

# **European Alumni Meeting, EAM,** **in Roskilde, Denmark** **11<sup>th</sup> –13<sup>th</sup> of May 2007**

## **The goals for this EAM:**

Get to know and meet other alumni  
Learn about other alumni associations  
Share ideas about how to get alumni involved  
Discuss important European alumni matters  
Get motivated  
Network  
Get updates from UWPIAA and UWP  
Visit an interesting city  
SEE THE NEW UP WITH PEOPLE SHOW!!!  
Have fun!!!

## **Schedule:**

### **ERI 11th of May**

12:00-13:00 Lunch with Cast A07! (incl in the reg fee)

Address: Kildegården, Helligkorsvej 5, 4000 Roskilde

For all alumni arriving early there is an option to have lunch together with the cast to get to know the castmembers.

From 15:00 Registration opens at Youth Hostel.

Address: DANHOSTEL Roskilde Vandrerhjem, Vindeboder 7, 4000 Roskilde,

Ph: +45 46352184, Fax: +45 46326690, E-mail: [HYPERLINK "mailto:danhostel.roskilde@post.tele.dk"](mailto:danhostel.roskilde@post.tele.dk) \o "blocked::mailto:danhostel.roskilde@post.tele.dk" danhostel.roskilde@post.tele.dk.

For photos and more info, please visit: [HYPERLINK "http://www.rova.dk/"](http://www.rova.dk/) \t "\_blank" <http://www.rova.dk/>

20:00-21:30 Euro-chat meeting. For board members of alumni clubs in Europe  
Address: At the Y H

Evening: Mingel and possible pub-evening.

### SAT 12th of May

7:30 Breakfast at Y H (incl in reg fee for alumni staying at the Y H)

8:00-8:30 Registration at meeting facility for alumni not staying at the Y H.  
Address: Roskilde Sejlklub, Strandgade 12, 4000 Roskilde (close to the Y H!)

9:00-12:30 Official Meeting

12:30-13:30 Lunch together with guest speakers (incl in reg fee)  
Feel free to continue to discuss the workshop questions!

13:30-14:15 Guest speakers: Danish alumni Inger Hansen, Kaj Dyring Larsen, Ingrid and Knud Simon Christensen. Topic: "UWP in the 60's"

14:15-14:30 Guest speakers: The advanceteam from Cast A07. Topic: "UWP today".

14:30-15:15 Guest speakers: UWP CEO Tommy Spaulding and Kristina T'Seyen, Tour and Admissions Director Europe. Topic: "UWP in the future".

15:15-15:30 Conclude meeting

15:30-17:30 Cast-meeting for the 2000-casts at Snekken, next to the Y H - or Free time  
Address: Cafe-Lounge Snekken Vindeboder 16, 4000 Roskilde, [HYPERLINK "http://www.snekken.dk"](http://www.snekken.dk) www.snekken.dk

16:00-17:30 Early UWP show (incl in reg fee if requested)  
Free time  
Dinner with your alumni-friends (not incl in reg fee)

20:00-21:30 Late UWP show (incl in reg fee)  
Address: Roskilde Kongrescenter/Roskilde Hallerne, Möllehusvej, 4000 Roskilde

21:30-23:00 Alumni reception at show-facility

22:30-06:00 Alumni party!!! (incl in reg fee)  
Address: Garbos Nightclub, Hersegade 17, 4000 Roskilde, [HYPERLINK "http://www.garbos.dk"](http://www.garbos.dk)  
www.garbos.dk

SUN 13th of May

8:30-10:00 Breakfast at Y H (incl in reg fee for alumni staying at the Y H)

Free day and Departure day!!!

Options: Get together with your castmates and have a fun day together in Roskilde or Copenhagen! Do some sightseeing in Roskilde (visit the Viking ship museum, the Cathedral, take a cruise on the Sagafjord etc) or take the train to Copenhagen. Or take the chance to do some Community Involvement on a global level while visiting Denmark: Participate in the "fight hunger walk" in Copenhagen!!!

