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Greetings from the WSCF-E office in Budapest!

Welcome to the new WSCF-E Regional Secretary:

The ERC would like to welcome David Masters to the Regional Secretary position in Budapest, Hungary as of 1 September 2010. David (Protestant) is originally from Hemel Hempstead, UK, though he has been living in Belfast for the past year where he completed a Masters degree in Reconciliation Studies from the Irish School of Ecumenics. He has been very active in SCM Great Britain; from 2006-2008 he was the coordinator of SCM Manchester and served as a member of the SCM Great Britain General Council from 2008-2009.

Congratulations and a warm welcome to David!

Past Events:

Kirchentag: WSCF-E joined more than 120,000 visitors at the German Ecumenical Kirchentag in Munich, 12-16 May 2010. Along with the Inter-Regional Office, Centennial Fund and ESG (SCM Germany), WSCF-E and the whole federation were very visible and visited with many people at their stalls. On 13 May ESG Munich opened their space for a student and Senior Friends gathering of about 50 people. Staff, students, senior friends and friends of the Federation spent the entire evening visiting informally. It was a great experience for all involved and special thanks must go out for all the hard work from ESG – we are looking forward to the next Kirchentag!



Consultation on the Eucharist:

From 11-16 June 2010, approximately 30 participants from throughout Europe gathered in Kiev, Ukraine for the WSCF Lingua Franca Ecumenical Leadership Training "Consultation on the Eucharist". Throughout the week participants had the opportunity to talk about the celebration of the Eucharist, its history, how it has changed through globalisation. Divisions in church communities as well as alternative church communities were also topics that the students engaged with. Participants baked bread together, and though all could not partake together they shared the images, smells and experiences of different Eucharist traditions. Many important discussions were had amidst a record breaking heat wave in Kiev.



Stop Being Silent!:

The third and final instalment of WSCF-E's Lingua Franca program "Stop Being Silent!: Identifying, Overcoming and Preventing Domestic Violence" took place 25-30 August in Minsk, Belarus. The small group of 20 discussed personal space and boundaries, globalisation and the body, violence against women by clergy, domestic violence and the court system, as well as gender and familial roles. A student panel further analysed domestic violence, and legal protection in various countries. Bible studies, prayer, and cultural sharing weaved the program together and students left Minsk with tools to continue speaking out about violence

ERC Meeting: Once again, WSCF-E's European Regional Committee met to discuss the on-goings of the region. This time however, they ventured to a small farm outside of Kidderminster, United Kingdom. Though there was no internet and little technology to be used, the ERC managed to work very hard, preparing for upcoming events and playing hide and seek with local SCMerS.



WSCF-E Representation:

We would like to highlight some of the events that WSCF-E has been represented at over the past season. Joe Nagle and Sofie Vestergaard Eriksen attended the European Youth Forum Council of Members in Brussels this past April. They also had a chance to meet with other organisations connected to the Faith Based Expert Group. Joe Nagle also attended the 55th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York, USA, with other delegates from the WSCF Global federation. Mirka Bukoviska attended the European Christian Environmental Network "Our Daily Bread: Living in a Time of Climate Change" in Prague, Czech Republic.

Advocacy and Solidarity Committee: ASC is a network of students from across the global federation working to connect grassroots movements to one another by sharing advocacy and solidarity issues. Vaida Kriščiūnaitė, ERC's Solidarity Coordinator, is WSCF-E's representative to the committee. Currently the committee is focusing on a building a campaign promoting water as a human right. It will be a simple, quantifiable, globally-focused, and visual campaign reaching all SCMs. More information to follow soon!



Upcoming Opportunities:

Stop Being Silent!: In 2007, WSCF-E began a three year project, "Stop Being Silent! Identifying, Overcoming and Preventing Domestic Violence". The first seminar in this programme was held in Nitra, Slovakia in August 2008, the second in Novi Sad, Serbia in July 2009 and the last was held in Minsk, Belarus in August 2010. The Stop Being Silent! publication follows-up this three year project. The deadline for contributions has already passed, so please write to wscflinguafranca@gmail.com ASAP if you are interested.

Climate Justice Now!: Following the joint study session with WSCF-E and EYCE on climate and ecological justice in Strasbourg France, this September our next issue of Mozaik will explore these themes through articles, stories, poetry, and art. We are looking for authors interested writing about environmental issues, eco-justice, theological interpretations of ecology, and ethical debates on ecological living. The deadline for contributions is: **30 November 2010.**

For more information, the official call for articles and information about subscribing to Mozaik, please visit www.wscf-europe.org. If you decide to contribute, please inform the editors of your interest as soon as possible at wscfmozaik@gmail.com.



Connect to the Global Federation!

The IRO office in Geneva has just launched a new social networking site connecting individual students and senior friends from across the global Federation to one another. Members can post pictures, videos, event announcements and blog posts sharing them with SCMs around the world! It is a great place to learn about action campaigns and solidarity issues. Join Today: www.wscfconnection.ning.com

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