

= PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE =

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Message from the President

The most incredible, near unimaginable and unbelievable events in today's cruel world are happening in full view of the world-wide television audience. September 11, 2001 is changing the world and our lives like most of us have yet to experience!!

First and foremost, on behalf of PTP Europe and all its members I want to express our deep sympathy and sorrow to all our good **American friends**. May you all have the strength to get over this terrible and tragic experience soonest possible. Rest assured of our utmost possible support!!

This is a profound shock to human kind with huge shock waves around the globe causing noticeable damage in almost all aspects of our life over time still to come.

Such an example, even in the so far believed "safe and sound Switzerland" the flag ship national airline SWISSAIR goes broke and into chaos within a few days and a crazy maniac shoots and kills 14 politicians and seriously wounds another 10 in the local parliament of Zug near Lucerne in full session!?!?

But my friends, PEOPLE TO PEOPLE WITH ITS MISSION has become ever so more important! Respect, decency, politeness and care for each other actively practiced has to be raised to a reasonable level again quite urgently. Therefore, let us all make a conscious daily effort to spread our PTP spirit in our own surroundings and small but important part of the world. Let us practice the mission and be a role model. I wish you much fun, satisfaction and success.

Think positive and keep smiling! All the very best.
Ernst Honegger



International

PTP International Board of Trustees meeting in Aalborg

In early September the International Board of Trustees met in Aalborg, Denmark. At the meeting some 60 Trustees and Chapter Presidents outlined their thoughts on how to be an active and supportive Trustee. The local chapter offered Danish cuisine and folk dance. In addition there was a folk Dance group from Prague - Crock 14. Attendance came from Europe, the US, Japan and Australia.

Awards to Europeans and European Chapters

At the Awards Dinner in Aalborg individuals and Chapters were recognised for their contribution to the organisation. European members were well represented:

The Outstanding Leadership Awards at the Board of Trustees Level were presented to Peter Tage, for his numerous years of outstanding contributions to the organisation and his service in several leadership roles, including host for this meeting;

The Outstanding Leadership Awards on the National and Regional Council Level were presented to Hans-Dieter Robel for his remarkable efforts on behalf of the organisation and to Svann-Erik Kristensen who has been an active supporter of the organisation for twenty-five years.

The James T. Doty Award for Unique and Innovative Programming - Chapter Honorable Mention - was given to PTP Belgium for their ongoing community outreach and support of the organisation.

Lifetime Achievement Recognition Awards were presented to those with thirty or more consecutive years of service on the national or international level promoting the mission of PTPI: Madame Denise Maurice of Brussels and Belgium and Peter Tage of Aalborg, Denmark.

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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New International Board members

In Aalborg new members of the International Boards were elected. From Europe there are two members on the Board of Directors; Ernst Honegger (newly elected) and Peter Tage. In addition Peter Whitby serves as ex officio committee member.

Of the 161 Trustees there are 28 from Europe. In Aalborg Otto Burri, Bern, Switzerland was elected as new Vice Chair for Europe. Peter Whitby, Chester, England remains as chairman. Six new members were elected from Europe.

PTP Europe Board meeting in Stockholm

Following the Aalborg meetings the Executive committee of the European Board met in Stockholm September 15-16. The meeting was hosted by PTP Stockholm through chapter president and newly elected Trustee Rolf Dahlberg.

During the meeting the Committee outlined the coming European Conference together with the local Organising Committee, discussed the suggested changes to the bylaws and defined action plans for the collection of membership dues within the European Council.

The planning for the May conference is well under way. During the board meeting a possible venue for the event was inspected. An Organising Committee has been formed and preparations for optional programs has already been planned. PTP Europe President Ernst Honegger led a walk through of the suggestions to new bylaws, which will be presented during the fall. Following the discussions in Angoulême the Board has taken action regarding chapters not reporting and not paying their dues. Newly elected treasurer Reto Limacher had outlined suggestions of action items.

All chapter presidents will receive the meeting minutes of the meeting.

