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Greetings from the President

Dear IFYE friends,

Soon the 12th World and 63rd European IFYE Conference will start in my home country Austria. Over 300 IFYEs from all over the world will gather in Velden am Wörthersee to hold the 12th World and 63rd European Conference together in peace and harmony.



The Austrian team has put in a tremendous effort to put together an extraordinary location and a great program. I already know the details and I can assure you it will be great. More about this and maybe a little insight in this newsletter from the Austrian organizing committee. I am already looking forward to welcoming many of you in Velden and I am a bit nervous as it will be my first World Conference as President.

I am looking forward to 6 days with you in peace, harmony, good humor, many happy faces, and hopefully beautiful weather. Sunshine and pleasant temperatures have been ordered and Lake Wörthersee with its crystal-clear water invites you to swim and linger on its shores. The conference will take place in one of the most popular places, frequented by high society, and it is quite possible that you will bump into one or the other of your fellow "acquaintances". Unfortunately, the fame of the place also has a disadvantage: the prices are a bit higher than usual in Austria and if you want to stay a bit more luxurious, you can ask the Schlosshotel Velden what a night in a double room including breakfast would cost. You will be surprised how cheap a night can be.

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.

I write here about luxury, holidays, peace, harmony, and the lake, but unfortunately it is not so peaceful everywhere in the world. The war in Ukraine is still raging in full force and there is no end in sight. China is openly threatening Taiwan with the use of force and everywhere in the world there is violence, natural disasters and unrest. Personally, it scares me and makes me think about the times we are living in. However, I do not give up hope for peace and non-violent coexistence and I also see our organization as an example that all people on this earth can live together in peace and happiness.

We all live in a turbulent world, have our daily challenges and must be able to deal with strokes of fate. Personally, on 2 June, my body clearly showed me

that I had reached a limit which my body could no longer accept. Fortunately, it went smoothly, and no lasting impairments remained, but I must take care of my engine from now on and in the future and no longer load it in the rev limiter or beyond, because then it can quickly come to a level where a more extensive repair will become necessary. As they say in the world of quality assurance: Cause found - immediate measures implemented - long-term measures defined, in implementation - relevant data collected and analyzed - further measures derived from this, with which the quality control loop works and if this works, no further errors of the same kind occur. I don't want to ask for sympathy or anything like that here, but it was simply a need to inform about it and helps me to process this event.

In March, the European Board had a very constructive midterm meeting in Velden where Switzerland applied to host the European Conference in 2027. On 11 May I received another request to host a European conference and we agreed that Sweden applies to host in 2028. We will discuss this at the AGM 2023. So, the planning for the next conferences is already going into 2028 and I am happy about that. For all those who are planning to organize a conference in the future, I would like to ask you to think about it before this year's conference so that we can also make a rough plan beyond 2028.

Finally, I would like to wish you a good summer. School holidays are just around the corner in most countries and you, or your children are already looking forward to the time without school stress. The main holiday season is also upon us, and I wish you a nice and relaxing holiday with your loved ones. Enjoy the time.

Here's to a beautiful, relaxing, and happy summer.

See you on 27 August 2023 in Velden for the 12 World and 63 European Conference.

Kind regards,
Andreas

Andi

Greetings from the Austrian Conference

Committee

The World & European IFYE Conference in Velden, Austria is approaching fast!

The committee are holding very regular meetings now to get down to the nitty-gritty of organising such an event. Some of the questions that cause us sleepless nights are...

- How many hair dryers do we need to bring?
- Will the name tags fit in the holders?
- How much wine will the IFYEs drink?





On a more serious note, **details about the tours and an enquiry form to submit your preferences** will be sent out shortly – you should have already received it by the time you read this!

Please fill these in as soon as possible to ensure we can take your preferences into consideration.

The tours will offer something for everyone: You can gain insight into different aspects of local agriculture through a number of farm visits, each with their own special concept. You can learn about the religious, cultural, industrial and military history of the area and even get a chance to jump back into medieval times.

You can get to know about different forms of renewable energies, a field that Austria has always been strong at and that is more relevant today than ever before.

For the more active, we have planned several walks and hikes, and also a fantastic sports venue to visit. And of course, we have our own private lake access for everyone to relax, go for a swim or try different water sports.



Many tours of course include tastings of special food or beverages typical of the area, some not suitable for under 18s.. :)

If you haven't already done so, now would be a good time to **plan your journey** to the conference site. You can still benefit from advance ticket prices and special offers on train tickets.

Shortly before the conference, we will send out a **fact sheet** with details about what to bring, and some other crucial information. We will also send out an enquiry form so you can share details about your arrival and departure with us to help us plan, as well as some music suggestions for the bar!

We are so excited to welcome you in Austria soon! :)

IFYE Austria Event Committee

Congrats to...

Maximilian

*IFYE from Germany to the USA,
2012*

&

Carolin Schulze Esking

Max and Carolin got married on 2nd
of June.



Lisa

*IFYE from Germany to Norway,
2018*

&

Björn Martensen

Lisa and Björn got married on 8th of
June.

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