

29th S.I. CONFERENCE Piaski - POLAND



DAILY NEWSLETTER

DAY 7

Saturday 25th. August 2012
Daily Conference Summary,
Delegate Comments & Ideas.

MOTIONS DEBATED AND VOTED UPON 8:30-12:00

Servas International Statutes: The proposed statutes dated June 2012 were approved as presented, except the number of hosts required for a member country was not changed. The necessary changes that came from previous approved motions were included in the approved statutes as well. **EXC-023:** The President, Treasurer and General Secretary are empowered to sign for financial matters. **ACCEPTED.** **EXC-024:** It was decided that the next GA will be held at 2015. New Zealand and Colombia offered to be the hosting country. EXCO will decide the hosting country amongst them and other countries that wish to volunteer. **TUR-006:** That Servas National groups should be encouraged to report regularly on peace activities in their country to the SI Peace Secretary who will then distribute this information to all national groups. **ACCEPTED.** **BRI-003:** That opportunities for travelers regarding projects with volunteering or educational activities will be shared on Servas Websites. **ACCEPTED.** **USA-001:** All money collected in the name of Servas must be used for Servas purposes only. **ACCEPTED.**



Servas GA 2012. Piaski. Poland

YOU'VE MISSED YOUR PERSONALISED HUGS!!

Some of you were not at the conference but we felt the effects of all the work YOU put in. ♥♥♥♥. We appreciate & thank you, Wojtek Latek, Marcin Ostaszewski, Ela & Tomek Kielak, Joanna & Michał Olczak, Zosia Dzierzawska, Michael Johnson, Pablo Colangelo, Anna Manghi, Matthew Pashkovskii and Kiat Tan. For helping and giving of your time to make this conference such a GREAT success.

ISRAELI MEETING - Early April 2013:
Negev Desert : We'll be looking at
LIFE IN THE DESERT – farmin, irrigation,
energy saving, Bedouins life,
young farmers, biking, sightseeing etc
Cauldia Sagie Israel N/S.

"All is foreseen, but freedom of
choice is given. The world is
judged in goodness, yet all is pro-
portioned to one's work"



SERVAS IDENTIFICATION CARD

In this SERVAS youth meeting 2012, there has been a proposal to create a **SERVAS identification card for the members.**

No more handwriting. The change of this information into a digital format and in real time, would involve fewer errors. **There would be no need for photographs.** They would be already printed. It would be in a different format rather than the letter of introduction, more practical to use than paper. The problem with bureaucracy **to have the stamp** for the letter of introduction (LOI) could be solved by using a card and a digital signature that should be given to an authorized SERVAS person.

Some benefits that this card could incorporate would be, for instance, to help people to obtain their documents to travel abroad, to have agreements in the future to give SERVAS members discounts for example on bus, train plane tickets and in shops, supermarkets and so on. **SERVAS POLAND YOUTH MEETING 2012**

I became a little sick during this General Assembly and the positive side was that I had pills from Switzerland, India, Portugal and Bolivia, drops from Spain, healing massages from Mexico and Venezuela, Vitamin C from Poland and Croatia. So it wasn't that bad and I now know what is meant by international health care!!! **Anna Cristina - Italy**

By: 🐘 **Demelza**
(Malawi),
Sophia
(Guatemala),
Gustavo

Comparing Servas to the use of our senses Liv (Norway)

Be sure to realize the function of our ears:

The meaning of words that everyone hears will vary with culture, language and years. A word isn't always the way it appears; it moves someone to laughter and others to tears.

Let us help out the ears with the use of our eyes, use them well regardless of color or size.

Cooperation is always useful and wise!

In the end you will hopefully realize this is building trust and positive ties.

Diversity dinners: a way to expand Servas

Diversity dinners is a great way of cultural sharing, through a series of dinner parties. Each person agrees to host one dinner and attend 5 dinners hosted by each in the group. Each member gets a chance to share their point of view, culture, foods and life experiences. Check out www.usservas.org for more information. **Mary Jane (USA)**