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2006/2007 Annual Report

Dear Friends

Dear Psychology Students

Dear Psychologists

Dear Partners and Supporters

It has been another eventful and undoubtedly successful EFPSA year. Since its foundation in 1987 EFPSA has often grown and seldom stagnated, nevertheless the last few years have brought an unusual amount of constructive change, growth and a considerable increase in professionalism. The EFPSA of today is an organisation with a recognisable face and a mission, with self-esteem and a dedicated team. Today's EFPSA is well organised and closely linked to its members.

Eight years ago, EFPSA was an organisation with one body and just about three defined functions. Around 50 students attended congresses and about 20 of them actively participated in organisational work.

Nowadays EFPSA functions with one strategic, one executive and one legislative body including more than 25 well defined functions, involving about 100 students actively in its bodies and different networks. Up to 200 students are participating in the congresses

and an even greater number is participating in exchange weeks throughout the year.

It has been an immense pleasure to be part of the processes that led us to this point. Challenging and rich of experiences, bearing thousands of hard voluntary working hours and yet being more rewarding than any paid job could ever be!

With the ending of this mandate, EFPSA has reached yet another level of evolution as the implementation of the new corporate visual identity is about to be finished in web and print, precious knowledge about how to raise funds has been accumulated and new promising partnerships have been forged such as the one with SwissCare.

For the upcoming mandates, fresh challenges are waiting such as the improvement of a solid financial basis, the launch of EFPSA's own scientific journal or the integration of up to 20 additional European Countries into the



Marija Šulajkovski
Vice President



Markus Hausammann
President

Federation. EFPSA is ready for that as well as for a closer cooperation with EFPA, our professional mother organisation.

Many thanks to everybody who has contributed to EFPSA during this year and the years before, it was worth it!

Yours truly

Marija & Markus



financial goals

At least 4000€ additional finances through fundraising

This goal has been reached. Mainly thanks to our new partnership with SwissCare but also thanks to Hogrefe, Genotec, a number of Dutch universities, and the Swiss Psychology Students Federation psyCH.

On the other hand it should also be mentioned that the efforts for finding sponsors and grants have just only begun. The respective teams have done a great work this mandate such as sending out hundreds of sponsorship requests. These efforts have to be maintained in order for them to yield fruit.



5 points out of 5

Build the basis for future applications for big grants (EC)

In order to achieve this aim mainly two things had to be done. First the registration problems EFPSA has had for several years with the European Youth Foundation (EYF) had to be solved. That was achieved! Then EFPSA should have had at least one successful application in a lower grant category at the EYF, this goal wasn't achieved due to two reasons. Firstly, our application asking funds for the EFPSA Congress 2007 was rejected. Secondly a deadline for another grant was missed, which should have supported the European Summer School.



2 points out of 5



structural goals

Smooth introduction of the new functions

(Communication Officer, Promotion Officer, Coordinating Fundraiser, Knowledge Management Officer, Secretary General)

The new functions have established themselves already quite early in the mandate. The tasks and responsibilities of the respective functions are clear to a certain extent but have to be documented still in a more detailed form. Yet, all of the functions fit into the present structure very well and fulfil certain needs for the functioning of the Federation. Therefore the introduction of the new roles can clearly be regarded as a success!



5 points out of 5

Gathering experiences with the new body „Board of Management“ both online and with at least one meeting

The introduction of this strategic board within the Executive Board (EB) has proved to be a huge success. The board met not only once but even two times, meaning that a handful of the most active EB members has met four times in one mandate which gives a very beneficial boost to stability and helps to keep motivation up! Furthermore the services and support teams have been relieved of strategic tasks and were therefore able to fully concentrate on their core processes.



