

EUROPEAN DELEGATES MEETING

Gizeh, Egypt, 25-28 February 2010

Community reports

Questions:

Czech:

- Can the EDM help with money to pay a professional to translate NA literature?

Denmark:

- Has the body any experience regarding giving the sack to a trusted servant?
How do you do this in a respectful and loving way?

German speaking:

- Is it strictly necessary to share a room at the EDM or the WSC to save NA money, no matter the RD is feeling fine with it or not?

Netherlands:

- What are minimum recommended service positions in an Area as well as in a Region.
- What will be the ideal recommended service positions in an Area and in a Region?

Poland:

- Could any Region please share the experience about presentations on behalf on a Regional PI committee. We did some panels before but there was no committee so far. How do you do that when it's on a regular basis?
- How to make a workshop about caring the message to prison?

Western Russia:

- If your region has Regional H&I subcommittee, what goals does it have and what are its service functions?

Requests: Funding of the to attend the EDM 2010 in Israel

- Czech
- Malta
- Finland
- Hungary
- Narkoslavija
- Poland

Hello Delegates of the EDM this is the **Report from the Czech fellowship.**

We have two groups. One is in Prague and meeting is on Wednesday 17.30 and second group is in Brno and meeting is on Monday 19.00. We met together and we make first Czech N.A. intergroup and we decided put focus on literature and we vote and I'm a delegate for Czech republic – my name is Ludwik and I'm an addict. We start working on our website and we have translations of some brochures and right now we are translating the First step. My questions is where we have to send our translations for being approved and if we want to translate Basic text, can we use some Translators and pay him and can EDM help us some how with money or its better for us to translate by ourselves? Because I went to Poland and N.A. friends told me they were translating Basic text by themselves and it took them 3 years. Can you, please, also tell us what to do if we want some key tags for newcomer and for celebrations months of clean time? Our friends from Polish fellowship wants come to our groups and tell us about the structure and answer our questions. I will try to reach Group Assembly 6.-7.february in Poland and meet some EDM delegates. We, Czech fellowship would to love to send some delegate to the next EDM - if you can help us, please, with funds it will be very nice and helpful. I have no more questions for now. I'm sending BIG HUGS from Czech N.A. and thank you very much for your help...

Bye, Ludwik

Na Denmark, Community Report February 2010

Denmark has five areas and we have 142 meetings all over the country. In the Copenhagen area we have 53 meetings every week, two of them are English Speaking Meetings.

All areas are participating the RSC and no RSC service positions are vacant.

The Translation Committee has got new members and is working hard to get more literature out. Right now they are translating parts of the CAR and every member of NA Denmark is waiting for the proved edition of Just For Today.

PI are busy too; The Recovery March was a little success and there will be another one this year. At The Skanderborg Music Festival PI also worked hard to carry the message.

Danish NA members are also participating in Swedish meeting regarding **ECCNA 2011** and Sweden sent delegates to inform us at our RSC meeting in November.

At the RSC meeting November 2009 we had a big problem: Many and too expensive visions! Every committee had to cut their budget, but we succeeded doing the cutting in a loving and respectful atmosphere. Our income mainly relies on donations from the areas, but we try to raise money the best we can and we still make no profit on literature selling! The proved budget for 2010 is now 132.000 Danish Kroner which is roughly 40.000 Dkr. more than 2009. Donations to World Service and EDM will follow.

I have been in touch with the chair of **RSC NA Iceland**, Elin, we have met and mailed a lot. Lately Iceland have asked Denmark to be their sponsor ☺ We will discuss the request at our Service Conference in April, but until now I have only received very positive responses to the request. Iver and I will do our very best to assist Iceland till the sponsorship is settled!

Events:

“Vi kommer i bedring” (we do recover), February 5 – 7, Esbjerg, Southern Denmark

Service Conference, April 2 – 4, Aalborg

“KOKNA XVII – Vejen til frihed” (the road to freedom), May 21 – 23, Copenhagen

Konvent og Camp (convention and camp), July 30 – August 1, Skanderborg, Central Jutland.

Question:

~ Has the body any experience regarding giving the sack to a trusted servant? How do you do this in a respectful and loving way?

I look forward to see you all in Cairo. This time I will go without my RD Iver, but we both will join you at The World Service Conference in the spring.

Hugs and love,

Erik, RD Alt Denmark

Report of the Finland Region for winter EDM Egypt Gizeh 2010

1.

Groups and meetings.

In Finland we have 4 areas (Helsinki, Tampere, Varsinais-Suomi and Savo-Karjala with 88 groups and 123 weekly meetings). Few new groups were opened.

2.

Service positions.

All main services are covered in Regional level.

Our RSC meets every 2 months in 5 hour meeting and we have started to develop our guidelines and also planned to start using area-planning tool. Also we have started to translate The Guide for local services.

Areas keep their meetings once in 1-2 months. We have create new forum on the internet, we try to make smaller decisions on the chat in the near future, because our rsc meeting time is limited and there is a lot of issues to take care of.

3.

PI and H&I.

- Helsinki and Tampere has vivid activity with their efforts to make PI and H&I.

- The Web Page for NA Finland is www.na.suomi.org

4.

Literature and Translation committee

Our newest book *Se toimii, miten ja miksi* (It works, how and why) is ready and we are waiting for the first books come for sale very soon. All our 4 areas have their own literature committee or literature responsible person and this seems to work well.

5.

Treasury.

We have been spoken about money transfers to the EDM. And we continue discussion about it. We are making priorities for money issues now, and the first of all is translating the literature and funding conventions to carry the message areas in Finland where our message is not so strong.

6.

Convention.

Regional convention 2010 is gonna happen and it is in Vaasa, at the sea west coast, very beutyful place Finland at September 2010, it will be same time with European convention and that is because we have reserved the time and place before the information about ECCNA 2010 came out. Convention theme is 1 tradition. All our activities are or will be seen in our web-site www.nasuomi.org

7.

Funding to Israel EDM

We would like to ask our delegate funded to EDM Israel summer meeting 2010 if possible.

information below:

Flights app. 400€

Ground travel 160€

Hotel 200e

RD Tomas



Narcotics Anonymous.