European Trustees

1. Alqi Beqo, Gjikokaster, Albania (new)
2. Genci Mucaj, Tirana, Albania (new)
3. Blanche Decoster-Peycker, Brussels, Belgium (new)
4. Denise Maurice, Brussels, Belgium
5. Sven Erik Kristensen, Ronnede, Denmark
6. Frank Kjeldsen, Frederkshavn, Denmark
7. Inga Nørgaard, Greve Strand, Denmark
8. Peter Tage, Aalborg, Denmark
9. Michael F. Binney, Warwickshire, England
10. Betty Holland, Chester, England
11. Len Holland, Chester, England
12. William J. Walker, Manchester, England
13. Peter Whitby, Chester, England (Chairman)
14. Annick Debien, Angoulême, France
15. Hans-Dieter Robel, Berlin, Germany
16. Valeria Magistrelli, Milano, Italy
17. Tadeusz Grabowiecki, Gliwice, Poland
18. Christian Radulescu, Bucharest, Romania
19. Rolf G. Dahlberg, Stockholm, Sweden (new)
20. Otto Burri, Bern, Switzerland (Vice Chair Europe)
21. Miriam Casas-Troxler, Lucerne, Switzerland
22. Claudia Ellerts, Zurich, Switzerland
23. Ernst Honegger, Hinterkappelen, Switzerland
24. Reto Limacher, Kerns, Switzerland (new)
25. Simon. Troxler, Lucerne, Switzerland (new)
26. Regina Wälti, Interlaken, Switzerland
27. Ruth Weber, Lucerne, Switzerland
28. Jules Janssen, Huizen, the Netherlands

Besides arranging for the meeting the Stockholm chapter also offered arranged with sight seeing and gave a hint of Swedish culture as all participants joined for a crayfish party at which also Carol and Bill Jarvis, Barbara Capozzi and Martine Honegger participated.

New PTP Programs - Cultural Program in Mongolia and Korea

Members of European chapters will soon have the chance to visit PTP Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia for 2-3 months. Members interested in visiting the country for a longer period of time have now an excellent opportunity.

Participants in the program will work part time with the PTP Ulaanbaatar Language School giving lessons in mainly English, German, French and/or Spanish. It is understood that the participants not necessarily are teachers. For the efforts the participant will get free

accommodation during the stay and lessons in Mongolian and/or Russian. The chapters will also make sure the participant gets to know people in Ulaanbaatar and its culture during the stay. Since the winter is very cold in Mongolia the first participant/s will arrive in April.

Detailed program description with application forms will be sent out to all chapters once they have been finalised. We also hope to have a similar program with PTP in Korea within a few months.

Sister Chapters - Lucerne and Buckeye Chapter

PTP would like to congratulate the most recent sister chapter links; Lucerne Chapter, Switzerland and Buckeye Chapter Ohio, USA. The first ideas of a closer contact between the chapters came up at the European Conference in May. After some preparations the chapters will promote exchanges and programs across the Atlantic. Possible items of exchange and programs are:

- Exchange of Newsletters
- Pen-Pal Program
- Mailing list and discussion-group on the Internet
- Visitors exchange program
- Youth program

The goal is to have at least one homestay in the other chapter per year, possibly get a whole group together. Possibly the Lucerne chapter could get together a group for the World Conference 2002 in Kansas City and visit the Buckeye chapter before/after the conference. The Buckeye chapter could try and come visit the Lucerne chapter before/after the European Conference in Stockholm of May 2002.

In order to get more young people involved PTP Switzerland (under the leadership of Simon Troxler) is currently establishing a Youth forum (target group age 18-35). Last year PTP Switzerland Interlaken had a group of 8 young people travel to the U.S., they toured several states and had homestays in a couple of chapters.

PTP Updates

New Council - Africa/Mid East

With the many new chapters underway in South Africa and Egypt, a new PTP Council has been established for the Board of Directors established the Africa/Mid East Council.

Committee on Disability

Since this summer the Committee on Disability is part of the PTP programs. The committee used to belong to PTP in the early days. We welcome the committee members to PTP and look forward to joint programs.

New PTP Staff

PTP has hired three new staff members: Erin Erdman (Member Services Assistant), Erin Hamilton (Executive Assistant) and Emily Millard (Youth Conference Co-ordinator)

Asian Council Conference

The first Asian Council meeting to have been held for several years is now scheduled for October 27 in Taipei. Representatives from Mongolia, Japan, Korea, Nepal, the Philippines and of course Taiwan are planning to attend.

New Chapter - Tarunga

In the recent months the chapter of Tauranga, New Zealand, has been chartered.

European office - closed until November 12

During parts of October and until November 12 there will be no one in the European office. Any urgent matters can be addressed to PTP International in Kansas City.

Deadline for next newsletter: November 30

Please submit any material relating to PTP chapters and programs in Europe to the European office before November 30. There are still many summer reports missing, which would be nice to include.

World Wide Conference in Italy - 2004

The 16th World Wide Conference in 2004 will be in Milan, Italy. Valeria Magistrelli of the Milan chapter will host the event.

