

## EDM Community Reports Barcelona / Spain – August 2009

### Questions and Requests from community reports

#### Hungary

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- We would like to ask for experience on the following: Recently we have discovered that there is a Croatian non profit organisation called “Club of recovering addicts 12 steps” which receives donations from the government. It has in its programme “supervision of Narcotics Anonymous groups”. It is led by the psychiatrist (non-addict) who founded the first Croatian NA group and who was very much involved in its development for the first few years. He completely disengaged two years ago. After having a group conscience on the subject, we decided to approach the doctor and ask him to remove the name of Narcotics Anonymous from his programme.
- Funding request: We would like to ask for an FD visit (workshop) at our fourth NA convention of former Yugoslavia countries. Although there is only one Area in the whole region (in Croatia), and it will have existed for a year and a half at the time of convention (Funding Guidelines say that the community has to have a working service structure to the Area level for at least two years to be eligible for EDM funding), we think this unfulfilled requirement can be compensated with the fact that there will be 5 developing communities at the said event, plus Hungary. The convention is usually attended by 100 people. It will take place in May 2010. This is our first funding request to the EDM.

#### Slovenia

- Together with NA Croatia we are asking for an FD visit (workshop) at our fourth NA convention. The convention is organized for 5 countries of former Yugoslavia and is usually attended by 100 people. It will take place in May 2010.

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### Lithuania

- Request for funding: The funding to Winter EDM 2010 in Egypt for the Region Delegate. Our delegates were funded to travel to EDM many times before.
- We have a question on the relationships with official institutions. What boundaries we should set? When do we say no to them? We have to respect our trusted servants, so how far we allow the officials to disrespect their opinion?

### UK

- We would like some feedback on what other communities use to conduct business?
- The UK Region has been struggling financially in a major way, to the extent we had to request funds from the EDM to attend. (see report)  
We are hoping that this situation will change in the very near future, but wondered if other communities have been having similar issues?
- UK Service Office/Literature: There has been much discussion about the literature price increase amongst the UK fellowship and we are aware the UKSO are negotiating with WSO to try and get the best price for us. The UK region has submitted a motion for the CAR, but we have also been asked by the UK region to bring the following questions to the EDM:
  - Why the price in Europe has gone up?
  - Can we have a licence to print the literature ourselves?
  - Will prices come down when the exchange rate changes?
  - How do other regions/communities run their service offices?
  - Do they have paid workers in their service offices?
  - Where do the profits from the sale of literature go to?
  - Do they sell or distribute literature to outside organisations?
  - Do they undertake work for other sub-committees?
- UK Helpline: Due to rising costs of the office the UK Helpline is looking into the feasibility of running the helpline on a rota at people's homes. We already do this out of the office hours. There has also been a drop in numbers of addicts calling the helpline. How do other communities run their helpline?
- The UK Website is considering an online donation port, similar to the one on the NAWS site. The RCM's have asked the steering committee to look at the feasibility of us doing this. Do any communities have any experience with this facility?

### Poland

- We still don't have the legal association. However we've been advised to ask in legal cases for support of the office in Belgium. The people who are preparing for PI committee asked if they could get from the office in Belgium a confirmation letter of being a legal organization which we can present by different institutions. This may also help to get the possibility to make a free NGO spot. If we can prove us as NGO they will donate that. Besides is that all right with our Traditions?
- FD – is it possible to get please an FD trip in February 2010 where some experienced members share with us during Group Assembly about concepts? This is still a lightly known issue in our Region.
- We kindly ask if EDM could fund our Delegate's plane/transport costs to Gizeh EDM 2010?

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### Ireland

- Has the body, including the WSO experienced any challenges with under 18's attending NA meetings, such as their guardians requiring to be present at a closed meeting?
- Could the EDM body consider examining the issue of literature price increases as it impacts WSO Europe and subsequently the NA communities?

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NARCOTICOS ANONIMOS  
REGION ESPAÑOLA

### REPORT FROM THE SPANISH REGION FOR THE EDM AT BARCELONA

15-18, august 2009

#### 1. Groups and meetings

In Spain we have 9 Areas: The Area of Pitiusa (Ibiza and Formentera) , (the former Area of Cadiz which has been divided in 2) Area del Sur and Campo Gibraltar, Barcelona, Cadiz, Canary Islands, Madrid, Penibética, Valencia, the Area de la Luz.

We have, altogether, 80groups and 150 weekly meetings.

8 of these groups are English speaking meetings, Gibraltar enclosed, and 4 more meetings have translation service into English.

#### 2. Service positions.

All main services are covered except some alternate positions.

Our subcommittee of guidelines is covered up and working well.

Translation Subcommittee and Regional PI are still unattended.

Our RSC meets every 6 months and holds Internet meetings when necessary.

We have held 2 internet meetings after the RSC where we discussed items which couldn't wait to the next RCS.

#### 3. FD

FD has arranged 2 workshops in Seville with the topic “the need of doing service” and “responsibility”.

FD continues their work with the isolates groups in the North of Spain.

FD also went to Calahorra (Rioja District) and made some PI in a Radio Show.

#### 4. PI and H&I.

The service has been working on an Area basis.

The Web Page for NA Spain is [www.narcoticosanonimos.esp](http://www.narcoticosanonimos.esp) and our telephone helpline is (00 34) 902-11 41 47.

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### 5. - Treasury. –

Our balance is 21.300 € and we budget 1800 € as a donation for the EDM (900 in January and 900 in June 2009) as well as 1800 € for the WSO 2009.

We are talking to our attorneys to figure out the best way of legal bookkeeping. We are also considering opening another account for our savings with a higher interest.

### 6. - Conventions.

Cádiz, Canaries, Barcelona, Penibética, Valencia, Madrid and la Luz Areas continue to organize their annual convention as well as the Region celebrates the Regional Convention. The Region will not celebrate the annual Convention 2009.

The Region of Spain is much excited about hosting the World Convention 2009 in Barcelona and there will be an exhibition celebrating the 25th anniversary of NA in Spain.

### 7.- We are bidding on the ECNA 2011 in Marbella.

### 8. - Extra point

The World Convention Supporting Subcommittee has been working hard with the WSO to prepare the WC and welcomes you all in Barcelona. You can find a volunteer-service form on the <http://www.wcnaveolunteer.org/signup.html>

In loving service

Miguel

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### *Western Russia report to the EDM, Spain*

**Meetings:** 170 groups with 510 meetings weekly

**Areas:** 15 areas

**Region:**

- Next RSC will take place in Voronezh in September **2009**.
- We decided to make an inventory of our Region, created a workgroup and selected some trusted servants to do it. We collected NA experience all over the world, also our European community helped us a lot, now this workgroup is working and we hope that soon we will have some results of this work.
- We decided to change our budget planning system, also we created a workgroup for it.
- We held some NA presentation for the officials, and some workshops for our trusted servants – some of them were workshops from 2008-10 WSC cycle.
- We had the First Sponsor Day in Russia. The idea of this event was taken from our finish brothers' report in Hungary. It was like a little convention, host city was Voronezh and it was successful Day – we are going to do it again next year.
- Also we had elections for some positions in our Regional level. Now we have new RD – Andrey G, new RD alt – Sergey K, new RSC chair – Alexander 9, and vice-chair – Vladimir (our former RD), new FD chair - Denis.
- We also realized again that our region was too big. Now we have no decision for this question.
- We have new website team also.
- We are going to print some new literature items in Russian such are IPs, White Booklet, Group Booklet.
- Many Russian NA members are going to attend WCCNA in Barcelona.
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**Fellowship Development:**

- ✓ We had a big workshop for our group secretaries during our last convention in Samara.