Report of the German speaking Region for Winter EDM 2010 Gizeh

Unfortunately our last RSC in November was not able to make any decisions, because only 4 area delegates were present, and we need 5 delegates

Meetings

The German speaking Region not only includes Germany, but Austria and the German speaking Switzerland as well. There are 7 areas with about 250 meetings in 95 cities. Most of them are in Germany, 12 in Switzerland and only 3 in Austria. We have Farsi speaking meetings in our region as well.

Service

Most of the service positions at our RSC are well staffed. There are no new members in Service, only positions are rotating. Our RSC takes place 3 times a year. Participants are the service body of our RSC and the ASR's.

Literature

There is a lot of work ongoing. Several new German speaking material is available. "Self support" is just printed, and now our committee is working on the PI Handbook.

H&I and PI

There is no regional committee, but one person who is responsible for PI on regional level. And there are plans to create a regional PI committee. Most of the work is done by area subcommittees. And they do a great job. Every area has about 5-10 H&I meetings and some PI work ongoing.

Donations

No donations this time, cause we were not able to decide.

Conventions

Our regional convention will take place from 21. to 23. of may 2010 in the city of Aachen. There will be our regional assembly as well.

Legal association

We changed the insurance of our legal association to a cheaper and better offer.

Points of discussions

We talked about making the office of one our areas a regional office. There were motions about this and we will decide next time.

And we talked about the question whether the chair of the EDM should live in Europe or not. In the opinion of our RSC, he or she should.

Questions to the EDM

No questions this time, but we have the discussion about room sharing of our RD's. Is it strictly necessary to share a room at the EDM or the WSC to save NA money, no matter the RD is feeling fine with it or not? What are your experiences with this? Cause it's a money thing, we have a lot of discussion ongoing.

In loving service
Andreas & Martina



**Hungarian report for the 2010 winter EDM
Cairo, 25-28.02.2010**

Groups & Meetings: 17 groups holding 19 meetings/week

- Pécs area (SW of Hungary- Pécs, Komló, Kaposvár): 8 groups with 10 meetings
- Budapest area: 8 groups with 8 meetings
- Szeged (SE of Hungary): 1 group with 1 meeting

Service structure: Concerning service,(larger than group service) Hungary is divided into to regions: Budapes, Pécs

In these two cities we have:

National-level services : National delegate (RD), deputy national delegate, treasurer, national coordinator- who is in contact with group delegates, organizes delegate meeting and summarizes what is said on national delegate meetings, also we have a translating committee, which translates literature into Hungarian.

H&I, PI:

We have H&I committees in both Budapest and Pécs, but not on a national level.

We do not have a PI committee, this kind of service is done on national, regional and/or group level.

We hold meetings regularly in treatment centers (some of these institutes already use the 12 steps program, some don't)



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www.na.info.hu

Our Website:

www.na.info.hu

This website is in use and is regularly updated

Phone line:

We have a phone numbers on a national level. For both Budapest and Pécs, these numbers can be called day and night- group delegates take turn in handling incoming calls .

Till (cash register):

281.000 Huf about 1000 Euro at present time

Literature/ Translations:

Pamphlets are being translated continually. Our main project now is to have an authorised Hungarian version of the Basic Text. We have found a fair translating office, have gotten a quote and are in contact with the WSO on going about the task.

Convention/ workshop:

In 2010 Pécs will hold the national convention. This year Pécs is The European Capital of Culture so it will be worth a visit.

Also in March there will be a workshop in Budapest about SERVICE.

Regional Delegate/ Alternate Delegate-s funding:

- EDM Vilnius
- EDM Geneva: the Hungarian community paid for the trip.
- EDM Porto
- FD workshop Pecs
- EDM Wales: the Hungarian community paid for the trip.
- EDM Budapest: for the first time, the Hungarian community founded all the expenses!
- EDM Helsinki: the delegates trip was paid by the Hungarian community, the alternate delegates by the EDM.
- EDM France: The alternate delegate received some help in financing his trip. The delegates trip was paid by the Hungarian community.
- EDM Barcelona, the delegates stay was founded completely by the European fellowship.



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- EDM Cairo, the delegates expenses are founded fully by the EDM, the translators trip is also founded, other expenses are paid by the Hungarian community.
- EDM Israel - ?

In Felowship

Feri

RD Hungary



COMITATO REGIONE ITALIA SERVIZIO NARCOTICI ANONIMI

Hello, my name is Louisa and I'm an addict. I am the new regional delegate for Italy; our vice delegate is Giuseppe, who will also be present. We have both been funded by our region to attend this EDM and it is the first time for both of us. As you will hear from my accent I am English born, of Irish Italian descent. I got clean in London before moving to Italy where I have lived for the last thirty years.

Italy has not participated at the European Convention for the last three years. It is a service that requires a good understanding of English; perhaps this has been one of the major problems.

Regional Report of Narcotics Anonymous Italy to the European Delegate Meeting, Egypt 2010

The service committee of the region of Italy, CRISNA, holds its meeting every three months.

The region is divided into 7 areas where NA has begun and flourished over the years, but it is not uniform throughout Italy; many major cities have no NA meetings at all. In the 7 areas that do, not all have sufficient coverage to maintain a service structure. Some areas, such as the North West, the South East and the TER area, occasionally ask to be withdrawn from the quorum of the regional committee meeting, so as not to effect the voting capacity, because they have been unable to hold area meetings.

At the Regional level it has been difficult to maintain support for the various sub committees. The core structure of coordinator, treasurer and secretary is maintained, most of the time, and most areas manage to provide Regional Committee Members.

This year our Region has made a donation to the EDM, but we have not regularly donated to either the World Service or the EDM. At the present time we have approximately €9000 in our regional fund.

