

AEHT ACTIVITIES REPORT

Academic year 2011/2012

1. 24th Annual Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands, November 7th-12th 2011

The Annual Conference is the AEHT's flagship event and is held once a year in a different country; the programme includes meetings of the Presidium, the Executive Board and the General Assembly, as well as a series of contests which enable students to compete with each other in a variety of disciplines.

ROC Mondriaan hosted the 24th Annual Conference and competitions of the AEHT in The Hague from 7th to 12th November 2011. ROC Mondriaan is an Institute for Vocational Education. ROC Mondriaan actively contributes to the economic and social development of The Hague and the surrounding regions. They have approximately 30,000 students and 2,500 employees. ROC Mondriaan offers curricula for students in business, hospitality, tourism, fashion, sports, architecture, design, welfare etc.

ROC Mondriaan promotes the social participation of its students by offering vocational training, general education and job-related courses. In doing so ROC Mondriaan takes a central position in the triangle of the labour market – student – education. Good co-ordination with companies, public institutions and both local and national authorities, is very important.

Offering high quality and professionalized programs serves to establish a bridge between our students and the labour market.

We encourage our students to become employed in the labour market and to position themselves to their fullest potential from a social and economic perspective. To do so, we keep a constant eye on the developments in the labour market which are translated to our education. We put our students and their careers at the heart of everything. Knowing that providing knowledge alone is not enough we have found capabilities such as skills, independence, taking initiatives, carrying responsibility, troubleshooting, cooperation, and creativity to be equally important. We therefore emphasize continuous development of the individual competencies.

The 24th conference had 8 competitions: pastry, culinary arts, restaurant service, cocktail, barista, front office, tourist destination and hospitality management.

During this week more than 600 students and almost 300 colleagues of ROC Mondriaan worked together to make this event a success.

Main Objectives

The main objectives of the 24th AEHT Annual Conference was to promote a European outlook among hotel and tourism schools by, among other things:

- organizing a conference by students for students
- providing a showcase for the professionalism, skills and careers in Tourism
- showing Dutch Hospitality
- encouraging contacts between schools throughout Europe
- promoting better knowledge of the Dutch education system
- facilitating networks of teachers and students
- sharing teaching methods, materials, skills and knowledge

A further objective was to ensure that all delegates would have an opportunity to experience at first hand the very best of The Netherlands.

A. Statistics:

The 24th Annual Conference attracted 617 delegates from 32 countries. The participants stayed at 7 different hotels in Scheveningen.

Comparison with previous years:

Year	Location	Organising Country	Schools	Participating countries	Participants
2011	The Hague	The Netherlands	109	32	617
2010	Lisbon	Portugal	143	29	652
2009	Dubrovnik	Croatia	132	30	690
2008	Kuressaare	Estonia	130	32	660
2007	Jesolo Lido	Italy	137	33	650
2006	Killarney	Ireland	136	32	660
2005	Antalya	Turkey	130	31	646
2004	Bled	Slovenia	135	34	620
2003	Copenhagen	Denmark	140	28	564
2002	San Remo	Italy	139	29	705
2001	Linz	Austria	105	33	601
2000	Berlin	Germany	120	23	641
1999	Luxembourg	Luxembourg	127	24	940
1998	Faro/Vilamoura	Portugal	123	21	640
1997	Zandvoort	The Netherlands	115	23	596
1996	La Rochelle	France	101	19	814
1995	Gothenburg	Sweden	107	20	620
1994	Portrush	Northern Ireland	75	16	393
1993	Sciaccia	Italy	75	15	500

Below are the statistics of the competitions:

Number of competitors entered for each competition according to the country, (109 schools)												
Country	Barista	Cocktail	Pastry	Culinary Art	Restaurant Service	Wine Service	Front office	Tourist Destination	Management	Total number	Competitors Winning awards	Judges
ARMENIA												
AUSTRIA		7	1	4	7	6	6	4	2	37	8	4
BELGIUM			2	5	3	1				11	3	5
CROATIA		1	1	3			7	1		13	3	3
CABO VERDE												
DENMARK							1		1	2		
ESTONIA			2	3	3		1	3		12	2	1
FINLAND			2	5	4		3	2	2	18	5	3
FRANCE		1	1	4	4		2	3	1	16	2	4
GERMANY								1	1	2		1
HUNGARY							2		1	3	1	
ICELAND			1				1			2		1
IRELAND			2	2	1					5	1	5
ITALY	1	10	6	21	8		3	6		55	6	11
LATVIA			2	2	1		1			6		
LITHUANIA				1				1		2		
LUXEMBOURG				1			1	1		3		2
MACEDONIA			1	1			2	1		5	1	
MALTA												
NETHERLANDS	3	3	5	6	7	5	7	5	4	45	11	12
NORWAY			1	1						2		
PAKISTAN												
POLAND							1			1		
PORTUGAL		2	1	3	1	1	3		2	13	4	
SERBIA	1		1	1	1	1		1		6	3	
SLOVENIA	1	1		1	1		1	1	2	8	5	
SLOVAKIA												
SPAIN		1		1						2		
SWEDEN			1	4	4		1	2	1	13	2	3
SWITZERLAND				1	1		2		1	5	2	1
TURKEY		1		2						3		2
UKRAINE			1							1	1	
Total number	6	27	31	72	46	14	45	32	18	291	60	58

The Winners of the competitions at the 24th Annual Conference were:

	1st Place		2nd Place		3rd Place	
	Surname	Forename	Surname	Forename	Surname	Forename
Management	Bergler	Bernadette	Jönsson	Malin	Niemi	Miika
	Cerne	Simon	Kuthan	Samira	Verboort	Angela
	De Graaf	Alissa	Rácz	Erika	Aguiar	Cátia
Tourism	Sistonen	Minttu	Pausic	Katarina	Crnjak	Marijan
	Zdravikovik	Voislav	Vareta	Daniel Nunez	Rinzema	Sanne
	Dekker	Maron	Raposo	Joana	Heikkinen	Emilia
Front office	Piskula	Julian	Picaud	Antoine	Sirel	Carmen
	Coombs	Nikeshia	Golubic	Katja	Ilic	Jovana
Wine service	Papp	Eva	Johannes	Siter	Stocker	Bettina
	Van Leeuwen	Dimitrie	Eduardo	Ruela	Walthery	Rani
Restaurant Service	de Zwaan	Imara	Wruntschko	Philipp	Janc	Barbara
	Janti	Maija	Jaktlund	Lukas	Aigner	Joshua
Barista	Termaat	Maas	Pilcevic	Milica	Prelog	Natasa
Bar	Pertl	Stefan	Repele	Anna	Amizic	Paula
	Cabral	Hermano	Gradisar	Metod	Fornagiari	Edoardo
Pastry	Bardasi	Frederico	Chaudouet	Megane	Heinmets	Merit
	Vandenbroeck	Thomas	Landré	Loise	Korol	Evgenia
Culinary arts	Colombo	Lorenzo	Mantovani	Eric	Neri	Alessia
	Heggerick	Joeri	Groeneveld	Simon	Todic	Dusan
	Nolan	Tracy Bridget	Hainari	Jan	Van Oorschot	Rob

