



WG Meetings 2005

» **February Tallinn**

- after 15 month of waiting for big project – decision: be efficient, to apply for two small projects at NCF – the easiest suitable funding source and ask Board for start-up funding SEK 40,000 each.
 - Drama Festival Saaremaa (idea from 2003) and
 - Baltic Light – Art exhibition project (idea from 2003).
- Rudolf Tobias Piano Festival, Hiiumaa – info on preparation
- „No“ for financial support for website update

» **April Gotland**

- Offer to meet with UBC CoC on Gotland → **Decision:** inform each other about ongoing projects of common interest
- Project funding meeting with Hanna Waluszewski – EUROPE Direct, Gotland LEADER office, Arne Grau-Amnér Programme YOUTH



» **June Bornholm**

- Planned to discuss the further work after Board decision about our small projects - for several reasons Board postponed the project funding decisions to their September meeting
- Waiting for September → and for the projects:
 - WG PtP_1_2005 – Saaremaa Drama Festival: Rügen, Bornholm, Saaremaa, Hiiumaa, Öland ? Gotland?
 - WG PtP_2_2005 – Baltic light: all islands
 - WG PtP_4_2005 – Webportal: Bornholm, Saaremaa, Gotland
Application for project 4 will be done without extra support. Depending on its results WG will go on with “Young Business” proposal.
- Report about successful Rudolf Tobias Piano Festival 2005 with participants from Hiiumaa, Saaremaa, Rügen and Åland
 - Next time to have piano study courses for “beginners”



» **November Saaremaa**

- Planned to prepare workplan and projects 2006
- At the same time with project pre-meetings: B7 Games 2006, Hiiumaa, Drama Festival 2006, Saaremaa
- Welcomed a new member – Arne Grau-Amnér, Gotland
- Review 2005 and decision on Workplan 2006
- Discussion on the Board letter dated September 2005
- Strategy discussion based on questionnaire

» **December Gotland**

- Make decisions about 2006 meeting plan, work plan, chairmanship
- Due to only 3 islands being represented on Gotland, it has been decided to postpone the decisions to the next meeting
→ 16/17 February 2006 in Tallinn



Main Projects 2005:

▪ Contact Meeting 2005, Tourism and Broadband

- » by June 2005 for several reasons no date for a contact meeting could be agreed → decision to cancel the CM for 2005,
- » as small compensation a broadband meeting for interested companies should take place in December, was postponed to the beginning of 2006

▪ Rudolf Tobias Piano Festival – took place 27 – 29 May 2005

- » B7 participants from Hiiumaa, Saaremaa, Rügen and Åland
- » Tradition – good contacts between the music schools
- » Here is Ermos report:



XIII TOBIAS` FESTIVAL 27 – 29 May 2005 – VIII Young Piano Players Contest

- This contest is held every other year. It is an important event in the calendar of Estonian music schools and very important for the cultural life on Hiiumaa.
- 2005 Festival was a celebration of the 132nd birthday of the great Estonian composer Rudolf Tobias, but also such world famous composers as Tchaikovsky, Schumann and Beethoven were commemorated, and participants played their evergreen music, too.
- 34 piano players from 17 different music schools participated in 2005.
- The B7 islands were represented by 10 young piano players and 6 teachers from 6 music schools on Saaremaa, Hiiumaa, Rügen and Åland.
- The jury at this year's contest was formed of well-known Estonian pianists and composers. 3 Grand Prix and 12 special prizes were awarded at the contest.
- During the three festival days, a lot of good music was played by the young talents, who demonstrated their courage in performing and sincere feeling for music. The workshop/picnic at Tobias' museum was also a success. The jury gave their comments, the piano teachers and their pupils discussed what was good and what could be done to get better.



XIII TOBIAS` FESTIVAL 2005 – continuation

- Hannes Maasel, Hiiumaa County Governor, opened the festival. Reet Kokovkin talked about the B7 philosophy and the importance of attention to events and activities for the youth. The contest of young piano players was suggested as a B7 youth event already in 2001, when the leaders of music schools on B7 islands Rügen and Bornholm were among the audience of the contest. In 2003, piano players from Rügen, Saaremaa and Hiiumaa participated, and in 2005 Åland joined in as well.
- In 2003, a contestant from Rügen took home Grand Prix in the older age group. This year Grand Prix went to Rügen again, but this time in the younger age group.
- A player from Åland won a special prize.
- All contestants got notes of seven piano pieces as a present. It was a collection of pieces that were composed by well-known Estonian composers specifically for this contest in a period of 13 years.
- Hiiumaa will welcome the participants again in 2007, when the next festival is held. We hope all B7 islands will show up then.



