it will allow increasing the number of PTP members of diverse religions. The basic results of club activity was: the holding of the club's meeting in December. The representatives of large Zaporozhye centers attended the meeting:

- a. The center of Eastern Martial Arts;
- b. The Buddhism organization;
- c. The center of "Zigun";
- d. The center of Zaporozhye Martial Arts

All presented representatives consented to become members of the club, accordingly to become PTP members. But the main work is still forward.

Michael Gretchuha

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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