

= PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE =

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Message of the President

Dear PTP-Europe Family



Since my election in May in Lucerne you might not yet have noticed much from our board or me but mostly from Lars. Believe me a lot of work has been done "behind the scene", particularly in getting reasonably organised to start dealing with the issues at hand in a most appropriate, competent and efficient way. Priorities had to be set to make the best use of our limited spare time besides our mostly over 100% professional jobs and family needs.

I am delighted to report that AN IDEAL WORKING ARRANGEMENT between Mary Eisenhower, CEO PTPI, Lars Poignant, PTPI Director European Operations and myself is already working well. Further, Lars has been appointed to "Associated Member of the PTPE board" and with Mary's blessing he is reporting directly to me on everything concerning Europe. Of course, we both remain ultimately accountable to Mary! She and I have established a great working relationship based on mutual trust.

WITH THE ALREADY TESTED INTERACTION IN THE PTPE-BOARD THE NECESSARY FOUNDATION AND TOOLS FOR AROUND SUCCESSFUL COOPERATIONS TO YOUR; THE MEMBERS BENEFITS, ARE IN PLACE AND WORKING!

Our first major board meeting was hosted by Annick Debien, PTPE-Youth Co-ordinator in Angoulême, France on the weekend of 16-17 September 2000. The Angoulême chapter, with Lars in the organising committee, will host the next EUROPEAN CONFERENCE 11-13 MAY 2001. Details will follow, as the committee will release them. In addition and on the initiative of Annick, PTPE and the Council of Europe will sponsor a YOUTH ARTISTIC PROGRAMME IN COMICS/CARTOONS in January 25-28 2001 in Angoulême, the world's capital of comics. Please read the details and APPLY NOW for young talents in your chapter and region.

Concerning YOUR PROJECT AND PROGRAMME INITIATIVES for which you would like some assistance and support, please do think ideas and their implementation all the way through and DEVELOPE A CONCEPT containing all key elements. But most importantly, ask yourself: "IS IT A WIN-WIN SITUATION? WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOUR PARTNER(S)?" You will have to sell your product to somebody if you want it to succeed!

Please contact Lars with copy to me for any assistance we might be able to give you.

Unfortunately, there is a sore point and not that easy to resolve reasonably : PAYMENT OF DUES BY CHAPTERS: Whenever one belongs to an organisation and one wants to benefit of such membership there is some kind of due payable. Without funds nothing works, not even your own house hold! If only the same few are always carrying the load, the team will not last due to lack of solidarity. Therefore, the chapters with overdue payment(s) may expect our respective contact shortly. Please, help us to maintain the true spirit of PTPI!

The next major PTPI-event will be the World Conference in Hong Kong 8-12 November 2000. Lars and I will be attending on your behalf. It will be my very first participation and therefore a "double world initiation", first as a PTPI-member and second as the PTPE-President. Please advise any issue, concerns, requests, etc. you feel we should raise in Hong Kong.

Our communication network via the Internet requires updating and it is being addressed. In the meantime, please feel free to send your mail to our postal or e-mail addresses and we will give you some response soonest but within 3 weeks the latest. Let us know what is happening in your part of Europe.

All the best and I am looking forward to see you soon.

Sincerely your President Ernst Honegger

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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Lucie Hofer our friend and long time PTP member

Our very good friend and long time People to People member Lucie Hofer died in Lucerne on September 3rd. We send our condolences to her children and active PTP members Miriam and Simon.

PTP Europe President Ernst Honegger attended the funeral on behalf of PTP Europe and PTP International. The funeral was held in Lucie's hometown Sursee, where she was born, grew up and went to school, where she spent most of her life time when in Switzerland and where most other members of her family are laid to rest.

Approximately 100 people attended the church service in the Monastery Church. The recently retired (health reasons) catholic Bishop, who knew Lucie well, did assist the priest in the very dignified service. After Simon had presented Lucie's obituary, Ernst had the opportunity to read part of the Eulogy in English and to summarise the rest in Swiss German as well as to express the international PTP sympathy and condolences.

Miriam, Gustavo and Simon were very touched, pleased, satisfied and relieved about all the messages of sympathy received from PTP-people around the world. Members and friends may send personal message directly to them. Miriam & Gustavo : casas@tic.ch, Simon: lotusesprit@bluewin.ch.