**Regional Convention:**

- Our WR Convention was in Samara this summer. We don't have final results of it now.

**Subcommittees:**

**1. Translations:**

- ❖ Page "about us" was translated for the EDM web site.

**Donations:**

This year we don't donate money to NAWS and to the EDM.

*In loving service,*

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**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
MAGYARORSZÁG**

website: [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)

[www.na.info.hu](http://www.na.info.hu)

**Hungarian report for EDM 2009, Barcelona**

**1. Groups and meetings: 13 groups with 16 meetings**

- Budapest area; 8 groups 8 meetings
- Pecs area (Southwest); 5 groups, 8 meetings
- Komlo (Southwest); 1 group 1 meeting

**(unfortunately less than before – the meetings in the southeast and northeast have closed down, but ☺ the ones in the remaining areas are getting bigger)**

**2. Service structure:**

Still 2 areas; Budapest and Pecs. Regular ASC meetings. At the Regional Assemblies all GSRs are present, as there are no RCMs.

**Regional commitments:**

- Coordinator (organizes, summarizes the Regional Assemblies, holds the GSRs together)
- Literature person
- Treasurer
- RD, Alt RD
- Translation Committee
- Media Committee

**3. H&I:**

There isn't a regional committee, but in both areas (Budapest and Pecs) subcommittees ensure carrying the message to institutions.

**4. Translation:**

**The revision and approval of the IPs is still ongoing.**

The most recently approved IP is „Am I an addict?”.

Now we are revising „Information about NA” and „Living the Program”

**5. Treasury:**

Not much in the regional treasury (money is not coming from the areas)

**6. Conventions abroad:**

Many of our members (about 35!) attended the convention in Trogir.

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### 7. Phonelines, webpage:

We have **two phonelines: Budapest/Pecs.**

The website is regularly updated: [www.na.info.hu](http://www.na.info.hu)

### 8. Our question:

**About selling approved literature: do you sell it for its price or do you add the postage price to the original price?**

### 9. Funding of RD/Alt RD:

The funding we've received:

- EDM Vilnius
- EDM Geneva: partial funding
- EDM Porto
- FD workshop Pecs
- EDM Wales: partial funding
- EDM Helsinki: we received accommodation and per diem for the RD, and the travel cost of the RD Alt.
- EDM France: partial funding
- EDM Barcelona: we received full funding for the RD.

**Request: we would like to ask for partial funding for our RD for the next EDM.**

In loving service  
Eszti  
RD Hun



**EDM Community report Barcelona summer 09**

**SWISS FRENCH SPEAKING AREA REPORT**

[www.nasr.ch](http://www.nasr.ch)

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Hello everyone!

I am very happy, excited and grateful about our EDM Meeting and world convention coming up soon! See you all there...

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**GROUPS:**

We are one area which gathers the entire French speaking Switzerland region.

There are 15 groups or meetings, two of them are closed, and the rest are open meetings.

One English speaking meeting is held in Geneva once a week.

Two meetings have an 11<sup>th</sup> step format with 10 minutes of meditation to start with. It's not a specific meditation, no guidance: it's just about a moment of silence...

One group is having difficulties: 2 treatment centres attending that meeting at the same time with only one female trusted servant!!! So it came up during our last ASC and 2 old-timers will commit themselves to the group by taking service + it was suggested to talk up directly to the centres offering them the possibility to send their patients to 2 different meetings...

**ASC:**

Our last ASC took place in the middle of May in one of the 3 areas we cover in the French speaking Switzerland.

We make a rotation so every region has a chance to hold an ASC in their place once a year at least.

There are 4 ASC a year with one RSC in between each of them.

For our last ASC we had 11 GSR + 4 alternates there out of 14 groups, which is a very successful record!

Four groups were not represented...

The RSC had sent a question to all groups about: "What's working in your group and what isn't?"...just to energize the GSR reports!!

**TRESORY:**

Finances are healthy with a disponibility of 3200 Euros.

We keep a prudent reserve of 2000 Euros and the budget for AD + alternate travels is 1000 Euros per year.

**PI&RC:**

For the first time we will be editing an Annual Report booklet relating to: The history of NA in Switzerland, our resources such as groups, helpline, literature, conventions, what's EDM, opinion of one or two professionals (not sure yet because of tradition 6??), story of one of the first members in Switzerland...

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It should be ready and send out by October before our convention celebrating 20 years in our country!!! The back cover will hold the convention flyer as an invitation for all professionals... For our last convention we sent out 300 letters and we had only 2 journalists present...so we are making it different this time...

This plan took 2 years to come about! It came out after 2 meetings had closed down with no announcement to professionals about it...taking the risk that new comers would find a closed door, knowing they are often sent by professionals...We hope to give a good image and better credibility to NA Swiss.

A lot of enthusiasm showed up for this new plan at the beginning but when it came to working concretely on it and to gathering members...it was an other story! Anyway it's almost achieved now, hopefully!!!

We are invited to participate in a forum to take place with: prison guards, psychiatrists and doctors so **“We need your experience!”**

### **H & I:**

We have 2 H & I committees in 2 different regions. One of them is working well with new alternatives and the other one because of changes (separation between PI&RP and H&I) and a lack of commitment from trusted servants was a bit stuck: It's getting starting again with a stronger committee...

- A need of revaluation of our goals, motivations and commitments.
- Communication need to be improved between PI&RP and H&I.
- More specific guidelines may help.
- Break of anonymity in a treatment centre due to relapses of members and lack of knowledge of traditions by new trusted servants.

### **WEBSITE:**

- Under news all the dates for conventions, events as well as ASC, RSC, H&I, PI&RC are announce.
- There is a link for members only (with password) that lead to all mail boxes of all groups + SC members. It's a good way to communicate and it works when we work it!!

### **CONVENTION:**

**NA Switzerland is celebrating 20 years!**

**The convention for this special event will take place in October 09, 2-3-4, in Gwatt (Thoune), Swiss Germany.**

**Please visit the website: [www.na20.ch](http://www.na20.ch)**

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### **NA Malta – Community Report to:**

#### ***European Delegates Meeting Barcelona - 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2009***

**NA Malta National Convention  
17-19.04.09**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> NA Malta National Convention 'Coming Back to Life' was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009. The FD visit in Malta was a great benefit to our fellow members because Sergio and Veronica gave a thorough explanation of how a PI presentation is conducted to the Maltese fellowship. Also, two further workshops discussing the Twelve Concepts and Sponsorship in NA were carried out with Sergio and Veronica giving us all their knowledge and experience in both subjects. Sergio and Veronica with the help of Simon A conducted a great PI presentation which turned out to be a magnificent experience for everyone because many professionals turned up to this event; therefore we reached our goal of carrying the message that we truly are another resource in our community.

