



Ifhohyp News Spring 2006 Edition

- **Study Session in April 2006!**
 - **Summertime in Spain!**
 - **....and more!**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2005 of IFHOHYP

IFHOHYP Annual General Meeting 2005 was held on 7th of May 2005 in the organization of SHJO in Utrecht, Holland. SHJO made the arrangement of the meeting. Before starting the AGM, Karina Chupina made a little speech about IFHOHYP, she spoke about the motivation, we must be motivated because IFHOHYP has a lot of opportunities, that power should be multiplying, we must transfer the information to our organizations and motivate the people, give our ideas, opinions, be more active. "What you do is what you get".

§ 1. Opening and presentation of the meeting participants – Who is the delegate and who is the observer.

IFHOHYP's President Karina Chupina opened the meeting at 11 o'clock. Here is the list of participants below:

Bonaventura	Spain	Observer	VicePresident	Maria	Lopez Garcia
Bonaventura	Spain	Delegate		Paco	Moya Dolz
SHJO	Netherlands	Delegate		Christi	Menheere
SHJO	Netherlands	Observer		Gerard	Van Maurik
A.Fa.M.U.T	Italy	Delegate		Vanessa	Migliosi
A.Fa.M.U.T	Italy	Observer		Andrea	Pietrini
FF HOH	Finland	Delegate		Noora	Penttinen
FADCY	Russia	Observer	President	Karina	Chupina
FADCY	Russia	Delegate		Nastya	Fedorova
SHJO	Holland	Observer		Lianne	De Jonge
SHJO	Holland	Observer		Natasja	Geelen-Rietveld
EFHOH	Holland	Observer		Marcel	Bobeldijk
SHJO	Holland	Observer		Rinne	Oost

§ 2. Election of meeting Chairman, Secretary and counters of votes

Karina Chupina asked to everybody who wanted to be Chairman of the meeting. Noora Penttinen proposed herself to be Chairman of the meeting and it has been approved and no other candidates were mentioned.

Karina Chupina proposed María López to be Secretary of the meeting. It was approved and no other candidates were mentioned.

Lianne de Jonge from Holland and Rinne Oost from Holland were appointed as votes' counters.

§ 3. Approval of the Agenda 2005

Before approving the Agenda, Noora Penttinen remembered that Summercamp in 2007 will be held in Finland.

Finland couldn't pay the membership fee because it was not possible to make the bank transfer, the bank account was missed.

Russia and Holland paid in the AGM their membership fee.

Everybody was agree that Finland could vote in this AGM

The agenda was approved and taken as read.

§ 4. Approval of meeting minute of the Annual General Meeting 2004

The minutes were approved and taken as read.

§ 5. Annual Report of 2004

Karina Chupina presented the Annual Report 2004. (Appendix 1. The Annual Report 2004): Karina Chupina was glad because there were many activities even if there wasn't a lot of money; she remembered that people must be more active for organizing new activities. Vanessa Migliosi asked to add something about the Genetic of the hearing impairment in the IFHOH Congress.

About Youth exchange, not only IFHOHYP participated, but also Italian deaf committee was represented.

The reports about summer camp and internet – mailing list committees were written in separate papers, they should also be included in the annual report.

The annual report was approved and taken as read.

§ 6. Financial Issues

6.1. Financial Report of 2004

Karina Chupina explained the situation of the treasurer. Marian was temporary treasurer since January 2005, he was responsible for the Financial report 2003 and 2004. In 2003 Ervinas Klimavicius wasn't in AGM 2004, and it was not possible to approve the Report 2003.

Noora Penttinen proposed to accept the Financial Report 2003 of the Minutes 2004. Vanessa Migliosi informed that before the middle of 2003 IFHOHYP bank account was a personal account, in August 2003 she opened the official bank account.

Vanessa offered to help to the next treasurer with the Italian papers.

For Karina Chupina the Study Session'2003 expenses were fine.

Everybody agreed to approve the Financial Report 2003.