Program

Program AEHT The Hague 2011		
7 – 12 November 2011		
Monday 7 November 2011 (Arrival day)		
Time	Activity	Where
All day	Arrival Schiphol Airport & transfer to hotel	Amsterdam - Scheveningen
	Arrival train station Hollands Spoor	The Hague - Scheveningen
18.30 – 22.00	Dinner at restaurant 'La Galleria'	Scheveningen
Tuesday 8 November 2011		
06.30 – 10.00	Breakfast	Hotels
07.00 – 07.30	accompany judges from hotels to transfer point	Hotels – Bus terminal
07.30	Transfer judges	Bus terminal – Campus
08.00 – 08.30	accompany participants from hotels to transfer point	Hotels – Bus terminal
08.00 – 09.30	Briefing judges	Campus
08.15 – 08.45	Transfer to opening ceremony	Bus terminal – Campus
10.00 – 12.00	Opening ceremony: Church of Our Saviour	Campus
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch	Campus
14.00 – 14.45	Transfer to hotels	Campus – Scheveningen
13.30 – 16.30	Culibus presented at the Campus	Campus
13.30 – 17.30	Meeting Presidium	Campus: Parlement
14.00 – 17.00	Briefing participants	<u>Campus</u>
14.00 – 17.00	Jam Session JRE chefs	Campus: Kitchen 1
14.00 – 17.00	Libbey Experience with the Fabulous Shaker Boys	Campus: Grand Café
16.00 – 17.30	Transfer to hotels	Campus – Scheveningen
18.30 – 20.30	Dinner	Carlton Beach Hotel
20.00 – 01.00	Live Music	Carlton Beach Hotel
Wednesday 9 November 2011		
06.30 – 10.00	Breakfast	Hotels
07.30 – 07.45	Transfer to Campus	Bus terminal – Campus
08.30 – 12.00	Competitions	Campus
09.00 – 13.00	Culibus: Cooking for Kids at the Campus	Campus
09.00 – 12.00	Leisure: Beauty VIP tour Spavarin	Rijswijk
09.00 – 12.00	Meeting Executive Board	Campus, Conference Room H10
09.00 – 12.00	Academic program: titel	Campus, Room 101
09.00 – 10.30	Academic program: titel	Campus, Room 102
10.45 – 12.15	Workshop Dutch Cheese / Dutch Eau de Vie	Campus, Room 102
11.30 – 11.45	Transfer to Campus	Bus Terminal – Campus
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch	Campus (sponsored by ANVR/Reiswerk)
13.30 – 17.00	Competitions	<u>Campus</u>
13.30 – 17.00	<u>Leisure program:</u>	
	• Tourist trip Delft	Delft
	• Dutch sport presentation	Campus, H11
	• Beauty VIP tour Spavarin	Rijswijk
13.30 – 16.30	Culibus presented at the Campus	Campus
14.00 – 14.45	Transfer to hotels	Campus – Scheveningen
14.00 – 17.00	Libbey Experience with the Fabulous Shaker Boys	Campus, Grand Café
16.00 – 17.30	Transfer to hotels	Campus - Scheveningen
18.30 – 19.30	Transfer to ADO Stadium	Bus terminal – The Hague
19.30 – 22.30	Dutch Night (dress code: orange ☺)	The Hague
22.30 – 23.30	Transfer to hotel	The Hague - Scheveningen

Thursday 10 November 2011		
06.30 – 10.00	Breakfast	Hotels
07.30 – 07.45	Transfer to Campus	Bus terminal - Campus
08.30 – 12.30	<u>Leisure program:</u>	Departure at 08.30 from bus terminal
	• Tomatoworld	Honselersdijk
	• SS Rotterdam	Rotterdam
	• Beauty VIP tour Spavarin	Rijswijk
08.30 – 12.00	Competitions	Campus
09.00 – 13.00	Culibus: Cooking for Kids at the Campus	Campus
09.00 – 12.30	General Assembly	Campus, Conference Room H10
11.30 – 11.45	Transfer to Campus	Bus Terminal – Campus
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch	Campus
13.30 – 17.00	Competitions	Campus
13.30 – 16.30	Culibus presented at the Campus	Campus
13.30 – 16.30	Leisure: Beauty VIP tour Spavarin	Rijswijk
13.45 – 17.00	Academic program: Quality care	Campus, Room 101
13.45 – 15.15	Academic program: MBO15	Campus, Room 102
14.00 – 14.45	Transfer to hotels	Campus – Scheveningen
14.00 – 17.00	Libbey Experience with the Fabulous Shaker Boys	Campus, Grand Café
15.30 – 17.00	Workshop Jenever (Dutch Gin)	Campus, Room 102
16.00 – 17.00	Transfer to hotels	Campus - Scheveningen
17.45 – 18.45	Transfer to Heineken Experience	Bus terminal - Amsterdam
19.30 – 22.00	Dinner & Tour Heineken Experience	Amsterdam
22.00 – 23.00	Transfer to hotels	Amsterdam – Scheveningen
Friday 11 November 2011		
06.30 – 10.00	Breakfast	Hotels
08.15	Transfer to The Hague centre	Bus terminal – The Hague centre
09.00 – 14.30	The Hague Experience (tour)	The Hague centre
14.30 – 15.00	Transfers to hotels	The Hague – Scheveningen
16.45 – 17.30	Transfer to the St Jacobs Church	Hotels – The Hague
18.00 - 23.00	Gala dinner including awards and closing ceremony	The Hague
23.00 – 24.00	Transfer to hotels	The Hague – Scheveningen
Saturday 12 November 2011 (Departure Day)		
07.00 - 10.00	Breakfast	Hotels
All day	Departure to Schiphol Airport	Schiphol Airport
	Departure to train station Hollands Spoor	Hollands Spoor, The Hague

The statistics on excursions and workshops

The organisers had laid on a number of visits of a cultural nature, such as the ‘VIP beauty treatment visit to the Savarin Spa’, an excursion to Delft, a visit to the SS Rotterdam, and a trip to ‘Tomatoworld’. Then again there were the lectures and seminars such as ‘The AEHT Goes European VET’, ‘The Dutch Travel Industry,’ ‘Thinking about Quality,’ ‘MBO 15’. Not forgetting the tasting workshops for Dutch cheeses and for Dutch spirits. And the demonstrations with the ‘Culibus’ intended for children, a JAM session by JRE chefs and the display by the Fabulous Shaker Boys. The evening of Thursday 10th was given over to a visit, including a buffet dinner, to a former brewery of the famous Heineken brand in Amsterdam, that a large majority of participants took part in; this included the highly interesting and educational tour, showing the whole process from production to worldwide distribution.

Wednesday November 9th	
Excursions and workshops	Participants
Beauty VIP Tour Spavarin	20
GPS Tour Delft	100
Sport presentation	0
Peace & Judges Tour	10
Academic programme: AEHT ‘Goes European VET’	30
Academic programme: Dutch Travel industry ready for war for talent	0
Workshop Dutch Cheese	20
Total	180
Thursday November 10th	
Excursions and workshops	Participants
Tomatoworld	10
SS Rotterdam	85
Spavarin	20
Peace & Judges Tour	10
Academic Programme: Quality care	8
Academic programme: MBO15	0
Workshop Dutch Gin	30
Total	163

The organization of this conference and its competitions was a considerable challenge for ROC Mondriaan, but at the same time it was an opportunity to promote the professionalism of the hospitality and tourism industry in The Netherlands.

The organizers are convinced that this conference has made a great contribution to the promotion of The Hague and The Netherlands as a tourist destination; it was an event of which they may be justly proud.

B. Financial Report:

en EUROS (€)	
Income:	
Registration fees	€ 373.708,00
AEHT contribution	€ 3.000,00
Sponsors	€ 53.000,00
Total Income	€ 429.708,00
Expenditure:	
Accommodation	€ 205.001,66
Meals	€ 25.560,53
Transfers	€ 45.000,00
Audio-visual services	€ 39.000,00
PR costs	€ 10.350,00
Workshops & seminars	€ 5.600,00
Excursions	€ 27.340,00
Opening location & decorations	€ 14.500,00
Gala location & decorations	€ 39.838,92
Competition costs	€ 19.024,00
Total Expenditure	€ 431.215,11
Loss	€ 1507,11

Don't miss Jo Laegny's enthusiastic report, illustrated with photographs, and published on the AEHT's website at www.aeht.eu, as well as in the December 2011 newsletter.