The Italian Convention committee has worked continuously and effectively over the years to bring about a successful and well frequented yearly venue, mostly in the North of Italy, though this year it has been decided to hold the **XXVII Italian Convention in Montesilvano**, in the South of Italy, in the province of Pescara. Over the last three years approximately 180 members have registered at the Convention and this enterprise has brought new funds to the regional bank balance. Each area undertakes a specific enterprise such as the organization of the gadgets and T shirts, the Saturday night party etc. I hope to bring more details to the EDM but I can tell you that the title of the

Convention is “With different Eyes”, the date is the 14th-15th and 16th of May 2010, and the Hotel should be the Serena Majestic(Pescara).

The committee for Public Information though not continuous is a priority; it undertakes the supervision of the national telephone duty which is at this time provided by a trustee, Gianluca (Rome). He reports that on an average he receives three or four calls a week, mostly requesting information on the location of meetings; occasionally family members seeking solutions for others. The committee also deals with the reprinting of our national updated meetings list, but most areas print local meeting lists.

Before ending a service that he had brought forward for the last six years at both area and regional level, Giuseppe of Milan, as chairman of the committee, frequented a series of meetings with the Department of the Antidrug Policy. There has been a general awakening of the benefits of self-help groups for different problems in Italy. He has made a CD-Rom on which he has inscribed a list of the projects and services undertaken in the last two years, for the next committee, which is presently inexistent.

Hospitals and Institutions has not to my memory ever managed to hold a committee meeting at a regional level. It is, though, present at the level of area committees, and these have initiated prison meetings in both Rome and Milan, but with little success, since they have rarely been in unison with the support of PI. They have been sustained though, over the years, if somewhat spasmodically. In those areas where the monthly area meeting does not hold an H&I committee meeting, invariably the local meetings will organize visits to Out Patients Units, known as SERTs, that monitor the administration of methadone, to advise the doctors and staff about our meetings. Occasionally General Hospitals will allow Narcotics Anonymous to hold H&I meetings, sometimes with a hospital staff member present. The national health service in Italy, known as the Sanità Nazionale, does not yet recognize drug addiction as an illness.

Translation and Revision Committee

There is an ongoing committee that deals with Translations and Revisions, which has continued to be operative over the years. The system of translation, relaying their results to the World Service Office for approval, where if necessary some corrections are made and then relayed once again to Italy for approval, which leads to further time lapses, has led to much frustration. Before the Conference in April I will consult with our regional committee on whether to make a request that the NAWS News Letter be translated not only into French, Portuguese, German, Spanish, and Swedish but also into Italian, in order to better connect our region to world issues, surveys, projects and systems.

At this time “Just for Today” is undergoing revision in Italian, while the “12 Concepts” is at its final stage of revision. “Sponsorship” has been chosen instead of the IV edition of The Basic Text for the next translation project. The committee is in contact with Portia from WSO, who has informed them that the pamphlet “Self Help: Principles and Practices” is in its final stage of revision in America.

Web and Forum committee

The forum site, which has been set up is not, at this time, operative. It would need to be administered by a separate subcommittee, but currently there is no one available for the service.

On the official NA web site info@na-italia.org most of the 10/ 12 e-mails that are received every week during the summer months are requests for help for family members or friends. Many foreign members also seek information and help to find a meeting. As far as the professionals' contacts, whether they are seeking to invite participation in some event or are looking for information on Narcotics Anonymous, since there is no Regional committee of Public Information at this time, the coordinator delegates to the local area meetings such contacts and requests.

The mailing list of NA functions well and is updated every three or four hours on those days when there is greater input. Under consideration is the possibility of choosing a topic every day; the reading from Just for Today is posted at regular intervals throughout the day.

Literature and Gadgets Committee

There is a permanent committee that deals with the orders and payments of the literature from the WSO. The literature is given to each area's delegate at the Regional Service meetings, every three months. Some special requests for literature to local committees are funded by the region.

Throughout Italy there are approximately 62 meetings at this time; meetings spring up in cities and towns along the peninsula, some survive over the years, others do not. Naples has opened meetings over the years, only to have to close again because of the lack of membership. Currently it has reopened and the Central Area, based in Rome, endeavors to sustain it, at a distance of approximately 200 km. Almost all our meetings are closed though the meeting can be declared open on request. The majority of our meetings are discussion meetings; we rarely ask a member to take the chair. This leads to some problems in talking about the need for servants to fulfill commitments at different levels of service. Some meetings are frequented by as few as three or four members, others may enjoy the attendance of twenty to thirty members. We are all indebted to Narcotics Anonymous for our very lives.

Yesterday I attended an Intergroup, a small convention with an attendance of 110 members, held in Genoa. A few years ago this area had nine meetings held regularly in the course of a week. Now there are three meetings weekly, and only two send a GSR to the Area Meeting, insufficient to vote for the Area. A stark reminder that NA, as most things, either grows or dies; nothing can stay still for long. Our growth depends on our giving this message to new comers and our greatest source is to be found in the Hospitals and Institutions. Certainly the lack of H&I subcommittees at local and regional levels has lead to our lack of growth. We feel though that we are at a turning point here in Italy, and

that finally we are close to receiving some recognition for the service we can render. The fact that we are cost free as a Fellowship makes us an attractive proposition ; we hope that this will lead to more clarification from the Ministry of Health, la Sanità, in their estimation of our disease and its' treatment.

We are also considering our legal position that would ask us to make a yearly tax declaration, as a "No Profit Association". This would incur costs that some of us are nervous about taking on; on the other hand if we are to begin to have a more official stature we must seek to comply with National rules and regulations.

We hope that our participation in the EDM will lead to some helpful suggestions from those who have already had to deal with our current problems. We hope too, to be able to participate in bringing the message to countries newer then ourselves, where our own experience would be beneficial. In this regard we would like to thank the EDM for the participation of Simon from Malta and Sigi, Germany at our Regional Service Committee meeting last March. Their attendance, and the simplicity with which they conducted their intervention, left us all feeling very much part of a larger view of Narcotics Anonymous and ready to take on new responsibilities to ensure its' growth.

Here is a short letter from Alessandro, our Regional Chair person, to thank the EDM personally for your gift to us.

My name is Alessandro and I am an addict, chairman of the Italian Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous, C.R.I.S.N.A.. I will try, with Louisa's help, to make a report on how the two days were spent in the company of the two correspondents from the Fellowship Development committee.

