

# Report on the GEN-Europe General Assembly, at Sieben Linden, July 9 – 12, 2008

The GA was officially declared open by Achim Ecker, the president of the association. 27 full members out of 44 were present.

The GA was attended by 95 participants, representing 28 countries on five continents!: from Europe - Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Scotland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine; together with participants from Australia, Brazil, India Senegal, South Korea and the US. The full list of participants can be found as Annex 1.

The programme for the GA was as follows:

	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
9.00 – 12.30	Welcome  Introduction & overview of the GA  Tour Sieben Linden	Open Space (2 Sessions)	Presentation of Candidates for the EV-Excellence-Award  Open space (1 Session)	EV-Excellence Award  Election of Council
14.30 – 18.30	Secretariat report  World Café: “Contribution of Ecovillages to a more healthy Future”	Open Space (2 Sessions)  Sharing circle	Presentation of candidates for the Council  Open Space Reports	Next steps  Decision on next year’s GA  Meeting of old and new <b>Error! Contact not defined.</b>
20.15	Presentations	Presentations	Presentations	Party

## Office reports

A report on the activities of the GEN-Europe secretariat was given by Jonathan Dawson. This can be found at [www.gen-europe.org](http://www.gen-europe.org)

A budget report was given by Ina Meyer-Stoll. Details of the following can be found in the attached financial annexes:

- final overview for 2007 and 2008

- 2008 budget

The full members approved by consensus:

- the report of the secretariat
- the final budget of 2007
- the budget plan for 2008 with updated budget lines
- the budget of 1.1. - 30.6.2008
- the annual membership fee will not be changed till the next GA.

According to the budget projections for 2009, there will be €2.200 available for networking and educational activities for members in Europe and Africa. Members are invited to submit their applications.

### **New members**

During the GA the Council approved three new full members:

- Schloss Glarisegg, Switzerland
- Estonian Ecovillage Network
- Ecovillage de la Clède, France

The following new supportive members joined the network:

- Clinton Callahan, Possibilica Network Germany
- Erkki Peetsalu, Estonia, Individual
- David Haney, UK, Newcastle University, Individ.
- Tom Osher (Mofwofoo), US, D, indiv.

### **The new council**

During the GA the full members elected a completely new council:

- Kosha Joubert, Sieben Linden, Germany (new president)
- Macaco Tamerice, Damanhur Federation, Italy (vice president)
- Troels Dilling-Hansen from LOES network in Denmark
- Marijana Lesar from BEN in Croatia
- Deniz Dincel from Turkey

Insa Freese, member of the old council volunteered to be part of the new council for one year to support the new council and to give on information. This kind offer was gratefully accepted.

Also Jonathan volunteered to attend the first meeting of the new Council to transfer his knowledge and experience to the new council and staff.

All members of the new council were elected by consensus.

### **Office transition:**

It was agreed that the general email inquiries will be taken care of by Capra Carruba and Macaco Tamerice from Damanhur. They will start work immediately and will do all their work voluntarily.

The ZEGG office will moved by the end of October to Ulrike Schimmel from ecovillage Sieben Linden. She will be the new administrator of the finances, the legal issues of the association, preparation of the next GA and the membership care.

Ulrike will be paid from next January on with 500 € per month. If more money becomes available, it is possible that Ulrike will take on more responsibilities.

Kasimir and Jonathan will also release their responsibilities in the near future. We are looking for new people to take over the webmaster activities and for the journalistic and representational activities currently handled by Jonathan.

## **Excellence Award**

After the great presentations by

- Ecovillage Sieben Linden, Germany,
- La comune di Bagnaia, Italy,
- Permaculture Magazine, UK
- Gaia Education virtual course, Design for Sustainability, by Ulises, Spain

The full members decided that the award this year will go to Italy, to the Commune di Bagnaia. The prize is 3000.- €, a beautiful piece of pottery and a certificate.

## **Next GA in 2009**

Silja Jääskeläinen from Keuruu Ecovillage in Finland invited the GA and will be the host in 2009.

