

= PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE =

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Message from the President

Let us turn all our attention to and focus on the *highlight of our People to People year*, the European Conference with the Annual Meeting 10/11-12 May 2002 in Stockholm-Sweden!

The young, enthusiastic and very motivated Organizing Committee of PTP Sweden, as we have experienced them in Angoulême, is most cordially inviting us to a super weekend in Viking country.

Besides the usual sight seeing, fun, camaraderie and nurturing friendship there will be **some serious Business** to attend to during our *Annual Meeting*:

- Annual Chapter Dues and problems with delinquent chapters
- New proposed By-laws
- Elections and re-elections of officers
- Chapter reports in brief
- European Conference 2003



Please pay particular attention to the respective articles in this Newsletter as well as the separate specific communications and do respond on time. This concerns all Chapter Presidents in particular! We want, need and appreciate your kind and utmost cooperation in true PTP spirit and European family tradition.

Since Thursday 9 May 2002 is a general holiday in Europe a *special seminar with workshops on "Fund raising" with Tim Barry from HQ-KC is scheduled for Friday 10 May 2002*. All chapters are very specially invited to send at least one delegate to this most educational event which intends to *increase the funds of each participating chapter!*

Another exiting development is the new movement of the "Young Generation" which caters specifically to 18-35 year olds, our future leaders. Originating out of a Swiss initiative by Simon Troxler and Cornelia Siegenthaler this YG-movement will present itself for the first time on the European level at Stockholm 2002 and on the world stage during the World Conference 2002 in Kansas City, USA. On behalf of the initiators and the EEC I am calling on all chapters to make a special effort to recruit and send YG-delegates to Sweden in May 2002 and KC-USA in October 2002!

I sincerely hope and look forward to see as many as possible of you during Stockholm 2002!!

Vi ses i Stockholm! Your President Ernst Honegger

People to People Updates

New PTP Staff members

PTP has two new staff members. **Brooks Herman** will be working with PTP's efforts to push for more contacts with the Muslim world. Currently, PTP is working to create more chapters in Islamic countries from Morocco to Indonesia. We are working to build up our chapter base as well as participation in the School & Classroom Program. If anyone has contacts— whether through travel or business— who might be interested in People to People from this region, please contact Brooks Herman at mid-eastliaison@ptpi.org or at +1 617 876-5659. **Marc Bright** has been a long time member of People to People. His previous job has

been with Ambassador Programs International, where he has worked with the Adult Programs. Marc will act as a liaison to the Ambassador Inc office in Spokane and the Committee on Disability. Marc can be reached at the Kansas City office marcb@ptpi.org.

Annual Chapter Questionnaire

With this copy of the European Newsletter each chapter president will receive a copy of the chapter questionnaire. This questionnaire helps among other things PTP to compile data on chapter size, activities and homestay capacity.

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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Coming events

February 26	Annual Meeting – PTP Interlaken
March 9	Annual Meeting – PTP Stockholm
March 14	Annual Meeting – PTP Zurich
March 16	Annual Meeting – PTP Lucerne
May 10-12	European Conference in Stockholm, Sweden
July 8-21	Youth Summer camp in Narva-Joesuu, Estonia
July 11-August 4	AIPES - Prague, Czech Republic (Summer course)
July 14-August 6	IIPES - Crete, Greece (Summer course)
October 9-13	World Wide Conference in Kansas City, USA
October 9-13	Global Youth Forum in Kansas City, USA

European Conference – Stockholm May 10-12

Attached to this newsletter there is the complete invitation and registration form for the European Conference in Stockholm.

Session on Resource Development

Following the initial workshop in Angoulême in May 2001, PTP Europe has continued to work on a resource development plan for the council and individual chapters. The workshop in Stockholm aims to:

- enable chapters to start and/or improve resource development locally
- establish a Resource Development Plan for PTP Europe

We hope to see one participant from each chapter. The program is free of charge. Please use the registration form for the conference to indicate your participation.

