

X EUROPEAN MEETING OF MUSIC THERAPY STUDENTS, VITORIA 2005

During the days 2nd, 3rd and 4th July 2005 it took place in Vitoria, in the "Música, Arte y Proceso (MAP)" Instituto ("Music, Art and Process" School), the X EUROPEAN MEETING OF MUSIC THERAPY STUDENTS.

The program for the Meeting consisted of a welcome and dinner in the evening on the 2nd July (dinner in the youth hostel where the students were going to stay), and a short night walk through Vitoria. During the morning of the 3rd the workshops were carried out, proposed by some pupils of the "MAP School", about "Creative Dancing" and "Sign Language". The eating was a picnic on the shore of the Landa Lake. In the afternoon there was a meeting with Tony Wigram (director of the Doctorate Program in Aalborg, Denmark) and Patxi del Campo (director of "MAP"), about the history of Music Therapy in Spain and more concretely, in Vitoria. Afterwards, guided visit through Vitoria, dinner and party. On the 4th in the morning the Meeting was closed with Tony Wigram and Patxi del Campo's Conference, in the Congress Palace "Europa" (included in the first day of the School of Summer MAP), about the "Tsunami Project". After this, goodbye and kisses until the next Students Meeting, taking place in Aalborg.

Negative issues:

- The reduced number of students coming to the Meeting: four girls from Denmark and a boy from Madrid.
- It was so late when people announced their not coming... !
- Lack of any economic help, fund.

Positive issues:

- The good atmosphere created among (us) the students organising the meeting.
- Being so few people made possible for us to know better each other.
- We carried it out in spite of the reduced number of people staying.

To end this, a commentary from one of the participants, Kaja Elise Enge from Aalborg:

About the meeting: I could see the structures of a very nice meeting. It was a very good idea with the hostel as accommodation, and also the workshops seemed too be good. For me, I think the best part was just to meet you, fellow students, and also the speech on Monday morning was very interesting.

I have been thinking A LOT about the fact that no one came; partly because I am the coordinator for the next meeting here, in Denmark, so I got a bit worried..., and partly because I don't really understand why no one came. Maybe it has something to do with the dates, maybe that it was a bit too fare away, maybe it was a bit complicated to sign up (with the schemes and the paying to a bank-account - even though it looked very professional, it takes some time and energy to do it...). Well, I don't know. Doesn't matter anyway.

My only "critic" (argh, I hate to criticise...) is that it seemed to me like you 'let it go', when you found out that no one was coming; something in which resulted in confusion and that we didn't get clear messages about when to come and what would happen at what time. But I know you are aware about that. I'm just thinking that it might would have been a better experience for you, if you finished it 'properly'? To me it didn't really matter that much. I had a very nice time anyway. And the fact that the meeting got so small also gave positive results, like getting to know you better, and maybe create the starting of further collaboration?