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SEASON GREETING



In the name of the Kiwanis International Foundation I wish you and your families a happy new year. Hoping that the coming year will bring you a lot of success in you Kiwanis mission. I would like also to remind you that if we want to enable our international foundation give support to projects of districts or clubs concerning young and needy children: Your financial annual gift is badly needed. The symbolic sum of two or three Euros per member can enable the foundation bring significant support to such projects. I thank you, your clubs and your districts in advance for this generosity and I remind you that it is the proof of solidarity and unity of our large Kiwanis family. Once more best season wishes for all

Daniel Vigneron
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KIF Councilor for all European KI districts.

KIF EUROPEAN CHAIRS MEETING IN MUNICH



Agust Sigurjonssen (Iceland-Faroes), Daniel Vigneron (KIF Trustee), Jean Claude Schmitz (Belgium-Luxemburg), Jack Harten (President KIF), Manfred Röthschaedl (Austria), Jacques Outrebon (France-Monaco), Peter Lux (Germany), Nunzio Spampinato (Italy-San Marino), Stan Soderstrom (Executive director), Hans van Geest (Netherlands), Alf Henriksen (Norden), Adolf Seiferle (Switzerland-Liechtenstein).

A meeting was held in Munich on october 10th. During this meeting the new global service project was presented **ELIMINATE (Maternal Neonatal Tetanos)** This project that will concern all Kiwanis members in the world will be worked in partner ship of UNICEF. Other projects that were discussed and presented are the building of a school in Italy and the project of construction of house in Haiti (see page 2 for details)

EMERGENCY HELP IN EUROPE DURING 2010

The floods created a difficult in Northern Hungary- About 90 houses collapsed in Borsod county, and many more became dangerous to live in. Around 5.000 people had to leave their homes. Only in Felsőzsolca, a village next to Miskolc, 70 buildings are uninhabitable, 40 houses collapsed, 460 families – about 1300 people – had to be evacuated, 216 of them are children. The Women's Kiwanis Club of Salgótarján arranged a camp site where they could accept 30-40 children, for which we should pay 100 Euro for each child. This amount covers the camping expenses. Five thousand dollars were allocated from Natural disasters fund of International Foundation



Albania was again hit by strong floods. While similar floods hit Northern Albania and Shkoder last year already these are the worst floods in almost half a century. 11'000 people were evacuated already and since the authorities had to open the water dams for fear of breakage there is great likelihood that more water will hit the City.

2500 homes had to be evacuated and help comes in very slow The local Kiwanis members under the leadership of Kastriot Faci have been providing food and shelters for the families

Five thousand dollars are being transferred from Natural disasters fund of International Foundation to participate with District Switzerland-Liechtenstein in the efforts of the local Kiwanis Albanian clubs to rescue the victims.

Eartquake in Abruzzo L'ALQUILA



On october 1st, started the rebuilding of the school of L'Alquila. The building site is supervised by a volunteer Kiwanis Engineer Domenico Mavaro member of Kiwanis Club of Sebino. The estimated time for the construction is 3 years.

The total costs are estimated to 500.000 Euros. This financement it is covered as follow : 35'000.00 by Kiwanis International Foundation 115'000.00 by the Community of Barisciano 300'000.00 by the Kiwanis district Italy-San Marino (District Project) The KIF will be periodically updated about the progress of the building.

Eartquake in Haiti



Up to-day the Kiwanis International Foundation has received the total of 120'000 Euros from the Kiwanis districts of Europe for the Haiti earthquake disaster. The donors have specified that the money has to be dedicated to a housing project proposed by the Kiwanis Club of Jeremie. In order to make sure that the project will succeed a steering committee has been appointed during the meeting of Munich of the European district chairs: the members of this committee are Jacques Outrebon (past Gov.France-Monaco) Peter Lux past Gov Germany and Jean Claude Schmitz past Gov Belgium Luxembourg. The task is to make sure that a cooperative is organized in Jeremie through the Local Kiwanis Club and that the housing project will be administrated by this cooperative.

First activity of the cooperative is buying the land near the school that is being built by the Kiwanis Club Jeremie then digging a water well then proceed with the buildings.

The financial support of KIF for both above mentioned projects comes from donation from European Kiwanian to KIF disaster funds.

In our next issue we shall revert to projects that KIF supports with funds of the Annual Gift Campain.

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