

# = PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE =

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## **Message from the President**

Dear Members of PTP-Europe,

The international network of PTPI friends around the world was truly celebrated once more in November 2000 at the World Wide Conference in Hong Kong. PTP-Europe showed good flag with participants from many countries. A sizeable travel group from PTP-Berlin enhanced our presence during their stop over on the way to New Zealand.

Right after this conference Hans-Dieter Robel from Berlin did visit chapters in Taiwan. I joined him one evening in Tainan-City. This was an absolutely VIPs by an exceptional fun group of friends and professional which are well connected to business, politics and academia. A very big and heartfelt thank you and we are really looking forward to welcoming them in Europe as soon as possible.

The PTP Europe Youth Cartoonist Event in Angoulême, France over the last weekend of January 2001 appears to have been a full success. 30 participants from eight countries were given the life time opportunity to experience the world's capital of cartoons first hand! We hope that our special contribution will enhance the career of many young people in their field and we wish them much success.

Now a few words to our coming events during our lovely month of May 2001. During the weekend May 4-7 PTP Gliwice in Poland will hold a very special celebration. Please consult the respective information published or contact the Gliwice chapter for more details and applications.

Our main event this year is the EUROPEAN CONFERENCE in Angoulême, France May 11-13. I extend a most cordial invitation to all of you. Please join us as an active participant in the exceptional event in the beautiful region of Bordeaux and Cognac!

I am looking forward to seeing as many as possible in Southern France!

Your president,  
Ernst Honegger



## **People to People Reports and Updates**

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### **World Wide Conference in Hong Kong**

Some 250 members and guests from 16 countries participated in PTPI's 14th Worldwide Conference in Hong Kong November 8 - 11, 2000. Reports have already been included in On Track and will be included in the upcoming People Magazine.

Yet, we would like to recognise that European Chapters were well represented. During the conference Peter Whitby was reelected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Ernst Honegger, PTP Europe president was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees.

The activity and devoted members and chapters is possible to understand as European chapters and member received recognition during the awards luncheon.

Three European chapters received the *James T. Doty Awards for Unique and Innovative Programming*:

PTP Albania was awarded for their efforts in promoting peace and understanding during the Kosovo Crisis and for their ongoing contributions;

PTP Estonia for their Global Citizenship Program which promotes democracy and multiculturalism among young people;

PTP Berlin, Germany Chapter for their efforts involving youth and developing an exchange with the chapter in Angoulême, France

Three European members were recognised by the *Outstanding Leadership Award*:

Betty and Len Holland of Chester, England, for their continuing contributions to the organization;

Otto Burri of the Bern, Switzerland Chapter for his keen sense of commitment to the organization, his active participation in the homestay program and the hospitality shown to friends the world over.

Recognised was also Teleri-Sian Roberts who was previously designated as Artistic Ambassadors for her artistic talent, which she proved in both Chester at the previous World Wide Conference and with a performance during the Final Night Banquet.

### **PTP Artistic program in Angoulême, France**

In the end of January PTP organised an artistic meeting for 30 young cartoonists from eight countries. The theme of the event was "the Picture as a Universal Language". During four days the participants attended seminars, visited studios and schools for cartoons and image. In parallel to the meeting there was the "Festival de la Bande Dessinée", which attracted some 200.000 visitors!

The result of the meeting was a project with contributions from each artist. The works will be displayed at the annual meeting in May in Angoulême and during the spring a catalogue will be produced including reports and drawings from the event. The participants left very satisfied and have already plans to continue with new joint programs.

We would like to extend a great thanks to PTP Angoulême and its president Annick Debien, who made the event possible.

### **Mission in Understanding**

During the next months the following Mission in Understanding are scheduled in Europe. Members are welcome to participate and chapters are suggested to contact PTP for any joint program for Missions in the area.

| <b>Destination</b>          | <b>Month</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Bucharest, Vienna, Istanbul | May          |
| Scotland, Ireland           | May          |
| Greece                      | June         |
| Central Europe              | July         |
| Greenland and Iceland       | July         |
| Italy and Croatia           | September    |

### **World Wide Conference 2004 - in Europe**

The 2004 World Wide Conference will be held in Europe. Its location is not decided and any chapter may host the event. The past two events (Chester 1988 and Hong Kong 2000) had some 200-250 participants. PTP Gliwice Poland has offered to organise the event. Any other chapter may contact PTP headquarters for more information.

### **Young member from PTP Chester looks for placement within textiles**

PTP Chester asks for assistance for its young member Lianne Wilson, 18, who would like to pursue studies within textile industry. Before her studies start she would like to get work experience with a company specialising in textile design. She is particularly interested in finding out more about surface design and application of pattern to fabric. She has taken time off between July 2001 and August 2002 for different internship opportunities. Please contact PTP Chester or PTP Europe office if you can assist.