Small and bilateral projects 2005:

- » Crafts companies of building sector (Öland-Rügen)
- » Art & handicraft exhibitions (Gotland on Rügen from 25 Nov 2005)
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WG internal Exchange of Knowledge 2005

- » In 2005 we started an internal WG exchange about interesting ways of business development – suitable or applicable for the others islands – where we learned about
 - Öland Promotion as Place of Immigration in the Netherlands and Belgium,
 - about Bornholms Food Ambassador,
 - about Dinner Parties for rich Gotland Enthusiasts to make thinking them about investments etc. – interesting small business exchange of know-how
 - etc.



Contact wishes 2005: (examples from last meeting)

- » **Church organists** - Gotlandic organists want to have an exchange with Rügen, Estonian and other islands - Heads of choirs of elderly people and youngsters want to meet to check out co-operation/exchange opportunities
- » **Hiiumaa Chess Festival** - About two young players per island are invited. Accommodation and food will be paid by project. Travel costs to be born by the participants.
- » **CJD Rehabilitation centre (specialised in obesity – adiposis ; asthma), Garz/Rügen** Contacts with hospitals and medical insurance companies on the islands wanted. There are free capacities to have medical treatment/curing (4 to 6 weeks, especially in spring time) for kids from 7 to 16 years suffering from breathing system diseases or obesity.
- » **Students for internships, sailing clubs,**



END of WAITING for PROJECT DECISIONS:

▪ Board letter from September:

- » WG was surprised to be restricted rather unexpectedly.
- » The started education contacts were stopped due to “low B7 interest” – unless other signals received from Education Conference participants
- » With this letter Öland started thinking about their future role in the WG as they want the WG to cover wider areas such as business contacts and others. And not only Öland ...

▪ The WG will take the letter as clear Board directive for the next future: WG subjects for 2006 will be sports and culture.



Difficulties:

Despite our strong will to be more efficient than during the last 15 month, we were not:

- » **WG life 2005 was characterized by long waiting for decisions → inefficient work**
- » **WG should understand the decisions the Board makes, but can't sometimes**
 - Project about Rotating Art Exhibitions, for long had been discussing, Culture being WG task, properly filled in forms submitted, no reliable decision by now, project leaders finally give up ???
 - Education contacts - "low B7 interest" – unless Education is no. 2 of B7 priorities and other signals were received from Education Conference participants and Board decision for 2006
- » **To show outside that parts of the organisation don't know what are the goals, the priorities etc. is the worst signal the organisation can send out. → We need clarity and certainty for the future work.**



How to be more efficient:

- **How should we work with Workgroups and what should they be doing?**
 - » We should give them clear directives and a budget with finance mandate in their field of work.
- **What should we try to do more of and what should we cut out or reduce?**
 - » Should have more concrete basic contacts, do more small projects connecting the people. Spend more money for projects, less for administration.
- **Do we meet too much or too little?**
 - » Depends on activities, use telephone and web meetings, video conferences.
- **What should be the role of the facilitator?**
 - » Should be Project Facilitator, should help and support us to be efficient: receive project ideas, find corresponding funding sources, do project writing and help realizing projects.



WORKPLAN 2006

WG Chairperson 2006 -

Main Projects:

- **Drama Festival, Kuressaare – 8/10 July 2006**
- **B7 Games, Kärdla/Emmaste – 26/29 July 2006**
- **Youth Camp 2006 – August 2006, Åland/Hiiumaa/Saaremaa?**
 - » If Åland chairmanship cannot organise the Youth Camp as in the last two years PtP WG is willing to take over the organisation in order not to allow a break or final stop of the camp series. Estonian islands will check their possibilities to host the camp if necessary. Gotland will give support with project application.

Small and bilateral projects and contacts

- » Exhibitions, contacts as every year
- » Broadband Meeting on Gotland, spring 2006
- » Organists' Meeting



WORKPLAN 2006

WG Meetings:

- » Meetings shall take place together with events, i. e. project meetings or projects, Board meetings etc.
- » The WG will have more telephone or web meetings, videoconferences etc.
- » (Meeting dates will be fixed at next PtP meeting.)

Other invitations

- » Invitation to Hiiumaa Chess Festival, July 2006
- » Invitation to Music School Anniversary Rügen, June 2006

Åland Chairmanship Programme

- » First draft: Alandia Jazz ... ?, Alandia Cup ... ?
- » Can WG give support? – No response