

## European HARP Leaders Meeting 2004

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When I got the invitation for the HARP-Leaders Meeting I was getting a little bit excited, since I had heard, that there you can gain a lot of inspiration for your HARP work and also I realized that one whole year had almost past. So when I came to the Meeting I was very curious.

So the first day, was just about arrival and we had a general orientation of our schedule by Emanuel and just started off by getting to know each other a little bit more. The first full day we had to report about our nation's current situation, our past work and plans for the next year. It was really inspiring to hear how European HARP is really developing and how everyone invests their hearts in their nations to give the 2nd Generation the best of all!

Then we had open discussions about different topics like 1st and 2nd Generation relationships, which were really nice and we could see that all over Europe, the unity between these two is growing and almost everywhere there are parents helping and supporting us.

We also had presentations on SFP and STF which were very moving, because we could see how great the BCs who participated in these projects had developed. One thing, which was for me so moving was a video shown about STF and their visit in Korea. It was so inspiring seeing all these older BCs offering one whole year to serve God and become what I would say heavenly soldiers with a spirit to change this world.

After that we visited the ESGD office in Frankfurt, where we could take a look at the environment the ESGD Staff is working in and listen to Testimonies from Geros, Gábor, Emanuel and Orlande about their work. After that we ate some pizza and still had some time to meet Pres. Song. The whole trip was really nice and we could get to know the ESGD and their work a lot better and could see how everything that we do is directly reported to True Parents or Hyun Jin Nim!

The next day we heard a presentation of the Core Values and the Culture of Heart by Emanuel Bauer, which was really good and thus we could better understand Hyun Jin Nim's Vision. After that Geros Kunkel gave a presentation on Junior STF, an educational program for the 2nd Generation from 12-18, which involves not only Workshops, but also activities in the family, preparation for STF and certain guidelines to create a common standard all over the world. When I first heard about that, I thought to myself, that's exactly what Germany is still lacking! We had a long discussion on this topic and many ideas. But since up until now, the only thing presented is the vision we decided to prepare Europe for this new program by giving out information to both, the 1st and 2nd Generation.

After that we discussed the summer activities and planed when and where all the different activities will be held. One new thing for this year will be a 21 day Divine Principle workshop, instead of the settlement age workshop, which will focus on the Divine Principle, but will still have outdoor activities, such as sports or challenge days.

We also had some time to share and plan workshops on a European level for a few countries, like the SHUK and also had the opportunity to exchange experiences and decided that it is vital for the European 2nd Generation, that the Leaders can unite and work together.

The last day we had a final evaluation and one special guest, Pres. Song, who came to speak to us about True Father's vision for the upcoming year. He talked about how we should focus on educating the 2nd Generation in Europe and help to welcome True Parents to Europe. His speech was so amazing. When he told us that True Parents said that they wanted to come to Europe this year; I was so moved, that when we prayed to end the meeting, I shed tears of happiness and I think it is so important for us to lay the spiritual foundation for True Parents to come to Europe by fighting on the spiritual level through Cheon Song and giving the spirit world the opportunity to help us win the legal battles.

I am so grateful that I could participate in this European-HARP leaders meeting and I want to thank the ESGD for preparing such a nice meeting of sharing and inspiration. For me this was exactly the preparation I needed for the upcoming year. If we really invest our heart and energy into this New Year then we as 2nd Generation can rock and unite Europe! So let's start working Now!!