[HYPERLINK "http://www.fighthunger.org/en/wtw07/dk/copenhagen"](http://www.fighthunger.org/en/wtw07/dk/copenhagen)

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Minutes of the 17th European Alumni Meeting

Roskilde, Denmark, 12th of May 2007

Location: Roskilde Sejlklub, Strandgade 12, 4000 Roskilde, Denmark

Date: Saturday 12th of May 2007

Chairwoman: Karin Nyquist, Sweden, European representative, BoG of UWPIAA

Secretary: Michael Laugesen, B94, Denmark and Albertine Frielink, D84, The Netherlands.

Participants: 51 alumni (for the official part of the meeting)  
Number of alumni present for parts of the meeting: 97  
+ guestspeakers from Denmark (SO65), representatives from UWP/MCI and  
Cast A 07, UWP CEO Tommy Spaulding + spouses, children and friends.

Countries represented: Belgium, Czeck Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway  
Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, USA, USA/Mexico

Number of countries with voting rights at the Euro-Rep election: 10

(One vote per European country present with a representative throughout the whole official part of the meeting).

## Agenda:

1. Introductions and welcome by Euro-Rep
  - 1.1 Appoint secretary of the meeting
    - 1.2 Appoint writer of UpBeat-article
    - 1.3 Attendees-list to be signed (name, cast, complete contact info)
    - 1.4 Voting-rights, Background to EAM etc
  2. Presentation by Christine Geissler, President UWPIAA.
    - 2.1 UWPIAA, Reunion, UpBeat
    - 2.2 Get Connected campaign
    - 2.3 Katarina-project
      3. Annual Club Reports from official European Alumni Clubs
        - 3.1 AVUWPD - Germany,
        - 3.2 UWPSAA - Switzerland,
        - 3.3 ALUMNET - The Netherland,
        - 3.4 SUWPAA - Sweden, FUWPAA - Finland
      4. Reports from other countries
        - 4.1 Denmark
    - 4.2 Czeck Republic
      5. Annual report from Euro-Rep
      6. Financial report from Euro-Rep
      7. NC: Presentation of Candidates for Euro-Rep position
      8. Discussion
      9. Election (one vote per European country represented and present during the whole meeting)
      10. Discussion about next EAM-location
      11. Workshop/Brainstorm
        - How can we develop EAM?
        - What kind of services do you want from a local alumni club?
        - What kind of services/communication do you want from the Euro-Rep?

## 1. Introductions and Welcome by Euro-Rep

Karin Nyquist says that she is pleased to see such a good turn up in Roskilde.

The location for EAM this year was originally planned to be Brussels, but due to several reasons decided to be moved to Roskilde. Main reason was the possibility of having EAM in conjunction with cast A07 visiting the city.

Karin explains that her 2-year term as Euro-Rep on the Board of Governors, BoG, of UWPIAA ends on the 30th of June 2007. The term is renewable for two more years, but Karin has decided to not volunteer for another term. Karin communicates the fact that there are no candidates for the Euro-Rep position as she knows of at the moment.

### 1.1 Appointed secretary of the meeting:

Notes taken by Michael Laugesen, B94, from Denmark.

Notes typed out by Albertine Frielink, D84, from The Netherlands with additional help from Steff Schnier, D00.

### 1.2 Appointed writer of UpBeat-article:

Anna Ellegaard, D00, from Denmark.

### 1.3 Attendees list

Has been signed by all attendees present when the official meeting began at 9:00.

### 1.4 Voting rights and background to EAM

As explained by Euro-rep: Every European country present with a representative throughout the whole official part of the meeting (or with a proxy) has one vote.

## Background to EAM:

EAM started as a European Leadership Meeting (ELM) for boardmembers of the official alumni clubs in Europe and has now developed into an alumni meeting where all alumni are welcome to participate. The name has

therefore been changed to European Alumni Meeting, EAM.  
(For more info, ask the current Euro-Rep for the summary of minutes from previous ELM/EAMs put together by Karin Nyquist).

## 2. Presentation by Christine Geissler, President of UWPIAA

Christine Geissler, B91, from Germany has been succeeding Sary Garcia, A77, as President of UWPIAA on the 1st of April this year.