Stockholm Conference – summary

Participants	PTP members and non members
Language	English
Time and place	May 10-12, 2002 Stockholm, Sweden
Homepage	www.ptpe.org/stockholm2002
Deadline	April 8:th (March 25:th for Early Bird)
Organisers	PTP Sweden, PTP Europe
Sponsors	People to People International People to People European Council
Registration fee	160 EUR (Early Bird March 25:th) 180 EUR (Deadline April 8:th)
Conference fund	Grants available for application
Accommodation	(€ 20 – 182) € 87-135 at the venue
Homestay	Estonia across the Baltic Sea- contact Ruta Pels
Welcome	Välkomna!

Elections of the Executive Committee

In Stockholm a new Executive Committee will be elected. The board consists of five members. Each has a term of two years. An officer shall serve no more than two consecutive 2-year terms.

The composition of the Executive Committee shall reflect as far as possible the geographic areas where People to People Europe is active, to carry out specific duties set out herein. The officers shall be elected from among the Board's members or shall be International Trustees. Officers of the Executive Committee shall be able to travel within Europe in order to attend all annual and Executive Committee meetings and preferably also be able to attend the People to People International World Conferences.

Position	Currently held by	First elected
President	Ernst Honegger, Bern Switzerland	2000
Secretary	Peter Whitby, Chester, England	1998
Treasurer	Reto Limacher, Lucerne, Switzerland	2001
Public Relations Officer	Katerina Vernitskaja, Estonia	2001
Youth Co-ordination Officer	Annick Debien, Angoulême, France	1999

Conference venue 2003

For 2003 PTP Europe looks for a place to hold the conference. The last few years we have met at the following places: 2001 Angoulême, 2000 Lucerne, 1999 Berlin, 1998 Chester, 1997 Gliwice.

Hosting the conference is an exciting yet demanding project. It offers an excellent chance to receive guests from various countries and to show the chapter and region. Interested chapters may let us know as soon as possible.

Invitations and Programs

Estonian Summer Camp – Courses in Civics and English

PTP Estonia invites young members to attend their annual summer camp. The program will include:

Seminars on democracy and the European Union ☒ English language lessons ☒ meetings with Members of the Estonian Parliament and members of Narva City Council ☒ tours to Narva castle and Kuremae Orthodox Monastery, ☒ Sport competitions and concerts ☒ and, of course, a lot of fun.

Time: July 8-21

Place: Narva-Joesuu, Estonia (in the forest just in 150 m from the Baltic Sea)

60 participants in ages from 12-17 are invited

The participation fee is \$150 per person (for two weeks)

Please contact People to People Estonia for more information. Ruta Pels (ptpest@hotmail.ee), Karberi 33-76, 13919 Tallinn, Estonia, +372 (0)6 355697.

Visit Mongolia for two to three months

People to People Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia invites members in Europe to come to Ulaanbaatar for two to three months. Participants will teach European languages (mainly English, German, French and Spanish) part time and receive free room and board. The aim of the program is to offer a chance for members to get to know Mongolia as a country and culture. In addition it offers a good chance for PTP Ulaanbaatar members to improve their language skills and to learn about cultures in Europe.

The Ulaanbaatar chapter offers homestay for the first period on the capital in order to make sure the participants find his or her way around.

Interested members should contact their chapter president or the PTP office for program description and application forms. They are also available under <http://www.ptpe.org/programs/mongolia.htm>.

If selected for the program, PTP Mongolia will host you for the period you are in Mongolia. You will be expected to work part time mainly as language teacher at the Chapter language school. It is understood that you are not necessarily an educated teacher. If you have other interest for example folk dance, sports or art you may suggest that as a program for the chapter as well.

Your hours of work vary from week to week and depend on the time of year and the number of participants currently in Ulaanbaatar.

You will not get any cash payment from PTP. Instead you will get free accommodation. You will also get classes in Mongolian and/or Russian. You will be expected to share the apartment with other participants.

Young members invite Europeans to Philadelphia

PTP Europe received a very nice and inspiring letter from two young members (Erika Nyborg and Melissa Cradic) of the PTP youth chapter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. They had both participated in the Student Ambassador Program last summer and would like to offer homestay and programs in the Philadelphia area in the same way they experienced their visit in Europe staying in families and learning about different cultures in Europe.

We travelled with the Ambassador Programs (this summer of 2001) to the area around the Mediterranean and we had the time of our lives. We especially loved the homestay, and that has made us especially interested in spending times with people and families from other countries.

