

**People to People International Europe**  
**Annual Report 2007**



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*Peace through Understanding*

*The European Executive Committee (EEC) presents the following Annual Report for 2007. It has been compiled with assistance of the PTPI European Office.*

### **Membership**

The total number of chapters has remained the same during the year. However five adult chapters have been closed and one university and three student chapters have been chartered. There were 1547 members in December 2007. (1291 in December 2006).

2007	Adult chapter		University chapter		Student Chapter		Total
	Numbers	Chapters	Numbers	Chapters	Numbers	Chapters	
<b>January</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>54</b>
Chartered	1	Chisinau	1	Durham	3	Oroslovje Narva Varna	
Closed	5	Burgas Galych Hannover Omsk Sibiu					
<b>December</b>	<b>39</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>54</b>

*Please find a detailed chapter list in the appendices.*

*A happy moment came when we received our PTPI Certificate, signed by Mary Jean Eisenhower, on December 5. We had a meeting to celebrate this important event.*

### **Finances**

Total assets controlled by PTPE on December 31 were 17 831,53 euro (6642,56 in 2006). Of these were 7000 euro and advance payment from PTPI.

### **Executive Committee**

#### **Committee Members**

At the council meeting Sorina Danciu was elected as new Youth Coordinator. All other committee members remained unchanged.

Position	Officer	Residence
President	Rolf Dahlberg	Stockholm, Sweden
Secretary	Chiara Pedretti	Milano, Italy
Treasurer	Cornelia Siegenthaler	Bern, Switzerland
PR Officer	Gunild Bogdahn	Denmark
Youth Coordinator	Bogdan Tamba until May Sorina Danciu from May	Iasi, Romania Roman, Romania
Auditor	Felix Engler	Bern, Switzerland
Auditor	Andrew Martin	Chester, England

#### **Meetings**

The EEC met on two occasions during the year; in Interlaken (May) and Berlin (September). The committee has also had close cooperation via e-mail. During the year the following items have been discussed and promoted:

- ◆ Organisation of European Conference in Interlaken
- ◆ Preparation for European Conference 2008

- ◆ Chapter support
- ◆ Program development

The planning has been done in close cooperation with the PTPI European Office.

## European Program Fund

During the year the European Program Fund has been established. PTPI's Pécs Chapter received the first support from the fund for its language summer camp "East meets West."

Besides the European Program Fund, PTPI offers matching grants for chapter programs. During 2007 Pécs, Plovdiv and Tallinn Chapters have received support.

## European Council Meeting, Interlaken, Switzerland

The conference was hosted by PTPI's Interlaken Chapter and attended by 130 participants from 19 countries. New countries this year were Croatia, Moldova and Serbia. This marked the first year that the conference program was scheduled over four days: Thursday – Sunday. The Thursday YG dinner was held in Daniel's window factory. Both young and mature participated. At the Friday Trustee meeting, 23 trustees and 11 guests discussed how to develop the potential that the trustees have and PTPI in Europe.

Along with the Saturday council meeting, a chapter fair was organised for the first time.

During the council meeting it was decided to increase the membership fees: three euro per year for adult chapter members and two euro for student and university chapter members.

The council meeting also recommended that future conference fees should not exceed 110 euro, 1-5 star hotels should be offered and that it should take place off exam periods enabling young people to participate.

During the conference, local music was offered such as Alphorn, yodeling and a chapter choir.

The Sunday excursion was a very nice tour through Berner Oberland and marked a perfect end to a very well organised conference.

## PTPI European Office

The office in Berlin has continued to support the programs and chapters in Europe. The two staff members, Lars Poignant and Verena Denk have visited 18 chapters and equally as many non-chapter cities promoting PTPI. In addition PTPI has been presented at seminars and workshops in Germany and abroad. The office also organised the European Conference together with PTPI's Interlaken Chapter.

Youth programs and student chapter promotion have developed during the year. For the first time a European Youth Forum: "An Approach to Tolerance" was organised. In Berlin 33 participants (15-17 year old) gathered from 19 countries for one week.

During the year four issues of the European Newsletter have been issued. Seven interns and volunteers from (France, Poland, Germany, England, Slovakia, Portugal and Hungary) have worked in the office.

## Awards to PTPI members in Europe

At the PTPI Board of Trustees Meeting in September in Berlin the following European members and chapters were recognised:

- Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award: *Rolf Dahlberg*, Sweden
- Outstanding Leadership Award (Board of Trustees): *Hans-Dieter Robel*, Germany
- Outstanding Leadership Award (National and Regional Council): *Cornelia Siegenthaler*, Switzerland
- James T. Doty Memorial Award: *Stoyka Bakalova and Zina Lubenova*, Plovdiv  
*PTPI's Roman, Romania Chapter*
- International Visitors Program Award: *PTPI's Bern, Switzerland Chapter*
- Student Chapter Outstanding Adult Advisor Award: *Anna Chuiko*, Ukraine
- School and Classroom Program: *Yerevan School #43 After Gregor Zohrap*, Armenia
- Award of the Chairman of the Board of Directors: *Peter Whitby*, England

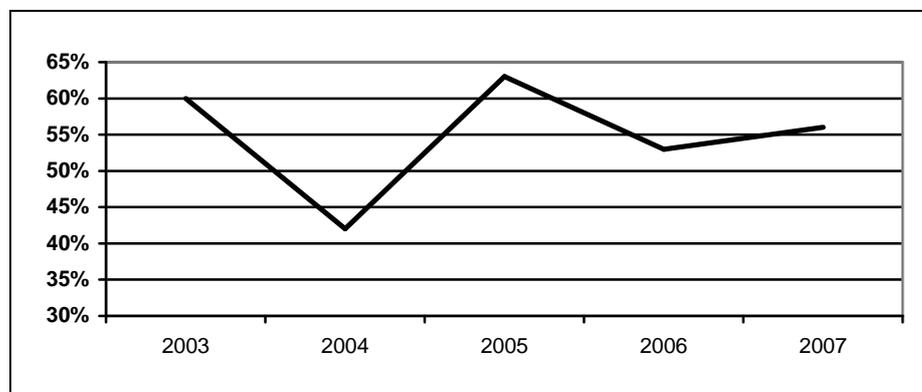
## Programs in Europe

Based on chapter reports and the annual questionnaire, data is collected for the structure and programs in European chapters. Only adult chapters have received and responded to the questionnaire, with 22 of 39 chapters re-

