

Executive Committee Meeting **Bucharest – Romania, 9-10 November 2008**

Participants:

Peter Posner, President
Kare Dag Mangersnes, Vice President
Ed Eggink, Treasurer
Olga Lukina, Assessor
Beate Turk, Assessor
Karin Hammar, Assessor
Stepan Cerny, Assessor
Merita Goldi, Assessor
Marina Michailidou, Recording Secretary
Johan Vilhelm Eltvik, Secretary General
Michal Szymanczak, Deputy Secretary General
Eva Tschornova, Office Manager

Apologies:

All present

- Peter Posner welcomed the new Executive members and devoted some time to remind them of their responsibilities and the commitment that is needed from all members.

The new roles will be the following:

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| COG coordinator: | Olga Lukina |
| EOTN, Representation coordinator and YWCA contact person: | Karin Hammar |
| ESG and ESY coordinator: | Merita Goldi |
| VfE and SI coordinator: | Beate Turk |
| ETS and YES contact person: | Stepan Cerny |
| Y's Men contact person: | Peter Posner |

- To ensure its success, all YMCA Europe Staff were required to concentrate their efforts on the Festival 2008. This meant they could not devote much time to fundraising, which will be a big challenge from now on for all.
- It has been discussed to change the term “Movement Development” to “Movement Strengthening” and in this spirit to include relevant programmes within Movement Development.
- Reports from the various operations and committee members were received. A common theme was the need for new members of several Programme Groups and the need to expand their influence. The Executive Committee thanked Programme Groups for their significant involvement at the Festival 2008.
- YE needs to continue to focus on participation in European structures to expand its Representation profile.
- The global financial crisis will surely affect YMCA Europe, as it has affected many donors. We hope all Movements can continue to pay their contributions.
- The Training Centre in Litomyšl is complete and fully operational and the City Municipality is now renovating the surrounding area. YMCA Europe will continue to encourage all Members to use this facility.
- The YMCA Europe “Mentors” system (YMCA Europe Resource Team) is progressing well; more countries will profit from this system as receivers or senders of experts.

- As an element in the ongoing global Resource Mobilisation Process a lot of information from many movements has been gathered in order to establish a YMCA Europe “Toolbox” and to publish a small leaflet to promote YMCA Europe work as a whole. The material is being processed and will be circulated soon.
- Johan Vilhelm is working with the Global Staff Team to develop a global strategy and further results on Resource Mobilisation procedures will be presented in the next Executive Committee meeting in February 2009.
- We are seeing continued growth and progress in the GOP countries.
- Further information was presented on the proposal of a YE Master Class in Litomysl. The aim is to establish the international dimension and a sense of ownership to volunteers. Also, to have new people participating in international activities, committees and representation.
- The next YE Festival will take place in 2013, in a venue that will be decided in the future. The planning will start soon in order to have a very successful Festival. It is also very important to use all the positive energy from the Festival 2008. The evaluation of the Festival 2008 is being processed. The overview is that it has been successful that achieved its goals.
- General Assembly 2009: 20-24 May 2009, Dassel, Germany. The theme will be based on the Parable of Talents, encouraging people to resource mobilisation.
- The Next World Council meeting will take place in Hong Kong, 9-24 July 2010. There will be elections for new Executive Committee members including the officers.
- Next meetings:

Executive Committee meeting: 21-22 February 2009 , Reykjavík, Iceland
 MD and Ex.Com meeting: 6-9 November 2009 in Litomysl
 General Assembly 2010: Litomysl