Erika and Melissa have prepared a general program for groups to visit their area. Since the chapter is mainly school-aged students, they are mainly interested in a small group of young people - primarily 13-16 years old:

We can compose a program of events,

A program could contain some of the following parts:

- *staying with an American family,*
- *possibly attending a few days of school with an American student,*

- *taking trips to historic Philadelphia to visit many different sites,*
- *taking the train to New York City and going to museums, Central Park, Shops, restaurants and any other places the student might be interested in.*
- *We could also take a trip (by car) to Washington D.C. to see more museums and how our nation is run (and where). Other events closer to home might include going to an amusement park, visiting different outdoor parks, meeting new people and getting to learn about our culture.*

It would be important for these students to have a bit of knowledge about the English language, but they wouldn't need to be fluent in English.

A good time to come would be the end of June or the middle of June. We could calculate the prices, however we know that airfare from Sweden is quite expensive. We are situated near many airports

including the Philadelphia International Airport, JFK in New York City, Newark Airport in New Jersey and The Washington Airports. Fortunately, airports would be one of the only costs because train fares to New York are rather inexpensive and museums are not too bad either. We could research these different things though and give you a more accurate idea of cost if

you would find it helpful. If there is anything else we need to research, please let us know.

For more information about this nice invitation to Philadelphia, please contact PTP office in Berlin or Kansas City.

Council of Europe – Training course for youth workers and youth leaders

PTP Europe has received an invitation from the Council of Europe, Strasbourg. It is a training course for youth workers and youth leaders between June 16-27 in Budapest. Participants should among other things have at least two years experience in youth work (as volunteer or professional). The deadline is April 10th. For more information, please contact the Council of Europe +33 3 88412300 (phone), +33 3 88412777 (fax) or PTP/Europe. A course description can also be found under: www.training-youth.net.

People to People Homestay Program

PTP Homestay Coordinator, Jewelee Stoffle shares with all European chapters that there is still time to apply for homestay for this summer. Chapters throughout the US offer homestay. Please contact PTP Headquarters or your local chapters for more information.

Reports

Report from AUDEM Conference in November

Daniel Schaubacher and wife Myriam participated in the 12th AUDEM (Alliance of Universities for Democracy) Conference, Nov.4-7, 2001 in Belgrade, on behalf of People to People. The conference was attended by more than 110 representatives from the USA and Central and Eastern Europe.

Myriam and I greatly enjoyed networking at this conference, which looked at the role of higher education in civil society. We distributed information and brochures on PTPI, EBBF (www.ebbf.org) and Landegg International University (www.landegg.edu). Many conference participants (from Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, etc.) knew of PTPI or expressed an interest in PTPI. They took with them PTPI & EBBF brochures, and the announcement of

AUDEM - the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, is a consortium of over 100 institutions of higher learning - mostly from Central and Eastern Europe formed to enhance the role of education in promoting democratic institutions, economic development, decentralized decision making, human health, sustainable habitation of the earth, and common moral and social values.

Also: Myriam and Daniel Schaubacher, who served as Vice Chairman, PTPI, and President of the PTP Bern chapter have moved to Brussels in the beginning of March. They cordially invite their PTP friends to call on them in the European capital. Address: Schaubacher, Ave. Louise, 347, Bte 8, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium. They will share their time between Belgium, and a farmhouse near Pécs in SW Hungary, where they are working at re-establishing a PTPI chapter.

Bern

On January 31st the Bern chapter held its first board meeting of the year. Ernst Honegger honored Daniel Schaubacher, who served for the chapter for more than two decades and who was his predecessor as president from 1992 until 2001. Daniel and Myriam are moving to Brussels (Belgium) at the end of this

PTP's next year's Worldwide Conference in Kansas City.

In a morning session I held the opening session on "Leadership in the 21st Century". My remarks were well received and resulted in numerous inquiries, and a request to help develop a curriculum or course on leadership at the Faculty of Economics of the National University of Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine.

month. Sylvia von Bonstetten is another long-standing board member. She intends to resign from the board, but is willing to continue to support us as a regular member.