## Aid to India - Letter from PTP Bangalore

People to People International has received letters from our chapter in Bangalore, India. The chapter president S.V. Ramanna tells how the chapter has been doing humanitarian service for years.

*After the earthquake on January 25 in Gujath region, the area needs support after thousands of people have been killed and hundreds of villages and cities have been demolished.*

*PTP in India has taken relief measures to rehabilitate the affected and injured people. Indian and international economic aid will be needed in rescue and restoration operations.*

People to People International calls upon chapters and members to support the victims and the restoration operations. At PTP Headquarters accounts will be made available for donations. Chapters in Europe are advised to contact their local or national Red Cross. The Red Cross has among other things created a hospital for the injured and rebuilt the broken water supplies to and within the affected region.

*PTP Bangalore will be thankful to you if you mobilise resources of help in the member chapter and send it so that the same can be used to help the suffering people in addition to our local efforts. Your help will be appreciated and it will go a long way to promote the interest of People to People, as the relief will be in the cause of humanitarian sufferings. The International Red Cross is already involved in the disaster.*

## Homestay in the US

For members interested in homestay in the US, please contact the Kansas City office. The homestay coordinator, Michelle Woster (homestays@ptpi.org) is happy to assist. Among other places the following US chapters offers homestay. Each chapter should have a Homestay Visitors Manual for instructions. Please notice that each chapter may not always be able to host at all times.

|                      |                                 |            |                                  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Alabama              | 1. Montgomery                   |            | 26. Eastpointe                   |
| Arizona              | 2. Scottsdale                   |            | 27. Midland                      |
| California           | 3. Dublin                       |            | 28. Oakland Area                 |
|                      | 4. El Dorado County             |            | 29. Saginaw                      |
|                      | 5. San Francisco                |            | 30. Sault Ste. Marie             |
|                      | 6. Los Angeles                  |            | 31. Traverse Bay Area            |
|                      | 7. Los Angeles County/Pasadena  | Minnesota  | 32. Burnsville                   |
|                      | 8. Orange County                | Missouri   | 33. Greater Kansas City          |
|                      | 9. San Diego                    |            | 34. St. Charles County           |
|                      | 10. Stockton                    |            | 35. Greater St. Louis            |
| Colorado             | 11. Northern Colorado, Loveland | Montana    | 36. Ennis                        |
|                      | 12. Greenville                  | Nevada     | 37. Las Vegas                    |
| Delaware             | 13. National Capitol Area       | New Jersey | 38. Greater Trenton              |
| District of Columbia | 14. Coral Gables                |            | 39. Jersey Shore                 |
| Florida              | 15. West Palm Beach             | New Mexico | 40. Albuquerque                  |
|                      | 16. Pittsfield                  | New York   | 41. Buffalo/Niagara Falls        |
| Illinois             | 17. Chicago                     | Ohio       | 42. Buckeye/Westerville          |
| Indiana              | 18. Central Indiana             | Texas      | 43. Austin Capital               |
|                      | 19. La Porte                    |            | 44. Greater North Texas - Dallas |
|                      | 20. Lafayette                   |            | 45. Burleson                     |
| Iowa                 | 21. Des Moines                  |            | 46. San Antonio                  |
|                      | 22. Oskaloosa                   | Wisconsin  | 47. Green Bay                    |
| Kansas               | 23. Kansas City                 |            | 48. Sheboygan                    |
| Michigan             | 24. Ann Arbour/ Milan           |            |                                  |
|                      | 25. Birmingham-Bloomfield       |            |                                  |

## People to People Matching Grant - an opportunity for chapters

Matching grants are designed to enable all PTP 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 assist the largest number of Chapters the budget will allow. Each chapter president has a copy of the detailed instructions and an application form. The categories to apply for are.

1. International Visitor Study Grant:  
Sponsoring and hosting of an international visitor who is pursuing a defined study project related to the life of the local community. Period from one week to two months.
2. Local Community Involvement Grant  
Sponsoring of local community project/event which is addition to chapter's established program activities and which is held within their country/council. Project must have an international theme and should involve participants outside of your own community.
3. Student Ambassador Scholarship  
Selection and funding of a portion of one or more student's participation in PTPI's Student Ambassador Programs.

## Coming events

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|-------------|---|
| May 5-8     | Gliwice 750 years - PTP Gliwice, Poland                           |
| May 11-13   | PTP European Conference – Angoulême, France                       |
| September 8 | People to People International Trustee Meeting - Aalborg, Denmark |

In addition to the Gliwice and Angoulême meetings, several chapters will hold annual meetings during the spring.

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|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Berlin     | February 28 | Brussels  | March 13 |
| Zürich     | March 2     | Lucerne   | March 16 |
| Interlaken | March 3     | Stockholm | March 17 |
| Bern       | March 6     | Denmark   | March 23 |

### ***Gliwice ~ Three quarters of a millennium in the borderland of three nations, languages and cultures***

We have a pleasure to invite members and friends of PTPI to celebrate our city birthday with us. 750 years is a long time so we will celebrate it throughout four days! We invite all of you to participate in the birthday party that will take place in Gliwice, Poland, on May 5-8, 2001

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.