The night of the Convention turned out to be a grateful experience for everyone in which we celebrated the gift of recovery and tried to carry our message of faith, hope and strength.

Fund raising activities were organized in order to cover expenses incurred during the convention.

The Maltese Fellowship sends its regards and gratefulness towards Sergio, Veronica and the FD Committee for making all of this possible.

#### **Region Service Structure**

After a lot of discussion it has been decided to convert our fellowship from one big group into a Region made up of 5 groups each of them having their respective GSR's representing them in the Region.

Interest is always increasing and we are seeing more commitment towards service.

#### **New Meetings**

We have continued increasing the number of meetings and to date we have 7 weekly meetings in Malta and 2 in Gozo.

Last July we have always started a morning meeting on Thursday.

#### **H & I**

Due to the fact that our presence in various Hospitals and Institutions is growing and getting stronger, in our last region meeting we really felt the need to create an H & I Committee. In fact an H & I Committee has also been created and what seemed a very difficult task to open a meeting in Corradino Correctional Facility now is a reality and we are really eager and looking forward to carry our message in a prison for the first time ever!!

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### **Local Translation Committee**

The Maltese LTC is proudly announcing that finally the Maltese fellowship is making use of the key chains translated in Maltese. Moreover a further stepping stone has been reached with the publishing of IP # 1 in Maltese. This will surely help us to carry the message to the still suffering addict in our Region. Our next target is to translate the NA White Booklet.

### **EDM and WCNA in Spain**

Malta has elected a new RD and an Alt. RD after Simon A finished his term. Ian G (RD), Mario C (Alt RD) and the Maltese fellowship thank Simon A for his service, effort, time and patience dedicated in the EDM.

### **Contribution**

NA Malta will donate € 100 to EDM.

### **EDM Funding**

NA Malta requests the full funding of the Maltese RD to 2010 Winter EDM in Egypt.

Ian G  
RD

Mario C  
Alt RD

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REPORT FROM NA REGION NORWAY TO THE EDM 15-18 AUG 2009

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### The NA Region Norway service structure

Our Region consist of 6 areas; 2 in east of Norway, 1 in the south, one in the west, one in the middle and a new in north of our beautiful, long stretched country. We have some challenges regarding service willingness. There are about 84 groups and 86 meetings a week in our region. We have 4 subcommittees in our Region:

#### **Web-committee:**

[www.nanorge.org](http://www.nanorge.org)

Got new people involving and would like to increase the communication with the areas and they want to make the web pages updatable by the areas without being a technical person.

#### **Literature:**

Are handling orders every week and are doing a great job in supporting our areas with literature. Turnover 82.286.- NOK The prices will go up 20% from 1 of July

#### **Translation:**

Are doing a great job. We now have both the Basic text and It works how and why in Norwegian. The Just for today are almost ready. We also have all of the IP s in Norwegian. Step four guide and White booklet is ready. We have the Step Working Guides translated. The Little white Booklet consists of 7 stories from the Norwegian fellowship that we have collected. Working step 4 in NA is for sale. We are waiting for IN Times of Illness and NA groups and medication. We expect the Sponsorship book to be ready during this autumn, and Just For Today before the end of 2009. So we are very pleased with our achievement and the assistance of NAWS. We are also in the process of translating the personal stories of the Basic Text 6 edition, and if we have the capacity, we might look at a revision of the B.T

#### **Phone-line:**

The phone is served every day from 5 pm to 7 pm. And we got a lot of service willingness an we try to do this service in all our areas. Try to find people to educate people for 12 step willingness. They got an commercial spot under holydays.

#### **Service-conference 2010:**

We are happy to report that The Region is going to have our 4 service-conference in 9 april 2010. And we try to do this conference without any fees for the members. The committee has been in Sweden to get inspiration and they would like to fund every GSR to the service conference..

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### **Conventions info at <http://www.nanorge.org/tingskjer.asp>**

We have several conventions in our region and we would like to mention [Bragdøya](#) where we have meetings and entertainment for a whole week. This is very helpful for our members that lives far North in our long country. We meet and get to know each other by camping and go to meetings together. We are celebrating our 21th anniversary for NA in Norway.

Gon 2009 7-9 august

NA Hamar celebrate 11 year

OØKNA XVI Konvent 25-27 september

### **Treasury: 45.000 NOK.**

We have great expenses because we are rotating our region-meetings in all of our 6 areas and we have to finance travelling and hotel for some of our members others stay private or with NA friends. We see it as a point to rotate this meetings and we are happy to take the cost of this.

### **H&I and the PI:**

H&I and PI Committees are working through the areas and not the region. There are a lot of good H&I and PI work in our region. H&I are holding regular meetings in the main prison in Norway, and are working to get to several of the smaller ones. They also have meetings in treatment and detox centres. One area has got stamps in every meeting so the KIF (Care for criminals in freedom) can control if people has been to meetings.

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Christin  
Delegate

Per Einar  
Alternate delegate

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**Narcotics Anonymous.**

### Report of the German-speaking Region for the Summer EDM 2009 in Barcelona

#### Meetings

Austria, Germany and the German speaking Switzerland are part of the German speaking Region. There are 7 areas with 249 meetings in 93 cities. Most of them are in Germany, 12 in Switzerland and only 4 in Austria. We have 5 Farsi and 4 English speaking meetings in our region. Two of them (1 Farsi, 1 English) were recently opened in Bremen. We have new online meetings and a workgroup was formed at our RSC to find out how they could be integrated into our service structure. Information concerning this topic is very welcome!

#### Service

Our RSC takes place four times a year. Since our last RSC in Juli, all of the service positions are taken. The service body has two new members now in alternate positions. The webmaster created a new mailing-adress which makes it very easy now to reach all members of the RSC at once. And we have the daily "Just For Today" in German to be read on our regional site or to be send by signing in to the "jft" newsletter.

#### H&I and PI

We have one person who is responsible for PI on regional level. Each area has about 5-10 H&I meetings and some members responsible for PI.

#### Discussions

ASRs report that people are not pleased about the new literature prices and asked if they can do anything to change it. We dicussed this and had a member of the Business Plan Group of the WSO explaining what led to the decisions. At our next RSC we'll have another discussion about it.

Most of our RSCs agreed to distribute our literature through the NA-office in Frankfurt to benefit from the discounts of large orders from Brussels and less transportation costs to save NA money.

#### Donations

€ 1000,- were probably in the meantime donated to the WSO.

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#### Conventions

We had the first international convention called "be\_open" organized by the English speaking fellowship in Berlin. It was a wonderful, very well organized convention with a quite personal, intimate athmosphere. The committee wishes to make this convention an annual event. There were 180 registered members, 60 of them from 14 different countries. There will be a convention in Heidelberg 02.10. – 04.10.09 celebrating 18 years of NA in Heidelberg.

The weekend after the WCNA there will be a convention in Cologne,  
28.08. – 30.08.09

The last regional convention closed with a plus of € 2105,-.