Coming events

December 9	PTP Brussels – Christmas Dinner
January 25-28	PTP Artistic Program – Angoulême, France
May 5-8	PTP Gliwice – Gliwice 750 years
May 11-13	PTP European Conference – Angoulême, France

Brussels Christmas Dinner

People to People Brussels invites members and non-members to its Annual Christmas dinner. It will be held at the Brussels Hilton hotel on December 9th. Price including apéritif, wine and coffee: 2200 Bef (members), 2400 Bef (non-members). Please contact the PTP Brussels chapter for more information: Mrs Denise Maurice, 29, Avenue Minerve, Box 27, 1190 Brussels, Belgium, Phone home: +32 2 345 6854, Fax home: +32 2 345 6854

Gliwice – 750 years

This year is very important to Gliwice - a seat of Polish chapter of People to People International. Our city is celebrating its 750-th anniversary. Everybody would like to have his/her friends around at his/her birthday and so do we. I would like to take this opportunity to invite our PTP friends throughout Europe to celebrate our hometown anniversary with us and to come to Gliwice for the GREAT WORLD MEETING "Gliwice - three quarters of a millennium in the borderlands of three nations, languages and cultures - a lesson in co-existence" which will take place on May 5-8, 2001 (tentative date).

The celebrations of the 750-th anniversary of Gliwice have officially started at the end of April and will continue throughout the year until May next year. The year-long celebration will be closed with the 40th "Gliwice Spring" - a series of cultural events starting May 5, 2001. We would like to merge our Great World Meeting with the closing of the year-long celebrations. The aim of the meeting is to show our history and present day, to share our experience in living for centuries in the borderland of Poland, Germany and Bohemia and just to have great four days with our friends at the time when the weather in Poland is at its best.

PTP Artistic Program – Angoulême

In the end of January People to People will organise an artistic program for young European cartoonists. Artistic members are encouraged to apply for the program, which is sponsored by the Council of Europe. Chapters and kindly asked to pass on the invitation to cartoonists clubs and/or publishers of cartoons. Any member is welcome to participate in the Festival of Bande Dessinée (cartoons), which is the annual and world wide meeting for cartoonists in Angoulême in the same time. Please contact PTP Angoulême for assistance and more information: Mrs Annick Debien, BP 295, 10, Rue Ludovic Trarieux, 16007 Angoulême, Office: +33 (0)545957357, Fax office: +33 (0)545380141, Internet: annickdebien@hotmail.com

The tentative agenda of the Great World Meeting includes (although is not limited to):

1. Participation to the procession opening the 40th Gliwice Spring on May 5th afternoon (folk costumes as well as folk dancers welcomed!)
2. Welcome reception.
3. A short historic session on 750 years of Gliwice.
4. Visiting museum exhibition on the above.
5. Performance of the Gliwice Academic Music Ensemble, PTPI member and of our guests (dancers, singers, musicians, musical groups, orchestras, choirs etc. are mostly welcome!)
6. A seminar on "Gliwice - three-quarters of a millennium in the borderlands of three nations, languages and cultures - a lesson in co-existence".
7. Meeting with local self-government.
8. Watching an open-air theatre performance.
9. Two faces of Gliwice industry - visit to a modern still mill and to a working coal mine.
10. Farewell banquet.

Conference participants may choose between homestays and hotels in a wide price range. We will help in finding appropriate accommodation for each participant.

Soon you will receive registration form for our meeting. You will also learn about new developments and meeting details from the European newsletter and from the "On Track" magazine. To proceed with the organisation of the meeting we would like to estimate (at least very roughly) the number of prospective participants. Thus we would appreciate very much your expression of interest. If you consider your

participation please drop a line to me at tgrab@polsl.gliwice.pl - at no obligation whatsoever! Also if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Let's meet all together in Gliwice next May. Remember - this is a unique opportunity. You may be a witness of Gliwice 750-th anniversary only once in your life! Don't miss it!

Tadeusz Grabowiecki
President, PTPI Gliwice Chapter



GREAT WORLD MEETING

Gliwice is celebrating its 750th Anniversary this year. On this occasion PTP Poland invites PTP members and friends for a great international meeting with the title *Gliwice - three quarters of a millenium in the borderlands of three nations, languages and cultures - a lesson in co-existence*

The meeting will take place in spring 2001 as the closing event of a year-long celebrations - the tentative date is May 5 - 8

Don't miss this unique event!

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International



Chapter reports

Bern

The Bern-W. Switzerland chapter has been extremely busy since the successful European conference last May in Lucerne, which it supported logistically and financially.

In June and July, briefings with Swiss officials and at the American Embassy, city tours, and homestays were arranged for six Student Ambassador groups counting each 40 participants. Receptions with buffet dinners took place in the conference facility of the American Embassy. The Swiss Foreign Ministry sent a Minister in charge of the Swiss presence in the USA to brief the American students, and the US Embassy Public Affairs Counsellor, Mary Ellen Koenig, said that PTP is one of her best programs. The Bern Convention and Visitor Bureau's Director also addressed one group of Student Ambassadors.

