

European Leaders' Meeting in Neumühle, Bad Camberg, Germany October 2 - 4

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Under the title "Europe United: Toward Vision 2020," more than sixty leaders, from all areas of our European movement, met at Bad Camberg, Germany, for their first meeting since the third anniversary of True Father's ascension. Beginning with a light supper on Friday, October 2, and finishing with lunch on Sunday, October 4, participants came to hear several messages of inspiration and support. During Hoon Dok Hae on Saturday, Dr. Pak No Hi, our special emissary, spoke about his visit to Korea.

In Session I, Mr. Jack Corley gave a short welcoming address as he led his first European Leaders Meeting as the new regional president. He was followed by the former European regional president, Rev. Yong Shik An, who is now the international vice-president of FFWPU and also the special representative to Germany and Austria.

The seating arrangements were for small groups around tables to facilitate closer discussion and communication among the participants. The first two sessions looked at issues related to FFWPU, such as the state of our blessed families and communities, asking how we might improve our ability to respond to True Parents' expectations for Vision 2020.

Session III, led by David Hanna, director of Education, Blessing and Youth, covered the areas of his responsibility. These included Yoshiko Pammer and Gani Rroshi reporting on the Global Top Gun workshop in Korea; William Haines explaining a survey conducted on our European youth situation; Deborah Cali, director of Special Task Force, reporting on STF Europe and Martin Alexey reporting on European Second Generation Department programs. Director Hanna reported on Blessing Department events.

In Sessions IV and V, participants divided into four groups to discuss all the major areas of our work. The discussion on FFWPU was divided into two groups, which Heiner Handschin and Matthew Huish led.

Jacques Marion led the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) discussion and Carolyn Handschin conducted a discussion on Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP).

Saturday, October 3, happened to be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formal reunification of Germany. During the evening program, Dieter Schmidt, national leader for Germany, gave a report on events surrounding the fall of the Berlin Wall and a look at the process of reunification. During the evening program, we also heard a report on the goal and activities of the Universal Peace Academy (UPA) from its president, Dr. Kim Dong Woo. The evening finished with all participants joining in a candlelight prayer at the nearby holy ground.

The final session before lunch on Sunday, October 4 included reports from the chairs of each discussion group and words of gratitude from the regional president.