In loving service,

Martina & Andreas

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### NA Croatia Report for the Winter EDM in France 2009

#### GENERAL

We have only one Area in Croatia, existing since October 2008. There are 3 meetings per week in Zagreb and 3 in Split. Meetings in Split are very small (3 people), but NA in Zagreb is growing. We have now steady attendance of 15 and more people per meeting. There are more dedicated people doing service, and our groups became more united, developed better communication, and became more attractive for newcomers.

One member committed to start and maintain a new meeting in Rijeka, another Croatian town with lots of addicts.

We keep close contact with neighbouring communities in the countries of former Yugoslavia, exchanging experience and providing support to each other whenever possible.

We will again donate 50 euro to the EDM. Our total budget is around 450 euro, after we covered all the major expenses, including new shipment of literature.

#### LOCAL TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

LTC consists of 5 members and meets approx. twice a month. We have 5 IPs and Reading Cards approved and printed, and two more IPs in preparation.

We have printed a draft, unapproved translation of Just for Today and we sell it in meetings with no profit.

We share draft translations with all the neighbouring communities which understand Croatian language.

#### H&I

There is a regular, once a month meeting in a hospital with detox department.

#### PI

We created a poster which was distributed in several hospitals, needle exchange and methadone places.

Program was presented in two methadone places and in a closed detox ward of one hospital.

Web page was created in April and can be accessed at [www.na-croatia.org](http://www.na-croatia.org)

#### NA PHONE LINE

NA phone lines are operated constantly by one member in Split and one member in Zagreb: NA Zagreb +385 92 2028 138; NA Split +385 91 7229 539.

#### NA EVENTS

The third convention of NA communities from countries of former Yugoslavia (Bosnia, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia) took place 30 April - 3 May 2009 in Trogir, Croatia. It became a traditional event where the scattered groups of "Narkoslavija Region" get together. This year it was again visited by many many dear friends from Hungary and London.

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There was a workshop "Our Freedom Our Responsibility" led by Slovenian and Croatian delegate, which turned into a good service discussion. This happened for the first time in a "formal" setting (as opposite to "over the coffee") in our region to be.

### REQUEST FOR EXPERIENCE

We would like to ask for experience on the following:

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This is our first funding request to the EDM.

We would also like to organise winter EDM 2011 in one of the "Narkoslavija" countries, but we will present the bid at the next EDM in Egypt.

See you again soon in Barcelona!

Sanda, NA Croatia

## **NA Denmark, Community report, Aug 2009**

The Danish fellowship is doing well, there is a growing sense of unity, all Areas are attending the Regional Service Meeting, all service-positions in the Regional Service Comity is occupied.

We have decided to engage in a co-operation with Sweden in a bid for ECNNA 2011.

We are re-designing Our websites, with the same designs for all Areas

The PI Comity is quiet but steadily growing, we are making our first public events this summer.

We have finish translating "just for Today".

The Region have been registered as a legal entity, we have legal bank accounts, and offer the Areas to have the same

We have received Questionnaire and is preparing to be seated at WCO 2010.

### Areas and meetings:

Denmark have five areas:

Copenhagen - 56 meetings

Sjaelland - 24 meetings

Southern Dk - 31 meetings

Central Jutland - 16 meetings

Northern Jutland - 16 meetings

### Economy:

The Regional Budget is on 88.000 dkr ( ca 11.000 euro)

The region relies solely on donations from the Areas, We have no Regional Convention or income from sale of literature.

The last years we have experienced a good and increasing flow of money from the Areas. Our budget have rising from ca 40.000 dkr just two years ago

This year we decided to finance Our Service Conference via seventh Tradition and Fundraising

### Events:

Konvent & Camp, Skanderborg, Central Jutland, 31 Juli - 2 August

Kærlighed og Klipper, Bornholm, 4 - 6 September

Sammen kan vi, Northern Jutland, 2 - 4 October

More information's on : <http://www.nakonvent.dk>

Looking foreward to a wonderful time with you i Barcelona

Iver & Erik

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*NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS*

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*NARCOTICI ANONIMI*

CRISNA – Comitato Regione Italia Servizi Narcotici Anonimi

Dear Friends,

For the last 4 years, unfortunately we have no more a RD car no one presents his candidature for this service in a continuative way, twice we were able to send a “ad hoc” representative to WSC, but the situation does not change.

No one presented his candidature for Barcelona and we are forced, once again, to simply send to You a report on our Region situation. But, please believe us, we, overall, miss a contact with world brotherhood and we also miss a Representative who actively participates to the works and reports to the Italian Members all the information about the other fraternities, but also the experience, the force and the hope and, overall, the unity which this protracted isolation we risk to lose sight.

At the moment Italy is composed by 7 areas which include about all the national territory, excluding islands and some southern portions. Altogether we count 69 weekly meetings in 41 Groups in 26 towns.

The frequency is pretty good and the recovery climate is satisfactory, lately we are also seeing a fair numerical growth. The doleful notes become from the service vocations: the members favourably disposed towards the service, at any level, are always less and this fact influences also on the RSC, where a lot of offices are uncovered, also for the higher attention we are applying in Servants’ selection, car, recently, we had 2 relapses of the responsible servants of the website and the literature and gadgets which created big logistic and economic troubles. These 2 situations have been brilliantly passed thanks to the fraternity engagement, but they left some scars.

Two years ago we set up the figure of the “not addict fiduciary” and actually it is covered by a professional doctor who represents the Members in those occasions in which the anonymite may be in danger and often allows us to participate to some public events in which we would never be without his cooperation.

This contributed to increase the effectiveness of our sub-committee for the Public Information which has a particularly intense activity. In particular, last March, we participated for the first time at the National Congress promoted by the Italian Anti-Drug Department of the Italian Government doing a short presentation to the numerous operators showing a poster and distributing information leaflets.

This first participation allowed us to attend the following meetings of the Department where we explained to the operators of main Associations (governative and non-governative) our point of view, we cleared up some misunderstandings which have often influenced our relations with other people and we distinguished ourselves not participating at the ideological disputes. Our main care is, today, to give continuity to these enterprises.

We hope to be able, as soon as possible, to begin again to firmly participate to the international meetings.

We wish You a good meeting and good 24hours.

The CRISNA Coordinator  
Alessandro

July 25, 2009

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# Israel Region Report

To summer 2009 EDM Barcelona

The Israel Region has 8 areas and approximately 250 meetings per week.

### Regional Subcommittees Report

#### LTC

Israel Region's Translation sub-committee has had 8 active members working this year on several different projects. First and foremost, we have brought the *SWG* that has been in work for 6 years in our fellowship, to the final type-setting stage, and are now waiting for its publishing. As part of the Israeli Region service structure change, the committee has been working on the *Guide to Local Service*, as a local production. Also, working locally and with the WSO we have translated a few new IP's: *By Young Addicts, for Young Addicts, Violent and Disruptive Behavior, and Principles and Leadership in NA service*, and completed the Hebrew Glossary Form.

Also, in response to a request of a group, we have re-examined the translation of the 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition into Hebrew; the word "promotion" was translated to "advertisement", holding back some of desired PI activity. Working with the PI sub-committee and the WSO, we have decided to suggest a change in the translation of "promotion", a phrase meaning "making promises". Then, we turned to the groups for the authority to make the change in the tradition. This has been a long process, and we are now waiting for the groups' decision. Finally, our main project for the upcoming year, which is already in work, is translating the stories in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Basic Text, for the first time in the Hebrew.

