

IFHOHYP Board Update to Members – July 2018

Dear beloved members,

It is hard to believe that half of 2018 has already gone by and we are graced by the summer warmth. Whether you are enjoying the long daytimes or bearing the scorching heat, we wish you a pleasant summer season with your families and friends. In this email you will find information about our upcoming events, Board activities and committee updates.

EVENTS

SUMMERCAMP 2018 POWERED BY SH-JONG – July 30th to August 5th

Over 70 people from 16 different countries will spend a week together in a beautiful campsite in Veldhoven, Netherlands. For those who are not able to attend in-person, you can still be a part of the experience by following our posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with the hashtags #sc2018 and #hear2stay. We would like to express our utmost appreciation to Sh-Jong, the Dutch hard of hearing organization and the Summer Camp planning committee for all the efforts they have put into organizing this event.

Annual General Meeting 2018 – October 31st to November 4th

Our AGM is coming up in 3 months, hosted by İşitme Engelliler ve Aileleri Derneği (IED) in Istanbul, Turkey. The theme this year is “*Combine our Powers for a stronger HoH Bridge*”, which aims to bring both existing and potential members to further the vision in expanding IFHOHYP’s scope beyond the Western part of the globe. We will also be electing the next President & Vice-President so it is vital that as many delegates attend to select the leadership of IFHOHYP for the next two years.



Deadline to register is **July 31st**. Click on the links for the [invitation](#) and [registration](#) documents.

Study Session 2019 – March 11th to 16th

It is our pleasure to announce that we will be hosting our 12th study session “*Keeping the World Accessible & Inclusive through a Policy-making Perspective*” in Strasbourg, France. This is made possible in partnership with the Council of Europe Youth Department. Stay tuned in the Fall for a call out for applicants; there are spaces for 30 people.

Board Activities

European Disability Forum Youth Committee

Victor Rehn, President, represented IFHOHYP at an in-person meeting in Athens, Greece from May 4th to 5th. Outcomes of the meeting can be found on [here](#).

EFHOH AGM/IFHOH BGM & Conference

Karina Øbro, Board member, attended the conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia from May 10th to 12th. She participated in the UN CRPD workshop, gave a welcome speech to the delegates and shared IFHOHYP updates at the IFHOH BGM. The presentation was well received and attracted the attention of organizations from Bolivia and France whom are looking to set up a youth network.

(Karina: back row, fifth person from the left)



İşitme Engelliler ve Aileleri Derneği (IED) Presentation

On June 23rd Hanna Mullis, Treasurer (right of poster) and Manuel Rohrbach, Board member (left of poster) was invited to deliver a workshop on hard of hearing youth activism to a crowd of 40 deaf, hard of hearing and hearing participants in Istanbul, Turkey. All the participants expressed excitement at the upcoming AGM to meet other hard of hearing young people from across the globe.

Recruiting an administrative & fund development officer

Bowen Tang, Vice President, has been working in partnership with Ruth Warick, IFHOH President, to draft a proposal to hire two people that will serve as an administrative officer and fund development officer for both organizations.

Committee Updates

In addition to the AGM, study session and summer camp which we have already outlined their statuses above the following committees continue to be active:

Hear2Stay – currently composed of six people including Jenna Junttila, Secretary. The committee has brainstormed several ideas such as creating a blog portraying stories of hard of hearing young people's lives similar to Humans of New York. A Facebook page specific to the campaign will be launched in which posters and videos are then uploaded.

Member & Information Committee

We are literally one footstep away from launching the new website in honor of IFHOHYP's 50th anniversary. Keep your eyes open for the reveal by the end of this month!

We have also created a membership survey as a tool to help us obtain a clear picture of the demographics this organization serves. We will appreciate your taking 5 minutes to fill this out. The information will be used to set priorities for our upcoming projects. We encourage you to share details in the "Any Other Comments" section. Click [here](#) to open the survey.

That's all the news we have for you! If there is anything else you would like to know or have questions about, please contact us at info@ifhohyp.org. We are "all ears"!

Best regards,

Bowen Tang on behalf of the IFHOHYP Board