Firstly I'd like to thank all the members that made this encounter possible; it has really changed my way of understanding the association of Narcotics Anonymous, and that is as something much bigger and omnipresent then that which I imagined previous to this important experience. Therefore I thank Paolo N., who suggested that I invite you in the first place, Miko N. and Joao P., with whom I corresponded to set the meeting up, and finally Sigi and Simon, who took on the wearisome task of coming all the way here to share their experience with us.

On the first day, Saturday, whilst we held our regular Regional meeting, Public Information held a seminar, and there was a workshop on service for all members; Sigi and Simon visited each meeting, sharing their experience at each.

On Sunday our guests from FD made a presentation on the European Delegates Meeting and a workshop on service, with special emphasis on communication between servers but also between the various levels of service committees. On these two days we learnt that the crisis that we are passing here in Italy, because of the lack of NA servants, is in common with the reality of NA as a whole, and that we can come out of this period by transmitting the importance of service, and above all the importance of communication between our trusted servants.

I believe that the presence of the EDM members rekindled our enthusiasm and the awareness that we really are not alone. I am also convinced that having a new Regional Delegate, this consciousness will increase even more.

With gratitude,

Alessandro B, Chairman

On my own behalf I thank my own region for sending me here, for according me their trust and the European Delegates Meeting that organizes this conference to show us how to grow and bring the message to the addict that still suffers, in the best way possible.

With love in service,

Louisa addict RD Italy

Giuseppe alternative RD Italy

NA Malta – Community Report to:

European Delegates Meeting Cairo - 25th to 28th February 2010

**4th NA Malta National Convention
30th April, 1st – 2nd May, 2010**

Preparations are under way for our 4th Annual Convention, which this time round will be spread over a whole weekend rather than on a day. It is our intention to attract foreign members to attend our Convention. More updates will be sent through this body after this EDM.

Region Service Committee

The RSC meets regularly on a monthly basis. As more time passes and we gain more experience we are seeing that communication is getting better and better between the levels of service.

Meetings

We have continued increasing the number of meetings and to date we have 8 weekly meetings in Malta and 2 in Gozo. (Sister Island of Malta)

A new meditation meeting was opened. In this meeting we focus on the meditation part of Step 11.

H & I

As reported in our last community report, we finally made our way in the Maltese Prison and are currently holding 2 meetings a month. In these earlier stages we are trying to attract members to do service here in order to have more experienced members delivering the NA message in H & I panels.

Local Translation Committee

The LTC is currently translating the NA White Booklet.

EDM

Malta has elected a new Alt. RD, Karl P which will not make it to our next trip in Cairo.

Web

After some discussion NA Malta decided to launch a Facebook Group called N.A. Malta. It is a secret group, which to date has had the function to reach members who for various reasons are not making it to our rooms but still want to know about the meetings and activities that we hold. There are currently 116 members in this Group, We also use this medium to announce our Community's activities and news. Groups GSR's have been appointed Administrators to this Group and members may only join if invited by them.

Newsletter

We have also started issuing a quarterly newsletter. The NA Newsletter contains latest updates of meetings, activities, service positions, vacant service positions, contact numbers, comic strip and other news. It serves as the 'Mother' GSR to our members. 😊

The year of the First's

First Women's Group
First Maltese Key-Tags
First Maltese Translation (IP#1)
First FD visit by a Maltese
First Participation in World Convention
First H&I meeting in correctional facility
First NA Malta Newsletter
First NA Malta Network Group on Facebook

Contribution

NA Malta will donate € 100 to EDM.

EDM Funding

NA Malta requests the full funding of the RD

Ian G
RD

Karl P
Alt RD

" NArkoslavija" Region Report for the Winter EDM in Egypt 2010

GENERAL

NA is being born in all the countries of former Yugoslavia . There are six countries which used to belong to one state, Yugoslavia , and now we have NA in each of them. In our first convention 3 years ago, there was only Slovenia and Croatia , next year Serbia and Bosnia joined, the year after Montenegro , and now we have also Macedonia . The fellowship is still so tiny, there are just few people in each of the countries, but it's growing all the time. Yugoslavia was thorn apart by the war 15 years ago, and now NA people are travelling all around to visit each other and building new connections. It is really a fantastic experience to be part of this process, - witnessing the birth and development of NA.

We have formed NA Region called "NArkoslavija", which consists of the following countries:

Croatia: 3 groups/9 meetings

Serbia: 1 group/3 meetings

Bosnia: 1 group/1 meeting

Montenegro: 3 groups/15 meetings

Macedonia: 1 group/2 skype meetings, with support of members from the region and from London, as there are no clean addicts in NA Macedonia yet.

The groups are mainly in the capitals of countries of former Yugoslavia. There are few hundred kilometres between each of them.

Croatia has formed an Area in October 2008. None of the other countries have formal service structure.

All of our communities struggle with sponsorship. We find sponsors abroad and we maintain sponsorship relations by e-mail or skype. The sponsorship within the region is developing slowly as there are not many addicts who have worked the steps.

Another problem is service positions that are usually held by the same people for a long time, simply because there are no new addicts to take over.

Lack of literature in local languages is also an obstacle. We are working on translations, but the process is very slow.

Our main concern is attraction of newcomers and building solid home groups.

NA EVENTS

Our annual regional convention took place 3 times so far: 2007, 2008 and 2009. We will again all gather in Trogir, at the 4th regional convention, where we expect to have FD visit from EDM.

There are also "mini conventions" throughout the region. There was a very first convention in Sarajevo, Bosnia on 15/01/2010. The first convention in Montenegro happened in June 2009. There were already several small conventions in Belgrade, Serbia.

We have no service events, apart from region service meetings at our annual convention (there were 2 region meetings so far).

LOCAL TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

Croatian Translation Committee was created in March 2008. It consists of 5 members. One member prepares draft translation first, then four of us meet regularly to review that draft. We try to meet approx. once a week, but it is less in reality. Afterwards the fifth member reads only Croatian version. Since creation, we have managed to get Group Reading Cards and 5 IPs approved and printed by WSO, two more IPs approved, and

another two in the form of final draft. We hope to finish "Introductory Guide to NA" by summer, which would be our first booklet in Croatian.

