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**Dear Kiwanis Friends,**

the administrative year 2012/13 is ending in one month and I take the chance to give you some impressions and results of the International Convention in Vancouver/Canada end of June– surely the most important event in this year. You will find in this update the most important decisions concerning KI-EF and the results of the elections in the House of Delegates. From 22 – 27 July we had the 10th European Youth Camp in Wuppertal – for the first time in Central Europe. And again it was an impressive event with more than 60 participants. In conjunction with this Youth Camp KI-EF held its 5th and last Board Meeting on 26 July in order to finalize the work on some projects that were started in this year such as the KI-EF Strategy.

Coming September is again very busy: Six of our nine European Districts will have their conventions in this month: Norden and Italy/San Marino on 6-7, Belgium/Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Iceland on 13-14, Germany on 20-21 and Switzerland/Liechtenstein on 27-28. – It is obvious that the trend to hold the convention at the end of the administrative year is continued.

Best wishes and kind regards

Ernst von der Weppen

KI-EF President 2012/13

**Greetings Kiwanians,**

The sixth object encourages all of us to advocate for righteousness and justice in the world. Some clubs organize food drives to feed the hungry. Others collect coats for children. Still others make early childhood education a priority for all children.

Many clubs are focusing on The Eliminate Project to save mothers and babies from the ravages of tetanus. For just a US\$1.80, one woman and her future babies can be protected. To raise the US\$110 million it will take to protect the remaining women at risk, we will need the help of all of our Kiwanis and Kiwanis-family clubs.

The La Canada-AM Kiwanis Club is raising awareness and funds for The Eliminate Project in a unique way. Bob Burlison, with the help of his club members in California, is on the journey of a lifetime to protect lives. By riding his motorcycle through 48 states, he is not only visiting a club in each state and setting a Guinness Book record, but he's also raising awareness about the mothers and babies at risk of tetanus.

Use a club meeting this month to find your own unique way to live the sixth Object and support The Eliminate Project. More than 61 million women will thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Tom DeJulio  
2012-13 Kiwanis International President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom DeJulio".

## International Convention in Vancouver 26 -29 June, 2013



- The location: The International Convention in Vancouver took place in the area of the former coal harbor – now totally refurbished with a huge convention building and some big hotels around connected by subways for pedestrians and linked to the public transportation system going to the airport. Part of this new construction is a pier of about 500 m length where the big ocean liners start for their cruise to Alaska – in the season two per day.
  - App. 4000 participants and 2500 Kiwanians met here for the International Convention 2013.



### •Elections:

- KI President-elect Gunter Gasser (Austria) was confirmed as KI President for the year 2013/14. Gunter will be the second European in the office as KI President; the first was Eddie Sigurdson.
- KI Vice-President John Button (Canada) was confirmed as KI President-elect for the year 2013/14
- Sue Petrisin (USA) was elected as KI Vice-President for the year 2013/14. Sue will be the first lady as KI President! The second candidate, Sjoerd Timmermans from The Netherlands District was defeated though he got by far more votes than European Participants were in Vancouver. (Sjoerd; best wishes for next time!)
- Three North American KI Trustees were elected. The European KI Trustee Marcel Kreienbuehl from Switzerland/Liechtenstein District had been elected in Berlin before. Our Congratulations once more!
- Amendments to the KI Bylaws concerning the European Federation
- For the first time “federations” are mentioned in

the Bylaws. Strange enough: We are in existence since almost 50 years as European Federation and were not mentioned in the KI Bylaws. Therefore this amendment is really important.

- A Federation Board can consist of Governors with a one-year term. This reflects the actual situation in KI-EF. (The KI Board consists of Trustees with three years term).

- Critical remarks

- The atmosphere was really excellent; the convention very harmonious. And we all experienced an overwhelming hospitality!

- Nevertheless we proposed improvements, especially an integration in workshop planning and realization for KI-EF and ASPAC: In Vancouver there was not one workshop with European or Asia/Pacific topics. This should be changed.

- The focus in Vancouver was too much on Eliminate. This was the sole big topic. Permanently there were people on stage getting an award for being big or very big donors or being representatives of a Model club etc. Nobody doubts that Eliminate is and will be the most important charity topic until 2015 and perhaps thereafter but it cannot be that dominant.