We extend our warm thanks to the sponsors for their financial support and to the teams from ROC Mondriaan for their personal commitment to the event; in particular we would like to thank Brigitte Engering, director of the department 'Toerisme en Recreatie (Tourism and leisure)' and her colleague, Remco Koerts, project manager.

2. Organisational Guidelines Committee (formerly competitions committee)

Following discussions about arrangements for the competitions which took place as part of the San Remo Annual Conference in 2002, the AEHT Presidium set up a competitions committee with the remit of revising the competitions rules, which are incorporated into the AEHT's House Rules (article 17.1.4).

The sub-committee currently consists of three members, namely Romana Bauer (Bad Leonfelden, Austria), Helena Cvikl (Maribor, Slovenia) and Asdis Vatnsdal (Kopavogur, Iceland), and is chaired by the Vice-President responsible for fixed events, Louis Robert. Each new Annual Conference exposes new parts of the regulations which require fine-tuning. Each time the updates to the regulations and to the conference guidelines are published on the AEHT's website at www.aeht.eu and explained to the organisers in March of each year at the preparatory meeting held at the location of the forthcoming conference. Following the Annual Conference in The Hague Louis Robert introduced several modifications to the regulations in order to reduce on the one hand the possibility of favouritism or unfair treatment, and on the other hand the excessive pressure brought to bear by some teachers on their students. Among these changes are the following:

- modification of the marking system to allow the award of the same category of medal to several teams participating in the same competition;

- modification of the composition of the judging panels (those teaching the participants are replaced by external professionals on the judging panels)
- stricter checks on participants' linguistic ability

The organisers of the Annual Conference are requested to adhere to the regulation updates, while adapting the competitions to local customs and to local conditions.

3. Council of Elders

When the Council of Elders was officially created in Kuressaare on March 15th 2008, its objectives were set out as follows:

- To develop new activities, such as competitions intended for our member schools which offer Higher Education programmes;
- To prepare for specific events, such as the AEHT's 25th anniversary which will be celebrated in 2013;
- To seek financial support and to advise the Presidium about important projects;
- To make use of their contacts as retired directors or heads to identify new professional members and sponsors who could participate in the Association's activities;
- To identify any other activities which may be of benefit to the Association.

Hans Russegger having resigned after his appointment as AEHT treasurer in November 2009, the present membership of the Council is:

- Alfonso Benvenuto
- Jürgen Clausen,
- Michel Gaillot,
- Adolf Steindl
- Roy Van Sassen.

Its members are exclusively former Presidium members who have taken retirement.

In March 2009 the Presidium took the decision that this Council should become financially independent before any further members could be admitted.

On September 20th 2011, two members of the Council of Elders, including Jürgen Clausen who came in the morning to the Alexis Heck Hotel School in Diekirch for an auditing session, attended an informal meeting to continue work on the AEHT's 25th anniversary brochure. Since then another meeting has taken place in Ohrid on March 17th 2012 at the same time as the Executive Board's spring meeting.

At the above-mentioned meeting the Council of Elders discussed matters relating to the AEHT Higher Education group, including the preparation of the teacher seminar from April 19th to 22nd 2012 in Saarbrücken and the organisation and subject of the management competition in October 2012 in Ohrid. The council also discussed the publication of a brochure for the AEHT's 25th anniversary. Production work had only just begun, but the content, the format (21 cm x 21 cm) and the cost had already been decided on. The plan is to publish contributions from former presidents, from several school directors, teachers and students. Help from National Representatives was sought during the Executive Board meeting to provide good quality photographs (of the Annual Conferences or of any other events) which could be used to illustrate the brochure; their aid was also requested in finding sponsors or potential advertisers who would help to finance the brochure.

4. AEHT Youth parliament

AEHT Youth Parliament in Kópavogur (Iceland)

At the 2009 General Assembly in Dubrovnik, the Executive Board of our Association decided to introduce a new event entirely dedicated to the students of the AEHT member schools. Similar to the *Model United Nations*, the AEHT Youth Parliament intends to be a simulation of a parliamentary session that aims to educate participants about, and to stimulate exchanges of views on, tourism, employment, current affairs, effective communication and globalization. The young people have to take on roles as members of parliament and participate in a simulated session of an international parliament. They research a country, investigate international issues, debate, deliberate, consult, and then develop solutions to major issues.

In October 2010 the first AEHT Youth Parliament took place in Bad Ischl, Austria, and was a great success. A second edition was scheduled for October 2011, but had to be postponed for various reasons. The next AEHT Youth Parliament on ‘reducing carbon footprints – how can today’s tourism services contribute to environmental protection?’ will take place from April 8th to 14th 2013 in Kópavogur, Iceland.

5. Seminars and workshops

Preliminary remark: for the 2011-2012 academic year the AEHT had received a large number of proposals to organise events, almost all of them were granted a subsidy but of a smaller amount than the year before as funds were limited. For all events, the AEHT Head office helped the organisers by sending out information by e-mail to all member schools as well as by publishing information on the Association’s website. In the report below we have restricted ourselves to those events which received an AEHT subsidy or which involved several member schools from other countries.

Gastro-Futura-Time for Eco seminar, Maribor (SLO)

This seminar was held on October 6th-8th 2011 at the Vocational College for Catering & Tourism in Maribor. The seminar attracted 15 participants from four European countries from six schools of which five were AEHT members. The main purpose of the seminar was to raise participants’ awareness of the introduction of local organic produce into local gastronomy. Slovenian farmers are confident of the future of organic farming which is supported by EU subsidies and by professional institutions. During the seminar the participants analyzed the importance and the advantages of setting up organic food production, and examined cases of good practice in the field. The organisers believe that ecology is the only way to a bright future.

Seminar on the link between school and work, Ischia (IT)

This event was scheduled for October 2011, but at the time the present report went to press the AEHT Head Office had received no information from the organisers, despite repeated requests.

Third seminar of the AEHT's Higher Education Group on 'Hospitality management', Saarbrücken (DE)

Organized from April 19th to 22nd 2012 in the German Land of the Sarre, the third seminar run by the Higher Education Group (HEG) was a most useful event for the fifteen AEHT participants from 8 member schools and five different countries, both professionally as well as on a personal level.

Werner Plocher, head of the tourism and hospitality department of the host school (D04), had prepared an attractive seminar programme for his colleagues from member schools at EQF level 5 and above.



Guided tour through the host school: seminar colleagues listening to the head of the department for tourism and catering, Mr. Werner Plocher (far right), and admiring the ultra-modern equipment...



All ready for the management game: the participants are welcomed by the director of the Higher Vocational Training Center, Mrs. Sibylle Weber-Pohl (first row 3rd from right)

The get-together meeting on the evening of arrival offered the chance to renew longstanding AEHT friendships or to establish new ones; this informal networking forms an integral part of each continuing training session, which is in particular true for an AEHT seminar.

On Friday, April 20th, the director of the school, Mrs Sibylle Weber-Pohl (who is also the German representative on the AEHT Executive Board) cordially welcomed the guests from six European countries at her large training establishment (3000 students – one third of whom are in the tourism and hospitality department).

The first teaching highlight was the Management Game - an interesting pedagogical approach: four groups of participants with three to four members each had to take decisions in the field of general management and marketing for an outdoor leisure product (tents). The concept / basic data were developed by a German university – placed at the disposal of the host school by ALWIS (an NGO promoting entrepreneurial competences in schools); three ladies helped us to get acquainted with the principles of the game and to overcome technical queries when inputting data into the computers. The results for each of the three business periods were elaborated according to the decisions entered into the PCs; the printed and visualized outcome showed how well each group did in coping with the possibilities of their own company, the requirements of the consumers and the actions of the competitors in the market.

The features of this management simulation can be found under “Man Game English” doc. on the AEHT HEG website.