Distribution and buying of literature is dealt with by one person.

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 from the region.

H&I

Croatian H&I – one person has a commitment to chair the meeting in the detox ward of a hospital once a month. Each time he is accompanied by somebody else who is a speaker.

PI

Croatian PI Committee consists of one or two persons that occasionally present the program to professionals. These are actually conversations with medical staff dealing with addicts. No formal structure of the committee.

One person takes care of the meeting list.

Web page was created and is being regularly updated.

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

NA PHONE LINE

Few of our communities hold a phonenumber which is handled by one person at all times. We don't get so many calls.

FUNDING REQUEST

We would like to apply for funding for the trip of our RD to Israel. This is our second funding request. First was at the EDM in Barcelona where we asked for FD visit, which was approved and agreed for June 2010.

Unfortunately I am not coming to Egypt, but hope to see you all again in Israel.

We are preparing the bid for winter EDM 2011, to be organised in Zagreb, Croatia. We will try to organise that it be presented to the EDM body in Egypt.

Greetings and hugs to everybody at EDM!
With love and gratitude,

Sanda

Report from the NA community of Netherlands

My name is Berrie and I'm chairman of the Subcommittee Region and Area support. This report is not an official report and written on my personal name.

We are starting a new development right now.

Instead of one countrywide Area Service Committee (Area) we will have several local Areas. These local Areas will come together in a countrywide Regional Service Committee (Region).

The Netherlands Area of NA already sees itself as the Netherlands Region to be.

In the southern part of The Netherlands the groups already have decided to come together in a Southern Netherlands Area. In the rest of the country the groups still have to decide with which groups, from which part of the country, an Area will be formed. It is up to the groups to connect with each other and form an Area. This way, when this process has come to a conclusion, we are going to have two, three or maybe even more Areas in The Netherlands. The region to be decided last Saturday that we target to fulfill this process in February 2011.

Because we are in an important process, we decided not change the status with EDM before this date, because we have to focus now on this step right now.

I reported that I receive a lot of support from EDM and that we will put the relation with EDM on the Agenda immediately when the Region Holland is created.

At the moment the fellowship is growing fast. NA was big only in Amsterdam but now we are more spreading. Rotterdam and Den Haag have daily meetings now.

Further on we try to organize a convention ultimate September or early October in 2010. If there will be one, I will inform you.

In service and big hugs from Holland.

Polish Region Report for Winter EDM



Gizeh Egypt February 2010

Polish Region

- 4 Areas (17, 9, 8 and 13 groups), 65 registered groups on the website, 77 weekly meetings. The biggest area has been divided last year successfully.

RSC

- The RSC 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

Group Assembly

Once a year in February we organise Group Assembly in Warsaw. This year's topic is Communication. We appreciate a great help from EDM – FD. (We can not give more details so far as it will happen between this rapport deadline and EDM - on 6-7th February 2010)

H&I – Hospital & Institutions

- H&I is still hold only on the area level. There are some groups in prisons in different towns. Those are getting stronger.
- 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

- during our last RSC Public information Committee has been formed
- There are few members from different cities involved.
- The committee started the cooperation with a National Bureau of Drug Prevention (KPBN)
- We work on having a regular PI panel for professionals.
- Article in magazine "Narkomania" will be issued about NA – the preparation of article is in progress. With this article KBPN agreed to add an insert, NA poster because of lack of funds in PI committee poster will be only distributed to prisons (200 posters).
- There are infos for professionals about NA on our website.

LTC

- We have already 4 IP's approved.
- We wait for the last approval from WSO of Basic Text. We should have it this year. We plan a celebration event in Krakow.
- We also started to translate the *Guide to Lokal Services* for the PI part and Area Planning Tool.
- We finally translated last two concepts – 11 and 12.

Internet Committee

- Our website works mostly as a tool for Steering Committee. We advertise news about events, conventions or money collections.
- Some groups announce also their anniversaries.

Regional Service Office

- The office has been closed by the decision of the delegates of last RSC. It brought minus income and there were no more members to serve. We work on moving the office to another city.
- We also decided to distribute literature only at the NA regional events and stop the sale via website as we do not have a legal status and it might cause problems to the account owner

Fellowship Development Committee

- this committee is working on unite groups into areas and also verifying data about each meeting and group

Czech Committee

There are people from south Poland who are planning to visit the Czech Region and do a meeting together. They are about to go in a few weeks. They got in contact with some members from Prag and Brno and met already once in Poland. One of the members is also in contact with our RD and as far as we know they started to contact EDM already talking about service structure.

Questions, asking for experience:

1. Could any Region please share the experience about a information meetings on behalf on a Regional PI committee. We did some panels before but there was no committee so far. How do you do that when it's on a regular basis?
2. How to make a workshop about caring the message to prison?

Founding

1. We kindly ask if EDM could full fund our Delegate to Israel 2010?

Our Delegate has been funded:

- For Budapest 2008
- for France and Barcelona EDM 2009
- transport costs to Gizeh 2010

With love and gratitude for the service,

Aga RD & Agnieszka alt RD



2010 - WINTER EDM / CAIRO REPORT FROM PORTUGAL REGION

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Portugal Region

In Portugal we have 9 Areas. In the Continent we have: Algarve - 8 Groups; Beiras – 15 Groups; Porto – 26 Groups; Lisboa – 32 Groups; Minho – 13 Groups; Linha – 14 Groups; Oeste – 8 Groups; Sintra – 6 Groups; Sul – 14 Groups. In the Islands we have: Madeira - 1 Group; Açores - 3 Groups; Cabo Verde - 3 Groups.

Total number of 144 registered groups on a weekly basis, in 69 cities on a geographical area of 88,790 Km².

The first meeting was held in the city of Lisbon in 1985, although the 1st registered group only happened in the year 1987.

The last Group registered in the Portuguese Region was in January 2010 in the Area of Beiras.

RSC – Regional Service Committee

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

The elections process was held in December for a 2 years service period for all the trusting servants from the RSC.