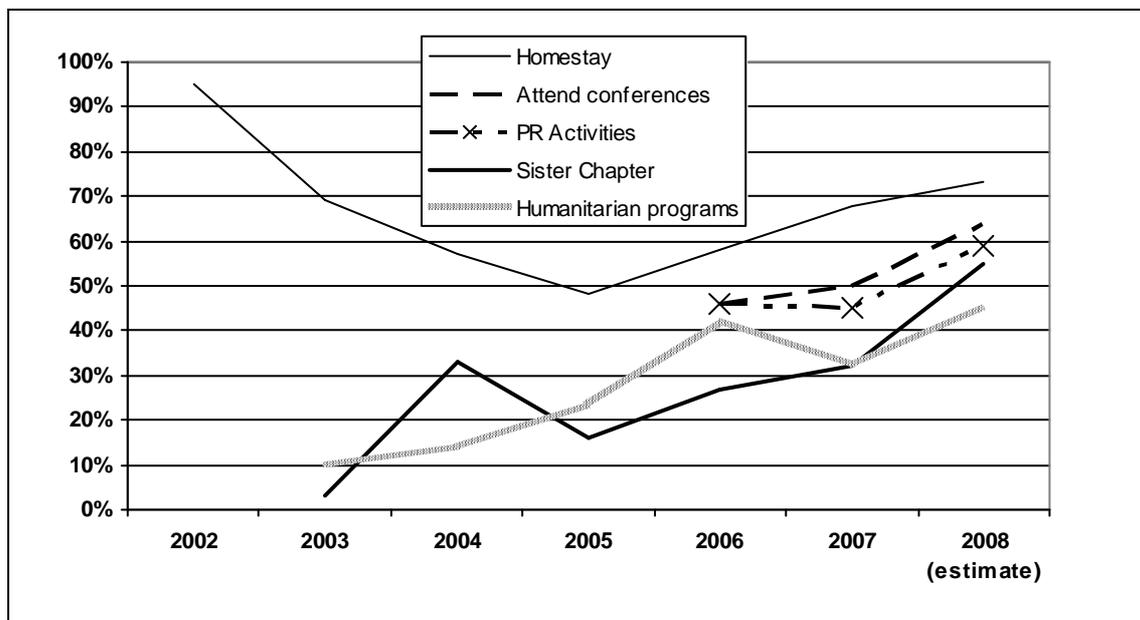
sponding. This is a 56% reply rate (53% for 2006). The questionnaire included a list of programs from which the chapter presidents could indicate current and intended programming. As with previous years, chapters plan to undertake more programs in the future. In fact there is no program that has less planned participation for coming year.

During recent years more programs have been introduced and included in the questionnaire. This explains why some programs (attending conferences and Language Ambassador) have no entries before 2005.

Responses to Annual Questionnaire 2003-2007



Programs I: Most popular programs



**International Visitors Program – Homestay**

The most popular program is homestay exchanges, with 68% (58% in 2006) of chapters having homestay exchanges during the year. There were significantly less reported homestay guests during the year: 256 (418). PTPI's Interlaken Chapter hosted 51 guests during the year, which was the top record.

- In April, PTPI's Warsaw Chapter hosted 16 visiting members from Berlin. The program was a combination of tourism, culture and social events.
- In October, PTPI's Berlin Chapter visited Barcelona and enjoyed a homestay in Céret.
- PTPI's Céret Chapter also hosted a dozen students from England encouraging them to start a new chapter at home.
- In April, a group of 24 Danes visited Japan, which follows a close cooperation with PTPI in Japan.
- In May, PTPI's Gliwice Chapter hosted a group from Arizona. The same group was also hosted by PTPI's Warsaw, Sternberk and Pécs Chapters.

- Besides organizing the European Conference, PTPI's Interlaken Chapter also hosted guests from various countries and received homestay requests from Malaysia.
- It is also possible to visit chapters within the same country: Six members from PTPI's Pécs Chapter visited Veszprém.
- "The 8 days that we spent in Denmark seemed to pass so fast that we were rushing to savour every moment of our stay there. We have had the privilege of being hosted by two families during our stay, with which we spent a wonderful time that we won't forget. We saw so many things, so many. We thank PTPI and our homestay families for that and also for giving us a chance to experience the Danish culture and to interact with the people of this very unique and beautiful country, which by the way are very, very friendly and speak very good English." Cosmin and Anamaria, Roman.
- Ruta Pels, PTPI's Tallinn Chapter, enjoyed a Swiss homestay in Zürich after the European Conference, as well as an extensive Belgian PTPI program in Brussels in November.
- PTPI's Värmland Chapter member Christina Leander enjoyed a Chinese homestay as she visited Beijing.

### Attending conferences

Conference attendance, 50% (46%), has remained high. Besides the very well attended European Conference, the Board of Trustees Meeting was held in Berlin, which was also attended by many European chapter members.

### Public Relations

Since 2006, chapters have been asked for PR activities. Some PR is undertaken, 45 % (46%), within the chapter and 17 chapters have their own Web sites.

The European Newsletter has been issued to all members in Europe. It contains among other things experience reports, invitations and PTPI updates also chapter reports. The following chapters have been most active with contributions: Four contributions: Berlin, Brussels, Interlaken and Sternberk. Three contributions: Bern, Céret, Pécs and Värmland.

- PTPI's Berlin Chapter takes advantage of public festivals to present PTPI programs and to recruit members. Last year this was done at two occasions.
- PTPI's Brussels Chapter took advantage of the chance to promote PTPI as they organised a booth at the Welcome Fair in October.
- PTPI's Interlaken Chapter seized the opportunity to get local media attention for the European Conference.
- PTPI's Kharkiv Chapter made the most out of May 17. They took part in two activities at a time. Some PTPI members presented our work at the City Democracy Center. At the same time, some of the student members took part in a local TV program "Dialogues about School" devoted to the journalism profession.

### Chapters with Web sites

Chapter	Country	Web site
Durres	Albania	<a href="http://www.lsiaal.com/ptpa.php">www.lsiaal.com/ptpa.php</a>
Korce-Bilisht	Albania	<a href="http://www.lsiaal.com/ptpa.php">www.lsiaal.com/ptpa.php</a>
Tirana	Albania	<a href="http://www.lsiaal.com/ptpa.php">www.lsiaal.com/ptpa.php</a>
Brussels	Belgium	<a href="http://www.peopletopeople.be">www.peopletopeople.be</a>
Plovdiv	Bulgaria	<a href="http://www.ptpi-bg.tripod.com">www.ptpi-bg.tripod.com</a>
Sternberk	Czech Republic	<a href="http://www.ptpisternberk.org">www.ptpisternberk.org</a>
Denmark	Denmark	<a href="http://www.peopletopeople.dk">www.peopletopeople.dk</a>
Angoulême	France	<a href="http://www.ptpe.org/chapters/angouleme">www.ptpe.org/chapters/angouleme</a>
Berlin	Germany	<a href="http://www.ptpberlin.de">www.ptpberlin.de</a>
Pécs	Hungary	<a href="http://www.ptppecs.hu">www.ptppecs.hu</a>
Milano	Italy	<a href="http://www.ptpmilano.it">www.ptpmilano.it</a>
Warsaw	Poland	<a href="http://www.ptpe.org/chapters/warsaw">www.ptpe.org/chapters/warsaw</a>
Vaslui	Romania	<a href="http://www.ptpvaslui.piczo.com">www.ptpvaslui.piczo.com</a>
Moscow	Russia	<a href="http://www.ptpe.org/chapters/moscow">www.ptpe.org/chapters/moscow</a>
Sochi	Russia	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/olyademidova_2000/Sochichapter_index.htm">www.geocities.com/olyademidova_2000/Sochichapter_index.htm</a>
Värmland	Sweden	<a href="http://www.ptpivarmland.org">www.ptpivarmland.org</a>
Interlaken	Switzerland	<a href="http://www.ptpe.org/chapters/interlaken">www.ptpe.org/chapters/interlaken</a>