The Financial Report 2004, and the budget 2005 were not made, it will be made by the new treasurer and it will be approved next AGM

6.2. Membership fee for the Czech Deaf Union:

Czech deaf Union organization proposed to pay 75 € as membership fee, not 135€ (the amount that was approved in the last AGM)

Everybody agreed that they must pay the 135€ in order not to set a precedent case for other organisations and not to abstain from the rules.

6.3 IFHOHYP Stamp

Karina Chupina explained the situation of the Stamp. President and treasurer of IFHOHYP must have the stamps, but Ervinas Klimavicius has one of them.

Everybody agreed to make 2 new stamps with the new logo of IFHOHYP.

Maria López offered to make them in Spain because the price will be low.

§ 7. Election of the Members of the Board

7.1. Treasurer

AGM chose Greet Penneman to be the Treasurer of IFHOHYP for the next two years. No one else was suggested. Following the new Constitution delegates have had to make a written vote on a paper. The total number of votes must be five. The votes were counted and the only candidate has got five votes.

7.2. Secretary

AGM chose Christi Menheere to be the Secretary of IFHOHYP for the next two years. There were two candidates: Christi Menheere and Noora Penttinen, each one explained their motivations. The votes were counted and Christi Menheere got four votes and Noora Penttinen one vote.

7.3. Auditor

AGM chose Noora Penttinen to be the Auditor of IFHOHYP for the next two years. No one else was suggested. She became elected by unanimity.

§ 8. Programme for IFHOHYP 2005-2008

8.1. Summer Camps are planned to be in:

2005 Czech Republic

2006 Spain

2007 Finland

2008 location to be decided

Marcel Bobeldijk, president of EFHOH, informed about the HOH World Congress and Youth Forum in Vancouver. He proposed to make the Summer camp in 2008 in Canada and to make contact with them.

8.2. Conferences, Courses, etc.

Study Session

Karina Chupina explained what the next Study Session is about: Safeguarding human rights of HOH youth: How to cope with discrimination and violence in Education and Employment. She explained that COE has a lack of money, and if the project is approved, it will be in next semester in 2006. The results will be in June.

Karina Chupina informed about Youth Express Network, we decided to make an application for the next study session (in 2006 or 2007) together. Participants will be HOH and other disabled young people and youth with difficulties/from disadvantaged backgrounds. If this project will be approved, it will probably be in 2006 in Autumn (September, October or November). When two international youth organisations apply for a study session, there will be more chance to get approval.

English course

Maria López informed that there will be a committee for this. Noora Penttinen will be a member of this committee. Lianne De Jonge offered to help. This committee will ask to Vanessa Cole, she will be able to help too.

Natasja Geelen-Rietveld will write the flipcharts from different working groups held at the AGM, in word.

8.3. Annual General Meetings

The next AGMs will be held in:

- 2006 Finland
- 2007 Italy/ Czech Republic/Denmark
- 2008 Belgium
- 2009 Location to be decided

Maria López will ask Denmark and Czech Republic if they will be able to organize the AGM in 2007.

Karina Chupina proposed to organize it at the same time that IFHOH or EFHOH. Marcel Bobeldijk informed that in 2006 the EFHOH AGM will be in Croatia and in 2007 in Norway.

Everybody agreed that in EFHOH AGM 2006 in Croatia, there must be a delegate of IFHOHYP. And in 2007, if this will be possible, to organized together both AGMs.

§ 9. Committee Reports/ Updates

Some committees were already established at last AGM and they are still working, although the committee members may change and replaced by other people. Other new committees were established.

9.1. Newsletter Committee

Andrea Pietrini –Coordinator (Italy)
Vanessa Migliosi (Italy)

Andrea Pietrini will improve the format in a professional way.

Last year 3 newsletters were published and a special edition for Congress in Finland (100 copies).

Andrea Pietrini and Vanessa Migliosi said that people are welcome to write articles, or maybe it will be better to ask the people directly about a topic.