#### ECCNA26

As you all know, Israel Region will host the next European convention and conference "ECCNA26" That will take place in summer 2010.

Detailed report will be presented separately.

#### Regional Delegates

Since the EDM winter seat in Aix, we were involved in the raising of the ECCNA26.

Lately we found it hard to pass on the workshops that we learned from WSO. We tried it for several times but participation was poor.

In other hand, the presentations was given us last year at WSC 2008 was a success, members like to know what's going on with our world wide fellowship, and the reaction to the filmed material and the presentation was enthusiastic.

#### Fundraising and entertainment

After a year without a chair for this subcommittee, we elected a chair person at the beginning of 2009, but few months later he resigned.

In spite of this, we raised few big events managed by the areas and convention sub committee.

#### Reach out

We are trying for some time to change **group information sub committee** (that was not working very well in our region) in to **reach out sub committee**. At the moment we didn't yet find the proper way to do it but we are still trying.

#### Office

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The office of the Israel Region is stationed in Tel Aviv.

Sub committees are using it for their meetings for four times a week.

Regional, chair persons and steering committee meetings are taking place ones a week.

Literature and merchandise shop is open few times a week and office services are given to the steering committee and to other sub committees in a very efficient way.

### **Regional convention**

This year the 10<sup>th</sup> regional convention will take place on the 3-5 September in the Dead-Sea at a very nice 5 stars hotel which we hope will also host Ecna 26 next year.

The committee is doing a lot of work with H&I which are expecting 60 inmates from two prisons from the southern area to take part at the first day of the convention.

For the first time we will have live video broadcast from the convention to prison and from prison to the convention.

Two of the speakers at the main meeting at the convention will be from those NA groups at prison.

We are very happy that things work out and we are able to have such an exciting happening in our convention.

### **H and I**

Meetings are attended in 18 prisons all over the country

In addition meetings are held in rehabs and other institutions.

### **Literature**

The literature sub-committee has adjusted the prices of the literature according to the World Service Office's new price list.

We are developing new products and selling literature in 3 languages (Hebrew Russian and English).

### **P.I**

We are keeping in touch with professionals

We held panels of P.I presentation in front of professionals and students from:

Pardesia Hospital, Bne Brak College, Tel Aviv College.

Founding a list of postal address of professionals in the law system and send them letters and literature.

We printed visiting cards and envelopes.

Maintaining the hot line 24 hours by P.I volunteers, about 17 calls a week are received many of them by family members and friends looking for help and meeting list for their loved ones.

Arranging meetings of: 11 tradition, hot line and 12 step volunteers.

### **Regional service conference**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> regional service conference "Our message - our responsibility" Will take place in November 28-29"

The program will include work-shops on communication and service structure on the area level.

We will hold the election for all positions for the region at the conference.

### **Steering committee**

The Steering Committee of the Israeli region meets ones a month

We are very pleased with the process that the region is going thru.

The regional meetings are more efficient now when only area representatives can participate. The last few groups that do not yet belong to an area can still come to regional meetings as observers.

We would like to have your experience on how dos reach out\group information sub committee is **actually** working at your regions.

In Service

**Yuval – RD**

**Oded – Alt**

**Yoel – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alt**



## **Lithuanian Region Report to the Summer EDM 2009, Barcelona , Spain**

**towns – Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipeda, London, Ukmerge, Panevezys\*, Alytus\***

There are 12 groups and 31 meeting per week in our region. We have service structure. Region meets 4 times a year. We run phone line, H&I committee, PI committee, LT committee, L committee.

Since last EDM:

The **H&I committee** experienced big growth. First time in Lithuanian NA history we have encountered a problem with too many groups doing different things and not coordinating it. Actually it was quite joyful experience, because we realized how many we finally are. On the other side we had to call extra meeting for H&I crisis and discuss, how we will coordinate our activities. We nominated vice chairs in Vilnius and Kaunas (main cities doing service) and a chair to overview everything.

H&I experienced some problems in relationship with prison administration. They would not take into account our request about having a small group of motivated members. Instead they were forcing any prisoner who was caught with drugs to go to meeting. There would be hundred inmates who did not want to share or participate. A few motivated group member did not dare to share in such meeting. The recovery spirit was lost. The staff was refusing to listen to our requests. Finally we arrange meeting consisting of three parts: one part with a speaker for big unmotivated group, one small sharing meeting for motivated people and one part for informal questions and answers.

After last EDM we have used the gained experience- we organized **regional assembly** not as a business meeting, but as a nice event for everyone- midsummer camp, including sports and workshops on 12 concepts. Everybody was very satisfied and many people got a deeper understanding about service.

We have organized a workshop on „**Living Clean**“ project topics. It was a first workshop organized by ourselves in Lithuania. It was 2 hours meeting during which people were sharing in small work groups and secretaries were writing down their experiences. Later we shared in a big group. Now we will organize one more workshop to create input for chapter number 4- „Relationships“, as we have received request for it.

Lately many members have visited **Baltic Convention in Latvia**. Region will organize the participation in World Unity day as well.

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We have started distribution of member questioners to people.

Region will make a donation for World Service and EDM this time.

### **Request for funding:**

The funding to Winter EDM 2010 in Egypt for the Region Delegate. Our delegates were funded to travel to EDM many times before.

### **Questions:**

- We have a question on the relationships with official institutions  
What boundaries we should set? When do we say no to them? We have to respect our trusted servants, so how far we allow the officials to disrespect their opinion?

In loving service

Ilona, Lithuanian RD

Petras, Lithuanian alternative RD

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## NA SLOVENIA

### Report for the Summer EDM in Barcelona 2009

#### MEETINGS:

3 meetings a week, average attendance 8 people.

Problems:

- lack of people with some clean time at meetings. Recently it has become common to have a meeting with 6 newcomers and the secretary....newcomers share about using, they don't know the programme. Hard work for the secretary.
- lack of sponsors. We started working steps in a group. We meet once a week to work the steps using NA Workbook. Everyone is writing his/her own steps at his/her own pace. We don't have NA Workbook in Slovene, so we translate bit by bit for those who don't speak English.

#### LTC:

Haven't done any translations. Most members are on maternity leave.

So far we have IP1 translated and approved.

One of our members has started translating Just for Today, one reading a day.

#### H&I:

Still haven't been able to establish a relationship with the local detox clinic. Some of their patients have been coming to our meetings regularly, but the hospital sees this as a problem. Next week the therapists will decide whether it is acceptable or not for their patients to go to NA meetings.

#### PI:

- We have created a new poster and placed it at methadon distribution center.
- We had a presentation on the radio, 1 hour interview with 4 members.
- We've had a website since last year and are finally included in the NA meeting locator.

#### HELPLINE:

We've had one since day one. We don't get many calls.

#### EVENTS:

- 3rd NA convention in Trogir. We organize it together with Croatia and Serbia, around 100 people came from Montenegro, Bosnia, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Hungary, England, Germany, Ireland. We held a workshop there, it was an exact copy of the workshop we had at EDM in France: »Our Freedom, Our Responsibility« It worked out fine.
- Picnics and visits to NA Croatia. We organise picnics fairly regularly and they are always great. We visit NA in Croatia and they visit us on a regular basis.