### Sister chapter

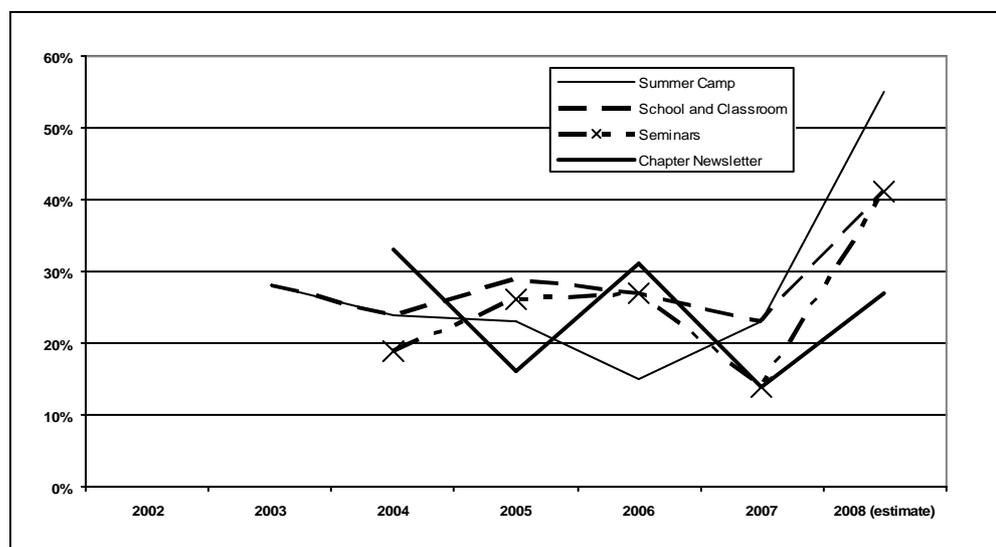
The interest for sister chapter relationships has increased to 32% from 27%. There is a strong interest in establishing more sister chapter relationships.

## Humanitarian programs

Still among the top five programs in Europe, humanitarian efforts dropped to 32% from 42%.

- PTPI's Brussels members attended a South American fund-raising concert to help children with cerebral palsy.
- For Earth Day in April, PTPI's Cherkasy Chapter members and volunteers collected 291 kilo of PET-bottles and 5.168 kilo of waste paper. The money was spent on the creation of the waste collector site for the neighborhood.
- The newly established PTPI's Chisinau Chapter has already completed their first humanitarian project. Members from the chapter co-organized a charity concert "A song for their happiness." Proceeds from the event were donated to a center for children with disabilities.
- Due to the efforts of chapter secretary Isabel Hänni, who is a member of her local firefighting organization, PTPI's Interlaken Chapter has received 40 sets of "gently used" firefighting gear. The grateful recipient: PTPI's Tirana Chapter, which will pass on the equipment.
- SOW: Save our Woods! PTPI's Oroslavje Chapter spent one full day to stop wood deforestation and also their homes from wasted and unwanted newspapers, magazines and office material. At the end of the day they had saved 20 young trees from being cut down. In addition the local media reported about the action.
- In Roman, the "Education for All Project" continued, providing individual speech therapy for eight children with Down syndrome and autism.
- In October, a group of eager PTPI members from Varna participated in a cleaning effort in partnership with the Bulgarian representative Foundation of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Thirteen enthusiastic members, ages 11-17, collected litter in the "Golden Sands" nature park. This peaceful and precious piece of land is subjected to vandalism, as tons of garbage is poured in the forests of the park. Other NGOs joined the efforts – as did celebrities.

### Programs II: Mid-range interest



## Summer camps

There has been an increase in the number of summer camps from 15% to 23%. More significant is that 55% of all responding chapters would like to organise (or take part in) summer camps.

- One of the main camps last year was organized by PTPI's Pécs Chapter. It was an English language summer camp for European youth: "East met West" at Lake Balaton. Twenty-one young people, aged 14-16 years, from nine different European countries participated.
- Not in the summer, but over New Year 2007/2008 a special YG (young generation) meeting took place in Czech Republic. PTPI's Sternberk Chapter organized "Let's do it our way". 23 participants from 14 countries attended the week long program. They took part in a combination of carefully planned workshops and Czech homestay.

## School and Classroom Program

The School and Classroom Program is only partially a chapter activity. The program is offered to mainly schools, which don't necessarily need to be chapters. The participating number of chapters has dropped to 23% from 27%. In total there are 493 classrooms in Europe. In Romania there are 371 classrooms!

## Seminars

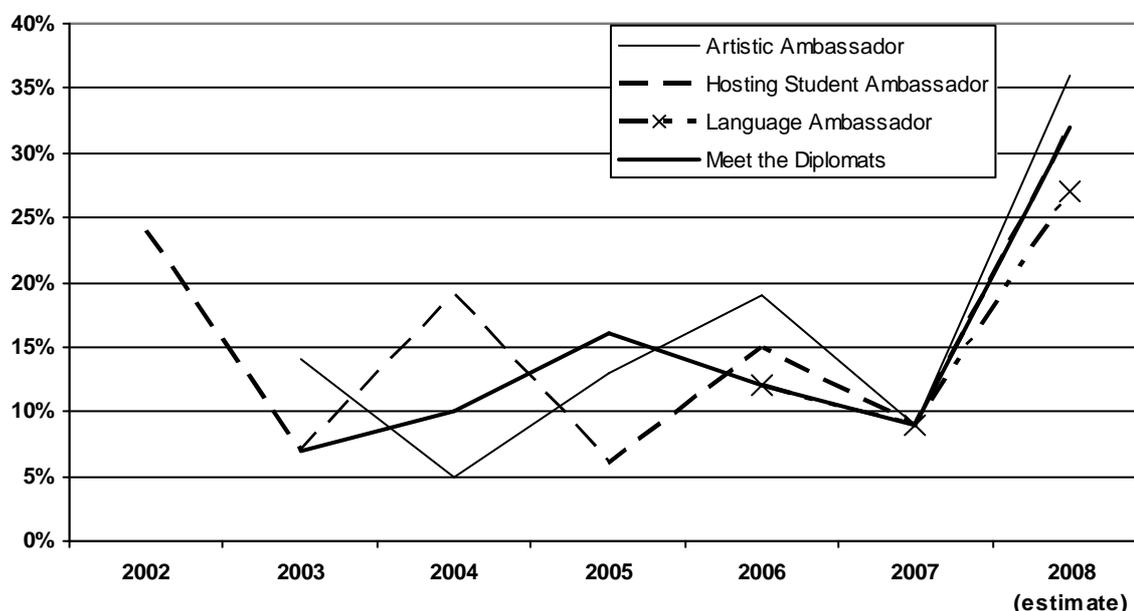
Members have attended seminars both within PTPI and in other organisations representing PTPI. In 2007 there was no leadership seminar, which explains the sharp drop to 14% from 27%. There is, however, a significant interest in seminars.

