NEWSLETTER JUNE 2012

Dear friends and members,

We are certainly always trying to reach some new goals and in this direction we are very happy to report an essential progress in one main goal we want to achieve: the active participation of EURO-TC members in our activities.

One positive result of this increased interest is the fact that for the first time 10 of our members applied together for a European project featuring the very important topic of relapse prevention and intervention.

I am personally very happy that we cooperate and strengthen the work of essential topics in treatment and rehabilitation and bring a very practical approach into our scientific exchange. Our activities are a story of success: Since many years we continue to involve clients in international meetings through the international soccer cup and the international theatre therapy seminar, giving a voice to the user. Seeing the client as a partner in our therapeutic community approach who actively has his voice heard we demonstrate an integrative flexible approach that is needed and necessary for our efforts in treatment.

2011 was a year of extraordinary successful activities such as:

- **Soccer Without Drugs Cup**, hosted by *Projecto Hombre Castilla la Mancha* in Guadalajara (Spain) 04.07. - 09.07.2011
  Find the report here: [http://euro-tc.org/content/activities-2011](http://euro-tc.org/content/activities-2011)

- **Family Constellation Seminar**, hosted by Euro-TC member *TZ Izvor*, Sarajevo (Bosnia) 29.06. - 01.07.2011
  Find the report here: [http://euro-tc.org/content/activities-2011](http://euro-tc.org/content/activities-2011)

- **Euro-TC Conference** together with our friends from the *IREFREA network*, Coimbra (Portugal) 29.09. - 01.10.2011
  Find the report here: [http://euro-tc.org/content/activities-2011](http://euro-tc.org/content/activities-2011)

- **Mother & Child Seminar** incl. a training session, hosted by *Villa Renata* (Italy), Venice 24.11. - 25.11.2011
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The success of 2011 motivated our ambition for 2012. At this point I have to mention that with Nikoleta Nikisianli we have a powerful and on the other hand very diligent operating manager who was engaged much more as usual also in the technical difficult issues of applications and grants for the European Commission. We are very happy to have her on board.

With very best wishes to all of you,
Thomas Legl, President

**Euro-TC Activities 2012**

Euro-TC activities for **2012** can be summarised as follows:
Concerning our involvement within the EU and the European Drug Strategy we are happy to report that again we have been chosen as member of the Civil Society Forum of Drugs, which now has been upgraded, to an expert group for the European Commission. There was very active involvement in the development of a statement for the upcoming new drug strategy. The document will be attached to this newsletter.

We also attach a reaction drafted by honorary member of Euro-TC, former Hungarian Drug Coordinator Ákos Topolánszky as member of EESC (European Economic and Social Committee), the paper was recently adopted by the committee.

As there are very different organisations involved in this group the constructive outcome is certainly a very valuable success demonstrating that civil society functions.

**Annual conference:**
This year’s conference will feature the topic “**30 years of achievement and how to protect in the time of crisis**”. On the occasion of Euro-TC’s 30st anniversary there is time for a review but also for a reflexion into the future and how to protect the valuable achievements treatment centres have reached over the years. The date for the conference has been scheduled for **October 25 and 26** and the location will be Palma de Mallorca/ Spain. We are very happy that Euro-TC member Projecte Home Balears located in Palma de Mallorca accepted to act as local organiser. In addition, there will be again a cooperation with IREFREA who holds a seminar on empowerment of families. We will share facilities and create overlappings in the program making the whole event even more attractive for the visitors. We definitely are very happy to see you there and want to inform that there is the possibility of funding for your travel. If you are interested, please contact the office. The program will be ready shortly.

**Mother & Children seminar:**
Our very engaged member Tannenhof Berlin has accepted our proposition to organise this year’s mother & children seminar. Honorary Vice President Horst Brömer is again a guarantee for excellent program and organisation. Experienced speakers and innovative training seminar will again make the event a meeting not to be missed. The date for the seminar has already been scheduled: **November 29 – 30.**
Theatre Therapy Seminar:
Euro-TC member *Megallo in Budapest/ Hungary* will host the theatre therapy seminar 2012. This will be the last activity for the year 2012 and probably take place in December.

On this occasion we would also like you to pay attention to the 15th **Soccer Without Drugs Cup** that will be hosted for the first time by Euro-TC member *Doroga Center from Lviv/ Ukraine*.

Member's News:
From now on we will inform you on some of our members’ latest activities, achievements, etc. Please feel free to inform us on a regular base about your organisations’ important news, projects, etc.

Projecte Home Balears:

**Concert at Mallorca Cathedral**

Projecte Home Balears (PHB) is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. One of the events that PHB organizes therefore is a concert at the Mallorca Cathedral.

On Friday 29th June the 9th Symphony from Beethoven will be played at Palma Cathedral:

Four prestigious soloists will accompany the Symphony Orchestra and the Choir of the University of the Balearic Islands.
They Beethoven 9th Symphony is a hymn that transmits hope for all of us and for the society in general.

The proceeds from this event will be donated to Projecte Home Balears.
The Rotary club Mallorca and 20 organisations are collaborating for this fundraising event in order to make it a success. PHB would like to thank all the people involved in the organisation of the event and they intend to liven up the Balearic society.
BWLV (Baden-Württembergischer Landesverband für Prävention und Rehabilitation gGmbH) Germany:
Vice President Christian Heise has recently celebrated the 5. anniversary after the fusion between the blv and Drogenhilfe Tübingen. Positive outcomes of that fusion in terms of information management, quality management and administration are mentioned in the article below as well as the establishment of three day hospitals and six competence centres which occurred after the fusion. According to Christian Heise it is especially the qualified and motivated staff of the facilities that ensures positive developments.

Bilanz: 5 Jahre Fusion bwlv

Vor fünf Jahren fusionierten der Badische Landesverband für Prävention und Rehabilitation (blv.) und die Drogenhilfe Tübingen (DHT) zu einer gemeinnützigen Gesellschaft. In einer Fusionsfeier haben die Geschäftsführung und Führungskräfte des bwlv eine positive Bilanz gezogen.
Dazu zählt beispielsweise die ambulante Reha für pathologische Glücksspieler, Angebote für Mediensüchtige, die betriebliche Sozialberatung und die Ausweitung der teilstationären Reha. „Der bwlv ist damit immer einen Schritt voraus“, so das Fazit der Geschäftsführung.
Geschäftsführer Thomas Bader wies auf die therapeutischen Weiterentwicklungen hin, wie z.B. die Rehabilitation für Substituierte in Tübingen und die optimierte Vorbereitung auf die berufliche Wiedereingliederung in der Fachklinik Wiesengrund.