- Positive changes

- Beside the KI Bylaws amendments – above 3.1 and 3.2 – the European Federation and ASPAC and their representatives were more visible in the opening and closing session. We got the chance to address the participants. You can see these videos under the links below:

- Opening session:

- Closing session:

- This is a positive proof of a better perception of the two big parts of Kiwanis outside North America.

- And a souvenir from the celebration of KC Vienna in March 2013

- The President of KC Vienna Europe 1, Hannes Mondel and I were asked to recall in a brief sketch the wonderful moments of the celebration in Vienna. You can find this video under the following link:

You can see more about the convention at

<http://www.kiwanis.eu/it/kiwanis-convention-2013/ki-convention-2013.html>

Ernst von der Weppen

KI-EF President 2012/13

## 60 youngsters worked together at European Kiwanis Youth Camp 2013!



More than 60 youngsters of age 15-25 (from Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Switzerland) and 20 leaders, trainers and KI-EF guests participated 10th European Kiwanis Youth Camp 2013 in Germany. Kiwanis Group was given an official address by Mayor of Wuppertal at the City Hall. By joining workshops and trainings participants developed their personal, professional and intercultural competences. Each participant was treated by lectures of communication,

presentation, body language, public speaking, trouble shooting, group work and meeting techniques. KC Club in Cologne organized for our large group visits of Cathedral and Roman Museum. Sport activities are always very important part of the camp and therefore we had great opportunity to spend half day in Climbing Centre. Those more experienced climbed K2 route



which has the highest level 20 m in tree crowns. Also, having three dragon boat teams makes unforgettable and unique atmosphere for two 200 m races in very dynamic team spirit. Teams had also to cooperate during volleyball competition and orientation run. We learned a lot about each country during national presentation and performances. Kiwanis is primarily about service thus we made Kiwanis Dolls and cleaned a park. After gala dinner on last day each participant received official youth camp certificates. Video of whole week will be available soon on KIEF Facebook and webpages.

And what about 2014? Kiwanis Districts, DIPF and Nations shall register a youth group by 15th September 2013 (at [youth@kiwanis.eu](mailto:youth@kiwanis.eu)) for next two European Kiwanis Youth Camps 2014 in Romania and Switzerland.

Young people are part of Kiwanis!

Jan Radoň

Chairman 2012-13, KIEF Youth Committee

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### **Kiwanis Youth Camp 2013 in Wuppertal/Germany**

Since 10 years one international Youth Camp is organized under the patronage of KI-EF. The jubilee Youth Camp in 2013 was held in Wuppertal; 60 young people coming from ten nations participated and it was a sensational success.

60 young people from Estonia, Finland, France, Iceland, Lithuania, Poland Slovak and Czech Republic and the hosting country Germany accepted the invitation of KI-EF and had a diversified week in Wuppertal. The program in the morning consisted of sport events, playing or training. All activities of the whole week were filmed on video and cut by a pro.

The majority of the participants regarded the "Dragon Boat Race" on the artificial lake of Beyenburg as the highlight. After a brief instruction how to handle a dragon boat the boats took their start position and had all together three thrilling races in which the victors were found in the very last meters of the race distance. With respect to the extremely high temperatures a highly appreciated "collateral" chance was the refreshing in the cool waters of the artificial lake. The spectators at the beach were highly amused that the boat teams got totally wet after the races.

The visit in a "Climbing Garden" in Hagen (i.e. a town near Wuppertal) was a real challenge for many of us. The young people got the chance to test their individual limits and power. For the trainers of the Youth Camp it was crucial that beside the personal challenge that the youngsters organized themselves in small groups

and got motivated to overcome the obstacles of the climbing course. Some routes were 18 m above the ground and turned out to be insurmountable for some...

A typical course of orientation was another team-challenge where the participants had to proof their physical fitness. This event showed that speed alone was not decisive for the result because the young people had to solve some other tasks on their way. Once again this competition showed that everybody had to contribute to the success of his team.