9.2. The website/ Mailing list Committee:

Christi Menheere – Co-ordinator (Holland)

Gerard Van Maurik (Holland)

Greet Penneman (Belgium)

They will work to improve the webpage.

9.3. Fundraising Committee

Noora Penttinen- Coordinator (Finland)

Karina Chupina (Russia)

María López (Spain)

We'll ask to Greet Penneman if she is interested in this committee

Karina Chupina informed that IFHOHYP made the application to EYF for brochures, CD-ROM with multimedia with publications, information about IFHOHYP, HOH disability, European initiatives... Some money would be for the Newsletter and website. There will be a team of leaders: volunteers on newsletter, publications. We were waiting for the result.

Karina Chupina invited people to be in the team and Noora Penttinen proposed herself.

9.4. New Study Session Committee:

Karina Chupina – Co-ordinator (Russia)

María López (Spain)

Noora Penttinen (Finland)

Yana Domuschieva (Bulgaria)

Christi Menheere can look for a boy for being member of the team.

9.5. Convention of Adhesion Committee

Noora Penttinen (Finland) explained the differences between the old and new Convention (Appendix 2. Convention of Adhesion)

Everybody approved the New Convention of Adhesion.

9.6. Conference and/or seminars participation Committee

Vanessa Migliosi (Italy)

Noora Penttinen (Finland)

Maria Pantaleva (Bulgaria)

Noora Penttinen will try to contact with Maria Pantaleva asking if she wants to continue.

9.7. Summer camp Committee

Christi Menheere (Holland)

9.8. English course Committee

María López (Spain)
Noora Penttinen (Finland)
Lianne De Jonge (Holland)

New committee: Development of new activities Committee

María López (Spain)
Lianne De Jonge (Holland)
Rinne Oost (Holland)

Rinne Oost proposed to find new volunteers for IFHOHYP.

§ 10. Joint partnership with EFHOH and IFHOH

Marcel Bobeldijk, president of EFHOH informed about EFHOH and IFHOH, their members, subtitling, future activities: 21 of October in London there will be a Congress about accessibility, AGM in Croatia, Congress in Vancouver, Canada. He invited IFHOHYP to participate in some meetings, give proposals, to be in contact with them and cooperate and work together. He explained how they get sponsors.

§ 11. Membership of European Youth Forum

Karina Chupina explained that it's very important to be member of EYF, but the membership fee is very expensive for IFHOHYP (minimum 500 € for the first year)

§ 12. Possibilities of setting up IFHOHYP Branch in England (by Vanessa Cole, DRC)

Vanessa Cole couldn't come to the AGM, then she couldn't explain to IFHOHYP about it.

§ 13. Closing of the Annual General Meeting

Noora Penttinen closed the AGM 2005 at 17.00h

Karina Chupina thanked a lot SHJO for their work in hosting the meeting and gave them a present.

Chairman: Noora Penttinen
Secretary: Maria Lopez

NEWSFLASH

by Karina Chupina, Ifhohyp President

Johan Bijleveld, the Netherlands, was nominated by IFHOHYP president Karina Chupina for the membership in the Council of Europe **Advisory Council on Youth**, and was accepted! The **Advisory Council on Youth** comprises 30 representatives of non-governmental youth organisations and networks. It provides opinions and input from the youth NGOs on all youth sector activities and ensures that young people are involved in the Council's other activities. First Advisory Council meeting that includes its new members, will take place on March 1-2, 2006 in the Council of Europe. Johan will work on youth issues and agenda of the Council of Europe Youth sector as a representative of IFHOHYP and will bring disability concerns in the youth matters of the Council of Europe.

On **March 23-26** there will be the Ifhohyp **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** in Tampere, organized by our Finnish friends. It is an important meeting because there will be elections of the IFHOHYP President and Vice President.

On **April 27-30 IFHOH and EFHOH Joint Annual General Meeting** will take place in Dubrovnik, **Slovakia**. One of the IFHOHYP Board members will take part in it on behalf of IFHOHYP.