## **Evening Presentations:**

Wednesday:

- Next GEN
- Strawbale building Guneskoy, Turkey
- Kommune Niederkaufungen, Germany
- Kibbutz Lotan, Israel
- Tree houses

Thursday:

- Tamera, Portugal
- Russia and Anastasia movement
- Schloss Glarisegg, Switzerland
- GEN-Senegal, Africa
- French Network

Friday:

- Damanhur, Italy,
- Keimblatt EV initiative, Austria
- Lilleorou and Estonian EV network
- Green School, Bulgaria
- Keuruu Ecovillage, Finland
- Los Angeles EV, US

## ANNEX 1: GA Participants

### GEN-Europe General Assembly 2008

#### List of Participants

Name	Ecovillage	Country
Aale-Triinu Sonn		Estonia
Achim Ecker	ZEGG	Germany
Agnes		South Korea
Alberto Grosoli		Italy
Alex	Kibbutz Lotan	Israel
Ali	Gunes Koy	Turkey
Alicia Falvey		Ireland
Ambre	Auroville	India
Andreas Teuchert		Germany
Anna	Keuruu	Finland
Anton	Keimblatt Ökodorf	Austria
Anutosh	Vlierhof	Holland
Benjamin Degenhardt		Germany
Capra Carruba	Damanhur	Italy
Christian Lechner		Austria
Christiane Oberdorf	Sieben Linden	Germany
David Haney		
Deniz Dincel	Gunes Koy	Turkey
Domen Zupan		
Dominique	Ecovillage de la Clede	France
Drazen		Croatia
Eberhard Beckte	Svanholm	Denmark
Elke Wiegand	Sieben Linden	Germany
Elliot Saxby	Findhorn Community	Scotland
Else Kennedy		Australia
Eva Stützel	Sieben Linden	Germany
Gabi Bott	Sieben Linden	Germany
Gabor	Hungarian Network	Hungary
Heikki	GEN-Finland	Finland
Ina Meyer-Stoll	ZEGG	Germany
Inci Gokmen	Gunes Koy	Turkey
Insa	LOS	Denmark

Ita Gabert	Sieben Linden	Germany
Jana-Momo	Tamera	Portugal
Jean-Michel		France
John Croft		Australia
Jonathan Dawson	Findhorn Community	Scotland
Jörg Zimmermann	Sieben Linden	Germany
Julia Kommerell	Sieben Linden	Germany
Karen		U.S.A.
Kasimir	Torri Superiore	Italy
Katrin Tulinski	Schloß Glarisegg	Switzerland
Kim Doo Yeon		South Korea
Kosha Joubert	Sieben Linden	Germany
Laysan Mirzagitova	Russian Network	Russia
Macaco Tamerice	Damanhur	Italy
Marcus Andreas		Germany
Marian Zeitlin	GEN-Senegal	Senegal
Marijana Lesar	Balkan Network	Croatia
Markus Flegel	Sieben Linden	Germany
Martin Kirchner	Austrotopia	Austria
Massimo Candela	Torri Superiore	Italy
Michi Schönefeld	Sieben Linden	Germany
Mofwofoo	Vlierhof	Germany
Myriam Gabriel	Stamm der Likatier	Germany
Nicolas Barth	Association Epidaure	Switzerland
Nicoletta Geiersbach	Sieben Linden	Germany
Paolo Battino	Commune di Bagnaia	Italy
Rabea		Germany
Reet Rehtsalu	Lilleoru	Estonia
Richard		England
Rolf Grooten	Dutch Network	Holland
Ronny Wytek	Keimblatt Ökodorf	Austria
Sandra	Keimblatt Ökodorf	Austria
Sandra Campe	Sieben Linden	Germany
Sergey Gurko		Ukraine
Sibina	Green School Village	Bulgaria
Silja Jääskeläinen	Keuruu	Finland
Sivan Soffer	Kibbutz Lotan	Israel

Steffen	Kommune Niederkaufungen	Germany
Suncana		Kroatia
Susan	Earthaven	U.S.A.
Tanja	Keimblatt Ökodorf	Austria
Toomas Trapido	Estonian Network	Estonia
Troels Dilling-Hansen	LOS	Denmark
Ulises	Spanish Network	Spain
Ulrike Schimmel	Sieben Linden	Germany