René Mäder, one of the first PTP members in Bern passed away very unexpectedly shortly before Christmas. His wife Dora and he hosted numerous guests in their house in the center of Bern.

The board discussed the coming events such as General Assembly for the Bern-Chapter, scheduled for March 5th, offering in addition a visit of the oldest fountain in the historical old part of town, to the European Conference in Stockholm and the World Wide Conference in Kansas City and our local events. A group of young board members from all 4 Swiss chapters co-operate together on a project for youth development, which they intend to present to the next European Conference. (Otto Burri)

Albania

I am the chairperson of the PTP Albania youth committee. In and all our meetings recently I have mentioned the wonderful experience we all had at the English Language camp in Pulawy last summer. The three students that attended the ESL camp seemed to mature and will almost certainly become more

involved in PTP actives. Here are some extracts of what they write. (Evis Sferdelly)

In the camp we had a chance to meet other friend from over Europe and got many friends. I do exchange letters and e-mails with some of the friends I met in Poland. It was my first time for me in a foreign country and as such I was a bit worried. The camp organizers have done an excellent job. I wish more students will be able to attend, and I was told that this year one student would be sponsored in one of the camp by PTP Albania, isn't that wonderful?

I was very interested to find and get new friends from different countries and realized that we have so many things in common. As one of our teacher (Mr.Gerry Huss) in the camp said " you made three friends during a meal x three meals a day = 9 friends x 21 days = 189 friends at the end of the camp." Therefore I made lots of friends and I do appreciate that very much.

The camp also helped me a lot with my English. I was able to learn lots of new expression and put one more brick into the wall of peace in my world of understanding different cultures and traditions. (Adnan Qatipi, 17, Inelda Braho 14, Ira Sferdelli , 20)

Interlaken

Interlaken Chapter Finds Creative Ways of Bringing People to People: The Annual Chapter meeting this month will take place on a River Boat on the Aare River. Interlaken chapter will once again welcome a group of student ambassadors this summer. Our own Andy Guler, former Board Member of Interlaken PTP, and our member Cornell Gmür are currently part of the Swiss National Sky Diving Team, training in the Arizona Desert, giving new meaning to our willingness to go far and wide to bring people to people. (Ronnie Blakeney)

Roman

I just came back from a meeting with Gladys Maloy, a fellow Peace Corps volunteer in Galati, Romania. After meeting Ruta Pels in Vienna in November, Gladys came back to Romania so excited about People to People that she suggested to a local club in Galati that they become a chapter. I met with the group today and I can tell you all that they are a very committed group of people who would be a great addition to People to People. They are a group of students and young professionals, many of whom are actors, and they live in a city on the Danube River. For those of you that are birdwatchers, you'll be happy to hear that they have very easy access to the Danube Delta...and they want to host visitors! Unfortunately, this group missed the national PTP conference hosted by the Roman chapter in October, but they are considering sending a representative to the Stockholm meeting. Things are really moving here in Romania!

Those of you who attended last year's conference in France may recall my fundraising

appeal for a girls' leadership camp. Many of you answered the call, and we'd like to thank you for your generosity. Specifically, the Bern chapter and Anita Manuel supported us in our effort to provide the girls with the best program possible. The three week camp was wonderful – time flies when you're having fun! We served 93 girls, aged 10-19, from a big city (Suceava), 2 small towns, including Roman, and a tiny village.

I have seen many of our girls grow right before my eyes. Some of the girls came to camp with almost no self-confidence, and all left having conquered at least some of their fears. We did everything from public speaking to a 12 mile hike. All of the girls did a community service project, and many said it was their favorite part of the camp. Later, three of our older girls were chosen to participate with 12 other girls in a nationwide leadership training for next summer's junior counselors. And since camp, girls in Suceava and Roman have formed social clubs where they do activities for self-improvement and community service. In Roman, we've hosted a seminar on domestic violence awareness, gone on three excursions (one just to shop, of course), and participated in a nationwide debate competition. In the future, we've planned a sales and marketing workshop for teenage girls. In Suceava, the girls are even considering doing a locally-funded day camp for girls in their town so they can share their experiences with others.

