



Stockholm School of Economics in Riga
Student Association

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Newcomers Camp August 15-16, 2009

Newcomers Camp this year was organized by PR.Com Anna and Party.Com Andris. The camp took place at "Lejasbebri" Guest House, Ropaži (Latvia), 30km from Riga. Together with compadres, Anna and Andris prepared 2-day-activities for the fresh students, launched the camp website, organized transportation and made sure that newcomers had the best time before studies and got to know what SSE Riga student life really means. The camp went smoothly and all the participants were happy and satisfied with the event. Huge thanks to Anna and Andris for the work!

SA Presentation August 20, 2009

SA held approximately 20 minutes presentation to Year 1 students, during which the President, the Vice-President and the Committee Chairpersons presented the structure of SA, its sponsors, ongoing projects, working perspectives and day-to-day duties. The presentation received very positive feedback from Y1. After the presentation, the students could submit the applications to volunteer for SA projects. Approximately 60 applications were received, which were reviewed, classified and according to them some helpers were asked to assist for Party, PR and Education Committee Chairpersons.

Board meeting August 25, 2009

The first SA Board Meeting took place on August 25. The members of the Board shared their impressions about the summer and discussed the plans for the following months. The special guest of the meeting was an exchange student from Moldova Vicol Dumitru, who is the vice-president of SA in his home university, so he could share his experience with the Board members.

The most important topics discussed in the meeting:

- Summer Symposium
- Upcoming party
- Baptizing
- SA Website
- Financial situation of SA
- SA photo
- HeyDay project
- The idea of a new committee
- "Student Paradise"

The Summer Symposium

Sports Committee Chairman Karl is the main organizer of the Summer Symposium.

The event takes place on September 12-13, at the same place as Summer Symposium 2008.

Improvements in the event: the schedule for sports activities and games prepared in advance; better organization of the event.

Jobs to be done:

- the poster
- invitations to all students and alumni
- transportation to be organized
- the party after symposium

The party on August 28

Andris will be the main organizer. He'll take a group of volunteers from Y1 to help organize the party.

Theme: Irish(dress code: in green)

Innovations:

- trying a new DJ, a Y1 student will also be a DJ for a part of the evening
- Beer drinking competition
- More inside party, bringing non-SSER students will be not encouraged

Baptizing

Baptizing will be organized in the end of September. Zemgus Zagata volunteered to be the organizer of the event.

SA Website

SA Website is still under construction. Media Park is working on the details. Hopefully the website will be launched as soon as possible.

Financial situation of SA

Despite difficult economic situation, SA is still in a good financial position. On September 1, SA will receive funds according to the contracts. During September the school's administration will inform about their decision on how much to support the SA.

SA Photo

It is necessary to take the photo of the board before its tenure comes to an end. Anna will contact the photographer and will find out when he is available for photo shooting.

HeyDay project

HeyDay project is in progress. The steps to take are advertising the project by word of mouth and in the Insider.

The new committee

PR.Com raised a need for a person who could be responsible for organizing events that are not parties (Baptizing, First week for newcomers, cultural events, etc.), and could deal with minor projects such as ISICs. So, the idea to create a Social Committee position was suggested for the new tenure of SA. The idea will be considered and developed in further SA meetings.

"Student Paradize"

"Student Paradize" – is the biggest event for students in the Baltics. It will take place on September 25, and SSE Riga students will have their own section in it. Liva Gudule is responsible for representing SSE Riga in the event, and PR.Com also adds to the organizing and promotion. PR.Com has a few tickets to the event to be given to SSE Riga students as prizes during the party.

Minutes from the President, Vice- President and the Committees:

President

- Continuing collaboration with Media Park to create a modern, useful and attractive SA webpage
- Meeting school's administration, the Rector and Pro-rector to discuss financial issues
- Working on HeyDay project
- Developing the working perspectives and plans for the SA until the end of its tenure
- Dealing with Latvia's Administrative Bodies about the official documents to be submitted by SA

Vice-President

- Working on the Lithuanian Week project
- Monitoring the activities of the committees
- Communicating with the Vice-President of SA in Moldova University to exchange ideas and develop collaborative projects
- Developing the working perspectives and plans for the SA until the end of its tenure

Business Committee

- New sponsorship for SA signed and money received (Linedata Services)
- Prolonged partnership with E&Y and P&G
- Coke provided for Lithuanian Congress and Newcomers Camp
- Preparations of Annual Budget and negotiation with school for financial support (apart from money given for sports)

Public Relations Committee

- Organizing Newcomers Camp (thanks to all NC Team and Compadres!)
- First week activities (again - thanks to Compadres!)
- Making ISICs and communicating with Y1s about their problems and questions

Party Committee

- Organizing Newcomers Camp together with PR.Com
- Organizing St Paddy's Day party. The main features of the party:
 - Beer bong and keg competition like it should be in a real Irish party
 - Shorter lines at the bar
 - A nice positive party with less outsiders
 - New DJ and our own DJ from Y1
 - after the party entrance in Club Essential is for free for SSE students

Information Committee

- Published the Guide for Newcomers
- Yearbook presentation for Year 1 students
- Preparing SA volunteer list

Education Committee

- Introductory presentations for Y1 during the Study Skills course
- Master Study Project launched

IT Committee

- Updating Sponsors Logos on the lobby TV and elsewhere
- Creating platform for HeyDay project
- Assisting for the lecturers and students during presentations and solving various IT issues

Sports Committee

- Organizing Summer Symposium
- Preparing trainings schedule for frisbee, basketball and other sports

*On behalf of Information Committee
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