- PTPI's Blagoevgrad Chapter organised a series of seminars at their university campus; Youth Leadership, EU Awareness, Human Rights, Drug Awareness and Global Warming. The seminars were offered to local students and members as well as international participants.
- From PTPI's Chisinau Chapter, two members participated as volunteers in the International Work Camp "Sensitizing people regarding the situation of Roma people."
- In February, PTPI's Sternberk Chapter held a team-building seminar the unusual way – but the way the members like it most: They spent three wonderful days together in a wooden cottage in the middle of the wild Czech forest, without electricity or any technical devices that the modern world offers. The participants felt more happy and free than ever.
- In November, Pavel Smulski, Youth Coordinator of PTPI's Tallinn Chapter, led a group of five young people from Tallinn, Narva and Sillamae who participated in a "Youth in Action" program in Madrid.
- PTPI's Tallinn Chapter and PTPI's Tallinn Student Chapter participated in Global Education week with New Age language school in November. The Estonian chapters also participated in the activities organized by the Round Table for Development NGOs.

## Chapter newsletters

There has been a drop in newsletters to 14% from 31%. This is surprising as PR activities are high and chapters issuing newsletters also tend to report activities and respond to questionnaires.

### Programs III: Fading interest?



The last third group of programs have all declined in popularity – all to 9%! They, however, show a high potential for 2008. Except for the still fairly new program "Language Ambassador," interest for the programs has varied a lot during the last years. The drop for the Artistic Ambassador Program from 19% was exceptional though.

- In September, PTPI's Berlin Chapter organized a musical event: "Colourful Evening in Pinellodrom." PTPI Florence Chapter member Jacopo Mauro, accompanied by his pianist, Ivan Yankow, offered fa-

mous Italian opera songs. To complete the program, member Björn Truelsen impressed the audience with some of his magic tricks.

- In Switzerland, PTPI's Bern and Interlaken Chapters hosted several groups of Student Ambassadors. The program for the visiting US students is one of the highlights of their European trip. For the chapters this offers a chance to attract new members and get local publicity.
- PTPI's Brussels Chapter has in its very active program quite a few artistic encounters. In early January a large group of PTPI friends enjoyed a special evening as Reksi Sata, originally from Albania and active there with PTPI, played the cello in the orchestra.
- Anne Hawksworth of PTPI's Céret Chapter taught English for foreign students in England and at PTPI's Language Camp in Hungary.
- PTPI's Cherkassy Chapter prepared a theatrical performance for the International Water Day on March 22. There was a fashion show and a fairy tale together with a number of pictures and posters dedicated to ecological problems. The chapter team won the contest and got an invitation to take part in the National Ecological Conference.
- In Interlaken the successful English conversation course has continued. Also in Berlin a language course has been organised by the chapter.
- When the Student Ambassadors group visited Interlaken, the chapter performed songs for both the visitors and residents of a local old people's home. The goal was to create a cultural exchange with music and discussion and to bring some joy to the elderly residents. It was a great achievement for the students, supported by their hosts and teachers.
- PTPI's Kharkiv Chapter organized an exhibition of children's drawings, "My Native City." They also celebrated "Days of Peace" for which the members made posters, pictures and drawings. The motto of this event was "Let's Maintain Peace in Sake of Future."
- PTPI's Oroslavje Chapter, along with several student chapters, have contributed murals.
- PTPI members participated in Council of Europe sponsored language programs. Razvan Tofan and Madalina Apetrei (Romania) went to Italy and Diana Belan (Russia) went to France for three weeks training.
- For those who didn't have the chance to travel, we decided to host for a month a Language Ambassador and invited Ayaciuan Madrigal Rodriguez from Mexico, who brought us a colourful piece of Mexican culture and traditions- language, food, drinks, clothes and dances. Thank you Ajax, you are now part of our PTPI Roman chapter family.
- PTPI's Tallinn Chapter hosted Annick and Pierre Debien (PTPI's Angoulême Chapter) in June. Annick and Pierre have promoted many artistic programs the last few years. This time they met with Mark Soosaar, MP and director of the Estonian Modern art museum, for the opening ceremony "Women and Men" in Viljandi and Pärnu.
- Members of PTPI's Veszprém Chapter were part of a concert for 200 people, mainly students. This was the first time the band played publicly. Another band was also invited so the event lasted for three hours and it turned out to be quite a success.

## Chapter reports

*Below is an extract of chapter reports from the European Newsletter.*

### **Berlin, Germany**

On February 5, the chapter organised a music evening with Jacopo, who is a singer we met in Florence last year. He and his friend Ivan on piano entertained us with Italian popular music. Our host Björn also contributed with magical tricks. During the break, Jacopo and Ivan cooked for the 15 members.

At the end of April, Katerina Romanova, a member of PTPI's Kharkiv Chapter, who is currently living in Germany, came to Berlin. We went for a long sightseeing tour around Alexander Platz, we had a brunch with members and friends and we visited all five museums on the Museums Island.

In April, we had the second guided tour through the Tempelhof airport building. Thirty members and friends joined the tour.

Back in Berlin, 15 members and friends went on June 2 by train to Wismar. A guide was waiting for us and showed us the city. After a good meal in an old historical restaurant we took the chance and made a short trip by boat through the harbour.

On June 16, we had our yearly barbecue for the second time in Susanne's big garden in Bohnsdorf. Twenty-one members and friends came to this party and enjoyed sausages and meat. The guests prepared different kinds of salads and desserts.

On June 30, we started a two-day trip to Görlitz, a very old and romantic city close to the Polish border at the river Neiße. The Polish part of the city is called Zgorzelec. The city is divided since World War II. We were a group of 17 participants.

At the end of August, we visited PTPI's Hannover Chapter and its city. Our hosts were Andrea Knappstein and Julia Dittrich, members of the chapter, who welcomed us and guided us through the city.

On September 8, our chapter made a day trip by bicycle and boat to the lakes "Uckerseen." The trip was prepared by Dagmar and, as always, very well organized. We also benefited from the guidance of Christa and Peter Hattendorf who know the most beautiful places in the region after having frequently spent some enjoyable times there.

At the end of October, Daniel Schaubacher, president of PTPI's Brussels Chapter, attended a congress in Berlin, which enabled us to arrange a visit with him and spend some time with him before he returned.

### **Bern, Switzerland**

On March 5, the chapter held its 22<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly with about 20 participants. As a tradition, the chapter offers an evening meal to the participants. Reports were made about the last European Conference in Denmark, the Worldwide Conference in Sydney and the projects with our "Sister Chapter Roman."

Since our last report, the executive board has held two meetings. During the first meeting, details were discussed for the reception of three Student Ambassador groups from Florida, California and Massachusetts – a total of 120 people – in July. We were able to place all the visiting students in host families with children of approximately the same age, either in Bern itself or in nearby suburbs. At our second meeting, we evaluated the visits, and also discussed plans for our summer party on September 1st. We have invited our new host families and all PTPI members (approximately 50 people have responded so far) for an informal dinner party.