Invitation with registration forms will be sent out to all European chapter. Information will also be available on the PTP homepage: [www.ptpi.org](http://www.ptpi.org) under coming events. Looking forward to seeing you in Gliwice, Tadeusz Grabowiecki, President PTP Gliwice

### ***PTP European Conference - Angoulême May 11-13***

Included in this letter there is the invitation the PTP Europe Annual conference. The event will take place in French Angoulême. We hope that members and friends feel invited to the event.

It was in 1987 that the Conference last time was held in France. Then it was in Poitiers, and after the meeting homestay programs are offered in four cities. Besides Angoulême. Before only an hour north of Angoulême. Before

goulême it is Poitiers, La Rochelle and Bordeaux.

Please take this opportunity to meet members and discuss programs - and to have a good time. We are sure you will not be disappointed. The event is also excellent opportunity to invite new members to the organisation. Please pass on the invitation to friends and colleagues, who might be interested.

Program, invitation and registration forms are attached separately. There is a confer-

ence fund available for participants to seek financial assistance from.

Chapters are encouraged to suggest cultural programs for the meeting. For any chapter and member there will be space for an artistic exhibition. During the meeting the result of the People to People Artistic Program with young cartoonists will be displayed. For member or chapters interested in the artistic part of the conference, please contact the organising committee (Annick Debien).

### ***People to People International Trustee Meeting - Denmark September 8<sup>th</sup>***

This year the People to People International Trustee meeting will take place in Aalborg, Denmark September 8<sup>th</sup>. Homestay and additional programs are being planned by PTP Denmark and will be sent out to all chapters. We are sure the chapter will offer a special event after all the setting of the event in Aalborg is worth a visit.

Aalborg or "little Paris of the North" as the city is called lies beautiful by the Limfjord and with its 160.000 inhabitants it is Denmark's fourth largest city. It was the Vikings who founded Aalborg and over the years, the city has developed into one of the busiest trading centres in Denmark.

The city is buzzing of life summer and winter and if you take a walk down the pedestrian area you will find that there is a great atmosphere and a lot of fine old buildings. Jens Bang's House from 1624, Jørgen Olufsen's House from 1616 and the lovely Aalborghus from 1539 are worthy of special mention. The 15th century Budolfi Cathedral - dedicated to the English St. Botolph - and the Monastery of the Holy Ghost from 1431, Denmark's oldest social welfare institution, also bear witness to the city's busy past.

Aalborg has a lot of tourist attractions, places to see and cultural arrangements. The centre of the city of Aalborg has a network

of pedestrian areas lined with shops, cafes and restaurants, festivals, discotheques and not to forget almost 300 restaurants, where you can find everything from classic Danish cuisine to exiting ethnic specialities. Jomfru Ane Gade - Northern Europe's longest amusement street is a chapter on its own, especially in the evening where there is a lot of action and people in a festive mood.

From Aalborg, it is not far to the white beaches of the North Sea, to the forest of Rold, the lovely Rebild Hills or the slopes of the Jutlandic Ridge.

Commercially, Aalborg is typical Danish, though with its own specialities in the Danish Distilleries, producing Aalborg Akvavit, Cembrit and Aalborg Portland. One of Aalborg's strengths is electronic and telecommunications and Aalborg has a very progressive educational and research policy - especially represented by Aalborg University.

## **Chapter reports**

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### **Chester, England**

The chapter reports that at its January meeting at the Cheshire Cat that 40 members attended. Now focus is on the "USA Spectacular" on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is this year's musical event with young scholars from Lakewood (Colorado, US) and Chester. The

event will be held in the Town Hall. The chapter plans to visit Lakewood in September.

The chapter has the last six months been in contact with people interested in People to People programs to possibly establish additional chapters in the region.

## Bern, Switzerland

The Bern chapter has had an intensive year 2000 and has already plans for 2001. Among other things the chapters continues to support the programs organised by Bridges for Education, which supplies English courses for young people in Central and Eastern Europe. It is also preparing for incoming homestays in June and July from the Student Ambassador Program.

## Berlin, Germany

In September the chapter hosted PTP Dallas Chapter President Ken Shores with wife as Ken revisited the places he served at during the cold war period. Among other things the chapter assisted with a visit to Friedland, where Ken was close to getting on the

wrong side of the border between the already then divided Germany. Thanks to the quick assistance from locals the military truck with its personnel was saved from a probable encounter with the Soviet troops which at that point could have led to deportation or worse as the tension between the occupied zones was very high.

During November PTP Berlin organised a trip for 16 members to Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand. In addition chapter president Hans-Dieter Robel visited the Taiwan chapters after the Hong Kong conference for possible future programs. For the spring and summer the chapter expects visitors from Stockton, California and Arizona respectively.

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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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