

# Report on the General Assembly 2009 of GEN-Europe

*July 11 in Keuruu Ecovillage, Finland*

## Introduction

Representatives of the following full members have been present:

- Association Epidaure, Switzerland
- Balkan Ecovillage Network, Croatia
- Braziers Park, UK
- Damanhur Federation, Italy
- Ecodorp Network, Holland
- Ecovillage Grishino, Russia
- Findhorn Foundation, UK
- GEN-Estonia
- GEN-Finland
- Guneskoy, Turkey
- Hungarian National Network
- Keuruu Ecovillage, Finland
- Kibbutz Lotan, Israel
- Krisna Völgy, Hungary
- Lebensgarten, Germany
- Lilleoru, Estonia
- LOS, Denmark
- Munksoegaard, Denmark
- NextGEN
- Oasis Les Touis, France
- Ökodorf Sieben Linden, Sieben Linden
- RIE, Spain
- RIVE, Italy
- Russian Ecovillage Network
- Schloss Glarisegg, Switzerland
- Tamera, Portugal

- Torri Superiore, Italy
- Vlierhof, Germany
- Zajezka, Slovakia
- ZEGG, Germany

30 out of 46 full members were represented, and president Kosha Anja Joubert officially opened the assembly.

## **Financial Report**

The financial report of 2008 and the first half of 2009 as well as the budget 2009 were accepted unanimously by the members. The report can be found in the Annex.

## **New council member**

Council member Marijana Lesar from left the council and the council decided to replace her with Toomas Trapido of GEN-Estonia.

## **New members**

Three new full members were accepted during the GA:

- Cloughjordan Ecovillage, Ireland
- Dyssekilde Ecovillage, Denmark
- Suderbyn Ecovillage, Sweden

And four supportive members joined:

- Big Stone Ecovillage, Russia
- Gaia University
- Marcus Andreas
- Tchan Montmory

Welcome!

## **European Ecovillage Excellence Award**

This year, there were five candidates to choose from:

- Big Stone Ecovillage, Russia
- Kovceg Ecovillage, Russia
- Krishna Valley, Hungary
- Sieben Linden Ecovillage, Germany
- Zajezka Ecovillage, Slovakia

The winner 2009 is Zajezka. The prize is 3000 €, a certificate and a piece of pottery made by Damanhurian artist Cobra.

## **GA 2010**

Capra Carruba and Macaco Tamerice from Damanhur, Italy as well as Zoltan Hosszu from Krishna Valley, Hungary invited the next General Assembly. The members have chosen to go to Damanhur in 2010, and keep the possibility to go to Krishna Valley open for the future. The GA 2010 will start in the afternoon of July 4 ending with a morning session on July 6. Like this year, it will be followed by a five-day course starting the afternoon of July 6.

## Annex: Financial Report

### Financial Overview

Balance 1-1-2008

|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| bank | 10,951.77 € |
| cash | 708.46 €    |

Balance 31-12-2008

|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| bank | 11,126.31 € |
| cash | 230.94 €    |

Balance 30-06-2009

|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| bank | 13,814.47 € |
| cash | 228.85 €    |