5 points out of 5



goals concerning corporate identity

Full implementation of the new corporate identity and corporate visual identity

During this mandate EFPSA received the final version of its brand manual, created by Velvet, a most wonderful creative company from Estonia. This manual contains all the things that provide an organisation with a recognisable face, such as a mission statement, a logo and a lot of corporate materials for print and web. The mission, the vision and the values were created together with the Executive Board during the previous mandate already. The design elements provided by velvet have been implemented during this mandate into various products already: a foldable leaflet about EFPSA, a flyer, business cards, certificates, letters, the report you are reading now or last but not least the new website which is just about to be finished. In the future, EFPSA will be easily recognised because of its stable and very appealing visual appearance and its clear mission.



5 points out of 5

Carry out a successful market and image analyses

This analyses hasn't been carried out because the team disappeared. Such failures show the fragile side of student organisations and the importance of a vigilant care for stability and motivation.



0 points out of 5



Research Network goals

Organise a successful European Summer School (ESS)

The Research Network team of EFPSA has been joined by a fine organising team of students from Estonia, the host country of the EFPSA European Summer School in Cross-Cultural Psychology 2007. Starting with a time delay, these two teams have recently put a lot of high quality effort into this project which is now to become a truly great event. Several top scholars in the field will be holding lectures and research experienced PhDs will work with the participants during and after the event with the final aim of publishing the joint work in a scientific journal. A part of the finances for this event has been raised already thanks to a successful grant application at the Estonian Ministry of Education. Yet, the ministry didn't grant as much money as EFPSA hoped for and therefore the search for sponsors which has started as well has to be continued with a lot of energy.



4 points out of 5

Create a well-working Research Network website

Due to the unscheduled retirement of the senior coordinator of the Research Network during the mandate and also due to the general delay concerning the introduction of the new webpage, this goal hasn't been achieved, although a part of the texts and the site-structure have been prepared.



1 points out of 5



miscellaneous goals

A congress with affordable fees for everybody

Unfortunately we all but succeeded with this goal due to several reasons. Firstly the Congress in Turku Finland had to be organised within only one year, since EFPSA couldn't find an organiser two years before, as it is normally the case. Secondly Finland is an expensive country in general and also in terms of travelling there. EFPSA must do everything in order to guarantee more affordable congresses in the future! The new congress fee regulation which will become effective for the next congress should support this goal.



Creating good congress, meeting and exchange manuals

The activities office worked on new EB and NR meeting manuals which are basically completed now. Furthermore an new manual about how to organise an EFPSA Exchange week has been introduced at the very beginning of this mandate. The already existing congress organisation manual has still to be improved.



1000 hosts subscribed to EFPSA Travel Network

At the end of the last mandate, 502 persons were subscribed, now there are 808. Therefore the goal has been reached by 60%. Also this mandate over a 60 visits have been made through Travel Network!



Maintain a good communication with EFPA and the national professional organisations

Our communication with EFPA was good as in other years before, at the EFPA presidents council meeting, the identity handbook of EFPSA was presented and through that the recent evolution of EFPSA has been communicated to our professional mother organisation. It was stated and agreed from both sides that it seems to be a good time to tighten the collaboration of both federations. EFPSA has therefore been invited to send a representative to one of the next meetings of the EFPA executive committee, which has never happened before. The contact with the national professional organisations has not yet been intensified.



Use and develop the potential of our networks

(NR/NO network, public mailinglist, alumni, TN monkeez, etc.)

We have used our existing networks but we have not put enough strength into their improvement and the creation of new networks like an alumni-network.



Establishing a good knowledge transfer system

All the documents existing in EFPSA have been uploaded to our new communication tool (Microsoft Sharepoint sponsored by the Swiss company Genotec). Furthermore most of functions are described in role descriptions and the interplay of functions and bodies is carefully documented in an activity distribution chart. Yet, some roles have to be described more carefully.



EFPSA SwissCare insurance

Starting from May 2007, thanks to our partner SwissCare, EFPSA can offer you, your friends, colleagues and family a high quality all-in-one travel and health insurance with a high level of recognition all around the world. The offer includes full health coverage, accidents, luggage & valuables, third party liability, repatriation and much more! Whether you need to be insured for an EFPSA exchange week or for a whole year of studying or working abroad, you will always profit from a fast reimbursement and a 24/7 emergency assistance.