A delicious business lunch prepared us physically for the interesting afternoon, that started with a short tour of the school, before Mrs Silke Gräser read a paper on “trans-border tourism marketing” for the “Grande Région - large region” (final name still pending) of Saarland – Rhineland Pfalz (D) – Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg (L) – Lorraine (F) and Wallonia (B). The

activities of this touristic cross-border project comprise gathering basic touristic data of the regions involved, training of tourist guides, providing e-learning possibilities, promoting events, preparing print media, a website etc. The relevant Powerpoint presentation (see AEHT website) – is very suitable for teaching purposes and to draw conclusions for border regions.

The following three hours were reserved for AEHT-internal and other important matters: a short report on the work of AEHT's HEG, results of the Management Competition in The Hague (November 2011), the general German educational system, a preview of the Management Competition at this year's Annual Conference in Ohrid (MK) in October, a survey on two case studies regarding restaurant management, and finally the topics and the place of next year's HEG seminar: colleague Jana Podolakova (AEHT rep. for the Czech Republic) invited the delegates to meet in Podebrady and Prague around mid-April 2013. The main part of this evening session was discussing and evaluating management games in our work within tourism and hospitality teaching.



Trans-border tourism marketing for the "Grande Région" in the frontier regions of Germany – France – Luxemburg – Belgium: Mrs Silke Gräser explains the whys and hows...



A fascinating tourist attraction of the Saarland: the World Cultural Heritage Site of Völklingen, based on the state's rich industrial past (and at the center of a flourishing present)

Colleague Robert Hyde from Waterford College (IRL) informed the audience about his contribution to a working group on "The Virtual Classroom" and motivated them to adopt the essential ideas thereof. All the transparencies on these topics are to be found on AEHT's website.

Saturday April 21st was devoted to a practical project as a student-oriented teaching method in the format of a whole-day "touristic and gastronomical rally". We started with a tour of the old city of Saarbrücken (on foot though) – complemented by a small reception at Ludwigskirche; next was a visit to historic Saarlouis with the imposing Vauban fortifications; at the foot of large coal slag heaps we were served a "miners' lunch" that conveyed to us a genuine feeling of the region and its social conditions. The ultimate impression for the industrial past and present of the Saarland was reinforced at the Völklingen Hütte, those imposing iron and steel plants are unique in Europe, ensuring all stages of the production of pig iron and steel; its blast furnaces were declared a world cultural heritage - with the other part of the company still very active in steel production.

The final stop of the rally was at "Spicherer Höhe" – already on French territory (but in the Schengen area and with the "Grande Région" touristic-project this is no longer a problem) keeping alive sad memories as battle grounds between French and German troops. The restaurant up there represented truly "la cuisine française" with delicious starters, main courses and desserts – complemented by a taste of wines of the region. We used that final evening at

such a historic place to discuss again everything we learned on that memorable day about the opportunities of tourism and the local cuisine, and to carry out an informal evaluation of the whole seminar.

The elaborate seminar programme, the outstanding personal kindness of the colleagues of the host school at Saarbrücken, the “culinary pampering” at the school and at other places, the congenial work and discussions and the good understanding among the participants made this teacher training session a valuable and memorable event. And, considering the moderate seminar fee: financially all this seems possible only when the host school bears some of the actual costs and finds an additional sponsor – therefore: a big and cordial DANKE SCHÖN, Sibylle and Werner!

AEHT members who did not have the chance to personally take part in this teacher training session, can have a look at/download all the results from AEHT website (<http://www.aeht.eu/higher-education/>).

Seminar on ‘Dining with Eleonora of Arborea – historical, cultural, social, economic and gastronomic reality of Sardinia during the Middle Ages in the 14th century’, Oristano (IT)

Despite several reminders, by the time the present report went to press the AEHT Head Office had received no information from the I.P.S.A.A. “Don Deodato Meloni” school about the outcomes of its seminar entitled ‘Dining with Eleonora of Arborea’ scheduled for May 2nd-5th 2012 in Oristano, Sardinia.

6. Competitions and other Events

‘Eurocup 2011’ Young Barman Competition, Prešov, Slovakia

For the 19th consecutive year the EURO CUP International Young Bartender Competition took place in the charming Slovak town of Prešov from October 18th-20th 2011, though this time without financial support from the AEHT, for the simple reason that the event had already benefitted from a subsidy on several previous occasions.

The organisation of the competition had been carefully prepared in every detail, and the various parts of the event were a brilliant success. At the opening evening, after the official welcome speeches, the students laid on a magnificent dance and music show. The large hall, with its impressive numbers of delegations and spectators, echoed with enthusiastic applause from the audience.



The following day the various tests making up the competition ran impeccably well and bore witness to the high level of skills mastered by the contestants. The equipment, the ingredients, the time allocation, the decoration of the glasses – all these aspects were governed by strict rules and were evaluated by a highly qualified judging panel. The handball gymnasium, recently acquired by the school, was the ideal venue for this spectacular event. The contestants were loudly applauded by the spectators sitting in the raked seating. At 5 pm it was time to announce the winners, and the prize-giving ceremony once again gave rise to scenes of jubilation among all the young people in the gymnasium.



*Patricia Haberova - overall winner
in the category of individuals*

*Zdeněk Brůna – Flair style
winner*

The quality and rich variety of all the meals served at EURO CUP 2011 in Prešov were undeniable proof of the high level of gastronomy! The complete success of EURO CUP 2011 in Prešov was due to the complete commitment of the entire school – of its director, its teachers and all its students. All of them spoke with one voice and all of them worked with dedication until late at night, always attentive to the needs of their guests! If you want to get to know this event as well as the incomparable hospitality of the citizens of this pleasant town, then come this year in November to Prešov and participate in the 2012 EURO CUP!

International Atlantic Chocolate Festival 2011, Praia da Vitória, Terceira Island, Azores (PT)

The event took place from December 9th to 11th 2011, in the city of Praia da Vitória, Terceira Island, in the Archipelago of the Azores, Portugal.



The purpose of the event was:

- to involve participants in chocolate sculpting, a display and contest of chocolate sculptures made by each participant school. A bonbons competition was also organized amongst students of some delegations.
- to provide an opportunity for students and teachers to network with a view to future collaboration in terms of arranging student and teacher exchanges, and of planning participation in European programmes.
- to contribute to the local economy by providing off-season economic activity for local businesses.

The event attracted 21 participants from 6 member schools located in 5 countries.

Bartending competition for G&T Cup, Bled (Slovenia)

The 7th Bartending competition for the G&T Cup took place in Bled on Thursday 12th April, and was organized by The Vocational College for Catering and Tourism Bled.

The competition was once again attended by a number of young bartenders from five European countries: Slovenia (8), Croatia (1), Czech Republic (5), Slovakia (6) and Malta (1).

This year, the competition was held under the supervision and with the financial support of the AEHT (Association of European Hotel and Tourism Schools), which gave a special touch to this sort of competition.

The students of the final year of the Vocational College for Catering and Tourism Bled organized the competition under the supervision of Mr Peter Mihelčič. They took care of the competition part as well as of the preparation and serving food and drinks. The competition was divided into three parts:

- The competitors first had a written test to check the competitors' theoretical knowledge of different drinks;
- Next was the test of pouring beer where judges evaluated timing and skills.
- At 2 pm it was time for the main part of the event – mixing drinks, which also took place at Hotel Krim Bled.

Participants already had their recipes for a long drink prepared, which had to include Bacardi white rum and Fructal juices which were the main sponsors of the competition; the rest was left to competitors' imagination. The competitors were monitored and evaluated by the established members of The Slovenian Bartending Association. Each part was scored separately, but the last part was the most important in the overall rankings.

Adam Glemba was awarded the first prize, Barbara Letonja came second and in third place was Katarína Emíli Žuchova.