### 2.1 UWPIAA, Reunion, UpBeat

Christine explains the structure of UWPIAA and its values. She updates us about the upcoming reunion of summer 2007 and about UpBeat, the official UWPIAA magazine for all alumni. There are several people present who do not receive the UpBeat. For all of you: make sure UWPIAA has your correct and current address information by updating your own contact-info at [HYPERLINK http://www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org) [www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org) or send an e-mail with your complete contact-info to [HYPERLINK "mailto:getconnected@uwpiaa.org"](mailto:mailto:getconnected@uwpiaa.org) [getconnected@uwpiaa.org](mailto:getconnected@uwpiaa.org) (see more info below under GetConnected Campaign).

Christine gives us an overview of what kind of alumni that normally attend EAMs (the ones who mostly also go to Reunions, other alumni activities and who are in some way active as an alumnus).

She further explains about the work and possibilities to get involved in UWPIAA and promotes the mission and activities of UWP where we as alumni can play an active and important part, with admissions as an example.

Christine talks about the structure of the BOG (Board of Governors of UWPIAA) and the representation of BoG-members on the BoD (Board of Directors of UWP) and vice versa. She explains about the services and activities UWPIAA is providing all alumni with. She also stresses that UWPIAA is an international organization, which is why she would like more European Alumni to volunteer on the BoG of the UWPIAA.

### 2.2 Get Connected Campaign

The Alumni Directory at [HYPERLINK http://www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org) [www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org) is the way to become and stay in touch with fellow Alumni.

The BoG of UWPIAA is through the Get Connected campaign working hard on updating all alumni records in the alumni directory at [HYPERLINK http://www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org) [www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org)

In order to not miss any info from UWP or from UWPIAA, make sure your contact info in the database is updated and correct.

All alumni are automatically - for free - members of UWPIAA, Up With People International Alumni Association. All alumni already have a record in the alumni database at [HYPERLINK "http://www.uwpiaa.org"](http://www.uwpiaa.org) [www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org). Please do NOT register on the website if you are an UWP alumnus/a. That will create duplicate records which we really want to avoid!

To update your info: If you know your username, just log in and then go to the "My UWPIAA" link on the left. If you have forgotten your username, or are having trouble updating your info, send an e-mail to [HYPERLINK "mailto:getconnected@uwpiaa.org"](mailto:mailto:getconnected@uwpiaa.org) [getconnected@uwpiaa.org](mailto:getconnected@uwpiaa.org) with your name, cast and birthdate. Note: Some users are experiencing problem logging in when using Internet Explorer. If you are not logged in after entering your username and password, try again with Netscape or Firefox.

Present alumni give examples of the updated address info sent in to [HYPERLINK](mailto:mailto:getconnected@uwpiaa.org)

<mailto:getconnected@uwpiaa.org> [getconnected@uwpiaa.org](mailto:getconnected@uwpiaa.org) which seems to get mixed up and/or lost. Christine explains that it is a lot of work to enter all the 1000's of updated addresses to the database that have been sent in during the GetConnected campaign. The BoG of UWPIAA are doing their best to get all records in place.

There are also internet forums at [HYPERLINK http://www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org) [www.uwpiaa.org](http://www.uwpiaa.org) Complaints of members present is that the site gets cluttered with a lot of nonsense all time. Question: is it possible to do something about that?

The Euro-Rep can be reached at [HYPERLINK mailto:Europe-Rep@uwpiaa.org](mailto:mailto:Europe-Rep@uwpiaa.org) [Europe-Rep@uwpiaa.org](mailto:Europe-Rep@uwpiaa.org)

### 2.3 Katrina project

Christine Geissler explains that both UWP and UWPIAA are involved in the Katrina project, which is to anticipate in helping to build up the destroyed and still not restored area of Florida which was hit by the hurricane Katrina.

## 3. Annual reports from the official European Alumni Clubs

### 3.1 AVUWPD, the Germany Alumni Club

Steff Schnier and Nils Groppe invite everyone to attend their annual meeting, coming September. From 14th to 16th of September 2007 alumni from Germany and other European countries will get together for this years General Assembly, in Duisburg, Germany. Enjoy the Ruhr area - a melting pot of modern life style, high tech, musicals and an impressive open air industry park.