We are still struggling with the lack of trusting servants, and our Regional Service Structure is still looking for members to fulfil the following positions: Chairperson and Vice chairperson for the Areas Support Subcommittee; Vice Treasure and Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Conventions subcommittee.

We have a commission studying and projecting some adjustments and new proposals to the RSC rules.

The goal is to have this new Rules ready in the next RSC in March.

We assisted to the reorganization of our Areas in the last months. In the former Area Trás os Montes e Alto Douro in the North of Portugal the Groups (3 actives groups) decided to join the Area from Porto.

In the south of Portugal the Area from Algarve is inactive, the groups still have meetings, but the Area service structure is no longer functional.

Last year we watched the return of the Oeste Area, and now they have one active area service structure and they were present in the lasts RSC.

Last year was decided by the board that the translation of the 6th Edition of Basic Text was a priority for the Portuguese Region and a workgroup was created to begin the process. The results don't appear yet, it is a slow process, but we have servants working in that and we hope to achieve a final document during this year.

In collaboration with and in behalf of NAWS we represented NA in the "International Council on Alcohol and Addictions" which was held in October in the city of Lisbon. We sent a full Report from this activity to WSO. Part of remains Literature was send to Česká Republika in answer to a request made by a Group to the FD.

The price increase of Literature was a subject that has been debated in our Region. However the situation for the Portuguese Region is still not defined. We are still looking for the way how to proceed in our Region. We decide that until March the Portuguese Region will not increase the price of the literature. The issue is been discussed at a Group level and the RSC must wait for an answer.

We finished the Issue Discussions Topic for this Conference cycle 2008/2010. All the Region, Areas and Groups were involved; workshops were held in our National Convention, in the National Commissions Event, all the Areas held workshops, and we felt all the fellowship involved in these issues. In fact we have a total number of 9 workshops done in all the fellowship on these subjects.

Treasure

RSC in 2009, financial details:

In box = 12.681.13 €

Initial Budget 2009 = 20.372.20 €

Area donations = 2. 139.86 €; income from XIX National Convention = 4.162.95 €;

A.P.N.A. (Legal Association) income = 2.000.00 €. Total = 8.302.81 €

Total expenses / execution = 11.067.21 €

Donation to EDM = 500.00 €

Donation to WSO = 575.00 €

RSC 2010 Budget = 17.627.00 €

In Box = 9.916.73 €

A.P.N.A. 2009, financial details:

In Box = 8.020.83 €

Budget = 17.056.00 €

Execution = 15.608.73 €

Literature / bought = 5.233.66 €

Literature / sales = 16.040.49 €

A.P.N.A. 2010 Budget = 16.922.00 €

In Box = 8.452.79 €

Legal financial reserve = 8.000.00 €

APNA – Legal Association

A new site of the Portuguese Region is being put on test trial. Now we are in the process of ask and listen the feed-back from the users. <http://www.na-pt.org/> APNA are endeavouring to find a new location to install the head office. This process is still going and we contact the city council from Lisbon. Next month's we expect developments.

The matter relating to the presentation of all legal and financial documents to the Portuguese government is practically solved.

Regional Convention

The 2010 Regional Convention is on process. This year is being held in the city of Porto in 6/7/8 of May 2010. The Committee is already working, facilities, program, and information was sending for all the fellowship around the world. Anyway we want to say these words in the behalf of the committee:

"It's with an enormous pleasure that we announce the 20th Narcotics Anonymous Portuguese Convention (XXCPNA).

This convention has the singularity of being the 20th National Convention and specially of celebrating the 25 years of N.A. presence in Portugal, since we had our first meeting in 1985.

The name chosen for the convention is: 25 Years - A dose of liberty!

We ask everyone to do all the possible to spread this convention information within our fellowship with all the strength in order to make this convention widely announced to all regions.

We are ready to inform any members or visitors about accommodations, meals, transportations in the city, etc.

All information requests: informacaoxxcpna@gmail.com

Pre-registrations: www.cp-na.org "

Areas Support Sub-Committee

This Sub-committee ended their task in the last RSC, and the position is now open. Until new servants take charge, the RSC board will continue their work, to assure that all sub-commissions will have all the support they need.

H&I – Hospitals & Institutions

At this moment we have 6 HI Sub-Commissions in Portugal, with 14 meetings in prisons, hospitals and treatment centres.

P.I. – Public Information

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

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

The RSC PI/RP Sub-Commission is active and has several actions in course.

US – Out Reach

Since last EDM, 3 new Areas started with out reach subcommittees, Linha, Oeste and Beiras.

They keep going with continuous contacts and support with the fellowship of Angola and Cabo Verde.

LT – Phone Line

This Sub-Committee is very active with 14 members working around the Portuguese Region.

They have regular contacts and meetings in order to improve their service.

The cost with the phone line is supported by the RSC. Last year the cost was 1.815.48 € (the amount of money paid for the phone calls made to the Help Line).

We sent a request to the EDM for experience in workshops for training days to Phone Line; we want to thank all that answered our request, send examples, power points and share their experience with us.

Serenidade – (Serenity) – The Portuguese NA newsletter

A new proposal to reopen this subcommittee and put again our newspaper on the road was presented. However we are in the beginning and we only expect developments in March and maybe the first number in the National Convention.

See you in Cairo

RD – Sérgio F.

AD – Marco S.



**NARCOTICOS ANONIMOS
REGION ESPAÑOLA**

**REPORT FROM THE SPANISH REGION FOR THE EDM AT EGYPT
25-28 of FEBRUARY 2010**

1. - Groups and meetings

In Spain we have 10 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, Canary Islands, Madrid, Penibética, Valencia, (the former Area de la Luz which has been divided in 2); Alicante and Murcia.

We have, altogether, 86 (+6) groups 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 most alternate positions.

Our subcommittee of guidelines is covered up and working well.

The Translation Subcommittee is still unattended.

PI is covered by FD

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

3. - FD

FD has been busy during this period and started with a workshop in Ibiza the 6 of June with the topic "the need of doing service" and "commitment". Ibiza is an Area which recently rejoined the Region and great efforts has been doing to encourage old and new members to get involved

The 19-21 of June FD arranged PI in Seville on a Multicultural Event FD where over 100 of associations participated.