The organizers knew from the beginning that there would be a lot of talented competitors. Therefore, they also decided to give awards for the best decoration which was assigned to Matjaž Drole, the best technical work was shown by Katarína Emíli Žuchova, and the prize for the best served beer was awarded to Daniel Calta. The prize for the best school was awarded to the Hotel school of Podebrady (Czech Republic).

The main aim of the event, consisting of providing an opportunity for young barmen to show their skills in mixing drinks, in meeting new people at the same time, and in expanding their circle of acquaintances and enjoying the beauties of Slovenia, was entirely met.

The main sponsors of the event were the Bacardi and Fructal companies, but many others also contributed to the competition. The AEHT would like to offer thanks to all of them.

All our thanks go also to the head of the competition, Špela Triller, the provider of the animation Nika Vidmar, the catering coordinator Barbara Janc as well as to the coordinator for the selection and food preparation Manuel Majeric.

'GASTRO2012' competition, Dubrovnik (Croatia)

From April 16th–19th 2012 the fine city of Dubrovnik hosted, for the 32nd year, the international gastronomic championship GASTRO; 350 competitors from 50 schools took part, including several schools from elsewhere in the world, and in particular several AEHT member schools from Switzerland, Italy, the Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Armenia.

The competition was organised by the Dubrovnik Hotel and Tourism School, an establishment with 65 years of educational experience in these sectors. The various contests as well as most of the other activities on the programme took place in the Valamar and Babin Kuk hotels. These competitions were run according to a modified set of rules, adapted to conform to the AEHT's guidelines for organising competitions. The event is supported by the Croatian government, because it represents the most prestigious contest for students of catering and tourism in Croatia.



Following their selection at regional competitions, 350 students accompanied by their teachers, competed in one of the following nine contests:

1. Preparation of a menu
2. Service of a menu
3. Flambé work
4. Preparation of an artifact in salt dough for the exhibition
5. Preparation of an artifact in sugar for the exhibition
6. Bar
7. Front office
8. Travel Agency
9. Presentation of a tourist destination

In order to experience these competitions in pictures, please view the video of the event at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqJqaK8I6DA>.

The organisers were very pleased with the skills of these young people, who excelled both in the quality and in the creativity of their work.

14th Bartolomeo Scappi International Competition, Castel San Pietro (IT)

The 14th ‘Bartolomeo Scappi’ International Wine and Gastronomy Competition was held from April 16th to April 19th 2012 in Castel San Pietro Terme (I), organised by the IIS ‘Bartolomeo Scappi’ in collaboration with ‘Cuochi Associati Professionisti Italiani – Italian Associated Professional Chefs’, an Italian association of professional chefs. The contest, which is part of the ‘Very Slow Italia’ event and was subsidized by the AEHT, enabled students to compete together and to familiarise themselves with the local natural produce, through competitions and organised visits which took place as part of the event. The contest attracted 74 participants from 18 member schools located in six countries, of which 12 were from Italy and six from abroad (St Johann (Austria), Weyer (Austria), Barcelona (Spain), Guyancourt (France), Diekirch (Luxembourg) and Istanbul (Turkey)).

The students competed in the following four contests:

- pastry
- culinary arts
- bar
- wine waiter/sommellerie

Given the specificity of locally produced wines the wine competition was reserved for Italian schools, but the organisers plan to make the necessary changes to enable non-Italian schools to take part.

‘Azorean Pineapple Challenge’ Festival, Ponta Delgada, Azores (PT)

The ‘Azorean Pineapple Challenge’ festival was held on April 25th-29th 2012 in Ponta Delgada and attracted 52 delegates from 13 schools, of which 12 were AEHT member schools, located in eight countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, and Turkey).

On the first day, half of the teams competed in the cooking and restaurant service contests. The other half did the same on the second day, in the morning and during lunch time. In the afternoon, all teams were involved in the bar competition. On the third day, participants explored the major landscapes of S. Miguel Island and visited a pineapple plantation. On the third evening there was the closing ceremony with a formal dinner and the prize-giving ceremony.

The winners of each category were:

- Best Restaurant service: Stredni odborné učiliste a Strdni odborná škola SCMSD (Czech Republic)
- Best cook: Stredni odborné učiliste a Strdni odborná škola SCMSD (Czech Republic)
- Best barman: Tourismsschulen am Wilden Kaiser (Austria)
- Special award for creativity and innovation: Stredni odborné učiliste a Strdni odborná škola SCMSD (Czech Republic)
- Best team: Stredni odborné učiliste a Strdni odborná škola SCMSD (Czech Republic)

'Flavours & Cinema – Algarve'12' festival, Faro, Portugal

The Hospitality and Tourism School of the Algarve hosted the 9th edition of its internationally renowned event, which for the 2nd consecutive year had as its theme “Flavours & Cinema”. The event took place from May 2nd to May 4th 2012.



The event, supported by AEHT, involved following schools:

- Centro Formazione Professionale di Como - Italy
- Istanbul Anadolu Otelcilik Turizm Mezlek Lisesi - Turkey
- Escola de Formação Turística e Hoteleira de Ponta Delgada – Azores Island
- Escola de Formação em Turismo de Aveiro
- Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo de Mirandela
- Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo de Santa Maria da Feira
- Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo do Oeste – Caldas da Rainha
- Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo do Estoril
- Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo do Algarve - Faro

Besides the experiences exchanged and the good-natured competition organized amongst participants, this event required various inputs from all students of the host school, involving the entire school community and providing several opportunities for practical evaluation. It was also an opportunity for social and cultural interaction between the participants.



The Ponta Delgada team, all smiles at the success of their performance

Here is the list of the trophies awarded to the winning teams:

- Troféu “Futuro Cozinheiro” (best cooking team) – Escola de Formação Turística e Hoteleira de Ponta Delgada – Azores island
- Troféu “Marcador Dourado” (best waiter) – Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo do Algarve

Troféu “Turismo de Portugal” (best buffet) – Escola de Formação Turística e Hoteleira de Ponta Delgada – Azores island
 Troféu “Cidade de Faro” (best general classification) – Escola de Formação Turística e Hoteleira de Ponta Delgada – Azores Island
 Troféu “Cine Gastronómico” (best link between cinema and gastronomy) - Istanbul Anadolu Otelcilik Turizm Mezlek Lisesi - Turkey
 Troféu “Flavours & Cinema” (best decorative table) - Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo do Algarve
 Troféu “Foreign Flavours” (foreign teams)
 - Centro di Formazione Professionale di Como - Italy
 - Istanbul Anadolu Otelcilik Turizm Mezlek Lisesi – Turkey

7. Christmas in Europe in Zagreb, Croatia, December 1st – 7th 2011



The 20th Christmas in Europe took place from December 1st-7th in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, a country which is on the threshold of joining the European Union in July 2013.

Christmas in Europe in Zagreb was organised almost in emergency circumstances by the ‘Hotelijersko-turisticka skola u Zagrebu’ with support from the EU’s ‘Youth in Action’ programme; the event brought together 96 participants from 20 Hotel and Tourism Schools located in 15 countries. It was a challenge picked up with great panache by Marija Rasan-Krizanac and her teams consisting of around ten teachers and about 50 students. They were joined by delegations from half a dozen Croatian schools, which had come as reinforcements to support the organisers in every aspect of Christmas in Europe.

As is the case each year, the guidelines for the three components of the event – the exhibition, the European buffet and the cultural programme – were followed to the letter. The exhibition was officially opened by AEHT President Klaus Enengl, by the event’s founder Christiane Keller and by organiser Marija Rasan-Krizanac; located on the 17th floor of the Westin hotel, the exhibition once again enabled each participating school to present on its stand the Christmas traditions and tourist attractions of their respective regions. Thanks to a well organised publicity campaign on the television and radio and in the newspapers, a number of visitors found their way to the Westin, including pupils and children from an orphanage who were delighted with this opportunity to escape from their daily routine, and who appreciated the sweetmeats that they were offered.