On **April 23-30** there will be long-awaited **IFHOHYP study session** in the European Youth Centre **Strasbourg**! The theme is "Safeguarding human rights of hard of hearing youth: how to cope with discrimination in education and employment". Application forms and detailed information were sent out! If you have any questions, please write to Karina Chupina, organizer, IFHOHYP president: karina.chupina@gmail.com

On **May 1-3 (to be confirmed)** a **Preparatory meeting** for the **Multimedia production project "What is it like to be young and hard of hearing in Europe?"** is planned - for the team and regional/national coordinators and leaders of the project in their organizations. The Multimedia production project prep meeting will be also held in Strasbourg. The details and conditions of the meeting will be sent out soon together with the information about the study session in Strasbourg. We expect that a number of study session participants will devote themselves to the Multimedia project and can stay for a few days more in Strasbourg after the study session.

IFHOHYP Summer camp will be organized by Bonaventura C.V. and held from **17th to 31st July in Spain**. The price of the SC06 will be 400 Euros for participants who are members of organizations members of IFHOHYP, and 440 Euros for participants who are not members. More information and registration at www.bonaventura-cv.com/summercamp2006/. For questions write to Maria Lopez Garcia, IFHOHYP Vice president, logarma6@hotmail.com

NEW IFHOHYP Study session will be devoted to "*Safeguarding human rights of hard of hearing youth: how to cope with discrimination and violence in education and employment*".

When: 23-30 April 2006

How long: one week, from Sunday (arrival) to Saturday evening/next Sunday (departure). Arrival of some participants is possible a bit earlier on Saturday provided that there are rooms in the European Youth Centre on that day. More info on that will come later (European Youth Centre is packed with international activities – one weekly session replaces another and people from previous trainings are leaving while other participants are arriving. So allocation of room is planned in advance by CoE).

Where: European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.

For Whom: mainly for hard of hearing young people active in youth and hearing organisations, aged 18-30. Note that some participants can be older than 30, but about 75% must be aged 18-30.

How many participants: 30, mainly from member states of the Council of Europe. But when IFHOHYP makes special request to the Council of Europe, participants from CoE non-member states can be invited.

Language: English. It is necessary to have the intermediate level of English (higher than basic)!!

Technical details: Your travel costs to and from Strasbourg will be returned to you back by IFHOHYP from the Council of Europe grant. Accommodation, lodging and meals are *free of charge* in the European Youth Centre. You will be asked to pay a *participation fee* to the Council of Europe: 45 Euros. Those participants who belong to IFHOHYP non-member organisation, will be asked to pay contribution fee to IFHOHYP – ranging from 20 to 90 Euros depending on the country rank according to the World Bank data.

Special equipment: text-to-screen/palantype service will be provided! It allows you to follow EVERYTHING said in plenary.

So...How to apply?! IFHOHYP will send you full information + application form. Participants will be selected on a competition basis and according with the participants' criteria indicated in the information.

Please note that priority in selection goes to IFHOHYP member organisations!

Guess what? Study session is NOT a boring conference where you only sit and listen!..

It is an *interactive* training with active participation and good dynamics.

Methods: Training workshops, discussions, debates, work in small groups, brainstorming, theatre, 'role games' and simulation exercises, non-formal education, study visits to the Council of Europe or other institutions, inputs by guest speakers from the European Disability Forum/Council of Europe/other institutions, and other exciting stuff!

...And also one free day for Strasbourg sightseeing, dinner with Alsatian food in restaurant, intercultural evenings, parties and lots of international communication!

Please note that we are likely to have another meeting **right after the study session, from April 30/May 1 to May 3 (to be confirmed)**, also in Strasbourg – devoted to the **Multimedia Project** "What is it like to be young and hard of hearing in Europe?" More information on that will come soon.

If you have any questions or would like to send young HOH people from your organisation, contact karina.chupina@gmail.com

Yana reports from Budapest!

