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Beste allemaal, bonjour à tous, hey all,

Nos meilleurs voeux pour le nouvel an! Drie dikke zoenen voor elk van jullie! We hope you have enjoyed your holidays and parties with family and friends!

Finally, there it is, the year 2010. The year of the Belgian presidency of the European Union, the year of the world cup foot soccer in South-Africa, the year of biodiversity, the year of the tiger, the European year of the fight against poverty and social exclusion. And, of course, the year of the European Scout and Guide Conference in Brussels!!!

Time for action! All working groups have kicked off during the past few months, made plans and popped up with great ideas. Now it's time to really work things out! The working groups will continue to meet and proceed their preparations at own rhythm. In march and may we'll all gather for a general following-up and some "get-to-know-each-other quality time".

The latest news:

- The **website** is online! Check it out at www.europeanconference.be ! You'll find there all the general and practical information you need.
- **Inscriptions** for the participants have started! For the moment only the delegation of the British Girl Guides have registered. A few hundreds to go! ;-)
Attention! You, as a member of the Conference Service Team, do NOT have to register through the site!!!
- Join our **Facebook**-group "conference staff/service team of the 13th European Conference WAGGGS-WOSM" and take part in our polls concerning the bar program!
- The **communication** team is working on the site, on a list of key note speakers and a list of VIP's (the essentials, les Nice to Have, the ones who can join if there's any place left).
- Working group "**logistics**" is waiting for the demands and requests from the other teams. In February-March, they will start the search for equipment and all other needed materials.
- **Animation**: still busy with the search for locations for ceremonies and special activities during the conference. Bedford Hotel, the Brussels City Hall, the Horta Gallery, the Grand Place: outstanding places for outstanding moments! Now it's time for the creation of the concepts and the realization of these ideas.
Major theme: Belgian comic books! Next meetings: Tuesday 12/01/10, tuesday 26/01/10.



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- **Administration** team is now a group of 11 very enthusiast volunteers coming from four associations. The months previous to the conference are for us not that hectic but for sure we do realize that once the conference will start that we will rock and we are really looking forward to that! Our biggest concern and priority at the moment is to find out about the simultaneous interpreters French/English, but things start to move and we do believe that we will find the right solution/people. During the event we want to give the best service to all delegates, and find the right and fast answers for every problem occurring Meeting rooms, paperwork, copies, Lost & Found, all sort of questions, conference kit, ... Next meetings: 22nd of January: Skype meeting at 20h00, 26th of February: Herentals at 20h00
- The **HR-team** thought about how taking caring of you all, of the information that has to be spread by mail and newsletter and of the bar program. We will prepare the meetings and a “get-to-know-each-other” activity in march and may.
- What do Bart Staes, Isabelle Durant, Jean-Luc Dehaene, Guy Verhofstadt and Marc Tarabella have in common? Yeah right, they are all EP’s supporting our request to hold the closing day of the conference (Votes! Closing ceremony!) in the **European Parliament**. Fingers crossed!

WANTED:

- YOU! Get involved in one of the working groups and take part in the preparations! If you haven’t chosen a working group yet, make up your mind and send us a mail via hr@europeanconference.be . We’ll get you in touch with the team you want to join. If however, you have chosen not to take part in the organization of this unique and marvelous event, please let us know, so we can delete you from our (mailing) lists.
- TRANSLATORS and INTERPRETORS. Any multilingual (scout and guide) friends? Please let us know!
- A place to sleep and eat for our Conference Service Team in the surroundings of the hotel. Any ideas or useful contacts? Don’t hesitate, mail us!

Thanks for your time and your attention – we’ll be back next month for a new update. See you soon!

Your Conference Crew Chiefs, Anne – Pascale – Véro – Denis - Stijn