At the Trustee Meeting in Berlin, we were able to meet representatives from Ulsan, Korea, with whom we discussed the possibility of establishing a special "sister-chapter" relation. Eighty people attended our traditional Summer Party, held at a historic farmhouse and museum, with dinner and good conversation for all.

### **Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria: PTPI's AUBG University Chapter**

In November, PTPI's AUBG University Chapter in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, organized an anti-racism campaign under the motto "Enjoy the Difference" along with the international NGO "UNITED" and the help of the Jewish Community in Bulgaria to fight against anti-Semitism. The campaign consisted of a two-day workshop, a series of lectures and the simulation of a concentration camp. The lectures were prepared by several outstanding people such as

Philip Dimitrov, former Prime Minister of Bulgaria, Krassimir Kanev, the Chair of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, and Samuel Frances, a World War II survivor. PTPI's AUBG Chapter became known in all Bulgaria because the campaign was presented in national newspapers and by national television.

### **Brussels, Belgium**

People to People Belgium Chapter ASBL maintains an active program of social, artistic and cultural activities. Meetings or events take place almost every week.

At the Palais des Beaux Arts, we visited the Belgian painter Spilliaert's retrospective exhibition. He is well known for his impressionistic seaside paintings. On a Sunday afternoon, we went to the Royal Gallery Theatre to see the humoristic "Revue" of 2006.

A sizeable group visited on February 7 the Sphinx exhibition at the ING Cultural Centre - a remarkable presentation of statues and artefacts from Ancient Egypt and how egyptomania gradually penetrated Western culture. This exhibition visit ended with tea, coffee and cake at the new coffee shop of the Royal Museum of Fine Arts.

In the afternoon of February 21, a group met for another special hands-on practical experience: "scrap booking." All participants acquired unique skills in creating wonderful photo albums. On February 16 no less than 36 members and friends enjoyed a special anniversary dinner at the fashionable Le Mess restaurant, to celebrate the birthday of nine members. February 23 consisted in another successful outing by bus to the Factory Outlet Shopping Centre of Maasmechelen; many were those who could not resist the branded items they discovered at bargain prices. Above all, they enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship. On February 28, we visited a cultural exhibition on Morocco, and then met for teatime with Moroccan immigrants in Brussels. In between, dinners-at-home were organized for visitors from Florida, USA and other countries. Come and visit the European capital!

On February 16 the chapter celebrated its 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a great opportunity to gather and to have a great anniversary dinner. It was also an occasion to think about what has been done in 38 years and to prepare the future. The chapter is closely linked to the European construction and will try to pursue its goal, which is to enhance the intercultural understanding.

At its annual summer dinner dance with almost sixty participants on the theme of "Seascape." Embracing the connotations of the latter theme, participants were invited to come with a related sea or oceanic disguise. From the outset, starting with opening cocktails, we were welcomed by a Polynesian dancing choir whose members donned exotic flowers, colourful shirts, and shell necklaces, each one paddling feverishly from a make-believe canoe.

Other successful events were a special briefing at the Belgian Greenpeace headquarters on climate change; an excursion to the Woluwe river park with

a sustainability foundation guide who introduced us to an unexpected universe of microcosmic biodiversity and a guided tour of a long-established mustard factory in the lovely town of Jambes

In July, Myriam and Daniel Schaubacher made an extensive trip through Romania, where they met with chapter members.

Amelia Joulain, 17, from Mons, was the enthusiastic Belgian participant in the European Youth Forum in Berlin late in July. The chapter provided guidance and a modest financial contribution for the most successful "East Meets West" English Language Youth Camp on Lake Balaton, Hungary; in May and July, Myriam and Daniel Schaubacher visited twice with Hans and Julia Randau who are the dynamic facilitators and the driving force behind a host of successful PTPI activities in Pécs, Hungary.

### **Céret, France**

Anne Hawksworth taught English to foreign exchange students in England, which was a good preparation for the Language Camp in Hungary. I was also teaching English during the English Language Camp "East meets West", which took place from July 29 to August 7 at the Lake Balaton and was organized by PTPI's Pécs Chapter.

After the summer break, PTPI's Céret Chapter has started up its activities once more as of September 1<sup>st</sup> with a short hiking tour of seven kilometers with a few of the blind and partially sighted persons whom we accompany on outings. We walked along the former railway line between Céret and Amelie Les Bains in beautiful sunshine. It all went off well and we had a drink outside a cafe and picnicked at the Fontaine des Buis in Arles where the summer Guinguette was able to provide a glass of wine with our sandwiches.

During the fall two groups came for homestay: PTPI's Berlin Chapter as well as a group of six sixth formers from Cheadle and Marple near Stockport, Cheshire.

On November 24, preceding our annual Christmas Dinner the following Saturday, we had an excursion with the partially sighted.

### **Cherkasy, Ukraine: PTPI's *Light the Way* Student Chapter**

The chapter engaged in several community service projects over the past year. For the International Water Day on March 22, the chapter prepared a theater performance to raise awareness for ecological problems. With this project, the chapter's team won a contest organized by the city hall and got an invitation to take part in the National Ecological Conference. For Earth Day on April 22, chapter members and volunteers collected 291 kilo of PET-bottles and 5,168 kilo of waste paper. Proceeds from the activity were spent on the creation of a waste collector site for the neighborhood.

### **Gliwice, Poland**

One of our young students was among all those happy youngsters who enjoyed the European Youth Forum in Berlin and one student went to the Summer Camp "East meets West" at Lake Balaton, Hungary. Both came back home very happy and enthusiastic for the future. We hope to have a representative also at the Peace Camp in Egypt.

### **Interlaken, Switzerland**

The Chapter's Annual Meeting 2007 was held in a special place on Friday evening last week: in the basement of a Pizza restaurant in Interlaken, called "Piz Paz," where a small but very nice skittle-alley is installed. A skittle alley is something like bowling, only bigger and better. The skittle-alley was reserved just for our group. At the beginning everybody was encouraged to play at nine-pins for one hour. Of course a drink was offered to the invited participants. Some hadn't played this game for ages, therefore not every "shot" was successful, but people had fun and we laughed a lot.

Our member Robert, a journalist, reported once again about this meeting and his article was published in the local newspaper three days later. Those reports in newspapers are very helpful to inform the public and gain new PTPI members.

PTPI's Interlaken/Berner Oberland Chapter welcomed a group of Student Ambassadors again this summer. Twenty families from Thun to Oberried hosted 38 student ambassadors and their 4 teachers from Florida. As is our custom, they were all invited to a Host Family Meeting where we provided detailed information and answered questions about Homestays.

The students especially liked playing with young people their own age and with younger kids in the families. They appreciated the back yard barbecues, barbecuing at the lake and just having some time to chill out in the quiet and cozy comfort of the host families, especially after the strain of seeing so many famous sights before the homestays. Instead of big excursion, the families mostly chose smaller walks.

On August 11, the chapter organised the "All-Swiss Meeting". This time on the Schynigen Platte in the Bernese Alps. Members of the PTPI chapters in Zurich, Bern and Interlaken met at either the train station in Interlaken or half-way up the mountain, from where 20 of us took an old wooden steam train clip clop up the mountain.