#### A REQUEST FOR FD VISIT:

Together with NA Croatia we are asking for an FD visit (workshop) at our fourth NA convention. The convention is organized for 5 countries of former Yugoslavia and is usually attended by 100 people. It will take place in May 2010.

In service  
Jovanka

Ljubljana, 25.07.2009

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UK Region currently has 26 Areas and approximately 770 meetings a week. The regional committee meeting meets every two months and half in the south and half in the north of the country so that it is more accessible to all the areas.

### UK RSC Business:

There has been some discussion at the UK Region about the way Robert's Rules of Order are used as opposed to Consensus Based Decision Making.

**- We would like some feedback on what other communities use to conduct business?**

The UK Region has been struggling financially in a major way, to the extent we had to request funds from the EDM to attend. We put out a plea to the fellowship and some money did come in and we were able to request our funds at region but we would like to thank the steering committee at the EDM for the support that was available to us had we needed it. There seems to be an issue with the flow of funds from the groups through the service structure and some areas are holding onto money to put on conventions. Sadly it got to the stage where the regional steering committee had to stop direct debits to the regional sub committees such as UKH&I, UKPI and the UK Helpline as we thought we was going to end up accruing bank charges. The RD's held a workshop at UKCNA and will be doing it at UK Regional meeting in September called 'Thank You NA' where we asked 'What have I gained from recovery?' 'What can I give back?' 'How can I encourage others to give back?' in the hope to remind people what we 'owe' NA.

**- We are hoping that this situation will change in the very near future, but wondered if other communities have been having similar issues?**

### UK Service Office/Literature:

There has been much discussion about the literature price increase amongst the UK fellowship and we are aware the UKSO are negotiating with WSO to try and get the best price for us. The UK region has submitted a motion for the CAR, but we have also been asked by the UK region to bring the following questions to the EDM:

- Why the price in Europe has gone up?**
- Can we have a licence to print the literature ourselves?**
- Will prices come down when the exchange rate changes?**
- How do other regions/communities run their service offices?**
- Do they have paid workers in their service offices?**
- Where do the profits from the sale of literature go to?**
- Do they sell or distribute literature to outside organisations?**
- Do they undertake work for other sub-committees?**

### UK Helpline:

Due to rising costs of the office the UK Helpline is looking into the feasibility if running the helpline on a rota at people's homes. We already do this out of the office hours. There has also been a drop in numbers of addicts calling the helpline.

**- How do other communities run their helpline?**

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### **UK Website:**

The UK Website is considering an online donation port, similar to the one on the NAWS site. The RCM's have asked the steering committee to look at the feasibility of us doing this.

**- Do any communities have any experience with this facility?**

### **UK Parents & Carers:**

The committee have received many emails from people asking why there was not going to be a crèches available at the WCNA. The committee contacted the host committee and were sent a reply, but were saddened that this service was not available for addicts to be able use.

### **Prison Sponsorship:**

Following the work done by an Ad-Hoc committee looking into the viability of a UK Prison Sponsorship committee being formed as a sub-committee of region it was suggested that it would be a good resource and a way forward for the three small area committees to become region wide and reach more inmates. Prison Sponsorship has really taken off in the UK and we want to get a consistent and unified way of doing it across the region.

### **UKPI:**

UKPI have finalised the design of the 2009 Member Survey and this will be available shortly to the UK fellowship. They are also putting the finishing touches to a PI Newsletter, which will be the first one available for sometime.

The National Treatment Agency is giving UKPI a list of all the local Drug Action Teams so that local PI committees can contact them to give presentations.

**In Loving Fellowship**

**Nina, UK RD**

**Liz, UK RDA**

**The Swedish NA Region community report,**  
**To EDM august 2009 in Barcelona**

How exciting isn't it to finally meet you all again in BarceloNA! We are SO looking forward to continue our work together, developing our fellowships, in accordance to our common vision. It seems like we always write the same things in our reports, but things DO happen here ; ) and we hope that will get across to you.

Number of groups and members:

The Swedish region has 198 groups holding holding 408 meetings a week. It's impossible to count the amount of members but it seems we're still growing steadily,

Literature:

Hm, okey, we are aware that we told you in Aix-en-Provence, that "yes the JFT is ready for printing etc etc", and it *was*. Although, sometimes, due to lack of experience, things get misunderstood and it gives consequences. In this case, it led to our JFT being put on-hold, without our region realizing it. But as soon as we understood that was the fact, we dealt with it, talked to the members involved, communicated with WSO and the TEG. We now believe everything has been resolved, and as soon as WSO gets our order, the book will go to print and we will have this (o so wanted!) book in our hands by the end of the year. And by that we hope we will never have to write about our JFT in any report ever again, haha, or at least not until it will be reprinted or something like that...

Our TLC is still working on our PR-handbook. But from being just 5 members (and also inexperienced ones since our TLC moved from Stockholm to Malmoe), it has grown, to now be 5 new translation groups around our region. This is a result from our Service conference when we had our vision work at the group assembly. And as it seems, more groups will start working during this year. We now hope our translation process will go faster, since they can send the drafts between each other and help see translations with "fresh" eyes. We have been working on the PR-handbook for some time now, and want to be done with it and move on to other literature to translate, accordingly to our priority list.

Service structure:

We held our Serviceconference in April. It was an emotional weekend, where half-hidden conflicts surfaced. Emotionally especially regarding our elections, and the motion about combining regional PI, H&I and helpline posts into a PR subcommittee, which didn't get through. So we still have coordinators for H&I, PI, Telephone services and our Service Office committee. This with our three subcommittees: Literature and distribution, Translation and Web. We do believe that the idea of a PR-committee is not eliminated, but takes more time and preparation perhaps. More will be revealed, time is a spiritual principle ; )

A new Ad hoc committee was created to investigate the best way to implement the APT. Our steering committee wasn't able to figure out how to do this without colliding with our regular structure, which is the basis of a quite large budget and therefore must keep functioning while the APT process runs alongside. We have also kept the nominations committee and the guideline

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revising workgroup also keeps working. As you may see we have quite many projects running and it'll be exciting to see where it all ends.

### National Helpline

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The help-line is run through a telephone case that circulates in the area. This is a very popular service particularly in the rural areas. Our hot-line is manned three hours a week; this is run solely by one group in Stockholm on Monday nights. They are assisted by the Regional Telephone Coordinator.

We previously reported about our need to develop this service, inspired from NA Norway. And during our Serviceconference, at our Group assembly it finally clicked for the GSR's, and many new voices talked about hotline not helpline, more phone cases, more shared responsibility throughout our region to keep this service going. But as far as we know, it is just in a planning stage until next region meeting in September.

### Website:

Our website is regularly updated and although there are no new features since last EDM, we are working on a common calendar on our website. This due to our many workgroups who have regular phone meetings, which we don't want to collide and also to show our members when meetings are held and how often. Check us out at: [www.nasverige.org](http://www.nasverige.org)

### Treasury

Got our budget together this year too but the money doesn't seem enough to do more with than maintain our meetings and regular services. Lots of ideas for service but no money to do them with it seems. And now with the delay of our JFT, which we had an expected income on in our budget, it seems to become even tighter.