US Ambassador Fredericks invited Daniel Schaubacher to his diplomatic Fourth of July Party at his residence. Daniel was able to speak about PTP with many diplomats, Swiss officials and guests, likewise at the Canadian Ambassador's reception on June 29.

Several of our members travelled abroad and enjoyed homestays in the PTP family. On August 26, more than 50 guests attended our summer PTP dinner party, preceded by a tour of a large vegetable growing facility, graciously hosted by Rosmarie and Otto Burri at their lovely country home in Muentschemier. At that party, a group of PTP seniors from Denmark was welcomed and placed with Swiss homestay hosts. An excursion for the Danish guests and Swiss hosts in the Bernese Oberland was subsequently organized.

Our Vice President, Ernst Honegger, who was unanimously acclaimed as our new European President at the European Conference in Lucerne, is already extremely busy, making plans for PTP Europe's future. He plans a board meeting in September in Angoulême, France, and is actively communicating with Mary Eisenhower, PTPI CEO at PTP headquarters in Kansas City, MO, and our European Director of Operations, Lars Poignant, in Berlin, as well as members of the European board and PTP chapters across the continent.

Cornelia Siegenthaler is in charge of our youth activities and has been appointed to the PTPI International Youth Committee.

Our chapter sponsored six young people, age 14-18, from East European countries to attend the Bridges for Education 3-week intensive English courses this summer, with the help of a generous matching grant arranged by Mary Eisenhower and Theresa Stock at PTPI headquarters.

Daniel Schaubacher participated actively in the World Federalist University in Wengen, and in the UN Social Summit and concurrent Forum, in June; both provided a unique opportunity to reach out to decision-makers and leaders of thought.

At least four members of our Chapter will participate in the World-wide Conference in Hong Kong, next November, after that a group of members and friends will have visited PTP chapters in California and Nevada in October. We will also meet with students and Lisa Geyer from Raleigh, NC, of the Worldview Academy, in October; Lisa was a delegation leader for a PTP Student Ambassador Group, which visited Bern last year. (Daniel Schaubacher)

Estonia

PTP Estonia had busy time on summer with several homestays and traditional Youth Summit. PTP Tallinn hosted nine Americans from PTP Arizona June 20-24. I've met the group in Helsinki airport and we came by ferry to Tallinn. Five boys age 13-14, two 15-16 years old girls and two mothers lived in the families. Altogether we visited Old Town, Sea Museum and had lunch in the Raekook. Children attended Tallinn zoo, amusement park, beach in Piritä and Shtromka, local schools. All of them liked shopping in Tallinn. The Midsummer Eve most of them spent in the Rocca al Mare National Park, where were bonfire, concert and many Estonian national games. Some went to the rock-concert or to stay with families in summerhouses in the countryside. The leader of the group Ruth Allen and me went for one day Voru chapter on the South of Estonia and then visited the highest point in the Baltic states Munamagi together with Voru local High school students. PTP Arizona started their one month trip in Estonia and went than to Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

They met PTP Narva members on the border between Estonia and Russia for a half an hour on the way to St.Peterburg. We received the letters from our American friends and think about new projects with them in PTPI.

PTP Tallinn and Kohtla-Järve had guests from Romania - Peter Bela Barta and from Switzerland - Elisabeth and Hanspeter Bach. The August 1 my family spent the day walking in the Old Tallinn with Dan Harring, his wife and friends from Florida who had cruise in Baltic. In August PTP Estonia hosted for two weeks five High school student from France who came to Tallinn to EstYES-Concordia summer camp.

July 15-23 the traditional PTP Estonia Youth Summit was in Narva-Jõesuu. 28 High school students from all Estonia chapters and the guests from Latvia attended them. Children discussed the Global Citizen, democracy and the future of the Baltic countries in the EU, had concert and sport competitions, visited for one day Narva Youth Centre Sinton camp and discussed the new project for the next year. (Ruta Pels)

Chester

Networking took on new turns in June when PTP Chester member Berwy Robinson went to Tallinn on a professional program with 400 women from 24 European countries (including Canada and the US).

My friend and I arrived early having notified Chapter President Ruta Pels that we should be visiting her town and would love to meet with her. Ruta came to my hotel on the first day and she and her husband drove us to all the places of the ancient streets of Tallinn.

A lot of fun things happened even though everyone spoke English such as getting wrong things in the restaurants and discussing with taxi drivers.

Yet, it was a joy to meet with Ruta and her family and I look forward to seeing her again at PTP meetings in the future. Happy networking to all members. (Berwyn Robinson)