



NEWSLETTER

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European IFYE Alumni



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Greetings from the President

Dear IFYE friends,

We had our Midterm Meeting from 17-19.03.2023 at Cap Wörth, Velden, where the next European and World Conference will take place. The European IFYE Board, the Austrian Organising Committee and this year's Austrian IFYEs met at Cap Wörth.



Cap Wörth is located directly on the beach of the lake Wörthersee and has a direct and private beach section with a bathing jetty. The water quality was also immediately checked by a member of the European Board with full engagement. Yes, that was on 18.03.2023 and the lake was below +10°C. More about the location and information about the next conference can be found at www.ifye.at.



The Austrian organizing committee has put a lot of effort into finding a great location (and with a private beach on one of Europe's most famous lakes, they have succeeded), keeping the costs as low as possible and putting together a cross-border program worth seeing for the available budget, where there will probably be something for everyone. Neighboring regions such as Slovenia and Italy will also be included.

A high application rate was expected on the first day of registration. According to my information, expectations were exceeded. Additional off-site accommodation was also found and offered. These also went like the proverbial hotcakes. You can find more about the 2023 conference in this newsletter in an update from the Austrians.



However, when I look at the statistics on registrations, I see a picture that shows me what we need to work on more. I take this insight on board and will work on these points together with the European Board. We have already discussed the first proposals at this year's Midterm Meeting.

There are also a large number of newcomers from Europe at this year's conference. There are over 20 European newcomers and, logically, many who are not from Europe. We have already thought of something for the newcomers and will include all the regions present at the conference. The idea is to put every European newcomer together with a newcomer from the regions and thus form region - newcomer teams, which will then sell the tombola tickets, as it is usual done at the European conferences. Please do not forget your tombola prizes for this year's conference.

I would also like to thank the Austrian IFYEs for giving us a wonderful Midterm Meeting. It felt wonderful and there was also a "Room - Party" as well as a quality check of a possible trip destination.

This Midterm Meeting showed me again how unique our IFYE organization is. Young and not so young have come together to prepare an event and there are no differences here, just togetherness, no matter where you come from. The partners were involved, and the next generation was also there. It is nice to see that open minded is not just an empty word, but in our organization, it is a reality.



Spring is almost here, and the cold season is mostly behind us. We have already fired up the barbecue for the first time and spent a nice afternoon/evening with family and friends. The sun kissed our skin, and it was really relaxing to sit outside again and enjoy the time together. In a couple of weeks, it's Easter, the spring festival that symbolizes the awakening of nature.

Have a great time, stay healthy and I hope to see you again soon in August in Velden at this year's conference.



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News about the IFYE Conference 2023

Less than five months now until the European and World IFYE Conference in Velden, Austria begins!

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Nevertheless, we have been able to offer everyone a space who registered within 8 weeks of registration start, including about 20 participants who will be staying off-site. However, we are now fully booked and any new registrations will go on the waiting list – sorry!



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We are now busy finalising the programme, making the most of the venue's perfect geographic location at the heart of Europe. A trip to Italy is planned for Tuesday, leading us to the Tolmezzo area, where we are going to enjoy the natural beauty of the area while learning about its agriculture. The Slovenia trip will take us to the Koroška area, where we will be diving into the industrial history of the area.

Please keep checking our website as new information will be published regularly, for example in the FAQ section. We are so excited to welcome you in Austria this coming summer!



In Pace

Kathleen Stewart

IFYE from Scotland to the USA, 1951



Kathleen Stewart from Scotland sadly passed away quite unexpectedly on 12 January, 2023, after a long, healthy, happy life. Kathleen Scott was an IFYE to USA in 1951 and it was on the ship to the States that she met her future husband Sandy Stewart, also on his IFYE trip. Thirty years later they got involved with the first Scottish IFYE Conference in Aberdeen in 1982 and from then on for the next 22 years, they never missed a conference.

Kathleen often said that being an IFYE and part of the European IFYE family was one of the highlights of her life.

She really looked forward to that week in the summer meeting old friends and making new ones, the IFYE way. Even after she stopped attending the conferences, she was always keen to know how the week went. Kathleen was open and friendly and those of us who have attended the IFYE Conferences during this period, will have warm and happy memories of Kathleen.

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