### Fellowship achievements & news, since last EDM :

At this year's service conference, in April, we got all the IDT's out there, to GSRs and others who participated, at the group assembly. We facilitated a workshop about communication and the response was great (an English summary will be sent to NAWS *and* to EDM if you want it). There were a lot of enthusiasm and energy and it generated a strong positive feeling.

One of the absolute highlights of the group assembly is (as always) when we report from EDM and WSC, when our members hear stories about how other regions are developing, their struggles and triumphs. We would like for you delegates to not only send emails when you have questions from your regions, but also small anecdotes about things going on in your regions, our members would LOVE to hear about it ☺ We promise that we will do our best to return the favor.

The court sheet project, we talked about in our previous report, is up and running, and so far it seems to work well. As soon as it is evaluated, you will hear more about it.

The parent/kids-group in Stockholm is still on hold, but the new parent/kids-group in Gothenburg are working and growing. We are getting reports from that group that there is a lot of energy there right now, not to mention grateful parents who now are able to come to meetings!

The Western Area decided to split. How and when is not clarified yet, but they are in the process of those discussions. It will probably take some time, since they also have the sponsorship-responsibility towards Poland. But not so far from now, we will have 13 areas in Sweden.

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The Southern area continues their collaboration with Denmark, on a regular basis. It has intensified since we invited the Danish Fellowship to work with us about ECCNA 2011. The response has been great, and the Danes are already participating in our meetings regarding the bid, and there is a plan for the collaboration if we get to host ECCNA 2011. This is so exciting to us! This has put a lot of energy in our fellowship as well.

Members from one of our areas have, for the ninth year in a row, been present during a music festival. They have offered meetings and fellowship to members there. And it has been much appreciated. Members doing service there told us that one man got clean there five years ago, and is still coming to the festival, participating in meetings. How awesome isn't that?! ☺

Even though we had no regional annual convention this year, we had other conventions which have been successful. We had:

- A local 20-year celebration in Uppsala in March.
- The Service conference in Eskilstuna in April.
- A speaker day in Västerås in April.
- A speaker day in Huskvarna in May.
- Summer convention in Halmstad in June.
- Midsummerconvention in Umeå in June.
- And convention in Malmoe in June.

There are speakerdays, arranged by groups and areas, planned further on. But so far there are no regional events. So by that note, we *are* presenting our bid for the ECCNA 2011, here in BarceloNA ☺ ...give us something to do ; )

In loving and grateful service, Veronica and Kenneth

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### 2009-SUMMER EDM / BARCELONA REPORT FROM PORTUGAL REGION

[www.na-pt.org](http://www.na-pt.org)



#### Portugal Region

In Portugal there are 11 areas, 144 registered groups on a weekly basis, in 65 cities in a geographical area of 88,790 Km<sup>2</sup>

We congratulate ourselves with the return of the Western Area to the Committee of Service of the Portuguese Region; the Western Area has been inactive during the past year but by will of the Groups re-organised themselves as the structure of Service.

The first meeting was held in the city of Lisbon in 1985, although the 1st group was only registered in 1987. The last Group registered in the Portuguese Region was in February 2009

#### RSC – Regional Service Committee

The RCS hold meetings every three months. Since the last EDM, 2 RSC were held; one in March and another in June.

The RSC continues with a lack of trust servants, holding vacant at this moment 5 positions of Service. We have some difficulty in 3 Areas, as there are no representatives and we have very little information about the difficulties they are probably going through. In the last RSC, it was decided to request the Areas Support Sub-Committee an approach to these Areas, in order to obtain more information and open a communication channel between the Committee and the Areas A proposal has been prepared by the External Affairs and Regional Delegates so that all matters may be worked on and debated relatively in conference cycles. The proposal consisted of a schedule with the implementation of several workshops on the topics. Record of the great Portuguese Fellowship participation in the discussion of issues, the organization of workshops in most areas, as well as in the National Convention and in the Annual meeting of the Subcommittees.

A working group has been approved to draw up proposals, in order to review the RSC Guidelines, because after almost 2 years of implementation, they can still be improved. It was furthermore approved the offer on behalf of the Literature of the Portuguese Region, a kit with Literature of H&I, at the opening of a new meeting at an Institution.

It was decided by the board that the translation of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of basic text was a priority for the Portuguese Region and a working group is going to be created to begin the process. We have received a request on behalf of NAWS to represent NA in the "International Council on Alcohol and Addictions" which will be held in October in the city of Lisbon. The Portuguese Region is going to support and cooperate with NAWS in this event.

The price increase of Literature was a subject that was debated. About this topic we asked NAWS for an explanation, which in turn promptly sent a reply. However the situation for the Portuguese Region is still not terminated and fully clarified.

We decide that until September the Portuguese Region will not increase the price of the literature, and later we will decide after discuss and study this issue A debated topic was the increase arrival of young addicts to the Portuguese Regions. We request in this EDM experiences of other regions so that we may handle this situation in the best way.

Another topic debated was the increasing number of people that appear in the meetings with food disorders problems, depressions and other addictions. The question is how groups should deal with this, are they NA members?

According to our guidelines, the Portuguese Region has decided to make a donation of 500, 00€ to the EDM, and to NAWS as well. This amount represents 10% of our budget

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### **APNA – Legal Association**

A new site for the Portuguese Region is being elaborated.

It was suggested by APNA, that there should only be one account holder in the name of the Portuguese Region, for example, all other accounts relating to the structure of NA, should not have accounts in the name of APNA, for both legal reasons and accounting reasons.

APNA are endeavouring to find a location to re-install the head office.

The matter relating to the presentation of all legal and financial reports to the Portuguese government is practically solved, as well as the respective presentation

### **Regional Convention**

The 2009 Regional Convention was organised by the Sintra Area in the past month of June. The number of registrations was 638 and 55 visits. A good atmosphere of recovery in the Convention was raised by everyone, as the greatest annual event ever held by the Portuguese Region.

The positive balance of this Convention was of approximately 3,000€.

### **Areas Support Sub-Committee**

The Annual Meeting of all Sub-Commissions of the Portuguese Region was held in April.

The attendance was great and various topics were debated as well as the difficulties experienced by the Sub-Commissions, namely shortage of human resources.

They keep the contact with all the subcommittees around the Region

### **H&I – Hospitals & Institutions**

At this moment is being discussed in one Area the possibility of males share in female prisons. It was requested help to the EDM as well as NAWS about others experiences. The decision was to “allowed” men to share in female prisons

### **P.I. – Public Information**

Contacts with various institutions in Portugal have started and several topic panels were held.

A new Sub-Commission of IP re-opened in the Area of Great Porto and the Area of West.

At this moment, there are 4 active Sub-Commissions in the Portuguese Area, distributed throughout the Areas of Minho, Great Porto, Oeste and Sul.

### **US – Out Reach**

Continue with their work supporting the groups and Sub-Commissions.

At this moment, the existences of 3 sub-commissions are active in the Portuguese Region, distributed throughout the Areas of Minho, Great Porto and Lisbon. Contacts with the fellowship in Angola have initiated.

