



NEWSLETTER

Dear interdiac friends,

We are glad to introduce you the 2nd edition of the interdiac Newsletter 2010. Since April we started with new developmental activities related to networking, training and the Development of the comprehensive study programme and research project. We are happy to announce to you that we successfully launched the project of the Mobile Workshops 'Innovative Training for Social Cohesion with and for Youth'.

You are kindly welcome to read the interdiac summer Newsletter !

Your interdiac Team

Interdiac introduces Annual Report 2 010

It is our pleasure to introduce you the interdiac Annual Report 2010 that has been approved by the Executive Board at its April meeting and published at the beginning June 2010. Bilingual English - Czech versions of the report give a comprehensive picture of interdiac key activities 2009. The focus is put on the educational process of the pilot module and partnership building with and among the organizations across the region of Central & Eastern Europe. The overview of the Finances & accounts are also attached to the Annual Report. According to the interdiac Statute, a print version of the Annual Report was sent to the Municipal Court in Ostrava, and it is also available on the notice board in the seat of organization, in Český Těšín and so accessible to the wider public. The interdiac Partner organizations of interdiac will receive a copy of the Annual Report in couple of days via regular post. If you are interested in more copies, please, contact the interdiac office by e-mail at programme-supporter@interdiac.eu. You are also invited to read the Annual Report on the web page www.interdiac.eu.

interdiac was presented at Annual General meeting of Eurodiaconia, 31st May—2nd June 2010

The attendance of Ms. J. Adameová at Eurodiaconia AGM in Edinburgh was a great opportunity for presenting the achievements of interdiac so far, as the gathering

What has been happening ?

- The interdiac Annual report 2009 was published.
- interdiac was presented at Eurodiaconia AGM.
- Executive Board met on-line.
- Planning meeting for the Bachelor study programme took place in Prague at the ETF.
- 1st Mobile Workshop was held in Tbilisi, Georgia.

created a space for deepening already existing partnerships and initiated the creation of the new partnership with Eurodiaconia. Priority areas of the partnership agreement between interdiac & Eurodiaconia will follow a number of priority actions proposed in the newly introduced Strategic Plan of Eurodiaconia.

interdiac Executive Board met on-line in April 2010

The meeting was mainly devoted to reporting on and updating the work plan since January 2010. The Final version of the Annual Report was approved unanimously. Alongside this, the Board made proposals for the nomination of the representatives for the Slezska Diakonie 20th anniversary international conference.

interdiac Management team met EFT representatives, Prague

On the 3rd June 2010 took place a meeting between interdiac & ETF representatives in order to follow tasks related to the development of the Bachelor study programme on Social work and Diaconia. The progress and accomplishments were discussed and the attendees agreed to work on a 'twin track' approach: Work on the curriculum development & ensuring the legal framework for handing over the accreditation application by the autumn deadline.



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THANKS

On behalf of interdiac Team I would like to express sincere thanks to Mrs. Nana Agapishvili and her Team at NDOBA organization who ensured logistical support before and during the Mobile Workshop in Tbilisi.

Second thanks also belong to Mr. Ucha Vakhania and staff of Taoba Fund who welcomed us warmly at the training premises of Taoba and took care for our food.

THANK YOU very much for your personal time and dedication to all of us and to interdiac as such. It was a great sign of how the interdiac vision could be put into reality and how such gathering can lead to changing of lives and making the world a better place to live in.

Janka Adameova

Contact making & Partnership building with Georgian organizations and institutions, Tbilisi

Ms. J. Adameová attended the Board meeting of Coalition Home with its seat in Tbilisi. The main vision of Coalition is to do lobbying on the incorporation of home care for elderly people in the legal framework of social service provision. Thus will ensure more sustainable provision in terms of quality and finances, as there is a significant lack of professionals in social work and of efficient national and local funding. Most of the social programmes in Georgia are financially dependant on resources from abroad. Even though there have been positive political, social and economic developments, the society is still undergoing quite rapid transition, and the 'meaning' of the role of civil society & participatory democracy both need to be promoted more strongly. Information on the trends in the social sector and training sector, in particular on the social work in both country were exchanged. There is existing a law on social services in Georgia, but no implications in a practice. There are 7 students of social work study programme in 2 courses at the Faculty of social work of Tbilisi university. This fact, as a conversation with one of those students showed, address a clear message towards the need for awareness raising of the importance of social worker as a profession which tackles poverty and social exclusion effectively and safeguards the human dignity of each person. Individual meetings with the member organisations of the Coalition and their staff were held in order to get know the context, background and actual activities.

The project of Mobile Workshops 'Innovative Training for Social Cohesion for and with Youth' is financially supported within the framework of the EU programme Youth in Action.

Upcoming events :

- **interdiac will offer its expertise at EDYN seminar on Central and Eastern European cooperation, August, 2010**
- **Development Days of Diak "will welcome" interdiac representation, September 2010**
- **Ms. J. Adameova will make an input at the Heidelberg conference on Diaconia, September 2010**

Suggestions for follow-up actions were made and these will be presented to next interdiac Board meeting. The Coalition Homecare expressed an interest to become a member of the interdiac Honorary Council.

Alongside this, a meeting with Ms. Lali Shengeia a representative of the organization 'Intelligent Women' was initiated. This organization is operating in the rural area Lagotekhi. The programmes they offer are mainly focused on capacity building of the women on issues such as family planning, vocational training and job opportunities regardless of gender, as well as on changing mentality and patterns of behavior leading to more assertive communication and action towards men.

The 1st Mobile Workshop on Innovative Training for Social Cohesion for and with Youth, 7th-11th June 2010 in Tbilisi

A five days Workshop combined theoretical inputs and practical approaches to work with marginalized young people. The focus was on the identity and motivation of the worker in relation to young people, of youth & social worker, analyzing and sharing of the methods & approaches being used by participants as well as innovative methods, for example using participatory video. The learning process will continue through to the next workshop in October in Novi Sad. 14 participants from Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Serbia, Armenia, Ukraine expressed their enthusiasm to work on the outcomes, including a Handbook. The participatory and creative approach is intended to support innovation in work with young people. The process-oriented Workshop was led by a multicultural team of trainers, Tony Addy, Nicole Borisuk, Denis Londo, Lawin Mustafa. Nearly a detailed Report and Photos can be found on the interdiac web site.



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