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In the beginning of February the board / working group had its second face-to-face meeting in Budapest. We had a very pleasant meeting with a lot of work and a lot of fun - and not much sleep. We owe Laszlo a lot of credit, since he organized the meeting, the lodge and board, the parking places, the computers and a lot of other facilities. Thank you Laszlo.

There were many topics on the agenda. Here only the most important things are described. The minutes of the board-meeting are almost finished, and they are going to be made public in the next newsletter within short time, so that's where to find the rest of the things done.

First of all, we have finally sent the membership-letters. These letters count as the receipt for paying the fee for 1999-2000 as well.

We have also sent the invitations to all our (paying) members to the project "Campaigning for Community Colleges / Working Camp at Rite". The planning of this project and course was one of the main reasons for having the working meeting in the first place. This is the project taking place in Rite Tautas Augstskola from August 13th -20th, 2000.

You can see the programme of the "Campaigning for Community Colleges /Working camp at Rite" right here: <http://www.acc.eu.org/ccoprogramme.htm> Just as you can find the application form <http://www.acc.eu.org/CCApplication.htm>. You can also find a copy of the letter and invitation sent to all members, if for some reason you did not get it http://www.acc.eu.org/Letter_12_2_2000.htm

One other main reason for the working meeting in Budapest was the meeting with Agota and Barna, who together with Laszlo are going to be the key persons of the organizing of the Transylvanian Community College in Summer 2001. There is every reason to look forward to the first Transylvanian Community College. It is in safe and serious hands! There is a draft description of the project at <http://www.acc.eu.org/Transylvania.htm>

I (John) am now employed as a teacher at a folk high school called IT-folkehøjskolen Snoghøj (www.snoghoj.dk). During the negotiations about the terms of the employment, an idea came up, that the ACC could have a project office at the school. At the Budapest meeting, the board decided to accept the offer made by the IT-folkehøjskolen Snoghøj.

This means that the ACC has now an office!!! The official address and data of the ACC are then since February 12th:

ACC International programme office
IT-folkehøjskolen Snoghøj
Højskolevej 9, Snoghøj
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www.acc.eu.org

The description of the alliance between the ACC and the IT-folkehøjskolen Snoghøj is uploaded to <http://www.acc.eu.org/snoghojalliance.htm>

Please consider the office of the ACC as a place you can visit whenever you want. If and when you have the idea, that you would like to organize a community college course in your region or country, don't hesitate to write, phone, e-mail or much better: pay us a visit.

The first volunteer in the ACC International programme office is going to be David Rei from Galicia. The plan is David is going to be in Snoghøj in August and September. Looking forward to seeing you David and hoping some others are going to have creative ideas, which could be developed further in "the office".

Further, we can announce, that the ACC is cooperating with the FFD (Danish Association of Folk High Schools) and the Højskolen Østersøen (Folk High School Østersøen) on the so-called "Joint Minority conference". The conference takes place from July 26th -28th, 2000 at the Højskolen Østersøen, Aabenraa, Denmark. Originally the ACC and the AWE (Association for World Education) planned the conference "From citizenship to citizenships", which was meant to further stress the importance of education less dependent of state-borders, but much more dependent of the problems shared by the states (read: to stress the European Community Colleges -idea). Since this conference could very well be a part of the "Joint Minority Conference", we decided to move it and let it be a part of the "Joint Minority Conference". We consider the conference a great opportunity to multiply the ideas of the ACC. Find the provisional programme here <http://www.acc.eu.org/Programme Joint Conf.htm>

If you want to take part in the conference you should contact the project-coordinator at Højskolen Østersøen Jesper Nielsen (jen@hojoster.dk). As you know, Jesper is a board member of the ACC as well. You can also find information at the Peoplesite www.people.hojoster.dk

Tonight Laszlo has uploaded a form for applying for membership of the ACC. So, when and if you find new members, they can apply for membership on-line. Find it right here: <http://www.acc.eu.org/memberform.html>

Among the upcoming activities of the ACC is the European Charter Community College / Snoghøj Community College, which is to take place at the IT-folkehøjskolen Snoghøj in summer 2001. This will be a course for European teachers dealing with the new "European Charter", which is about to be elaborated.

Josefine is going to represent Finland-islanders at the "Islanders in Europe"-conference from 23-25th of March on Corsica. Josefine will use the opportunity to present the ACC among the islanders.

There are many more activities on my mind. I'm sure there are ideas among you, which need just a little push. The ACC is now a perfect frame for realizing ideas. There are more possibilities than you would ever dream of. Use it!!!

On behalf of the ACC / John