There were also workshops in Bornos, Gibraltar and Murcia.

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

FD also got in touch with 2 isolated groups in Cuba starting up a dialogue and sends some literature packs.

4. H&I.

The service has been working on an Area basis.

5. - Treasury. -

Our balance is 19.000 € and we raised the budget to 2000 € as a donation for the EDM (1000 in January and 1000 in June 2010) as well as 2000 € for the WSO 2010.

We have decided to hire a legal bookkeeper. We have also opened an other account for our savings with a higher interest.

6. – Webb :

We have, once a week a chat-meeting which works.

We also have a trusted servant who answers all the e-mails in English.

The Webb Page for NA Spain is www.narcoticosanonimos.esp and our telephone helpline is (00 34) 902-11 41 47.

7.-Conventions

We will celebrate our annual Convention in Algeciras (Andalucia) 4-6 of June.

8. -Office

The region has decided that we need an Office and we like to ask for help in the EDM.

9. Regional Newspaper (twice in a year)

The Region approved the project, to put it on the web and also print one copy each for every group (90)

In loving service

Miguel

Spain, January 2010.

The Swedish NA Region community report,

To EDM February 2010 in Egypt

Finally we will see you all again! ☺ Perhaps you will notice that Kenneth's beautiful face is now replaced by Petra's (equally beautiful of course!) - Sweden has a new alternate! We are both looking forward to continue our work together at the EDM, developing our fellowships, in accordance to our common vision. We also look forward to talk about the CAR with the other delegates, exchange thoughts and hopefully come up with good solutions to our economical situation in world services.

Number of groups and members:

The Swedish region has 1987 groups holding 403 meetings a week. It's impossible to count the amount of members but it seems we're still growing steadily.

Literature:

Finally!!! We have got the JFT in Swedish!! ☺ Our TLC is still working on our PR-handbook. The enthusiasm from the vision work at our group assembly seems to have gone somewhat. We had 5 translation groups but now it seems to be "only" 3. Still, the work continues. And one of those groups has translated the revised "NA – a recourse in society" ☺

Service structure:

Changes since last EDM are that we now have 11 areas. Apart from that, there are no changes in our service structure, even though we have ideas about how things could get better. We are still somewhat stuck in wondering about how to implement the things arising from our inventory. We are working on how to continue and get a better flow in our year cycle.

The challenge is still communication and how to get a better information flow through the different levels of service. Something that is clearly evident now, with the delegate's efforts in trying to make CAR-workshops happen. It is a slow and time-consuming work and gets tedious sometimes. Today is 2 workshops planned, but we have 11 areas in Sweden, and we are working on getting out there to the groups and presenting the motions to them. Hopefully we will succeed ☺ More will be revealed...

National Helpline - 0771138000

The help-line still runs through a telephone case that circulates in the area. 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.

Even though there was a lot of inspiration from our service conference, nothing is still actually done to expand the days and hours of manned hot-line. Hopefully this will come up at our next service conference in April, and changes can be made.

Website:

Our website is regularly updated. We get excited about all the emails we as delegates get, when we get flyers from other regions/countries, which we also post under events. The work on the calendar is still in process. Check us out at: www.nasverige.org

Treasury

We made the last year even without the expected income from JFT, which was delayed. We are happy to say that we prioritized PR in our budget for 2010, and raised the amount for those activities. Apart from that, the struggle is always how to get the money to flow more smoothly, how to get more and what to do with it...we are no different than anyone else there ☺ The delegates are looking forward to such discussions at the EDM.

Since BarceloNA Sweden have donated 1913, 54 euro (20210 SEK) each to WSO and EDM.

Continuing projects around our region:

- 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, not to mention grateful parents who now are able to come to meetings!
- The Southern area continues their collaboration with Denmark, on a regular basis. We hope to make an awesome ECCNA 2011 ☺ Take a look at the report for more info.

There is no regional annual convention this year. Due to the last ones losses economically, there still seem to be a fear in arranging that event. We still have Regional events though, the service conference and the midsummer convention. Since BarceloNA we haven't had other conventions, but we had new-year-parties in several areas, which of one the delegates were invited to share the latest news in the world.

Upcoming events:

- The Service conference in Karlskrona in April, 9-11th
- A speaker day in Stockholm, celebrating Maria-groups 22 years, February 7th
- A speaker day in Huskvarna, May, 8th.
- A speaker day in Trelleborg, May 8th
- Summer convention in Halmstad in June, 4-6th .
- Midsummerconvention in Umeå in June, 25-27nd .
- And convention at a beautiful island called Fårö, September 2-5th .

Come and visit us!! ☺

In loving and grateful service, Veronica and Petra



EDM Community report – Cairo, winter 2010

SWISS FRENCH SPEAKING AREA REPORT

www.nasr.ch

Hello everyone!

I am really looking forward to seeing you all very soon in Egypt!! Another amazing experience is waiting for us!!!

GROUPS

We still have one area which gathers the entire French speaking Switzerland district with one ASC. We are very happy to announce two new meetings!

So we have 18 groups or meetings. One is in English, two are in a treatment centre and two have an eleven step format with 20 minutes of meditation to start with.

One new meeting has opened in a clinic in Geneva, it took time to get together and be able to open it...A lot of enthusiasm at the beginning (like always!): many people took service...but a few already gave up!!! We are giving this new meeting a try for 6 month.

The other new meeting is held in a city where no NA meetings existed before.

There is still a lack of trusted servants in general in many groups: it seems like members are not very interested in service.

It's not easy for the fellowship to see NA worldwide...

But anyway French-speaking Swiss NA still goes on and:

- **A group is asking for a workshop about the NA structure.**
- **Another one would like a workshop about people under medication and/or substitution: how to better welcome them and make them feel a part of. Can members under medication or substitution do H&I work?**

A group asked about the possibility of having a link from our NA website to show the location, a plan to get there and for the shares. The idea brought up questions and fears: like it could touch NA as a whole. The other groups asked for some time to talk about it between them and the webmaster...I got some experience from the UK where they have one and was suggested that we make sure it says that it is not an official NA website...