Purchase at www.efpsa.org/insurance

This offer is not restricted to students, help EFPSA by spreading the word!

Study Abroad - priceless information soon available



The Study Abroad service team has done a fantastic job gathering an incredible bulk of information about everything concerning studying abroad. Contacts to most of the universities

in Europe, experience stories, tips about how to raise funds for studying, information on the educational systems in different regions of Europe, information about postgraduate studies, usefull links and much more will be available soon from the new Study Abroad webpage.

Introduction of Sharepoint

The web team has introduced and customised EFPSA's new communication tool (Microsoft Sharepoint) so that the boards and all the sub-teams can work in their own workspaces, exchange documents, have discussions, polls and publish announcements. The usage of the tool has started well but can still be improved.

A new kind of meeting in EFPSA history

In October 2006 the Greek Psychology Students Association organised the first joint meeting of both the Executive Board and the National Representatives of EFPSA. The event took place in a nice surrounding near Athens and turned out great, especially because of the possibility to synchronise work and communication between the different bodies of EFPSA. The picture below shows the group after the Acropolis tour.



Profit and loss account EFPSA mandate 2006/07 (Period March 2006 - March 2007)

	Budget 2006	Account 2006	Budget 2006	Account 2006
Services	0.00	0.00		
Projects	0.00	0.00		
Contributions to meetings and congresses	600.00	900.00		
Application Committee - support	1'900.00	857.00		
P-Team travel support	500.00	810.75		
EFPSA general promotion	500.00	1'573.08		
Administrative expenses	1'151.16	737.48		
Obligations	3'426.20	2'182.50		
Other expenses	171.63	0.00		
TOTAL EXPENSE	8'248.99	7'060.81		
Membership fees 2006/07			2'300.00	1'990.00
Unpaid membership fees 2005/2006			490.00	490.00
EFPA support			1'116.71	1'240.00
Sponsors			943.00	4'029.02
Funds			0.00	0.00
Other income			1'622.00	200.00
TOTAL INCOME			6'471.71	7'949.02
Difference		888.21		

Balance as of 2.4.2007

	Assets	Liabilities
Bank	4'359.15	
Debitors	2'422.00	
Total Assets	6'781.15	
Creditors		2'182.50
Equity		4'598.65
Total Liabilities		6'781.15



thanks & acknowledgements

In the name of EFPSA thanks go first to all the persons who have voluntarily offered their efforts to the Federation this year:

Board of Management

Markus Hausammann, President
Marija Šulajkovski, Vice President
Simonas Audickas, Secretary General
Tiina Kalda, Treasurer
Pinar Haksal, Coordinating Fundraiser
Anja Bregar, Communication Officer
Niki Romanou, NR Coordinator
Andreja Demšar, Activities Officer

Executive Board

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Tine Levernes, Research Network
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Carmen Muresan, Travel Network
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Baran Metin, Junior Fundraiser Grants
Simon Balint, Junior Fundraiser Sponsors
Yasemin Abayhan, Junior Fundraiser Sponsors

The very important role of the **National Representatives** is crucial for the functioning of the Federation. NRs are firstly a link between EFPSA and its member associations and secondly the legislative body of EFPSA.

Jakob Lorenc, Austria
Denis Cuyle, Belgium
Nina Gluhak, Croatia
Janka Bartosova, Czech Republic
Jimmie Bork, Denmark
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Maria Mäkinen, Finland
Letizia Lascar, France
Anna Halas, Germany
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Furthermore the great GPSA power crew has to be mentioned for organising the first ever **joint EB and NR meeting** in EFPSA history!

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A big cheer and many thanks are to be given to Daniel Schmidt, who is setting up our new webpage in Joomla as we speak.

Last but not least EFPSA was very glad to have **Mairi Hiiudma** as an EFPSA dedicated link to VELVET.

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we  you!

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psyCH - studentischer dachverband psychologie schweiz



Furthermore EFPSA wants to thank all the members of IFISO, the Informal Forum of International Student Organisations, for the sharing of knowledge and experiences in the field of student NGOs.

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