

Cranes Club Newsletter #2

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Hello Fellow Cranes,

Welcome to our second Cranes Club Newsletter. In this edition, we have an update from each of the Project Managers on our five projects for the year. Although each Project Manager is focusing on taking ownership of their own projects, we have been able to consistently meet up every month to give product updates and share ideas.

As expected for our first year, we're moving slowly but surely with our committed group of volunteers. Please take the time and review the updates, as I believe each project is at a point where it will need support from other Crane Club members.

For our Database project, we've decided to re-brand it as a Skills Pool project for the first year. It requires some software to be built, so we'll also build an informational Cranes Club website which can host basic details about the Cranes Club and serve as the entry point into the Skills Pool list. We'll only be able to set this up if we commit some budget to the project, and since we don't have an official structure this year, we're going to open up our budget proposal to a vote of the members.

We'll send out the official request to vote to all currently registered members on August 15th, and close the voting on August 31st. If you haven't registered yet but would like to be involved in the vote, there is a link to the sign up form at the bottom of this newsletter.

As we're still in our first year and building up the Cranes Club from the ground up, we're always looking for interesting ideas and suggestions, articles you may have written, or stories about your work and industry.

Look forward to hearing from you in the near future and see what we can build together.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager's Updates

Below you will find an update from our 5 projects and how each has been getting on.

Health Conference

It is our great joy to announce and invite you to our first conference for professionals who work or study in the fields of medicine, health and healing.

Our inspiration for this conference has two sources. Firstly, it was born out of the guidance of True Father, who has the vision of uniting Eastern and Western medicine while acknowledging the spiritual side of human beings. Secondly, it was stimulated by our first European Cranes Club meeting in January 2016 in Camberg.

Our first conference, which will be held in Seebenstein, close to Vienna, Austria, will be a valuable opportunity for us to become acquainted with each other and to share our experiences from the medical field. It is our hope that it will lead to future projects and be an inspiration for your medical, health and healing work. Our suggested date is **11-13 November 2016**.

We have sent out a questionnaire to poll those who indicated interest (if you would like to receive it please contact us) and we will announce further details concerning accommodation, schedule, costs etc. after we have received

substantial feedback from the questionnaire.

-The Health Conference Preparation Committee

Felix Janssen, Dieter Schmidt, Maria Riehl and Viola Hara

Membership Skills Pool

We have researched and put forward the idea to build a Cranes Club website that will also contain a membership skills pool section once logging in. This will be a simple database listing all cranes club members details, their skills and contact details.

We have put forward 2 budgets requests in order to start this work, one for the website and one for the skills pool database. These budget requests will be put to vote upon in the upcoming weeks for all Cranes Club members. Full copies of the budget requests will be available shortly before the voting begins. The requests come to a rough total of 600-700 euros for the work. Our current balance is around 1400 euros.

(Due to personal circumstances Sammi Vanderstok could not continue leading the skills pool project, so Emmanuele Leggio has volunteered to continue as the new Project Manager.)

Mentoring Update

The first mentoring matches have been made as the Cranes Club Mentorship program gets off the ground. We would like to build on this achievement by reaching out to more people and expanding our activities even further.

First and foremost we are looking for people who can mentor. Cranes Club membership is not a requirement so feel free to ask your friends and family.

Mentoring is a compelling and worthwhile volunteer activity which benefits both the mentor and mentee. It can enhance your career and enrich your personal development as you learn to pass on your skills and experience. In addition, the relationships you build can extend beyond the scope of the mentorship and lead to a larger network of contacts.

In order to be eligible for becoming a mentor at least 3 years of experience in your respective field of work is required. You must be able to commit 15-20 hours over a 3 month period for mentoring including some time for receiving mentoring training.

We also welcome applications for people looking for mentors so please fill in the relevant form in the link below.

[Click here to become a mentor](#) or [Click here to signup for mentorship](#)

Michael Rawlence

Ethics Code Recruiting

Our Ethics Code team is looking for a new Ethics Code preparation team member and below is summary of who we are and what we're doing.

The Ethics Code team

What is the Ethics Code (EtCo)? – It specifies the Cranes Club (CC) values and the ethical aspects that define members in their professional conduct (e.g. responsible business) as well as the common base, which we can form with other organizations.

What is the task of the EtCo team? – The team is responsible to prepare a proposal of the EtCo that needs to be approved (possibly with modifications) in the next CC annual general meeting. As decided in this year's AGM, the work is done on a project basis which means that the 4-5 member team will be dissolved once it has fulfilled its task (after finalizing the EtCo after the next AGM). The team will regularly report to the CC managing director (Ely Loew).