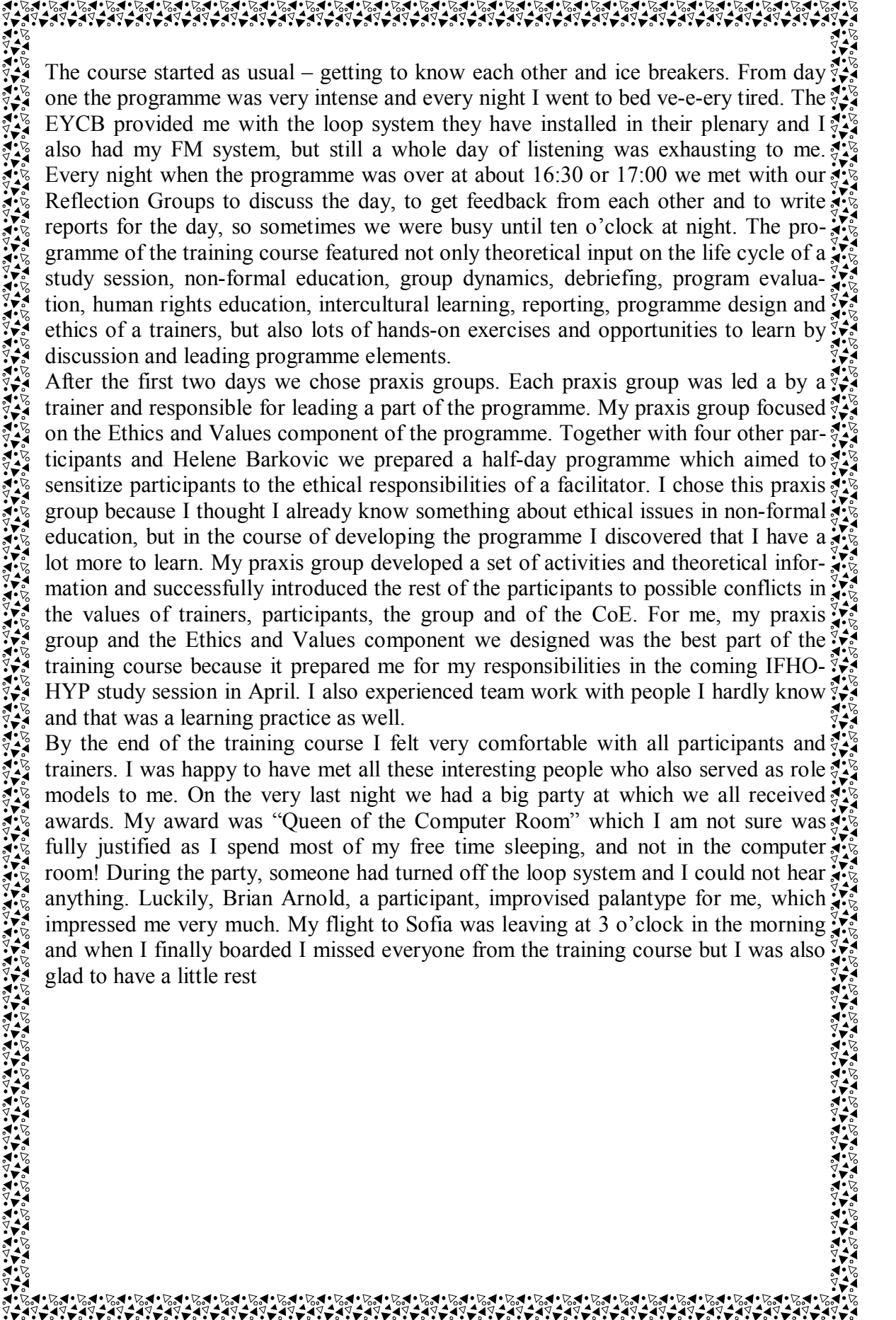
By Yana Domuschieva

In November last year I flew to the European Youth Centre in Budapest in order to attend the *Training Course for Facilitators Involved in Preparing and Delivering Study Sessions of the European Youth Centres on Behalf of Youth Organizations*. This training course was meant to assist youth workers who are planning a study session soon.



