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Editorial

Planning for the future

Dear EWB-Finland members,
Finally, the first edition of our quarterly EWB-Finland Newsletter is here.

This is our forum for communication, for project summaries, committee information and will serve as a platform for member introduction to other members. Generally, the newsletter will keep us informed about the goings on in EWB-Finland, EWB-International and of any other news of interest to us.

Let me also take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who has joined or worked with EWB-Finland and are trying to make the world a better place.

Since startup, we have managed to register our association with the Register of Associations. We developed a Plan of action for 2007-2009 whose theme is Making Change Happen, Improving Lives.

In addition, we have identified a portfolio of Focus Areas; Energy, ICT and Shelter. Collectively the Plan of Action and the Focus Areas serve as a blueprint for the direction EWB-Finland is taking.

We have identified initiatives, such as the United Nations Millennium Development Goals

(MDGs), that are supported by EWB-Finland. The work that EWB-Finland does and will do contributes to reaching these goals.

To better look into the functions and running of EWB-Finland, committees were set up to look into different issues such as projects, education, public relations and finance.

what's ahead for EWB-Finland? How can we respond to the challenges of the time?

We need to identify new sources of funding and expand our financial base, recognise project opportunities in line with our mission and vision and also continue with and expand on member activities.

We expect to see continued

hopefully, will continue to make to EWB-Finland.

As was stated earlier, this is only the first issue of the newsletter, there is plenty of work still to be done. Our aim is to put out a strong, well packaged newsletter. As members of EWB-Finland and valued readers, we would like suggestions from you on what you would like to see in the newsletter and on the website.

Further to this, as was announced a while ago, we're looking for a name for the newsletter. Suggestions (in any language) are welcome.

Finally, thank you to all the people involved in putting this newsletter together.

As we gear up for the future, we're setting our sights even higher. We look forward to the challenges ahead as we enter the 2009/2010 membership year. This is our chance to show that as engineers, we can use our skills where they can make a real difference and in so doing make a positive contribution to people's lives.

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We have identified a portfolio of Focus Areas: Energy, ICT and Shelter.

During this time, we have also established partnerships with like minded organisations and individuals. In this vein, one of the steps we have taken is to become a member of KEPA.

With time, our membership has grown. We have held successful information and members nights. We have also had some training for some of our members.

As this is the internet age, we are now present on the web via our website, on Facebook as well as on LinkedIn.

You'll agree with me that there is a lot more to be done. So,

membership growth. In growing our membership, we need to keep in mind that EWB-Finland is not just for engineers, a wide variety of skills are required for EWB-Finland to successfully meet its goals. We require a strong, diversified membership base.

Furthermore, we would like to continue the cooperation with like minded organisations, individuals, industry and academia.

We will have our AGM soon where we will elect a new board. To the outgoing board members, many thanks for the massive contribution they have made, and

Tule mukaan toimintaan!

Insinöörit ilman rajoja Suomen jäseneksi/tukijaksi voi liittyä maksamalla jäsenmaksun.

Vuoden 2009 jäsenmaksu on 25 euroa valmistuneille ja 10 euroa opiskelijoille, työttömille ja eläkeläisille.

Maksut voi maksaa tilille:
Nordea 138930-213051

Muista mainita nimesi ja sähköpostiosoitteesi viestikentässä.

Tervetuloa mukaan!

Join us!

EWB-Finland membership fees for 2009 are 25 € for graduates and 10 € for students, unemployed and seniors.

Please pay to the EWB-Finland bank account 138930-213051 (Nordea)

Remember to mark your name and e-mail in the Information space.

Welcome!

Maailma kylässä!

World Village festival is organised on 23-24 May at the Kaisaniemi Park and Railway Station Square in Helsinki. EWB Finland will participate. The main topic this year is **climate**. Come along!

Invitation to AGM

The annual general meeting (AGM) of EWB Finland is held on Wed 6 May 2009 at 17:30 hrs. The venue is Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences in Leppävaara, Espoo (address: Vanha maantie 6, 02650 Espoo).

Project committee

Project committee has started year 2009 with six members. As Engineers Without Borders Finland is a new organization the project group has been working on project guidelines for future projects. The Project guidelines first version was finished in March.

Engineers Without Borders Finland has one longer term project pending in south central part of Zambia with Chilanga basic school. Matter was last discussed in the beginning of April and more detailed information is expected from the school. Cooperation possibilities with pupils in Finnish school and Chi-

langa basic school have also been checked and matter is still under discussion. Also domestic project possibilities will be considered. If members have suggestions, please e-mail them or join our group in Facebook!

Project committee will hold meetings every second month. Next meeting will be held when needed information is received from Zambia or other matters will occur and need committee's attention.

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EWB's partner association TEP (Technology for Life) has long experience in solar cookers. EWB plans to continue the initiative.

EWB Finland becomes a member of KEPA

EWB Finland has been accepted as a member in KEPA, the Service Centre for Development Cooperation.

Kepa is a service base for Finnish NGOs interested in development work and global issues, and has over 270 member organisations. KEPA is a politically and ideologically non-aligned organisation and receives funding from the Finnish foreign ministry.

KEPA provides training and advice on development issues, publishes magazines, bulletins and



reports, and maintains a website and library.

Two EWB Finland board members have participated in the project training courses.

Members can use KEPA's meeting facilities, so many of EWB's future meetings will probably be held in Töölö, Helsinki.

More information of KEPA from the web: www.kepa.fi

What is EWB Finland?

Engineers Without Borders is a non-political, non-denominational, non-profit-making organisation active in many countries. Its aim is to advance human development through appropriate and sustainable technology and engineering.

EWB Finland was registered in 2007, and is a member of EWB International Network.

What do we do?

We organise information and discussion meetings with experts of technology and development about important issues related to development and technology.

We implements development, engineering and education projects in Finland and abroad, also in collaboration with other organisations.

We follow development issues and inform our members and the public about the possibilities of technology and engineering in solving some of the world's challenges.

Who can join?

Any individual who shares our objectives and values can join EWB Finland. We welcome both engineers and non-engineers. In addition, companies and organisations can join as supporting members.

Our organisation

EWB Finland is run by a board, which is elected in the annual general meeting. Four committees concentrate on different activities. We are currently planning to establish chapters in the main technical universities and cities.

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