



Bureau Report

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From: Marc-André Gendron

To: Member and partner organizations

Chers amis,

It might sound *cliché*, but I cannot believe it has been two years since Skopje already. Time flew by awfully fast. Many events, numerous bureau meetings and hundred of hours of work later, my term as a Vice-President is coming to an end -- it has been a terrific adventure. I will try to go over my full term as a Vice-President in this report, as a way to close this chapter of my participation within the Federation.

Event Participation

I have participated to the following events during my term as Vice-President:

1. December 2005: EC / General Assembly, Skopje
2. January 2006: Bureau meeting, Copenhagen
3. March 2006: Bureau meeting, Ljubljana
4. March 2006: Study trip with DPP, Taiwan
5. June 2006: Executive Committee Meeting, Niagara Falls
6. December 2006: EC / General Assembly, Andorra
7. March 2007: Religious Diversity Seminar Preparation, Budapest
8. July 2007: EC / Extraordinary General Assembly, Dallas
9. December 2007: EC / General Assembly, Sarajevo



Bureau work

As promised before my election in 2005, my bureau work has been focused on communications, as it was one of the main priorities of the outgoing bureau and my professional area of expertise:

- Creation of a new, modern visual identity for IFLRY
- Launch of a new web site for the organization
- Launch of a new web site for Libel
- Creation of promotional material for the organization (posters, brochures, pins)
- Creation of a set of online tool to help the secretariat (extranet, news center, alumni DB, etc.)
- Creation of a new infrastructure to send out newsletters
- Creation of an online database of policies adopted by IFLRY

On the political side, my geographical areas of responsibility were Asia and North America, shared with IFLRY President Jacob Rasmussen. I was extremely proud when the Young Democrats of America finally joined our organization last summer, but I am disappointed that I was unable to sign up new member organizations in Asia, especially given my outreach attempts with youth organizations in India and New Zealand.

Sadly, I must also report that my attempts to reach out to youth from the Zanzibar Forum in Tanzania and Young Democrats in Nairobi following a personal trip to Eastern Africa in January 2007 have failed. The people I was in contact with have since left their respective organizations and follow-up has become virtually impossible.

July-December 2007

Since our last statutory event in Dallas, I have worked on:

- Various improvements to the web site and its usability;
- Creation of a policy database for the web site that tracks the diverse political stances taken by IFLRY and campaigns created by our member organizations;
- Making our newsletter system easier to use for the secretariat;
- Simplification of our online communication infrastructure for the next bureau;
- Sarajevo EC/GA material.



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During the General Assembly, I will also try to identify volunteers to help out with IT/Communications after I step down. If you are interested in helping out, make sure to come and talk to me!

It has been my distinct honor to work with you all over the past two years. I will not be running for another term because of my recent return to university on a full-time schedule, but I look forward to staying involved within the Federation over the next few years in various roles.

See you in Sarajevo,

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