Coming events

October 20-21	PTP Romanian meeting
October 27	International Night - Lucerne Switzerland
December 1	Christmas Dinner - PTP Brussels, Belgium
May 10-12	European Conference in Stockholm, Sweden

Invitation from Hawaii

PTP members in Europe have received a nice and warm invitation from Hawaii. Long time PTP member Lin Jarvis tells about the diversity and beauty in the Hawaiian Islands. For individuals or groups travelling to the US Hawaii can certainly offer a nice place to visit.

Nothing could please PTPI or me more than to have your People come to Hawaii. We have a large contingent of Europeans who come here to Maui since it is an agricultural Island and much like their own homes except that it is a slow paced and delightful place. The beauty of its beaches, the ocean, diving, snorkelling, watching the humpback whales perform in their natural environment, the excellent restaurants, the PEOPLE. Here it is the Aloha spirit that draws people back year after year.

We hear all languages spoken on our beaches and it is such fun to try our hand at greeting overseas' visitors with a few words of their native language. We aren't very good at accents, but we try. Then, too, we try to teach them a little Hawaiian, which is a very melodious language. However, we are a blend of many cultures and our own population speaks many languages.

Hawaii is not all hula skirts and coconuts. That is what lures people here, but we have a wonderful arts and cultural centre on Maui and we attract world-wide performers. Everyone should try to come to the Islands of Hawaii at least once in his or her lifetime. It is a whole New World and a very pleasant one. We are not isolated even though we are separated from the Mainland by 2500 miles. We have many airlines serving us and it is an inter-island flight from Honolulu for those who can't come non-stop from the Mainland

cities. One would be surprised to learn that we have well over a million visitors a year just to Maui.

There are seven islands in the Hawaiian chain. We are the 2nd largest one with the Island of Hawaii being the biggest. Oahu is where Honolulu and the seat of our State Government is located and it has the largest population. Then, there is Kauai where there is a beautiful grand canyon.. Molokai is a very interesting island for it is here that the leper colony was established many years ago. There are no infected people there, now, thanks to modern medicines. Niihau is the smallest and the least inhabited, but it is privately owned and no others than pure Hawaiians are allowed on the Island without permission from the Robinson family, who owns the island. However, the Island is for sale!

Our boating and recreation areas are spectacular. One can snorkel in the remains of a volcanic crater in a preserve so that all the fish are there. We also have the Islands of Lanai and Kahoolave. Kahoolave has now been given to the native Hawaiians by the State who claimed it back from the U.S.A. Federal Government who used it as a target for practice during world war II.

Aloha, Lin Jarvis, Kihei, Hawaii

Chapter reports

PTP Bern

On September the Bern Western Switzerland Chapter hosted its traditional countryside dinner party. Invited were all members and especially the new homestay-families, which helped to accommodate this year's Student Ambassadors from Ohio and Massachusetts. Many of them are already corresponding by email with the 80 high school students which they hosted in and around Bern and they hope to visit them in the U.S. 40 persons took part, among them a delegation from Lucerne and Anita Manuel, President of the greater Palm Beach, Florida Chapter who was on her way to the PTP - meeting in Denmark.

During this summer our chapter hosted Robert Tinnen Jun. He was on a 3 months trip through Europe. His father is the President of the Denver Chapter. Robert Tinnen Sen. visited Switzerland for the first time a year ago. With our help he was trying to find traces of his ancestors. His great-grandfather emigrated from the Berneese Oberland between 1815 and 19. Another visitor who stayed 4 weeks in Geneva was Ms Dr. Rasa Balcikonyte, professor at the University of Vilnius, Lithuania. We helped arranging her stay and gave her

all the necessary information about PTP. She promised to try to establish a new Chapter in her country.

Our chapter continues an active support of students to the English as a Second Language Summer Camp of Bridges for Education. We sponsored 8 student who otherwise would not be able to participate in this educational opportunity.

Our president, Ernst Honegger with his wife Martine, attended the Aalborg-meeting. Congratulations to Ernst who was elected there as a new member of the Board of Directors.

Brussels

Madame Denise Maurice reports on the chapter activities in the fall. One special occasion is the luncheon on the honour of the PTP Brussels member Irène de Molinari, who turns 100 in October. Irène de Molinari participated at the chartering meeting of PTP Brussels in 1970 and was treasurer for 25 years.

Besides the anniversary the chapter will have a Dancing Tea Party (October 27), visits to exhibition of Bruno Schulz (November 2) and on December 1st the traditional Christmas dinner.