ASC

We had two ASCs (in two different cities) and two SCMs (Steering Committee) since the last EDM in Barcelona. Many groups were represented either by their own GSR or another member of the group.

The chairperson received a lot of reports from all the different service structures: **happy to see that the fellowship is very active!! Even if we (NA members!) complain there are not enough trusted servants it seems like we are well alive!!!**

The steering committee noticed that we have no requirements at all from the groups. The chairperson reminded the ASC body that the SC is there to help for any issues...

During our last ASC we had a round-table discussion where GSRs could express how they do their service, what information they bring to their group, etc...: this was also done to give any new GSR the opportunity to learn more about their mandate. Often members take up service positions without really knowing what it is all about and – because we are so happy when somebody wants to take service –there is sometime a lack of information and detail about the position...

First of all we read from the brochure “The Group”: the role of a GSR and then we share our experience.

EVENTS

Our **20th Swiss Convention** (CSNA20) together with the Swiss German region was a great success. The theme was: Open-mindedness, Honesty and Willingness.

Very positive and satisfying collaboration between the two Areas: we overcame the language barrier!!!

It was the first time we organized it together, usually it alternates between the French-speaking and the Swiss-German areas (unfortunately the Swiss-Italians don't participate anymore).

Members from Germany, France and the Swiss-Italian area attended the convention. All the meetings were translated: thanks to the volunteers!!

A profit of 4000 SFR (approx. 2660 Euros) was made and will be entirely donated to the EDM.

Swiss Forum

The Swiss Forum is an "open space meeting" that gives our different areas (French, German and Italian) the freedom to meet for the sake of improving contact and collaboration. The Swiss Forum is held every year during the Convention. The Swiss Forum is not (yet!?) a service structure, it doesn't have any specific trusted servants. The Swiss Forum suggests ideas but doesn't decide anything...

What came up from our last SF and will be suggested to our respective ASCs is:

- A proposal to organize the Swiss Convention together from now on.
- A proposal to hold the SF twice a year.
- A proposal to share any profits made from the Swiss Convention between the two areas.

A workshop about communication will be held on January the 23rd with the two areas...

New Year's Eve

We also had, like every year, a mini-convention for **New Year's Eve**: many people come in fancy-dress and the topic this year was: cartoons!!

A brunch and a share were proposed for the 1st in the morning.

It's always great to end up and start a year safely and in a loving atmosphere with recovering addicts...

TREASURY

Finances are healthy with 4250 Euros available. We keep a prudent reserve of 2000 Euros and the budget for AD + alternate's travel is 1000 Euros per year. If an alternate is elected before Israel, the budget will have to be discussed as it will go over the planned budget.

A donation of about 700 Euros was made in August to the EDM.

LITERATURE

The only price that has increased is the BT witch now costs 23 Swiss francs instead of 21.-, a two francs' difference: that is 1,30 Euro...

I received a lot of new PI & H&I translated literature from Québec which is of great help. The fellowship is very grateful about that.

PR&IC

The committee is doing a great job, have lots of ideas: they want to know the budget they can count on. They would like more impulse from the groups: the GSRs reminded the committee that they have their trust for doing the job.

About our participation at the forum that took place in a prison

- We realise it's a long process to open a meeting in a prison.
- We need to keep contact with them by participating in other forums that are already planned and where we are already invited...
- Send literature regularly.
- Be patient, keep faith and follow up!!!

About our annual report booklet

As I related in my last report we had our first annual report for 2008, to be given to professionals, doctors...

Actually only 2 or 3 members did the job together: they felt a bit disappointed about the lack of participation and interest for this annual report, although the groups had voted in favour of it...So the groups were asked if they wanted to continue with a new report for 2009: the answer was yes!!

The committee underlined the fact that they need more input and implication from the groups. If not, the next report would be shorter...

A workshop about cooperation and collaboration with professionals would be welcome!

Question: "How could we improve our communication between sub-committees and the groups they are serving?"

In general the issue would be to stay focused on one or two new things to have better results instead of spending too much energy in too many areas!!!

Webmaster

Is doing a great job, almost achieving his position.

Got in contact with Stéphane, the EDM webmaster, about our web host...

Helpline

Always looking for members to take the mobile phone that circulates in the fellowship.

H & I

We have two H&I committees in two different cities.

They are doing lots of great work. Their report is available on our website for all groups.

NA posters were put up in social services and police stations.

It seems to be difficult to get to know NA for an addict who doesn't go to a treatment centre: no public announcements, nothing on the radio, not many posters...

A workshop will be held next summer to get to know the H&I guidelines better and to improve our behaviour while doing H&I work...

In Loving fellowship,
Sophie, AR of French speaking Switzerland.
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Western Russia **report to the EDM 2010 in Egypt**

Meetings: 170 groups with 510 meetings weekly

Areas: 15 areas

Region:

- Next RSC will take place in Sankt Petersburg in April **2010**.
- We will celebrate 20 years of our fellowship in Sankt Petersburg at the last weekend of April. Everybody welcomes to join our birthday! You can write our RD Andrey for additional info or visit rko-na.ru and the official web site of the anniversary www.narus20.ru. We'll have soon English version of this web site and you'll be able to get all info about it.
- We finished our regional inventory. It was a hard work and now we have a lot of things to do as a follow-up of this inventory. We changed our regional policy as a result of this work and make a number of changes to our service work.
- We held some NA presentation for the officials, and some workshops for our trusted servants – among of them were CAR workshops. In Saratov we had special workshop for our RCMs and FD trusted servants. We told them how these people could organize and held various workshops in their areas and home groups. Also we talked about communication and effectiveness of their service work
- Together with NAWS we print some new literature items in Russian such are IPs, White Booklet, Group Booklet.
- Many Russian NA members attended WCCNA in Barcelona. This event impressed them very much. Now we have fantastic experience. That's why now many our members are going to Israel this summer!
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Subcommittees:

1. Translations:

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

Donations:

This year we donate 500 euro to the EDM.

In loving service,

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