What are the duties of EtCo team members? – There are two main duties: 1) participating in skype meetings where the team discusses and decides points of the EtCo; and 2) individually taking the time to come with ideas, develop them and present them at the skype meetings.

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[Click here for the full ethics update and how to apply](#)

2017 Cranes Club Conference

The second annual **Cranes Club Conference** and Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place in **January 2017** in **London**.

We had about 60 young professionals from all over Europe attending the first Cranes Club Conference and now we want to put on an event for over 100

young professionals in London and hope to again attract participation from all over Europe and maybe beyond.

We are looking for anyone interested in contributing to the organisational, as well as programme-related aspects of the event. You can do so by joining our conference organisation team. If you live in London, we are especially looking for you!

To volunteer please contact [Bogdan Pammer](#) (Program Manager, 2017 Cranes Club Conference)

Cranes in Flight

Our Cranes in Flight section hopes to bring you interviews and highlights of an industry or profession from a member of the Cranes Club. For this newsletter we got in touch with **Renée Meijer Heil**, an aspiring writer.

We asked her if she would like to write an article for the newsletter and she kindly wrote a piece on her passion for writing and how it fits in her life.

"I want to write about sex. Not only that, but about the body, womanhood and femininity, shame, menstruation, what it means to be a woman. I also want to talk about LGBT issues and provide a safe place to talk about such things in the church. I've been interested in these topics for a long time, but only in the past year have I actively begun pursuing them.

One of the things that we grew up with was the idea that God had chosen us for a particular mission. Our calling is something that we have to fulfill if we were to ever think of living to our full potential and purpose in life. I always knew that I wanted to help people and to write. I've wanted to be a writer since I was around fifteen and wanted to write

One of the books that I've been reading is *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, an educator, writer and former Episcopal priest. After asking God what she should do with her life, he says, "Anything that pleases you." She then concludes: "Whatever I decided to do for a living, it was not *what* I did but *how* I did it that mattered. God had suggested an overall purpose, but was not going to supply the particulars for me. If I wanted a life of meaning, then I was going to have to apply the purpose for myself."

I've accepted that diversions are part of life and that we don't have to hold ourselves to the people that we once were or who we thought we would be. We're allowed to change our minds and change our dreams. We

non-fiction stories about ordinary people and stories from my own life. Then as I've grown older, went to and graduated from university, went through some tough times and bobbed along on the sea of uncertainty, God and I grew distant. We exchanged only the odd conversation here and there. My original "calling" and sense of mission from before never really changed. But my conviction had faltered, and based on my experiences, the focus of my writing had changed drastically.

I thought for some time that my new desire to write and discuss controversial topics could in no way be endorsed by God, so I might as well not involve him in it to begin with. But during one sleepless night, I sat up in my bed for hours while my husband slept beside me, and God and I had a chat. We had many of these in the past, during which I made many big life decisions. Not only did I come to terms with the idea that is it not necessary to remove God from the picture, I decided that I did want him to be involved. I accepted that I could do anything I wanted, as long as the reason I was doing it was clear.

change every year, every month, every day, and there's no need to lament or regret abandoning the societal requirement for life consistency. But we can certainly grieve about it. Christiane Northup, a women's health expert and speaker, says "Optimism is power. Happiness is power. And grieving for the life you no longer have is power. You will never get from who you are now to who want to be until you are willing to go through the process of grieving the life you thought you were going to have."

I sometimes grieve the person I thought I would be, but recently those times have been few and far between. I want to follow my dreams and calling as they are now, and allow myself to be a new person every day."

-Renée Meijer Heil

If you feel inspired to contribute an article about your own industry or share your personal story, please [contact us](#).



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Profile for Cranes Club Ethics Code preparation team member

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Specific roles and duties

Note keeper – Takes notes during the meetings, summarizes the ideas in written format and makes them available internally for others to work with.

Public relations – Presents drafts to the general Crane's Club membership, handles feedback and communication.

Planner – Plans the EtCo team meetings, sets the deadlines and makes sure everyone is informed.

EtCo team member profile

Someone interested to work on the EtCo should be willing and capable of working independently, and present and defend their ideas to a team. The person should also have enough time available for the time of the project: initially 2-3 months of regular skype meetings twice a month, possibly some time preparing for the AGM and finalizing the EtCo after potential modifications made at the AGM.

It would also be good if team members had interest in some of the following topics: a principled life-style, professional ethics, business ethics, corporate social responsibility, True Parents' speeches and Divine Principle. Any other related interests are seen as a valuable asset.

How to join

Applicants should write a short (informal) introduction of themselves, which includes their motivation for joining the EtCo team, how they align to the team member profile, and mention possible interest in a specific role. This letter should be sent to Hi-Seung at [phdalbert\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:phdalbert[at]gmail.com). Applicants will be contacted afterwards.