With the recommendation of IFHOHYP President Karina Chupina, I attended this course in order to receive some official training in non-formal education, study session methodology and group facilitation. Since our new study session “*Safeguarding Human Rights of youth with hearing disability - how to cope with violence and discrimination in education and employment?*” is happening soon, the training course was very important to me. I left for Budapest hoping that I will become a valuable member of the study session team and help have a great study session in April.

The training was attended by 25 participants from all over Europe. There was a participant from the United States, but he actually represented a French organization. Some participants came from Azerbaijan and Armenia. There was a great diversity of organizations represented. Some participants were involved in language education, others represented rural youth and political organizations, still others worked for women’s rights, against ethnic tension and more and more. The trainers were five: Sabine Klocker, Dariusz Grzemny, Pervana Mammadova, Helene Barkovic, who was a trainer at the first IFHOHYP Study Session and Arturas Deltuva, who we remember from the IFHOHYP study session in October 2003. I have to say the combination of experienced trainers with various foci of interest and a diverse group of participants made for a great training course.



The course started as usual – getting to know each other and ice breakers. From day one the programme was very intense and every night I went to bed ve-e-ery tired. The EYCB provided me with the loop system they have installed in their plenary and I also had my FM system, but still a whole day of listening was exhausting to me. Every night when the programme was over at about 16:30 or 17:00 we met with our Reflection Groups to discuss the day, to get feedback from each other and to write reports for the day, so sometimes we were busy until ten o'clock at night. The programme of the training course featured not only theoretical input on the life cycle of a study session, non-formal education, group dynamics, debriefing, program evaluation, human rights education, intercultural learning, reporting, programme design and ethics of a trainers, but also lots of hands-on exercises and opportunities to learn by discussion and leading programme elements.

After the first two days we chose praxis groups. Each praxis group was led a by a trainer and responsible for leading a part of the programme. My praxis group focused on the Ethics and Values component of the programme. Together with four other participants and Helene Barkovic we prepared a half-day programme which aimed to sensitize participants to the ethical responsibilities of a facilitator. I chose this praxis group because I thought I already know something about ethical issues in non-formal education, but in the course of developing the programme I discovered that I have a lot more to learn. My praxis group developed a set of activities and theoretical information and successfully introduced the rest of the participants to possible conflicts in the values of trainers, participants, the group and of the CoE. For me, my praxis group and the Ethics and Values component we designed was the best part of the training course because it prepared me for my responsibilities in the coming IFHO-HYP study session in April. I also experienced team work with people I hardly know and that was a learning practice as well.

By the end of the training course I felt very comfortable with all participants and trainers. I was happy to have met all these interesting people who also served as role models to me. On the very last night we had a big party at which we all received awards. My award was “Queen of the Computer Room” which I am not sure was fully justified as I spend most of my free time sleeping, and not in the computer room! During the party, someone had turned off the loop system and I could not hear anything. Luckily, Brian Arnold, a participant, improvised palantype for me, which impressed me very much. My flight to Sofia was leaving at 3 o'clock in the morning and when I finally boarded I missed everyone from the training course but I was also glad to have a little rest

The mission of IFHOHYP

IFHOHYP is committed to promoting equal rights for hard of hearing young people at all levels of the community. We believe that hard of hearing young people have the right to a good education, freedom of choice, the right to equal treatment at labour market, necessary support and technical aids they need to assimilate to life in the hearing community.

- To encourage a better understanding of hard of hearing young people and their problems among the general public.
- To defend the interests of hard of hearing young people and express them towards international bodies.
- To serve as a platform for cooperation and exchange of information between organizations of hard of hearing youth.
- To establish links with organizations of and for hearing impaired people, improve communication and cultural interchange between all hard of hearing young people worldwide; to receive new information from other international youth or disability organizations and provide with it hard of hearing youths in different countries.
- To collect and make available all information on different aspects of hearing loss, on technical advances, facilities and assistive listening devices for hard of hearing people.

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