The parade through the streets of Zagreb was quite an event: a section of the Guard of the Kravat Regiment in full uniform led the participants, wearing their national costumes and with their flags flying in the breeze, as far as the cathedral to attend a mass, celebrated with fervour. Meanwhile all along the route the police held up the traffic! The crowds of pedestrians really enjoyed this fine spectacle.

The European buffet, which had also been set up on the 17th floor of the Westin Hotel, in the Opera Hall, lived up to - no, amply exceeded – all expectations. Delegates from every school had brought in their luggage everything they needed to prepare some choice dishes. The tastefully laid-out buffets caused the usual rush of hungry and discerning diners. As there was more food than was needed, the excess was presented to the local parish to be given out to the children on the Feast of St Nicholas.

And finally there was the cultural programme laid on by each school and performed in Zagreb's Gavella Theatre; the programme attracted a large number of the students from the nearby Hotel School, who came along to see the show. The theatre was filled to the very last seat, and the show was as rich as it was varied, and very colourful; the humour, the sketches, the song and dance brought well-deserved applause!

As well as these three essential pillars of Christmas in Europe, we should also mention the impeccable organisation which enabled the participants to discover the city of Zagreb, whose centre was only a ten minute walk away from the Westin Hotel. Furthermore, the last day's excursion to Kaprina and the Neanderthal Museum, and the 'journey back through time' in the city were also much appreciated outings.

The formal closing of the 2011 Christmas in Europe took place at the traditional final gala evening in the Opera Hall of the Westin Hotel - the true zenith of these five days in Zagreb. The evening's programme started with a concert from the Zagreb 'Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra' and was graced with the presence of Mr Zlatan Muftic, Director for Tourism in Zagreb. After a few words of welcome and thanks from Marija Rasan Krizanac and from Christiane Keller, founder of Christmas in Europe, the AEHT flag was formally handed over by Marija Rasan Krizanac to Mojca Jost from the Bled Hotel School in Slovenia, which was to host the next Christmas in Europe. However this arrangement had to be deferred because the building work at the Bled school's training hotel would not be finished until December 2012. A new destination therefore had to be found, and the GIORGIO PERLASCA KERESKEDELMI, VENDÉGLÁTÓ SZAKKÖZÉPISKOLA ÉS SZAKISKOLA School has volunteered to hold the next Christmas in Europe in Budapest, Hungary, from November 28th to December 4th 2012.

The Zagreb Christmas in Europe will undoubtedly hold fond memories for the participants for years to come.

A detailed and illustrated report on the event by Jo Laegny may be consulted on the AEHT website (www.aeht.lu) as well as in the December 2011 edition of the AEHT's newsletter.

Comparison with previous years:

Year	Venue	Participants	Country	Schools
2011	Zagreb	96 ***	15	20
2010	Ponta Delgada	76	11	16
2009	Poznan	115	18	25
2008	Château Chinon	90 **	13	17*
2007	Semmering	69	12	15*
2006	Orebrö	81	13	16
2005	Fundaõ	74	11	15
2004	Bad Ischl	86	16	18
2003	Senigallia	135	16	22
2002	Kuresaare	70	12	14

Year	Venue	Participants	Country	Schools
2001	Poznan	150	19	20
2000	Rhodes	300	17	18
1999	Bonneville	72	10	12
1998	Podebrady	70	12	13
1997	Espoo	92	14	15
1996	Budapest	90	11	13
1995	Barcelona	70	10	13
1994	Copenhagen	88	13	19

* *organizing school not included*

** *figure still needs to be confirmed by the organizers*

*** *excluding the Croatian schools which were drafted in to help the organisers*

8. Teacher Placements

In 2010-2011, the Human Resources Directorate of ACCOR Hotels suspended the organisation of teacher placements in the Group's units, because of a decline in take-up by our teachers of the placements on offer. This decline is partly explained by the fact that almost all of these placements were in French-speaking and not English-speaking countries.

In order to fill the gap left by ACCOR's withdrawal from the scheme, the AEHT Presidium has made every effort to find alternative hotel groups for the organization of teacher placements. Several meetings were arranged in 2011 in Brussels, such as with representatives of the STARWOOD Group, which includes the following hotel chains, and has very few franchised hotels: Le Méridien, Four Points, Westin, Luxury Collection, Bliss, aLoft, Sheraton, Element, W Hotels and St Regis. Mrs Ingrid ERAS, STARWOOD's Vice-President of their 'People Development and Staffing EAME' (Europe, Africa and Middle East) department attended the AEHT Annual Conference in The Hague to present her company to the General Assembly and to underline STARWOOD's readiness to collaborate with the AEHT in that field. In early 2012 an agreement was successfully negotiated: the arrangements for taking part in STARWOOD 2012 placements were drawn up, and several placements were offered to teachers in AEHT member schools:

Hotel	Country	City
Sheraton Amsterdam Airport Hotel & Conference Center	The Netherlands	Amsterdam
W Istanbul	Turkey	Istanbul
Le Méridien Beach Plaza	Monaco	Monte Carlo
Le Méridien Etoile	France	Paris
The Westin Dublin	Ireland	Dublin
Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel	Belgium	Zaventem
Le Méridien Brussels	Belgium	Brussels

Since the final statistics were not yet available when the present report went to press, the following is a provisional statement of the operation:

NAME	DESTINATION / HOTEL	DEPARTMENT
Renato Caria	W Istanbul	Revenue Management
Theo Verkoyen	W Istanbul	Housekeeping
Federica Mostardi	W Dublin	
Eva Maria Gleich	W Dublin	
Eva Maria Breitenfellner	W Dublin?	
Gerhard Haas	Le Méridien Etoile Paris	Marketing & sales
Donatella Venturi	Berlin (not applicable)	cooking

Conditions governing teachers' participation:

- Lodging at the host hotel is provided at special room rates (rates charged to Starwood staff). Lodging at the host hotel is not compulsory;
- Meals are free of charge if taken at the staff canteen; 50% reduction is granted to those who eat in the hotel's public restaurant;
- The AEHT reimburses travel costs up to a maximum of €200;
- The teacher is present in the hotel as an observer, and is not obliged to work;
- To cover its administrative costs the AEHT charges each participant €80, except those participants from Eastern European countries which are not members of the European Union: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Rep. of Macedonia, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine. This administrative charge is deducted directly from the AEHT's subsidy for travelling expenses.

9. Meetings

• Meetings of the Presidium

November 8 th 2011	The Hague, The Netherlands
March 17 th 2012	Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia
August 3 rd – 4 th 2012	Bad Ischl, Austria

- Meetings of the Executive Board

November 9 th 2011	The Hague, The Netherlands
March 18 th 2012	Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia

Reports covering these meetings may be consulted under the 'Meetings and reports' rubric at www.aeht.eu.

- General Assembly

November 10 th 2011	The Hague, The Netherlands
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Reports covering the General Assemblies may be consulted under the 'Meetings and reports' rubric at www.aeht.eu.

Several illustrated reports covering the Executive Board and Presidium meetings in various countries have been published in the AEHT newsletters and may be consulted at the same Internet site.

10. Representation

As far as possible the Presidium has accepted invitations from event organisers, and was represented at events organised by member schools under the aegis of the AEHT by one of the members of the Presidium or of the Council of Elders.

