



DECEMBER '07

IAF European Regional Newsletter



- IAF Global Conference | 03-05 October 2008, Groningen - Facilitation - Profession of Bridging Cultures

On Friday, 14 December, the third IAF organising meeting for the European Global Conference was held. The meeting was held at the Capgemini office in Utrecht. Eight People attended the meeting. The following decisions were made:

- A list of preferred hotels were approved.
- A catering company was selected
- The programme's team proposal for working groups and the flow of sessions was agreed.

No matter where you live, if you are interested in helping with the 2008 Conference please contact Jon Jenkins, at j.c.jenkins@pl.hanze.nl



Things to Note



GRONINGEN

Today, 20/12, our
Regional membership is **366**

Conduct Facilitator Training?

You can arrange to have your participants become IAF members at the discounted rate of US\$50 each. Contact jim.campbell@icab.be.

Display the IAF Logo on your web site or stationery

At www.iafworld.org click on Facilitator Resource Centre on the home page menu bar and then look under marketing tools.

Have an effective method/process that you can share with your colleagues across Europe?

The Methods Workbook is an ideal why to do so. For more information contact jim.campbell@icab.be or visit the IAF Exhibition at the Conference.

Both the Global Flipchart and the IAF Journal are always looking for contributions

If you would like to make a contribution contact them at www.iaf-world.org.

IAF online TV

We are considering the possibility of posting short video interviews with facilitators on the web site. We have opened a discussion on this idea in the forum. What do you think? Could we interview you? Other ideas? Visit the forum and let us know. www.iaf-europe.org.



- The IAF in Europe - 2008 - Making it Happen

There are a lot of things I am proud of having been part of during these years as the IAF Regional Representative for Europe. Nothing that has happened in these last four years was simply my own doing. Lots of people have worked hard to make things possible for all of us. CPF assessment days, the amazing conferences in Germany, Sweden, and Scotland, writing professional development pamphlets, and submitting methods for the methods workbook are just a few that spring immediately to mind.

I would like to invite all of you (that's 365+ facilitators across Europe) to join me in making 2008 our greatest year yet. I believe we have the talent, energy and will to put facilitation "on the map".

Let's make 2008 the year in which we reached the "Tipping Point" in the development of facilitation in Europe. This can happen but it will take all of us to shift the balance. Let's be sure to be able to say in December 2008, "We did it, we made it happen in Europe in 2008."

An Invitation

We would like to extend an invitation to all of you to share your facilitation expertise with our European Membership. In 2008 we need members to share a method through **The Methods Workbook**. If you contact me I will be glad to send along the form for making a contribution. If you already have a process written up in some detail just send it along and we will do the editing work and get it back to you for your approval before sending it out.

The second opportunity is the **Professional Development Pamphlet**. This is published by the region on a quarterly basis and we need people to sign up for doing one later in 2008. If you would like to explore doing this please contact Jim Campbell at jim.campbell@icab.be.

Information about Affiliation

Affiliating your network with the IAF is a simple process with no financial obligation. **There is an A4 brochure with all you need to know about affiliation.** It is available free either as a pdf file or we will post printed copies to you for use in meetings, etc. Contact jim.campbell@icab.be

The Swedish Association of Facilitators

Contact Maria Eliasson at maria.eliasson@facilitatorhuset.se

The Finnish Association of Facilitators

Contact Anne Hanninen at anne.hanninen@facilitator.fi

Facilitators Learning Network (Ireland) FLNI

Contact: Mary Obroin at grastamob@hotmail.com

ZHABA: Central & Eastern Europe Facilitators Netw.

Contact: Jan Haverkamp | zhaba@ecn.cz | www.zhaba.cz

Brussels Facilitators' Network (BFN)

Contact: jim.campbell@icab.be

The BFN has announced the following schedule of events:

30 November—A network Christmas gathering from 13.30 to 16.30.

25 January—Ria Baeck

22 February—Katia Van Belle

IAF-BELNELUX in The Netherlands

Contact: www.iaf-benelux.org

Slovenian Association of Facilitators

Website: www.drustvomoderatorjev.si

**Attention: Have news about your network?
Please send it along.**

**- 2008 - Making it Happen -
New Regional Website**

The newly redesigned regional website is now on-line. The site is designed to be of practical use to European members and to be responsive to their needs. Please visit us at www.iaf-europe.org and see what could be use to you and what you would like to add to the website to make it more useful for all facilitators in Europe. We will continue to develop it and add more features in 2008.

Affiliated Network in Serbia

The facilitator group formed by the facilitators who attended the 2006 conference through the support of the Region with scholarships have submitted their application for network affiliation. This is part of their plan to develop the profession in Serbia We look to adding them to the growing list of affiliated networks in Europe.

**- 10—12 April 2008, Atlanta, Georgia -
The IAF Global Conference in North America**

Early Bird Registrations for the North American Conference are now online. Visit www.iafna.org to learn more about this exciting IAF Conference. You can now see the full conference programme at www.iafna.org.

IAF Conference in Africa | 23—24 July 2008**Support & Contact****QUESTIONS about the Newsletter?****Contact:**

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**- Invitation to Facilitate in Bangkok -
11th Annual IAF Asia Facilitator Conference****QUESTIONS ?****Contact:**

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August 25 & 26, Monday and Tuesday:
IAF facilitator certification assessment (CPF)

August 27 & 28, Wednesday and Thursday:
Conference with concurrent sessions, most in English, one or two in Thai

August 29, Friday: Full day Post-Conference