The afternoon was capped with an informative and jovial tour through a protected Alpine garden, where endangered plant species are further developed, and where we learned how such plants and flowers survive the Alpine winters and summers, and the myriad uses (e.g. medical) for many plants. It was especially interesting to learn about the relationship of the animal world with its grazing needs and the plant world with its needs for reproduction; and that some plants grow better among their own kind, while others grow better in "mixed communities".

The chapter has written job descriptions for the various board of directors' assignments for the first time. This internal document will be used with the new Board of Directors' Constitution beginning in 2008. This document can be made available to other interested chapters.

### **Kharkiv, Ukraine: PTPI's Children to Children Chapter**

PTPI's Kharkiv Chapter is following the Lesson Plans and has organized monthly activities in 2007. Their focus was on European countries. On May 15, they participated in a *brain ring* game with the title "Do You Know Europe?" together with the other schools of the city and won 1st place.

### **Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine: PTPI's Young Leader Student Chapter**

A delegation of the chapter took part in the all state conference of UNESCO schools *Project work is the way to intercultural communication*. For the *European Day*, on May 4, the chapter organized a children picture festival with the topic *European Life* and informed about Ukraine's cooperation with EU countries. They also attended the symphonic concert *masterpieces of European music*.

In November and December the chapter engaged in several humanitarian projects: They collected toys and school supplies for orphans in boarding schools, organized a charitable concert for children with limited opportunities and created feeding racks for birds.

The chapter also took part in the international competition *Mondialogo* where they presented their project *The Sunflower of Peace*.

### **Kiev, Ukraine: PTPI's Kyivites Student Chapter**

In April, a delegation of the chapter went to Odessa to take part in the Ukrainian conference of the ASP-net UNESCO schools devoted to international projects. The students discussed future projects, participated in a *brain-ring* game about the way of Ukraine to Europe and went on an excursion around Odessa.

### **Oroslavje, Croatia: PTPI's The Eagles Student Chapter**

After substantial fundraising efforts including the selling of home made cakes, the chapter invited PTPI's *Mihail Kogalniceanu* Student Chapter from Vaslui in Romania for a visit in April. With the proceeds, they could not only support the activity costs of the exchange, but also the travel costs of their guests from Romania to Croatia.

The chapter also engaged in two cultural initiatives. The chapter members proved their creativity with two murals on the theme *Peace in the World* that were submitted to PTPI's Global Youth Murals Project. The mural with the title *Listen and You Shall Hear* was awarded the first prize. A group of

members staged Cinderella in English for the two to five-year-old children of the local day care center. The idea was to encourage the children to learn foreign languages and show them that this can be fun. In fall, the chapter started the ecological project *Save Our Woods* and collected paper all over the town. A large container could be filled as a result of the effort. The recycling of this paper will save 20 young trees from being cut down.

### **Pécs, Hungary**

In Pécs, we were able to establish new relations with the city council and the committee preparing the European Culture Capital project for 2010. Antal Erdősi, Julia Randau and Gergely Kiss took part in different training courses organized by NGOs in our city.

The participants came from Albania, Russia, Hungary, Croatia, Sweden, France, Poland, Slovakia, and the Ukraine. The programs offered to them included communication orientated English language lessons, workshops, excursions and free-time activities. Teachers and camp leaders were from France with English as native language, Croatia and Hungary.

The kids enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of the camp, the venue being situated right by the lake, and had fun during excursions on bikes and by train, sailing, at the camp fire and during evening parties, where they learned about food, drinks and music from other cultures. They presented their countries performing songs and dances, including a "belly dance" shown by one of the Ukrainian girls.

At the Farewell Party, each participant was given a certificate stating that they had contributed to *Peace through Understanding*. Hans G. Randau, PTPI trustee and president of PTPI's Pécs Chapter, thanked the leaders, who had worked without getting paid, the kids, their parents and teachers, as well as the sponsors.

We welcomed three new adult members and one youngster. The most exciting news is that one of our new members, Ágnes Pásztor, a language teacher in one of Pécs's high schools, established a student chapter. Of course, we are very happy about this. In addition, our endeavours continue to establish a chapter at the local university. Contacts were made with different persons and groups where we could present our chapter and its activities.

### **Roman, Romania**

The summer holidays seems to be a good time for our intercultural activities. Our YG, Vadim Toader, participated in the European Youth Forum joining other enthusiastic young people from different European countries in an inspiring youth event on human rights and intercultural understanding. Cosmin Tofan and Anamaria Ciocan visited Denmark and spent an unforgettable time with their hosts.

On December 1, the World AIDS Day, the YGs are planning to organize an awareness raising campaign distributing information fliers and red ribbons in

high schools, in the town and for pedestrians in the town center. Our chapter also supports the Academic Debate team from Roman Voda National College – Arts & Crafts Club.

### **Sternberk, Czech Republic**

Over New Year, four of our chapter members visited our friends from past years' projects in Tudela, Spain.

There is no doubt, that the concert of Žamboši (January 19) was one of the greatest cultural events in our little town of Šternberk for the last few months. The couple Stáňa Brahová and Honza Žamboch from Vsetín, prepared a unique performance for our guests. They sang, played guitar and flute and talked with a good sense of humour. A particularity of this folk and jazz concert was the participation of the great drummer Jura Nedavaška, who gave his whole heart to the playing.

On February 22, our good friend and biology lover Petr Kovařík came from Olomouc with his wife Dominika and their only a few months old sun Vojta and they talked about their lovely travelling and great experiences in a remote part of India. Everybody was impressed how beautiful and unknown some places of the earth still are and how happy people can be, even if their life is very simple.

On March 24, PTPI's Šternberk Chapter had its traditional event: Welcoming of the Spring. Children and their parents and all PTPI interested people were gathered. We welcomed springtime by going for a long walk through nature, fields, forests walking and the very beautiful region of North Moravia. Further we visited the historical Sovinec Castle.

In March we also had a great presentation of Iceland with a slideshow made by one of our member and traveller Petr Blažek. He told us his adventurous trip around Iceland. More than 30 people came to Šternberk Gallery to see his beautiful pictures.

In April, our chapter heard the Calling of the Forest. "Come and help us to clean our mess in our forest!" was our motto. Twelve enthusiastic volunteers came to help. We collected more than 100 tires and 24 big plastic bags full of rubbish.

In May, we had our Waterfall II event. Rafting on the Morava River was one of the main activities that we did with our friends from New Zealand. Yvonne and John Gibb came from Hastings to visit central European countries. Another 23 enthusiastic people joined to spend the day on the rubber boats.

August 9 – 29: We are walking together to change the World from Europe – Camino de Santiago!: The international summer exchange project with our Spanish friends from Tudela in the Navarra region started in the city of Oviedo 335 km far away from Santiago de Compostela. Our two groups of young people, between 16 and 26 years old, were walking together for three weeks the "camino primitive", the original trail of the well known pilgrimage in the Northern part of Spain.

The project was not only about hiking, but also about spending time together and trying to follow the topics of the days like "How to save our environment," "Religions – the same or different," "Sources of life," "Culture shock" and others. We walked together, worked together, felt and thought together.