| <b>GEN-EUROPE BUDGET 2008</b>   |                          | <b>Calculation</b> |               |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>Income 2008</b>  |                          |                    |               |
| <u>Direct income from Activity</u>                                      |                          | 19,000             | 7,322         |
| Membership fees   |                          | 6,500              | 6,065         |
| Sales of material   |                          | 500                | 460           |
| other income  |                          | 12,000             | 797           |
| balance 31/12/2007  |                          |                    | 11,600        |
| <u>Contribution Gaia Trust</u>  |                          | 13,800             | 16,949        |
|   | <u>Total income 2008</u> | <u>32,800</u>      | <u>35,871</u> |
| <b>Costs 2008</b>   |                          |                    |               |
| <i>Staff costs</i>  |                          |                    |               |
| Jonathan Dawson   |                          | 3,000              | 3,000         |
| Ina Meyer-Stoll   |                          | 3,000              | 3,000         |
| Kasimir Reichmuth   |                          | 250                | 250           |
| Ulrike Schimmel   |                          | 1,200              | 1,183         |
| Others (incl. fundraising)  |                          | 700                | 142           |
|   |                          | 8,150              | 7,575         |
| <b><i>Travels, meetings, courses</i></b>                                |                          |                    |               |
| Annual assembly   |                          | 6,500              | 6,708         |
| Council meetings  |                          | 750                | 1,805         |
| Staff meetings  |                          | 750                | 969           |
| National network meetings & Educational activities in Europe and Africa |                          | 2,200              | 0             |
|   |                          |                    |               |
|   |                          |                    |               |
| Ecovillage excellence award   |                          | 3,300              | 3,300         |
|   |                          | 13,500             | 12,782        |
|   |                          |                    |               |
| <b><i>Durable equipment and stationary</i></b>                          |                          |                    |               |
| Stationery  |                          | 200                | 214           |
| Postage   |                          | 400                | 91            |
| Photocopies   |                          | 0                  | 0             |
| Telephone   |                          | 800                | 644           |
|   |                          | 1,400              | 949           |
|   |                          |                    |               |
| <b><i>Printing, publication, translation, interpretation costs</i></b>  |                          |                    |               |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------|
| Newsletter editing costs                                    | 0                         |               |
| Newsletter publication costs                                | 0                         |               |
| Translations  | 0                         |               |
| Printing costs  | 1,000                     | 0             |
|   | 1,000                     | 0             |
|   |                           |               |
| <b>Sub-contracting and/or transfer of funds to partners</b> |                           |               |
| GEN IS - Information Services                               | 5,000                     | 0             |
|   |                           |               |
|   | 5,000                     | 0             |
|   |                           |               |
| <b>Direct office costs</b>                                  |                           |               |
| Rent ZEGG 10 month  | 440                       | 517           |
| Rent Findhorn   | 1,600                     | 1,589         |
| Rent 7 Linden + Damanhur                                    | 250                       | 0             |
|   | 2,290                     | 2106          |
|   |                           |               |
| <b>Other expenditures</b>                                   |                           |               |
| Consulting costs  | 150                       | 111           |
| Data Management Costs                                       |                           | 29            |
| Bank charges  | 150                       | 8             |
| Administration costs  | 900                       | 1,036         |
|   | 1,200                     | 1184          |
|   |                           |               |
| <b>costs for selling material</b>                           | 200                       | 0             |
|   |                           |               |
|   | <u>Total Costs 2008</u>   | <u>32,740</u> |
|   |                           | <u>24,596</u> |
|   | <u>Balance 31/12/2008</u> | <u>11,619</u> |

| <b>GEN-EUROPE BUDGET 2009</b>                                   |                                 |                      |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
|   |                                 | <b>Calculation</b>   |
| <b>Income 2009</b>  |                                 |                      |
| <u>Balance 01-01-2009</u>                                       | (7000 for GEN IS)               | 11,619               |
| Membership fees   |                                 | 6,000                |
| Course fees   |                                 | 17,000               |
| other income  |                                 | 400                  |
| <u>Contribution Gaia Trust</u>                                  |                                 |                      |
| GEN-Europe  |                                 | 7,100                |
| GEN-IS  |                                 | 5,000                |
| European ecovillage excellence award                            |                                 | 3,300                |
|   | <b><u>Total income 2009</u></b> | <b><u>50,419</u></b> |
| <b>Costs 2009</b>   |                                 |                      |
| <b>Staff costs</b>  |                                 |                      |
| Ulrike Schimmel   |                                 | 6,360                |
| Benjamin Flegel   |                                 | 600                  |
|   |                                 | <u>6,960</u>         |
| <b>Office costs</b>   |                                 |                      |
| Stationery  |                                 | 400                  |
| software/hardware   |                                 | 600                  |
| Rent  |                                 | 120                  |
| Telephone   |                                 | 700                  |
|   |                                 | <u>1,820</u>         |
| <b>Other expenditures</b>                                       |                                 |                      |
| Administration/Consulting costs                                 |                                 | 1,200                |
| Bank charges  |                                 | 100                  |
| Fundraising   |                                 | 1,000                |
|   |                                 | <u>2,300</u>         |
| <b>Activities</b>   |                                 |                      |
| Annual assembly   |                                 | 6,000                |
| Extra travel refunds  |                                 | 2,000                |
| Council and staff meetings                                      |                                 | 2,250                |
| Representing GEN  |                                 | 200                  |
| National Network meetings<br>& educational activities in Europe |                                 | 2,400                |
| Emergence of GEN-Africa   |                                 | 3,000                |
| Printing costs  |                                 | 1,000                |
|   |                                 | <u>16,850</u>        |
| <b>Sub-contracting and/or transfer of funds to partners</b>     |                                 |                      |
| GEN IS - Information Services                                   |                                 | 12,000               |
| European ecovillage excellence award                            |                                 | 3,300                |

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|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|  |                                | <u>15,300</u>        |
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|  | <b><u>Total Costs 2009</u></b> | <b><u>43,230</u></b> |