

29th S.I. CONFERENCE Piaski - POLAND



DAILY NEWSLETTER

DAY 3

Tuesday 21st. August 2012
Daily Conference Summary,
Delegate Comments & ideas.

VOTING SESSIONS

8:30 - 10:30

A revised agenda & timetable was proposed & approved. It was agreed to give Exco candidates 30 mins Ques & Ans time before elections in the afternoon.

MEMBER STATUS: (You have to have 10+ hosts on your hostlist, 3 key persons, a financial stamp report & an annual report. Member status for a national group means you can apply for funding to attend the GA & you can vote at the GA.) Accepted: Georgia, Kenya, Iran, Withdrawn: Latvia, Estonia, Egypt, Togo, Senegal, Bulgaria, Iceland, Philippines. (NB: They remain as National Servas groups of course!!) Re-instated: Nepal & Ukraine.



11-1300 APPROVAL OF THE RULES OF ORDER: Accepted by delegates
14:00 MINUTES OF THE 2009 GA: Accepted by the delegates present
14:30 AUDITORS REPORT: This was accepted as correct by distant voting
15:00 EXTERNAL AUDITORS: The present auditors will be kept – accepted

Love must be eternally peaceful.

♥ Zoe Valdes. ♥

PRESENTATIONS: 16:00: 1) **Draft budget:** Ideas on the way forward as income into Servas diminishes. 2) **Servas on-line:** Following the GA in Mar del Plata the online/ICT group began to design a Servas online prototype - a demonstration on how its working so far and how it protects host privacy was shown. 3) **Dolphin system:** How National Secretaries can use it and load request countries hostlist was given by Pablo Colangelo.

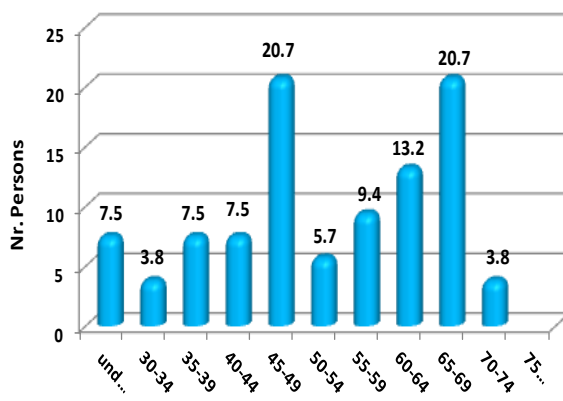
ELECTION EXCO CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS and VOTING 17-1900. President: Jonny Saganger (Sweden); Vice President: Anne Greenhough (Britain); General Secretary: Jaime Romero (Colombia), Treasurer: Mirek Wasiliewski (Poland); Peace Secretary: Danielle Serre (France); Host List Secretary: Arnoud Phillipo (Netherlands).



RUSSIA !!!

So happy to see all these faces, old ones and new ones that even when a discussion is a little bit long, it doesn't diminish my tenderness for you all. Thank you so much for being here!! And please come visit Russia. If everyone is interested in a longer stay in our country to study language or culture, please contact me: Lesha

LOOK AT THE AGES OF AG PARTICIPANTS



Today is one of the best days at SI Conference. We enjoyed kayaki sailing very much, beautiful nature, peaceful stream, wonderful Servas friends, etc. When we returned back to a hotel by bus, all of us sang various songs together and it was also very joyful time. It was also very joyful time. Thanks very much for this great planning. *Japanese Team*



It is important to nurture any new ideas & initiatives which can make a difference for Africa. *Wandari Maathai*

Little things seem like nothing but they bring peace. *George Bernanos*

Does anyone have to be in Gdansk Saturday morning before noon? Would you like to share a hired bus? Contact Edith Sommer or Mary Jane Mikurya, room 202

☺ **SPEAK UP FOR SERVAS** 🗣️ When you come across someone who is saying negative or untrue things with strong opinions expressed in a "I-know-it-all fashion", remember the "peace-begins-with me" workshop and communicate your opposing ideas positively. *Sus (Denmark)*

🙏 **THANKS SERVAS POLAND !!!** Thank you Poland and your volunteers for accepting to hold this International Conference. I feel blessed for the opportunity to participate, to share different ways to express our love for SERVAS. Working to make Servas better is unvaluable, it makes us see into the future and wish to continue keeping peace around the world. *Adela (AC Central America.)*

"Insisting on peace is the biggest fight!" *L'affirmation de la paix est le plus grande des combats. Jean Jaures*