September 21-23, we organised our traditional evaluation meeting: Feedback and Comeback: This year, it took place in our capital Prague and we had a great feedback by all the participants of the summer exchange project.

October 19-28 the chapter president, Helca Metelkova participated in the ATOQ seminar – the Advanced Training on Quality for youth workers and leaders from around Europe. It was held in Rovaniemi, Finland.

Starting in October, there are Spanish lessons in the chapter. We are highly motivated after the visits to Spain.

In November, our YG group participated in the national competition of photographs, video and presentations from the youth exchange projects during the year. Our YG group had several pictures and one video in the competition. And we were successful – we won the third place with our video projection from the project Camino de Santiago!

Also in November our chapter organized a YG planning meeting for the project "Let's do it our way" and also the general meeting of our Šternberk Chapter. The action called MINI-MAXI, which means "Mini Training" and "Maxi Meeting" or the other way around.

### **Tallinn, Estonia – adult and student chapters**

Together the chapters hosted and met a number of visitors during the year.

In June, Student Chapter president Katerina Savinova hosted Annick and Pierre Debien from PTPI's Angoulême Chapter.

In July, Katerina Savinova, Aleksei Smulski and Ruta Pels met a group of People to People Ambassadors in Tallinn. The group was led by Elly Washington.

In August Anton Vydrin participated in a meeting with 40 Americans as a representative of PTPI. Also in August, Valeria Krassilnikova hosted Anna Bühler (from Lucerne, PTPI's Interlaken Chapter) from.

In November, Pavel Smulski, Youth Coordinator of PTPI's Tallinn Chapter, led a group of five young people from Tallinn, Narva and Sillamae who participated in a "Youth in Action" program in Madrid.

### **Värmland, Sweden**

On January 3, twenty PTPI Värmland Chapter members, friends and relatives spent a fun-filled winter afternoon get-together, appropriately named: Winter Celebration. This occasion was meant for

our members and friends to get together to celebrate the white winter that finally arrived just a few days before.

In June, the chapter has had the honor of hosting our first International homestay guests: Mr. Bob Mc Gee from California and Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Tucker from Illinois.

The sixth of June is Sweden's national day and together with lots and lots of other attendants, PTPI members gathered together with friends and family at the museum park in Karlstad. Bob was our special guest. During Bob's visit, he was even interviewed in a portrait article by one of the local newspapers where he was able to share his dramatic experiences as one of the captured WWII paratroopers and war veterans from the 82nd Airborne Division.

During the Tucker's visit, they had the opportunity to do some genealogical research at one of the biggest archives, the Kinship Center, as some of Jan's Swedish ancestors were several of many thousands of Swedes that emigrated to the U.S. in the late 1800's. Of course, it is worth mentioning that Jan's ancestors came from a small community in Värmland!

One of our youngest members, Jacob Nilsson, and a friend, Alexander Branzell, had a great time at the International Youth Summer Camp at Lake Balaton.

### **Varna, Bulgaria: PTPI's *The Dolphins* Student Chapter**

Since its charter in fall 2007, this new student chapter has organized some remarkable ecological and humanitarian projects.

On October 13, a group of 13 chapter members collected litter in the *Golden Sands* nature park together with 30 volunteers of other NGOs, namely the Bulgarian representative Foundation of WWF. The group was supported by the celebrity Kamen Vodenicharov, a Bulgarian TV show host. In five hours more than 90 kilograms of waste were collected.

In November, the chapter started a major fundraising campaign to make the life of children living with cancer easier and happier. They collected 870

Euros to buy gifts for children with cancer and also prepared a funny theatre play. On January 8, the play was staged in the hospital and the gifts were presented.

### **Vaslui, Romania: PTPI's *Mihail Kogalniceanu* Student Chapter**

In April, nine students and two teachers visited PTPI's *The Eagles* Student Chapter in Oroslavje, Croatia. The four day program included a visit of the old baroque town Varazdin, a tour through the Croatian capital Zagreb and of course sightseeing in Oroslavje and a visit to the English classes of the local school. On November 23, the chapter organized the Freshmen's Ball at the Economic College of Vaslui. The money collected on the entrance tickets was donated to a college student who needs plastic surgery.

### **Veszprém, Hungary**

In April, six members of PTPI's Pécs Chapter visited us to meet our members and reinforce the contact between our chapters, which we were very happy about. They spent a weekend with us and we agreed on seeing each other several times a year. Two of us went to the summer camp of PTPI's Pécs Chapter for a few days and we had a wonderful time with the organizers and the children.

In June, we hosted six members of PTPI's Arizona Chapter for four days, which was a big event for us as a new chapter.

### **Zalishchyky, Ukraine: PTPI's *Zalishchyky* Student Chapter**

For Valentine's Day the chapter prepared information about the holiday and how it is celebrated around the world and made reports in different classes. In addition, the chapter initiated a competition of the most creative Valentine card. The chapter also organized a remarkable humanitarian initiative. They gathered and packed presents for the children of the local orphanage and then distributed those gift bags on December 19, St. Nicholas Day.

## Appendices to Annual Report 2007

### European Trustees and Directors

There are currently 173 (172 2006) trustees worldwide. Of those, 36 (36 2006) come from Europe.

#### European members of PTPI Board of Trustees

Trustee	Country	Trustee	Country	Trustee	Country
1 Shpetim Dyrmishi	Albania	14 Michael Binney	England	27 Gina Boiculese	Romania
2 Sulejman Kodra	Albania	15 Heather Exell	England	28 Sorina Danciu	Roman
3 Genci Mucaj*	Albania	16 Betty Holland	England	29 Rolf G. Dahlberg* #	Sweden
4 Evis Sferdelli	Albania	17 Emily Walker	England	30 Marie-Anne Aebi	Switzerland
5 Bertrand Shijaku	Albania	18 Peter Whitby *	England	31 Otto Burri	Switzerland
6 Blanche Decoster-Peycker	Belgium	19 Annick Debien	France	32 Isabel Hänni	Switzerland
7 Cynthia Lewis	Belgium	20 Hannelore Büchler	Germany	33 Martine Honegger	Switzerland
8 Gunild Bogdahn	Denmark	21 Brigitte Kasigkeit	Germany	34 Ernst Honegger *	Switzerland
9 Anna Marie Bohsen	Denmark	22 Hans-Dieter Robel	Germany	35 Cornelia Siegenthaler	Switzerland
10 Karen Margrethe Kristensen	Denmark	23 Hans G. Randau	Hungary	36 Regina Wälti	Switzerland
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13 Peter Tage*	Denmark	26 Tadeusz Grabowiecki	Poland		

\* Member Board of Directors  
# Vice Chairperson Board of Trustees

### PTPI Representation in Europe (April 2008)

Country	At-large members	Chapter	School and Classroom
Albania	1	AC	
Austria	3		
Belgium	3	AC	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina			3
Bulgaria	1	AC/UC/SC	12
Croatia		SC	
Czech Republic		AC	1
Cyprus			9
Denmark	3	AC	15
England	136	AC/UC	3
Estonia	15	AC/SC	
France	5	AC	6
Georgia		AC	
Germany	18	AC	6
Greece	9		1
Hungary	8	AC/SC	1
Ireland	4		
Iceland			3
Italy	12	AC	4
Latvia	1		