To express what this summer's camp meant to those girls is almost impossible. There are almost no opportunities and little resources for after school activities in Romania. Everything that is available is usually given to boys. These girls are so bright and motivated, but they were also SO bored. I think we all know what happens to bright kids who are bored- they get into trouble. When combined with the hopelessness that some of these girls felt for their futures because of the economic situation in Romania, this boredom can stifle the development of Romania's future. All of you who donated to help us stopped that from happening. 93 girls, and all the people that they will touch, are very grateful.

I hope to see you in Stockholm, where I'll be on my way out of Europe to return home to the States after two years in the Peace Corps...(Jennifer Rachels)

Chester

Besides the preparations for the March music event, our recent news is that on 27 Jan we enjoyed a very successful lunch meeting for some 40 members. Our President the current Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress presided and we were delighted to welcome Claudia von Ellerts and her daughter Ricarda from Zurich who were visiting Bill Walker and came over with him from Manchester. A silent auction after lunch raised app. £150 for our Music Exchange. (Peter Whitby)

Extracts from the PTP Europe Bylaws

Article 4. Membership Meetings

A regular annual meeting, open to all members of constituent national organisations and chapters, shall be held at a time and place agreed upon at the previous annual meeting.

Article 5. Board of Directors

Section 1. Number

The organisation shall have a Board of Directors consisting of one representative of each chapter in good standing provided that no national organisation shall have no more than three (3) Directors in total. Each Director must be a dues paying member of the organisation at the time of the nomination or shall become such a member upon election.

Section 2. Term of the Directors

Each national organisation or chapter without a national organisation shall nominate and elect their representatives for the term of office as set out in their national By-laws and/or as decided at their national annual meeting.

Section 4. Attendance

Members of the Board of Directors are expected to attend all annual meetings of PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE. If owing to a conflict or illness, they cannot attend a meeting, they shall notify the President in advance. Any member of the Board of Directors who fails to attend two (2) consecutive annual meetings without advance notice shall be considered as having voluntarily surrendered his/her place on the Board.

Article 6. Voting Procedures and Conduct of Meetings

Section 1. Voting procedures

Each Director shall have one (1) vote. A Director representing a national organisation with more than one chapter may have general proxy given in writing from the local chapters, provided that no national organisation shall have no more than three (3) votes in total.

Section 2. Conduct of Meetings

All meetings shall be governed by standing orders, drawn up by the Board of Directors and shall follow a fixed agenda (annexed to these By-laws)

Section 3. Language

All meetings shall be conducted in English.

Section 4. Conflict of Interests

In case of divergence of opinion or conflict of interests at the annual meeting decision will be obtained by ballot (secret voting).

Section 5. Quorum

At all meetings of PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE, one-third (1/3) of the total Board of Directors, inclusive proxy-holders, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 6. Act of the Membership

The act of a majority of the Board of Directors and proxy-holders present at the annual meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the membership, except for amendments of the By-laws and abrogation of PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE.

Article 8. National Organisations and Chapters

Section 1. Members

A national organisation and/or local chapter shall have at least ten (10) members.

Section 2. Officers

A national organisation or a chapter without a national organisation shall have at least a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and where possible a Public Relations Officer, a Youth Co-ordination Officer and a Homestay Co-ordination Officer.

Section 3. Meetings

National organisations or a chapter without a national organisation shall hold at least one annual meeting at which the following shall be presented to the members for approval:

- A report of activities
- Financial accounts of the previous year
- A budget for the forthcoming year.

Section 4. Elections

National organisations and/or local chapters shall hold periodic elections to appoint the officers in accordance with their national By-laws.

Section 5. Annual Report

National organisations and chapters without a national organisation shall present an annual activity report at the annual meeting of PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EUROPE.

Article 10. Amendments

Section 1.

Amendments to these By-laws may be proposed only by chapters or national organisations in current membership.

Section 2.

Any proposal for an amendment shall be delivered at least two months before annual meeting to the President, who shall send a copy thereof to:

- all national organisations,
- all chapters in countries with no national organisation, at least one month before the meeting at which the proposal will be considered.

Section 3.

Any amendment or repeal of any By-law requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting in person at an annual meeting for which agenda including the proposal has been notified in accordance with Article 10, Section 2 above and with due observance of Article 6, Section 5 (Quorum).