	EVENT	AEHT Representative
2011		
OCTOBER		
October 6 th – 8 th	Gastro Futura-Time for Eco Seminar, Maribor (SI)	-
October 18 th – 20 th	Eurocup 2011 - Junior bartenders competition (19 th ed.), Prešov (SK)	Natalia Komanicka Hans Russegger
NOVEMBER		
November 7 th – 12 th	24 th AEHT Annual Conference, The Hague (NL)	All members of the Presidium and several members of the Council of Elders
DECEMBER		
December 1 st – 8 th	20 th Christmas in Europe, Zagreb (HR)	Klaus Enengl Nadine Schintgen
December 9 th -11 th	Chocolate Festival of the Atlantic, Praia da Vitória, Terceira Island, Azores (PT)	-
2012		
APRIL		
April 11 th – 13 th	7th bartender G&T Cup Competition, Bled (SI)	-
April 16 th – 19 th	32 th edition of the Gastro competition, Dubrovnik (HR)	-
April 16 th – 19 th	14 th edition of the Bartolomeo Scappi International Competition, Castel San Pietro Terme (IT)	-
April 19 th – 22 nd	Seminar for teachers and directors on Hospitality and Tourism Management (EQF level 5 and above), Saarbrücken (DE)	Adolf Steindl
April 25 th – 29 th	Azorean Pineapple Challenge Festival, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores (PT)	-
MAY		
May 2 nd – 4 th	‘Flavours & Cinema – Algarve 12’, Faro (PT)	Ana Paula Pais
May 2 nd – 5 th	Seminar on ‘Dining with Eleonora of Arborea - the historical, cultural, social, economic and gastronomic reality of Sardinia during the Middle Ages in the 14 th century, Oristano, Sardinia (IT)	-

11. Publications

- **Newsletters**

In 2007 we adopted a new form of communication – the internal newsletter. Two lengthy numbers appeared in 2011/2012: one in December 2011 and another in May 2012. The newsletters to a large extent replace the information sheets which members used to receive, and we recommend that you at least glance through so as not to miss important announcements and deadlines as well as other information about the activities organised in collaboration with the AEHT.

- **Website: www.aeht.eu**

The new website www.aeht.eu which can now accept, among other things, advertising from our professional partners, has been up and running since 2006. It was set up by our webmaster, Ahti Paju, who is in charge of IT at the Kuressaare Ametikool in Kuressaare, and the site is periodically updated by the General Secretary and by the webmaster who both add information about the AEHT's activities. The software enabling the administrative staff to update (periodically) online members' data has been in operation and is running perfectly. Since 2008 the website has also been used to manage registrations for the Annual Conferences.

In 2004 we began updating information on national education systems in general and on training for the hotel, restaurant and tourism professions in particular, using data provided by our national representatives. The Presidium requests that they continue to review periodically the published information and inform the Head Office of any changes needed.

Articles written by the AEHT's official journalist, Jo Laegny, on a variety of subjects, particularly the Annual Conferences and Christmas in Europe may be consulted on the website. We should also like to express our thanks to Hans Russegger, Adolf Steindl, John Rees Smith, Nadine Schintgen and several AEHT event organizers, who have helped make the website more attractive by writing and/or translating articles.

We invite all members to visit the website regularly to keep themselves informed about the AEHT's activities and about announcements of any changes. The rubric entitled 'News from our Members' allows any member to announce and describe activities which may be of interest to the entire membership. Comments and suggestions about the form and content of the website are welcome and should be sent to the AEHT Head Office.

- **AEHT Yearbook on DVD and the membership list on Internet**

The latest version of the AEHT Yearbook on DVD was published in July 2010. For reasons of economy, the AEHT Presidium had decided to postpone the publication of the next edition. As all data of members are periodically updated on the AEHT website and accessible to everybody, this decision in no way disadvantages the membership.

Please inform the Head Office (secretariat@aeht.lu) as soon as possible of any changes to be made to the contact details published on the AEHT website.

- **Mail sent out to AEHT members in English and French**

Following the financial cuts imposed by the Presidium at the end of 2005, distribution by mail has been replaced by electronic communication (see next paragraph).

12. Electronic Communication

The use of electronic communication has become indispensable because of budget cuts and because of the urgency of some announcements. It is therefore vitally important that the AEHT is in possession of a working e-mail address pour each and every member of the AEHT. Anyone who has not received one or more of the communications listed below is requested to ensure that the AEHT has an up-to-date e-mail address for them, and to check that their server does not treat grouped e-mails from the AEHT as SPAM. If this is the case, please ensure that your system recognises secretariat@aeht.lu as a reliable source.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, the following electronic communications have been sent to AEHT members:

Date	Sent to	Content
2011		
September 5	To all AEHT members	Invitation and relevant documents in English relating to the Chocolate Festival scheduled for December 2011 in Praia di Vitoria (PL)
September 5	To all AEHT members	Invitation and registration form for the 20 th Christmas in Europe scheduled for December 2011 in Zagreb (HR)
September 5	To all AEHT members	Reminder of the deadline for registration for the Annual Conference in The Hague
September 13	To all AEHT members	Reminder about registering for the 'Gastro Futura – Time for Ecology' seminar scheduled for October 2011 in Maribor (SI)
September 14	To all AEHT members	Invitation and relevant documents in French relating to the Chocolate Festival scheduled for December 2011 in Praia di Vitoria (PL)
September 15	To all AEHT members	Information regarding places still available for the various competitions to take place in The Hague (NL)
September 19	To all AEHT members	Reminder: invitation to Eurocup 2011 in Prešov (SK)
September 21	To all AEHT members	Information on the services and professional placements offered by the new professional partner: CIEE-Council on International Educational Exchange
October 3	To all AEHT members	Reminder of the registration deadline for the Chocolate Festival scheduled for December 2011 in Praia di Vitoria (PL))
October 5	To all AEHT members	Invitation to the General Assembly in The Hague (NL) Call for proposals for events for 2012
October 7	To all the heads of delegations taking part in the Annual Conference	Information requested from participants by the organisers of the 2011 Annual Conference
October 17	To all members of the Executive Board	Invitation to the Executive Board meeting in November in The Hague (NL)
October 21	To all participants in Christmas in Europe	Form applying for membership of the 'Christmas in Europe 2011' project partnership cofinanced by the EU 'Youth in Action' programme, together with financial instructions
October 24	To all participants in Christmas in Europe	Relevant information in English and French on the city of Zagreb and on Croatia
October 24	To all AEHT members	Special offer from Déglon SA for participants in the Annual Conference in The Hague
October 24	To all AEHT members	Important information/instructions about arrangements for the Annual Conference in The Hague (NL)

