



NEWSLETTER

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European IFYE Alumni



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Greetings from the President

*Christmas is full of shiny things
That sparkle, gleam and glow;
These holiday pleasures dazzle us,
And yet, deep down, we know...
That Christmas has its special gifts,
But our year-round joy depends
On the cherished people in our lives,
Our family, friends, and peace.*

*Under the tree the gifts enthrall,
But the nicest present of them all
Is filling our thoughts with those who care,
Wanting our Christmas joy to share.
To you, whom we're often thinking of,
We send our holiday joy and love.*



My dear IFYE friends,

2022 was an eventful year and after two years, we had another conference. On 16 of July, Finland welcomed us with typical weather in Korpilathi for the 62nd European Conference. Over 160 participants came along to meet old friends and make new ones.



Our thanks and appreciation must go to our Finish hosts who provided an excellent program and gave us the opportunity to learn a lot about their beautiful country. From Finnish folk dances to various traditions, great food with

excellent cuisine, excursions, adventures including a bus trip into the forest and hikes, we were well taken care of all around. The sauna was open daily and was used extensively. More about the conference will be summarized by Finland in the conference report.

In 2022 there were many beautiful events and after more than two years we almost got back our usual life as it was before the outbreak of the pandemic. With reasonably manageable restrictions, 2022 comes to an end. Unfortunately, since February 2022, the world has again been confronted with an armed conflict in Europe, which has brought much suffering and misery to the affected population, and there is currently no end in sight to this conflict. It saddens me that winter is obviously being used as a weapon, with the aggressor deliberately trying to destroy the civilian infrastructure to break the will of the inhabitants through darkness and cold and force them to surrender. I hope that peace will soon be established and that the suffering will come to an end.

For me, 2022 was also very challenging and I was quite nervous when I arrived in July for my first conference as your President. I did my best and tried to meet the expectations set for me. Thanks to the great preparations by the Finnish organizing committee, we had a successful conference with many new guests from all over the world. I was especially pleased that the next generation was already represented at the conference. It showed me that IFYEs are open to the world and that this is not just written on a piece of paper somewhere, but also lived. The children from the various partnerships that have formed over the years in our IFYE community were an enrichment for me. Overall, I look back at 2022 with satisfaction and look forward to the future, which already brings a major IFYE event next year.

In 2023, the 12th IFYE World Conference will take place and it will be held in Austria. On 27 August, Austria will welcome IFYEs from all over the world to Velden. How to get to Velden - you can find the answer here: Location ([ifye.at](https://www.ifye.at)) and you will find out more about the preparations in this newsletter with an update from the Austrian organizing committee. Also, our US-American friends are already planning various activities and have prepared a program prior and after the World Conference 2023. More information about this can be found further down in the present newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me, and I hope that I can meet your expectations. I am always available for wishes, complaints and comments, and of course I look forward to your encouragement and compliments. I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a good start into the year 2023. For the future I wish you much happiness, joy, love, health, success and peace and a great time with your loved ones. I am also looking forward to welcoming many of you on 27 August 2023 in Velden at the 12 World Conference & 63 European Conference.

Happy New Year and see you soon...

Andi



Estonian 4H Christmas Greetings



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EESTI

EARLY WOKE UP
*ELF THE LITTLE,
WHEN THE FAMILY
WAS SLEEPING.
PEEKED IN HERE
AND PEEKED IN THERE
SNEAKED ON THE
WINDOW EDGE HERE.
CHILDREN HAVE
A SLIPPERS NEW,
WHERE THE ELF
PUT CANDYS GOOD.
NOW MERRY CHRISTMAS
FILLED THE ROOM,
BECAUSE THE LITTLE ELF
BROUGHT A HAPPY MOOD.

**ESTONIAN YOUTH ORGANISATION 4H
WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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IFYE Swiss Winterweeked

ifye swiss winterweekend
06.-08.01.2023



Klewenalp NW

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News about the IFYE Conference 2023

written by the Austrian conference organisation team

**European & World
IFYE Conference**
27th August - 2nd September 2023
**Family Hostel Cap Wörth (Velden,
Austria)**



It might seem far away but it's less than eight months now until we can welcome you to the IFYE conference in Austria, which is a joint European and World conference.

Registration opens 27th January 2023, 11 am CET

Registration will start on Friday 27th January 2023 (11 am CET) and pricing has been finalised. Details will be uploaded to our website shortly. We have done our best to keep the prices as low as possible despite rising costs to give as many IFYEs as possible the chance to attend the conference.

Velden is a picturesque town on the banks of the beautiful Lake Woerthersee in Austria's southernmost state of Carinthia. Our accommodation, the fantastic **Family Hostel 'Cap Woerth'**, offers 300 beds with a variety of room options, and boasts stunning views of the lake, including our very own lake access and exclusive sports facilities.



As to the programme, we are working on trips to neighbouring countries to make the most of the venue's perfect geographic location at the heart of Europe. Amongst several trips with an agricultural theme will also be an excursion to the famous Lipizzaner Stud Farm Gestüt Piber, responsible for the offspring of the world-famous White Stallions of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna.

For those who like to be active, there will be plenty of opportunities to go hiking, for example to the nearby Pyramidenkogel.



Wondering how to get there? We have just published some helpful details on our website so please go to www.ifye.at/location to find out more. Or check out the facebook page www.facebook.com/ifyeconference.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you in Austria this coming summer!

Tours organized by IFYE USA

written by Bob Ellis, co-chair of the USA IFYE Membership Committee

Greetings from the IFYE Association of the USA!

I am Bob Ellis. I am one of the co-chairs of the USA IFYE Membership Committee.

I just wanted to let everyone know that the USA Membership Committee has finalized plans for IFYE Tours prior to and immediately after the 2023 World IFYE Conference in Austria. We are happy to say that the tour descriptions are now available to view and book on the IFYE USA website:

<https://ifyeusa.org/news-events/upcoming-ifye-conferences.html>

Both tours are **open to all IFYEs**.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you so much.

Bob Ellis

In Pace

Johannes Sollid

IFYE from Norway to the USA, 1954

9th August 1934 - 17th December 2022



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