message from the presidential team

Dear Fellows
Dear Psychology Students
Dear Psychologists

About a year ago we begun our journey. We traced the course on the map and since it was not going to be neither a short nor an easy trip we made sure we had all the necessary with us. Our Values: organisational proficiency, diversity, integrity and EFPSA spirit; our Vision of becoming a trustworthy and widely acknowledged representative of European Psychology Students, able to offer extraordinary possibilities for growth as human beings and as professionals and our Mission to represent the needs and interests of Psychology Students through the scientific cooperation and cultural exchange, were all what we needed.

Born in 1987 by psychology students of the University of Lisbon, and after a numerous structural changes EFPSA reached its adult age successfully. More stable, with infantile diseases left behind, with maturity and professionalism, EFPSA is now ready, more than ever, to offer its benefits to psychology students and the psychological community.

With 25 member-countries, with approximately fifty people working in the administrative bodies and boards of EFPSA, with four Services (Research Network, Activities Office, Study Abroad, Travel Network) available, with about 200 participants on EFPSA annual congresses and a network of Psychology students in more that 35 countries, EFPSA proves it has made it!

The end of the mandate though, faces us with a challenge, named evaluation. The amendment of the external representation and the linkage guided this year’s steps.

Moreover, the continuously increasing number of member countries, the enthusiasm of the observer countries to participate more actively and therefore enlarged circle of individual students that Federation can reach is the best indicator of the work done within the organisation. It the deeds that speak louder than words!

And after the evaluation follows the evolution, which brings ambitious plans, new challenges, as well as the new obstacles.

The route is never easy. We feel confident we are able to overcome whatever comes across our way. It is the experiences and flexibility we gained over the years, along with our enthusiasm and patience. But even if we do not reach the destination, we would be satisfied anyway, because is the travel that is worth the most! And we did it, surrounded by good fellows, hopefully friends for a life time…

Sincerely yours,
Anja & Anna
goals of the mandate - achievements 1

financial goals

Increase EFPSA income
This goal was not reached to the extent that we hoped for. We were successful with finding financial means to organize EFPSA European Summer School 2007, but the general EFPSA income had no significant increase. The Fundraising team though, worked a lot throughout the year and prepared useful database of potential sponsors, with contact details and financial targets, which is now ready to be used and will flourish for the year to come.

2 points out of 5

At least one successful grant application
Based on the experiences gained over the last years we felt more confident in submitting grant application for the EFPSA congress 2008 at European Youth Foundation (under the Council of Europe). Unfortunately, our application had been rejected due to the different aims that EFPSA and EYF pursue. Our second attempt was applying for a grant at International Visegrad Fund to partially cover the costs of European Summer School 2008. Although our application fitted the criteria well, our project was not convincing enough among a harsh competition.

1 points out of 5

structural goals

Evaluation of the new structure after its second year of implementation
Last year EFPSA adopted a new structure with the implementation of a strategic and highly committed body within the Executive Board (EB), named as Board of Management (BM). BM appeared to be working smoothly and efficiently. Both of the Board of Management meeting were held successfully, the first one in Athens in August and the second one in Bucharest in February. The experiences we have been collecting now for two years prove that the role of the body is indeed very important considering the long term EFPSA development.

5 points out of 5

The Head of Finance function and the Activities Officer
The role of Treasurer and Senior Fundraiser has been merged into Head of Finance function. As a part of the BM the Head of Finance is in charge not only with the budget and account details but also has to have an overview and advise the Sponsorship and Grants team. The fundraising results are being reported at the BM through him/her. The Activities Officer, left out of BM last year, was voted at the Lithuanian Congress, to become part of the body again in order to improve the overview of the EFPSA activities. The coordinator will be in charge of the monitoring ESS, exchanges, congress and meeting preparations and JEPS progress.

5 points out of 5
goals of the mandate – achievements 2

Growth and Development

2 New Member countries

(Luxembourg, Portugal)

The goal of the mandate as far as the growth of the federation is concerned was to retain three new member countries. Thanks to the excellent work of Country Coach and National Representatives Coordinator EFPSA has welcomed two new countries under its colourful roof; Luxembourg and Portugal! The communication with the National Organisations of the above mentioned countries lasted throughout the mandate and the voting to accept these two candidates as a member countries took place at the General Assembly at 22nd EFPSA congress.

