

Annual Report 2011/2012

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My activities as the YEE Chairperson 2011/2012, in accordance with the YEE Statutes, the Rules of Procedure, the YEE Workplan 2011/2012 and my personal aims included:

1. Communication with MOs

I sent one overview about projects and work of YEE board to MOs in March. I considered information on YEE website and electronic Newsletter as sufficient and more attractive, so I did not create more reports.

2. Coordination of the work of the Executive board

- I convened Board meetings. In total we had one physical and 8 Skype meetings. I must admit, that agenda was not sent to MOs, because I usually created it a day before the meeting. I think that meetings went fluently and discussions were fruitful.
- I initiated creating of working plans and reports of Board members once in two months.
- I tried to wake up sleeping members of the board. In case of Member organizations officer it was not successful. In case of Treasurer it was successful only partly. I think that the mistake was somewhere in the beginning where I let them fall asleep.

3. Preparation of YEE AM 2012 and special YEE AM 2013

- I initiated collecting reports from Board members and Secretariat
- Together with other board members we created the program of the AM 2012 during the physical board meeting and then corrected it during the 8th Skype meeting.
- We started preparations connected with jubilee YEE AM 2013 - it was partly a luck, because we were addressed by Mr. Cerovsky, a honorary member of IUCN, that we could take part in International Conference on Past-Present-Future Youth Involvement in Environmental Conservation next year and connect it with our AM 2013.

4. Projects

- ***YE Renewable energies and waste management:*** I participated as a leader of the Czech group, wrote articles about the YE on Brontosaurus website.
- ***Forest Campaign:*** I organized 2 weekend activities, exhibition and movie-debate evening. The activities were very successful. I found co-funding from 2 Czech grants.
- ***YE Birds:*** I found partners, but due to lack of time I did not write an application for funding. I postponed the project to the next year.
- ***TC Media, Communication & Nature:*** I read through the application and wrote comments and helped with delivering the application and supplements. I participated as a representative on the start meeting from Youth in Action.
- ***TC Nature building from straw and clay:*** I tried to push the main coordinator to write the application, but we started too late and did not finish the

application. Nevertheless, we found partners interested in the project, so it is still a possibility to organize the project next year.

- ***PBA Volunteers for environment:*** I participated as junior facilitator of the activity, I tried to motivate organizations to join YEE network.

5. Other meetings

- I went to office regularly (1 - 3 a month) and communicated with the secretariat and EVS volunteers.
- I participated on DJN Winter seminar, where I promoted cooperation with YEE and found partner for the project YE Birds.
- I attended Brontosaurus Annual meeting, where I promoted cooperation with YEE.
- I promoted YEE at the Day of the Earth in Toulcuv Dvur, I presented especially publications of YEE as a tool for non-formal education.

6. Publications & articles

- I reported about YEE projects on websites of Hnutí Brontosaurus to promote YEE activities.
- I created (translated) the brochure Games in Forest into Czech language, published from funds from ThinkBig grant and sent the brochure to environmental and education organizations in the Czech Republic. Brochures are very successful, already placed as link for download to several environmentally-focused websites.
- I will help with creation of the publication 'Media and communication' (connected with the TC).

7. Other activities

- I created Internal audit guidelines.
- I was present at interviews with applicants for the new YEE Secretary General.

As a summary of my work as chairperson, I must admit, that I did not fulfill all my duties coming from Statutes and Policies (especially communication with MOs). I think that leading of board could also be better, but I hope it was not a complete disaster. I compensated this by direct actions and creative work, which are closer to me.

I would like to thank the Executive Board and people from the Office for support, cooperation and kind approach.