### **LT – Phone Line**

The sub-commission is functioning normally. Currently depends on 19 servers, of which 13 recorded and 7 direct attending.

In the first term of the year, around 306 calls were received by toll-free number

### **Serenidade – (Serenity) – The Portuguese NA newsletter**

Due to shortage of Servers, the service has been interrupted

### **See you in Barcelona**

**24 Julho 2009**

**RD – Sérgio F.**

**AD – Marco S.**

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### **Polish Region Report for Summer EDM**



### **Barcelona 15-18 August 2009**

#### **Polish Region**

3 Areas, 64 registered groups, 78 weekly meetings. The biggest area is going to divide – no date so far.

#### **RSC – Regional Service Committee**

The Regional Service Committee meets twice a year, on a two-days meeting.

We have a Chair, Vice -chair, Treasurer, Vice-treasurer, Secretary, RD and alt Rd.

Steering Committee meets every 6 weeks on Skype. For each we invite one chair of different committee to support them in their work.

Once a year in February we organise Group Assembly in Warsaw.

#### **H&I – Hospital & Institutions**

- H&I is still hold only on the area level. There are some groups in prisons in different towns.
- We organise meetings in treatment centres and lot of addicts come to NA after the treatment. Those activities are hold by Areas.

#### **P.I. – Public Information**

- We don't have the regional P.I. Committee. There are few members working on create one. They are collecting service guides and experience to start a proper committee.
- There are infos for professionals about NA on our website.
- There is a NA Skype number in our Regional Office.
- We are aware, that our contacts with professionals are still not sufficient. We spread our posters and IP's to recovery institutions, mostly from whom we rent venues for our meetings.

#### **LTC**

- Our committee members are going to talk about adjusting and printing dates of our Basic Tekst with World Service LTC members in Barcelona.
- We have already 4 IP's approved.
- We have *Just for today* draft translated by the members. We also have translated draft of the whole *Step Working Guide* by the LTC. We translate now some new flyers like Leadership or Medicin. We also started to translate the *Guide to Lokal Services*.

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### **Internet Committee**

- We have a new chair of the committee. He is going to develop our website.

### **Regional Service Office**

- The office works very well. They print and sell draft of *Just for Today*, which brings us good money. We are also very grateful for getting IP 1 from NAWS office in Belgium for free.

### **New Committees**

There are two new committees in our Region.

- One of them we've called **Fellowship Development Committee** for our Region. The mission is to encourage the new groups to join the structure – Areas. To find them by mailings, to visit the smallest groups in little towns. There is a lot of good energy to do that.
- Another one we've called **Czech Committee**. There are people from south Poland who are planning to help the Czech Region with support of EDM – FD. They are planning to go to visit them at the meeting and maybe talk about other activities together. This came from gratitude for support we've got from Swedish Region. What we get we give.

### **Questions, asking for experience:**

1. We still don't have the legal association. However we've been advised to ask in legal cases for support of the office in Belgium. The people who are preparing for PI committee asked if they could get from the office in Belgium a confirmation letter of being a legal organization which we can present by different institutions.  
This may also help to get the possibility to make a free NGO spot. If we can proof us as NGO they will donate that. Besides is that all right with our Traditions?
2. FD – is it possible to get please an FD trip in February 2010 where some experienced members share with us during Group Assembly about concepts? This is still a lightly known issue in our Region.

### **Funding**

- 1. We kindly ask if EDM could found our Delegate's plane/transport costs to Gizeh EDM 2010?

Our Delegate has been funded:

- For Budapest 2008
- for France and Barcelona EDM 2009

**With love and gratitude for the service,**

**See you in Spain**

**Aga RD & Agnieszka alt RD**

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### RD Report to EDM- Barcelona, August '09

Warm greetings to fellow participants.

The Irish Region has four Areas. There are 185 meetings in these four Areas.

North- 24 meetings, including one new womens meeting.

South - 52 meetings

East- 94 meetings

West- 15 meetings. There are two new meetings including a meeting in Castlerea Prison.

There has been an increase of meetings in each Area over the past 6 months.

### *Developments*

- The Eastern Area held a successful annual Convention in Kilkenny in April. The H&I Committee currently allows for members to contribute their personal details confidentially for participation in their prison panel.
- The Western Area had an Area Planning Tool workshop facilitated by the RD & RD Alternate to plan their way forward. One of the outcomes was to hold regular unifying events. One such event was held in July and was found to be very successful in promoting unity. A Public Relations workshop facilitated by the Regional PR Chairperson was held in June and has allowed the Area Committee concentrate their resources to continue PR service. The Western Area currently rotates its Area meeting to different locations to help encourage more participation.
- The Southern Area had a Service System workshop facilitated by the RD & RD Alternate to help address the Area's supporting of the large amount of servitors required to carry out the current commitments. One of the proposals was to have each group have an identified person to respond to queries about service (Service Sponsor) and to make this announcement at each group. A sign up sheet was distributed to each group with the intention of getting three people in each group to commit to H&I Service.
- The Region Committee has outlined the responsibilities of the three new service positions (Parents & Carers/Literature/Entertainment Chairpersons) available at the Regional Committee. A decision was made to hold an Annual Service Conference, although this decision has yet to be developed.

### *Irish Service Office*

New financial procedures are in place- a cash register with a programme to accept five separate departments will allow for tracking of stock sales, with everyone receiving a receipt for sales. The office is currently looking for a secretary and are considering employing a special worker. There are now two accounts maintained by the office committee- a deposit and a current account. There has been a slight decline in sales but it continues to remain well supported.

The decision of the World Service Office to increase the price of literature by making the cost of literature the same in euros as it is in dollars in order to defray the costs of fluctuating exchange rates meant an actual price increase to the Irish Region of approximately 35 percent per item. Through consultation with WSO and communication with EDM participant communities a process has been undertaken whereby consideration is given by all affected communities within Europe as to what, if any, implications this increase may have for affected communities. A proposal has been made by the WSO of a one year consultation process. In the meantime the board has made a decision to stabilize prices in Euros with about half of the increase previously announced and the new prices for the next year reflect a 15-17% increase depending on the item.

### *Public Relations*

Our PR Committee is being proactive in informing National Agencies of our updated contact details, including our new office, revamped website and its change of address. A City Council Drugs Action Group which had set aside 1,000 for the setting up of a NA recovery womens meeting was informed of our appreciation and contact was made with two female members in the area with a view to establishing a womens group. The donation was declined in line with our principle of being fully self-supporting.

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### *Upcoming Events/Conventions*

The Regional Service Committee are organising a civic reception in Dublin on the 7th of October to mark the celebration of thirty years of NA in Ireland.

The Regional Convention Committee will host our Regional Convention from 23-25 October '09 in The Crowne Plaza, Dublin- Northwood, Santry, Dublin 9, with the theme being 'The Newcomer'.

### *Financial Position*

The Regional Committee is currently operating at a deficit of 800, with a prudent reserve of 2,300 in place.

### *Questions*

- Has the body, including the WSO experienced any challenges with under 18's attending NA meetings, such as their guardians requiring to be present at a closed meeting?
- Could the EDM body consider examining the issue of literature price increases as it impacts WSO Europe and subsequently the NA communities?

In Service

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