Check the German Alumni Club website for detailed information (in English): [HYPERLINK](#)

"<http://www.avuwpd.com>"[www.avuwpd.com](http://www.avuwpd.com)

Steff and Nils also invite us to come to the 20th anniversary of the German club which will be held in Hamburg in October 2008.

### 3.2 UWPSAA The Swiss Alumni Club

Vanessa Kuhn gives an overview of the activities of the club and encourages everyone to check out their in English written website HYPERLINK "<http://www.uwpsaa.org>" [www.uwpsaa.org](http://www.uwpsaa.org)

### 3.3 ALUMNET The Dutch Alumni Club

Nobody from the board present.

Karin reports that Andrew is the only boardmember of the Dutch club at the moment. He would like to hear from other Dutch alumni to find new boardmembers, get alumni involved again to get the Dutch alumni club up and running. HYPERLINK <http://www.alumnet.nl> [www.alumnet.nl](http://www.alumnet.nl)

### 3.4 SUWPAA The Swedish Alumni Club

Carol Broddéus explains how the Swedish club is organized. Four new members have entered the board in April 2007. They organize glögg-meetings, picnics and a couple of other alumni activities a year. Still struggling with increasing the number of members. HYPERLINK "<http://www.suwpa.se>" [www.suwpa.se](http://www.suwpa.se)

### 3.5 FUWPAA The Finnish Alumni Club

FUWPAA, who is present at EAM with 100% of their boardmembers (!), explains that they organize different activities outside UWP-related activities to keep in touch as alumni and to make the connection stronger. Activities as BBQ, sailing, dining at one of the houses of an alumnus, visiting hospitals, Ronald McDonald houses, etc. Finland advises other European clubs to consider the same. The annual Summer meeting will be held 15-20th of July 2007 with a visit to the play "The Full Monty" by the Raseborg Summer Theatre. HYPERLINK <http://koti.mbnet.fi/gaia/fuwpaa.html> <http://koti.mbnet.fi/gaia/fuwpaa.html>

## 4. Reports from other countries

### 4.1 Denmark

Alumni are expressing their grief about the Denmark club not being active anymore. They cry out to start up a club again!

### 4.2 Czeck Republic

Alumnus Birger Husted explains that he is Danish but lives and works in Prague, the Czeck Republic. There are some 7 alumni in Prague and they meet from time to time. He aims to meet all alumni of whom he knows of that are coming to Prague to visit/holiday. He offers his services as a headhunter to alumni who want to live and work in Prague/the Czeck Republic. He further stresses the importance of get connected and staying in touch as alumni.

Charlotte from Sweden (C'87) shares with us how she got in touch with alumni in Australia because of her vacation there and that she stayed with alumni in Australia by getting in touch with them through the Alumni Directory at HYPERLINK <http://www.uwpiia.org> [www.uwpiia.org](http://www.uwpiia.org) .

## 5. Annual report from Euro-Rep

Karin Nyquist sums up her activities in 2007. Going to 3 BoG-meeting a year, one being the Reunion, organizing and attending/chairing this EAM, keeping in touch with as many alumni clubs as possible through the Euro-chat, e-mail and going to alumni meetings, reconnecting alumni, finding many Swedish alumni who were known to be "lost". She was also involved in cast A07's visit to Gothenburg, Sweden, and supported the advance team. Karin will step down as Euro-Rep 30th of June 2007 (also see agenda number 7). For more info see the detailed Euro-Rep report.

## 6. Financial report from Euro-Rep

Alumni present are asked to check the finance report and approve it. Jens Bog Rasmussen (former Euro Rep/BoG member) from Denmark offers to do so during the meeting. He approves the report in name of the present alumni.

The financial report will be sent out by Karin through e-mail to everyone.

Meanwhile, Karin explains about the costs she has had, the incomes and about how to turn over the leftover amount to the next Euro-Rep. The travel costs for the Euro-Rep are covered by the Euro-Rep fund. The official

European alumni clubs pay 20% of their membership fees to the fund every year. The Euro-Rep fund is a unique set up for a BoG-position. No other board positions have this kind of support. Karins goal is to increase the amount of money in the Euro-Rep fund so that we in the future can support more Europeans willing to volunteer on the BoG of UWPIAA.