Date	Sent to	Content
2011(continued)		
November 27	To all AEHT members	Invitation and relevant documents in English and French about the 'Azores 2012 Pineapple Challenge' scheduled for April 2012 in Ponta Delgada (PT)
November 30	To all AEHT members	Further information about the 'Azores 2012 Pineapple Challenge' scheduled for April 2012 in Ponta Delgada (PT)
November 30	To all AEHT members	Special offers from la Casa della Divisa for AEHT members
December 9	To all AEHT members	Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held in The Hague on November 9 th 2011
December 15	To all AEHT members	Invitation, programme and registration form for the AEHT Youth Parliament to be held in March 2012 in Iceland
December 16	To all AEHT members	Appeal for witnesses for a report on the French TV channel M6
December 17	To all AEHT members	Minutes of the General Assembly held in The Hague on November 10 th 2011
December 19	To all AEHT members	17 th edition of the AEHT's electronic newsletter (first version)
December 21	To all AEHT members	17 th edition of the AEHT's electronic newsletter (version including the article by Maurice Rohner on Christmas in Europe)
2012		
January 9	To all AEHT members	Information in English on the conference and competition entitled 'The International Partnership Eco VET Conference and the Gastronomy & Tourism Destination Competition' organised in Szeged (HU) on April 17 th -21 st 2012
January 10	To all AEHT members	Reminder of the registration deadline for the AEHT Youth Parliament in Kópavogur (Iceland)
January 16	To all members of the Executive Board, the Council of Elders and the Competitions Committee	Invitation to the meetings of the Executive Board, the Council of Elders and the Competitions Committee to be held on Saturday March 17 th in Ohrid and Skopje (MK)
January 24	To all members of the Executive Board, the Council of Elders and the Competitions Committee	Invitation, programme and registration form for the 3 rd seminar of the Higher Education Group in Saarbrücken (DE) in April 2012
January 24	To all members of the Executive Board	Further information about the seminar entitled 'the Azores 2012 Pineapple Challenge' in April in Ponta Delgada (PT)
January 27	To all AEHT members	Partner search by the EFTA- Escola de Formação Profissional em Turismo de Aveiro – in the context of a LdV mobility project for students of reception, tourism, restaurant service and culinary arts
February 1	To all AEHT members	Form for updating members' data with a view to publishing a new edition of the AEHT year book
February 2	To all AEHT members	Extension of the registration deadline for the 'Azores 2012 Pineapple Challenge' scheduled for April in Ponta Delgada (PT)
February 15	To all AEHT members	Reminder about registration for the Higher Education seminar in Saarbrücken in April 2012
February 15	To all AEHT members	Invitation, programme, rule book, list of ingredients and registration form for the 'Flavours & Cinema 12' in May 2012 in Faro (PT)
February 16	To all AEHT members	Information about staff vacancies in the Le Meurice hotel in Paris
February 27	To all AEHT members	Presentation of hospitality and tourism courses at the Docklands Academy in London (sent in several parts)
February 29	To all AEHT members	Reminder about registration for the Higher Education seminar to be held in Saarbrücken in April 2012
February 29	To all AEHT members	Special offers from la Casa della Divisa for AEHT members
March 9	To all AEHT members	Partner search for the Youth in Action project relating to 'Christmas in Europe 2012' initially planned for Bled (SI)
March 12	To all members of the Executive Board, the Council of Elders and the Competitions Committee	Invitation, programme, rule book and registration form for the GASTRO 2012 competition to be held on April 16 th -19 th in Dubrovnik (HR)
March 12	To all AEHT members	Invitation, programme, rule book, list of ingredients and registration form for the 'Coupe G&T' bartender competition to be held in Bled (SI) on April 12 th 2012

Date	Sent to	Content
2012 (continued)		
March 20	To all AEHT members	Announcement by the Croatian Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools of a contest involving the creation of posters for ‘the promotion of regional tourism’; the posters are intended to be exhibited and presented at the GASTRO international event in Dubrovnik (HR) in April 2012
March 29	To all AEHT members	Brochure on summer courses offered by the ‘Docklands Academy’ in London to students from the AEHT’s member schools
April 2	To all AEHT members	Programme and registration form for the seminar entitled ‘Dining with Eleonora of Arborea to be held in Oristano (IT) on May 2 nd -5 th
April 10 + 11	To all AEHT members	Appeal for schools interested in taking part in Christmas in Europe 2012, and reminder of the new regulations imposed by the Youth in Action programme should the event be cofinanced by the EU
April 12	To all AEHT members	Additional information relating to the seminar entitled ‘Dining with Eleonora of Arborea’ to be held in Oristano (IT) on May 2 nd -5 th
April 14	To all AEHT members	Updated programme and registration form for the seminar entitled ‘Dining with Eleonora of Arborea’ to be held in Oristano (IT) on May 2 nd -5 th
April 15	To all AEHT members	Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held in March 18 th 2012 in Ohrid (MK)
April 16	To all AEHT members	Information about the opening of a new branch of the BBI-Bruxelles higher education institute in Wiltz (BBI-Lux)
May 9	To all AEHT members	Invitation, guidelines and registration form for the International Chocolate Festival to be held in Praia da Vitória, Azores (PT) on December 7 th -9 th 2012
May 27	To all AEHT members	AEHT Newsletter for May 2012
June 5	To all AEHT members	Additional information about the Annual Conference in Ohrid
June 11	To all AEHT members	Further instructions about payment of the fees for the Ohrid Annual Conference
June 13	To all members of the Executive Board	2 nd International Professional Conference entitled ‘Trends and challenges in food technologies, in nutrition and in hospitality and tourism’ to be held on November 16 th -17 th 2012 at the Biotechnical Educational Centre Ljubljana
June 15	To all AEHT members	Information about the 13 th ‘Worldwide Hospitality Awards’ competition to be held on November 12 th 2012 in Paris (FR), and organised by the MKG Group
June 20	To all AEHT members	Rule book and call for candidates to take part in the ‘Golden Trophy of Italian Culinary Arts’ scheduled for February 2013 in Brescia (IT)
July 2	To all AEHT members	Additional information about the 2012 Annual Conference in Ohrid (transfers, extra nights, availability of new website, etc.)
July 4	To all AEHT members	Partner search by the Fatima hotel school for a European project aiming to establish a new training profile for Cycle IV in culinary arts/pastry/restaurant service/bar, and to restructure the various syllabuses and teaching methods
July 18 + 19	To all AEHT members	Special offer from Déglon SA cutlery company for AEHT member schools
July 25	To all AEHT members	AEHT Annual Report

13. ‘Youth in action’ projects

The Rhodes hotel school had been obliged to withdraw its offer to host Christmas in Europe 2011 because of the Greek financial crisis and the austerity measures implemented by the Greek government; the Zagreb hotel school picked up the torch, so a modified application for funding had to be drawn up and submitted at the last minute (November 2011) by the General Secretary to the Luxembourg national agency of the EU’s ‘Youth in Action’ programme. The

application was approved in early December 2011. The final report was submitted on January 30th 2012 and accepted by the national agency on May 9th 2012.

Since the grant from the 'Youth in Action' programme had greatly contributed to running Christmas in Europe 2011, the Presidium decided to submit another application in 2012. However, the programme's priorities had changed between 2011 and 2012, so the application had to be adapted to the new rules, in particular by integrating young people who are underprivileged (socially, economically, medically, educationally, culturally and/or geographically) into the group participating in the Budapest event, as well as by organising a seminar on the subject of exclusion, racism and xenophobia. The new project application (LU-11-E10-2012-R2) was submitted on May 1st 2012 and approved on June 12th 2012. A preparatory meeting to plan the event will take place in Bad Ischl in August. Since certain expenses which were allowable in 2011 can no longer be claimed for in 2012, the EU grant now available to the AEHT turns out to be lower than the subsidy received in 2011, but will enable the AEHT to cover a part of the organizational costs, travelling expenses and administrative costs. However, co-financing by the EU remains subject to the following conditions, among others:

1. The event must from now on last at least six days, excluding the day of arrival and the day of departure (if no activities are arranged on these two days). Therefore at least one extra day must be added to the usual Christmas in Europe programme – the additional cost of this will be entirely covered by the project.
2. The event will host up to 60 students and 40 accompanying teachers. This number is more or less the same as the usual number of participants at present. In addition to the extra cost of the additional day reimbursed to the organisers, the AEHT will pay a grant per participant for travel costs (amount to be determined). This payment will be for all participants mentioned in the project (max. 100 participants).

14. Promotional material

At future Annual Conferences several teams could win the same ranking and medal at the competitions. To meet this increased demand for medals, the AEHT requested estimates from suppliers in several countries and has just placed an order with an Estonian supplier for medals and attachment ribbons bearing an inscription relating to the AEHT Annual Conference. Watermarked paper used for printing certificates of attendance at the Annual Conference and for participation in the competitions was also re-ordered in February 2012. Since the stock of AEHT pins had run out, a new order had to be placed in October 2011. All of these items will also be used for the Annual Conference marking the AEHT's 25th anniversary on 2013.

Members are reminded that highly fashionable ties and scarves, as well as other articles bearing the AEHT logo are on sale through our website, where members can download an order form which can be sent to the AEHT secretariat (secretariat@aeht.lu). Some items will also be on sale at the 2012 Annual Conference in Ohrid.

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