One afternoon was used for a trip to Cologne. Members of the KC Cologne had organized a visit to the magnificent gothic "Kölner Dom" and then to the Roman-Germanic Museum. The cultural history of Cologne is without any doubt impressing but when 60 youngsters from all over Europe come to the pedestrian shopping area power-shopping has priority one and art and culture have to accept the second place...

Programs in the evenings consisted of presentations of two countries each from the participants. In addition to facts and figures the youngsters inspired with typical dances or videos they had prepared themselves or – like the Finnish guests – with breathtaking gymnastics.

By the way it was again a Finnish female trainer – a real pro – who every day before breakfast offered for everybody some gymnastic exercise.

The two last evenings were used for barbecue. On Friday KI-EF President Ernst von der Weppen and most of the European Governors visited the Youth Camp and took the chance for an exchange of opinions and some small talk with the young people. The barbecue on Saturday was organized as a gala evening. It became an explicitly worthy evening for handing out certificates of participation and some small gifts. Before that the young people in a very entertaining and professional way summarized what they had experienced in this week. The evening ended in a party organized by the youngsters themselves.

The result is that the balanced combination of training, schooling, fun, culture, shopping and intercultural exchange in the Youth Camp brought a perfect Kiwanis event for young people. The professional organization mainly done by our Kiwanis Friend Winfrid Mirau, the passionate involvement of the Camp-Leaders Jan Radon, Sandra Kuus and Jakub Spacek with the support of the local Key Club Members, especially Masha Linnartz, were the foundation-stone for the successful carrying out of the 10th Youth Camp in Wuppertal.

One sentence of the feedback form should be repeated here: "You can always improve something, but this Youth Camp was close to a perfect event". So let us realize in 2014 two impressing Youth Camps – one in Switzerland and one in Romania.

Joe Nopp

President comment to the reports of Jan Radon and Joe Nopp:

"There is nothing to add. It was really an amazing experience of all members of the KI-EF Board to meet these young people, see their enthusiasm and new ideas.

I am sure that KI-EF will continue to support these Youth Camps and will recommend this to my successors".

Ernst von der Weppen  
KI-EF President 2012/13

**Sports Day for the Project on Rare Diseases Medical Science with regard to Poland Syndrome (AISP- Gaslini Genova).**



**Presentation Eliminate Project and Project Eraser- Kiwanis Eliminate the MIA ( International Meeting Anti- racism) in Cecina (LI).**

## RAISE MONEY WITH THIS ACTIVITY THAT PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WILL LOVE

Tone up your vocal chords and dust off the microphone with this fun fundraising idea. Hosting a karaoke event is an exciting way to spread awareness and raise necessary funds for The Eliminate Project. Follow the easy steps outlined below and reach for the stars to help save and protect women and babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Karaoke talent show

Best for: All Kiwanis-family clubs

Timeline: 4–6 weeks for preparation; 3–4 hours on day of event

How it works: Collect monetary donations from audience members as “votes” for their favorite contestant.

To-do list

Select a site

Borrow/rent a professional karaoke machine

Compile a collection of song choices

Recruit contestants

Decorate donation jars for each singer

Ask vendors to donate prizes

Decide whether you’ll charge admission

Set up The Eliminate Project materials

Announce winners and proceeds

Award prizes

Supplies

Karaoke machine

Song discs (depending on system)

Song lists

Fliers

Donation jars

Money box

Small bills, if charging admission

Prizes

Tips:

If the machine can record, create and sell CDs of performances.

Collect donations to hear the club president, a principal or other influential person sing.

Consider teams (e.g., men vs. women, cheerleaders vs. basketball players).

Don’t forget to share your pictures with us through Facebook or Twitter.

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maternal/neonatal tetanus

## K.I.E.F. Calendar

<b>Aug 23</b>	Chairs meeting
<b>Aug 30</b>	Convention UKS
<b>Sep 6-8</b>	Conventions Norden - Italy San Marino
<b>Sep 13-15</b>	Conventions the Netherlands - Belux - Iceland-Faroes
<b>Sep 19-22</b>	Convention Germany - 50th Anniversary KC Frankfurt am Main
<b>Sep 26-29</b>	Conventions Switzerland-Liechtenstein - Poland





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mese.**



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