Country	At-large members	Chapter	School and Classroom
Lithuania	1		29
Luxemburg	1		
Macedonia		AC/SC	
Malta	1		2
Moldova		AC	
Netherlands	11		
Northern Ireland	11		
Norway	3		
Poland	2	AC/SC	5
Portugal	5		
Romania	6	AC/SC	371
Russia	5	AC/SC	
Scotland	5		
Slovenia	3		
Spain	9		3
Sweden		AC	3
Switzerland	8	AC	
Turkey			3
Ukraine	18	AC/SC	12
Wales	4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>312</b>		<b>493</b>

AC: Adult Chapter, SC: Student Chapter, UC: University Chapter

**Financial Report****Income statement (euro)**

<b>Income</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Chapter fees	2 361,71	1 886,22
PTPI Grants	7 635,38	984,63
Donations	0	40,00
Annual Conference	1 665,48	-233,53
Bank interest	98,66	78,06
<b>Income</b>	<b>11 761,23</b>	<b>2 755,38</b>

<b>Expenses</b>		
Total EEC	467,11	1 711,61
Bank Charges	27,64	63,27
Seminar costs	0	500,00
Tax	20,71	20,73
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>515,46</b>	<b>2 295,61</b>

<b>Profit</b>	<b>11 245,77</b>	<b>459,77</b>
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**Assets December (euro)**

<b>Asset</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Savings Account	2 408,00	1 852,76
Conference Account	8 041,28	975,27
Membership Account	7 382,25	3 814,53
<b>Assets</b>	<b>17 831,53</b>	<b>6 642,56</b>

**Auditor's Report 2007***International***Dear friends,**

During March 2008 we have audited the books of PTPE for the financial year 2007. The audit has been focused on the income and expenses during the year. The report shows a surplus of 11 245,77 EUR and total assets of 17 831,53 EUR. Of these are 7 000 EUR an advance payment from PTPI for the 2008 European Conference.

We recommend to the European Council to accept and approve the PTPE financials as presented with the "Financial Report 2007" and that the European Executive Council (EEC) be released from any further responsibilities.

April 2008

Felix Engler and Andrew Martin

Auditors

## PTPI Chapters in Europe

University chapter (UC) and student chapters (SC) report and pay in fall. Payments for 2007 as of April 1.

Nr	Chapter	Country	Chapter Report 2007	Dues paid 2007	Dues paid 2008	Members 2007	Homestay capacity	European Conference Participation 2007
1.	Durres	Albania	Received	Paid	Paid	11		
2.	Korce & Bilisht	Albania	Received	Paid	Paid	16	Limited	
3.	Kruja	Albania	Closed 2007	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Tirana	Albania	Received	Paid	Paid	35	Good	4
5.	Brussels	Belgium	Received	Paid	Paid	19		3
6.	Blagoevgrad UC	Bulgaria	Received		Paid	100		
7.	Burgas	Bulgaria	Closed 2007	-			-	
8.	Plovdiv	Bulgaria	Received		Paid	15	Limited	
9.	Sofia SC	Bulgaria	In formation	-	Paid	(12)	-	-
10.	Varna SC	Bulgaria	Received		Paid	18		
11.	Oroslavje SC	Croatia	Received	Paid	Paid	21		2
12.	Prague	Czech Republic	Received	Paid		10	None	
13.	Sternberk	Czech Republic	Received	Paid		23	Good	
14.	Denmark	Denmark		Paid	Paid	100	Good	1
15.	Chester	England		Paid	Paid	46		8
16.	Durham	England	Received	Paid	Paid	20		
17.	Harrogate	England				9		
18.	Narva	Estonia	Closed 2008	-	Paid	-	-	-
19.	Narva SC	Estonia	Received		Paid	10		
20.	Tallinn	Estonia	Received	Paid	Paid	10	Limited	2
21.	Tallinn SC	Estonia	Received		Paid	10		
22.	Tartu	Estonia	Closed 2007	-	-	-	-	-
23.	Viljandi	Estonia	Received	Paid	Paid	10	Limited	
24.	Angoulême	France		Paid	Paid	18	Limited	2
25.	Céret	France	Received	Paid	Paid	70	Good	1
26.	Montpellier	France				20		1
27.	Tbilisi	Georgia		Paid	Paid	12		
28.	Berlin	Germany	Received	Paid	Paid	53	Good	8
29.	Hannover	Germany	Closed 2007	Paid	-	-	-	-
30.	Pécs	Hungary	Received	Paid	Paid	28	Limited	3
31.	Pécs SC	Hungary	Received		Paid			
32.	Veszprém	Hungary		Paid	Paid	12	Good	
33.	Florence	Italy		Paid		9		
34.	Milano	Italy	Received	Paid	Paid	26	Good	1
35.	Struga	Macedonia	Received	Paid		12	Limited	
36.	Struga SC	Macedonia				12		
37.	Chisinau	Moldova	Received		Paid	12	None	
38.	Gliwice	Poland	Received	Paid	Paid	15	Good	3
39.	Warsaw	Poland	Received	Paid	Paid	16	Limited	3
40.	Bucharest	Romania				6		
41.	Iasi	Romania				9		1

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Nr	Chapter	Country	Chapter Report 2007	Dues paid 2007	Dues paid 2008	Members 2007	Homestay capacity	European Conference Participation 2007
42.	Roman	Romania	Received		(Paid)	47	Good	5
43.	Sibiu	Romania	Closed 2007	-	-	-	-	-
44.	Vaslui SC	Romania	Received		Paid	35		1
45.	Galych	Russia	Closed 2007		-			
46.	Moscow	Russia	Received	Paid	Paid	10	Limited	1
47.	Omsk	Russia	Closed 2007	-	-	-	-	-
48.	Sochi	Russia				10		
49.	Troitsk	Russia	Received			7		1
50.	Värmland	Sweden		Paid		32		1
51.	Bern	Switzerland	Received	Paid	Paid	63		9
52.	Fribourg	Switzerland				38		
53.	Interlaken	Switzerland	Received	Paid	Paid	42	Good	30
54.	Zürich	Switzerland	Received	Paid	Paid	26	Limited	9
55.	Cherkasy SC	Ukraine	Received			11		
56.	Eastern Ukraine	Ukraine				6		
57.	Galych	Ukraine	Closed 2007	-	-	-	-	-
58.	Kharkiv SC	Ukraine	Received		Paid	16		1
59.	Khmelnytskyi SC	Ukraine	Received			19		
60.	Kiev	Ukraine			(Paid)	10		
61.	Kiev SC	Ukraine			Paid	50		
62.	Kirovograd SC	Ukraine	Received		Paid	22		
63.	Lugansk SC	Ukraine	Closed 2008		-			
64.	Zalishchyky SC	Ukraine	Received		Paid	20		
<b>Total</b>			<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>			<b>101</b>

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