Organise successful European Summer School (ESS)

The Research Network Service reached one of the most important goals of the mandate with successfully organizing European Summer School 2007 on the topic of Cross-Cultural Psychology in Estonia. The success of course would not be possible without crucial devotion of the Estonian local organizing team. But the success is not over yet; the hosts for ESS 2008 have been found; the event titled “SmART Psychology”, which will be held 13th—20th July. The ESS 08 is being supported by the municipality of Dolný Kubín and lies in the hands of exceptional team of motivated Slovakian students. Professors and PhD students from all over Europe will gather to work along with 38 participants into smaller working groups of 5-6 people. ESS appears to be the pride of EFPSA since its has been the first project implemented with such great results is such a short time.

Research Network goals

National Representatives Progress

(Artistic Team, Web Team, Political Team, Team Erasmus)

National Representatives (NRs) formulated short term projects on field of their interest. This mandate four team were established; 1)Artistic team working on EFPSA promotion material, 2)Web team working on the content of NR section on the web, 3)Political team examining the political influence of national organisations and 4)team Erasmus defined by its name. The teams have not produced much materials, but the grounds and the goals are set and could be used for future work.

Journal of European Psychology Students (JEPS)

The establishment of journal was once again not successful. A very promising goal with its 3 years long roots did not manage to transform into reality yet. Once again the reason was a lack of motivation on the side of Senior coordinators after a certain point of time of involvement in the project. But there is a light at the end of a tunnel; a young aspiring team, which is ready to make a remarkable breakthrough.

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EFPSA representation

Participation at 10th ECP

EFPSA participated with a great success at the 10th European Congress of Psychology held in Prague from 3rd to 6th of July 2007. 30 international volunteers on behalf of EFPSA assisted the Czech organisers with the congress preparations and provided support during the congress as well.

Furthermore, EFPSA held two presentations, one presenting the forthcoming ESS 2007 in Estonia, and the other presentation dealt with Study Abroad issues. What is more, a huge orange poster (on the left) was decking the first floor of congress hall.

Finally, both the President and the Vice president of EFPSA were present at EFPA’s General Assembly in the weekend after the end of the congress. During the GA, the European Summer School was presented to the audience.

Increase EFPA and EFPSA communication and cooperation at any level possible

Since the beginning of the mandate the strategic goal for EFPSA was to increase the communication and cooperation with EFPA.

EFPSA was present at EFPA General Assembly in Prague and at the President’s Councils Meeting in Brussels.

EFPSA also responded to EFPA’s call and proposed student candidates to be involved in EFPA standing committees and task forces. After publishing a call for nominees on EFPSA’s public mailing list and once the internal evaluation of the candidates had been made, EFPSA nominated student representatives to three committees: Standing Committee of Crisis Disaster and Trauma Psychology, Standing Committee of Tests and Testing and Standing Committee on Traffic Psychology.

We consider those facts the beginning of an actual representation of students among the professionals organisation. What happened last year hopefully will be only the beginning of a fruitful cooperation for the years to come.

IFISO Meetings

This mandate EFPSA was present at both IFISO meetings. Through that representation EFPSA managed to link with other student organisations, to derive knowledge and in a future time expand cooperation. However, we lacked the involvement in the common IFISO projects, what should be upgraded in the next mandate.
The New EFPSA web site available on line!

The calendar date was 25th December of the year 2007. That was the timing of the new EFPSA webpage going on line, a Christmas gift that we wanted to give to Psychology students all over Europe. Design of the web page followed to the new corporate visual identity, which EFPSA adopted last year. With plenty of fresh and up-to-date material, the webpage is Federation’s window to the world and offers European students a possibility to inform themselves, get motivated and help to take part in the EFPSA activities and Services.

The renewal of the web page was much more demanding tasks as one might get an impression at the first sight. It was not only the construction of the actual page according to our CVI, but also a well thought through placing of the content. Every single phrase has its meaning and it is linked to our values and vision, the purpose of our existence. The webpage is our mirror to the public and therefore has to represent the organisation to the fullest extent possible! But along with providing information we also wanted to provide a nice and cosy atmosphere, the atmosphere of a warm welcome and acceptance.

Easy to navigate, pleasant although informative and with a forum where students can exchange ideas and knowledge regarding psychology. EFPSA’s website is ambitious to become an everyday meeting point of European psychology students.
**financial report - profit & loss account**

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- Beatrice Batog, Secretary General
- Tiina Kalda, Head of Finance
- Kaylee-Ann Yates Spanou, Communication Officer
- Aart Franken, NR Coordinator

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The role of the **National Representatives** is crucial for the functioning of the Federation. NR are the link between EFPSA and its member associations and the legislative body of EFPSA.

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