For more info see the detailed Financial Report.

#### 7. Presentation of candidates for Euro-Rep position

The Nominating Committee had not been able to find a single candidate for the Euro-Rep position able to take on the duties already in July 2007.

#### 8. Discussion

Suggestion to have more speakers at the EAM.

To make the EAM a meeting of inspiration to stay in touch and to support the current UWP program.

Suggestion to structure the agenda in a different way next EAM.

#### 9. Election of new Euro-Rep

(It was decided to move this part of the agenda to after lunch to see if any volunteers were interested in stepping up).

A couple of "Emergency-plans" had been discussed at the Euro-chat meeting the evening before, since the Nominating Committee had not been able to find any candidate for the Euro-Rep position. But none of them had to be put in place since two alumni stepped up and volunteered themselves for the position right after lunch:

Jan Woschogius (B00) from Germany.

Sebastian Hesse (D00) from Germany

Sebastian Hesse (D00) from Germany was finally elected as the new Euro-Rep for the coming 2 years by a majority of the votes (8 against 2 from Germany and Switzerland), and will start his term on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2007.

#### 10. Discussion about next EAM location

Not followed up. To be decided by new Euro-Rep.

### **11. Workshop/Brainstorm**

☐ How can we develop EAM further?

Good idea to invite a certain year of casts (in a year they don't have their 5th year official reunion) to come to the EAM in order to get more people to those meetings, and to get them excited to go to the official Reunion. EAM should not compete with official Reunion.

Icebreakers to get to know each other on Friday evening

Evaluation on Sunday morning

Reduce speaking time. Many repetitions for alumni attending EAM every year.

Invite guest speakers from non-profit organizations

Treasure hunt with questions about UWP

Information board with room lists

Career and network focus

Allow free time in the schedule to develop contacts with other alumni

☐ **What kind of services would you like from a local alumni club?**

Newsletter 2-3times a year

Not too many social gatherings

Community Involvement opportunities

☐ **What kind of services/communication would you like from the Euro-Rep?**

A strong link to UWP

Updates from UWP/UWPIAA twice a year through e-mail/webpage

The official part of the meeting came to an end, more alumni joined in and the meeting facility was packed with alumni and friends when the Guest speakers were introduced:

Guest speakers

**Danish alumni Inger Hansen, Kaj Dyring Larsen, Ingrid and Knud Simon Christensen are present to tell us about Sing Out and the early years of UWP in the 60's.**

**They tell us about their experiences and the way they prepared travelling students in those days to go to countries other than the USA (preparing songs, teaching languages, etc). Read more about their inspiring stories in UpBeat Live [HYPERLINK](http://www.uwpiaa.org/pages/upbeat_live.php)**

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**The advance team from Cast A07, Greg (Belgium) and Meg (USA), tell us about their experiences so far on the road and the way they have reached out and touched people in the countries they have been to. They have now been preparing to leave for Thailand on the 14th of May 2007, the last country before they go home.**

**UWP CEO Tommy Spaulding and Tour and Admissions Director Europe Kristina T'Seyen are presenting the goals for UWP in the future.**

**Tommy is talking about Sustainability, Relevancy and Impact of the current UWP program.**

**Future UWP will need 100 milion USD in endowment to be able to function.**

**In 2006: 81 people from 23 different countries were travelling in one cast.**

**In 2007: 55 people from 19 (?) different countries are currently travelling in one cast. The aim is to start a second group in July, having two casts travelling at the same time.**

**Students applying for the program can be between the ages of 18 and 29.**

**The budget of 2007 is 4 million USD.**

**Introduction of the MCI team in Brussels and an explanation about their work for UWP.**



**Round up meeting.  
Meeting concluded.**

**After the meeting we had dinner on our own. All alumni from the 2000-casts met at Restaurant Snekken for a mini-Reunion, organized by Steff Schnier**

**We were almost 200 alumni who went to see the show of Cast A 07 who had prepared themselves to leave for Thailand the following Monday. After standing ovations we mingled together with castmembers and hostfamilies before almost all alumni continued the evening at the nightclub Garbos.**