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Thirty years of "Su e Zo"

by Iginio Zanandrea, President of TGS Eurogroup

Forty years of TGS Eurogroup, thirty years of "Su e Zo per i Ponti" (Up and Down the Bridges). This is definitely the year to celebrate!

The celebrations for the forty years of TGS will officially start this year during the Su e Zo per i Ponti in Venice. The 30th edition of the march is scheduled for Sunday 13th April 2008. This is an event not to be missed. This year's motto exalts "Thirty years of friendship", and this is why we want you to be in Venice with us: to make our friendship stronger and stronger.

The "Su e Zo" was originally an extraordinary intuition of Don Berti: what he was thinking about was to create a march to involve young people and adults, families, schools, sport groups in a nice walk through Venice calli (alleys). The idea is to spend some time together in the name of friendship and solidarity. The "Su & Zo" celebrates this year its 30th anniversary. The spirit which gave birth to this event is still alive and kicking. This is a fun day, an event to look

forward to. Every year, about 10.000 to 15.000 people join the march. There are also 600 volunteers (many of them are former TGS leaders) who help in the refreshment points and during the march.

Father Berti guided the organization of the march even in the year 2000, a few months before dying. In his memory, thanks to the efforts and the enthusiasm of the many people belonging to the Promoting Committee, chaired by Gianfranco Rocelli and coordinated by Gianfranco Mandruzzato, the "Su & Zo" is still a great success in terms of participants, and keeps its tradition alive.

Among the new things we have introduced over the last few years let us remind you of the Holy Mass in Basilica San Marco, sung by the "Improvvisando" Choir from Conegliano: this is the nicest way to start the day, by giving praise to the Lord.

A few years ago we created the "Don Berti Prize for the School". Thanks to this initiative, school groups with at least 100 participants receive from TGS a 200 euros voucher to buy didactic or sport material.

Last year we also introduced a competition for the Su & Zo

Hoping to see you in Venice on the occasion of the Su e Zo per i Ponti, let us wish you, on behalf of the TGS Eurogroup Committee, a Happy Easter of Resurrection

poster which had a good success on the national level and allowed us to collect many proposition coming from many parts of Italy.

This year we even decided to launch a Video Competition called "Short on the run": the best Su & Zo videos will be awarded and will enter the final of the prestigious Video Competition "Francesco Pasinetti". Moreover, the best videos will be presented during the Venice Biennale.

I guess you all know it: the aim of all our initiatives is to promote the presence of young people and to emphasize their active and responsible involvement. All this is in line with the educative project promoted by Father Bosco, from which TGS tourist and cultural proposition draws inspiration.

Your testimony for TGS40

by Elisa Meneghin

TGS history is made of places, people, episodes which together have marked all our lives.

This is why your help means a lot to us: send us a souvenir, an episode, a picture, a scanned copy of your month programme...

In one word, the story of when you got to know TGS or joined the Su & Zo per i Ponti.

We will gather all contributions in a booklet which will be printed especially for this event.

Please, do not send us paper material or pictures: we don't want your sweet memories to be ruined! Send us your material by email, only to the following email address: tgs40@tgseurogroup.it.

If your file exceeds 10MBs or if your Internet account does not allow you to send big files, you can use the free services offered by www.yousendit.com.

This easy-to-use service allows you to send files up to a maximum of 100MBs. Do not forget to specify our email address tgs40@tgseurogroup.it: we will receive an email notification of the file you uploaded and we will proceed with its download from the web.

If you are not sure TGS head office has got all your updated data and you want to be informed about our initiatives and about TGS40, send us an email to tgs40@tgseurogroup.it saying who you are and when you got to know TGS.

You can also fill in the form at www.tgseurogroup.it/tgs40, leaving a message in our guestbook...

It will be a nice way to get back in touch and say hello to all your TGS friends!

This is why we are inviting you to join us in the Su e Zo, an event which Father Berti loved. What are you waiting for? Come and join us in Venice, the 13th April 2008, to party together "Thirty years of friendship"! We're waiting for you!

The Su e Zo per i Ponti in Venice is promoted by the following associations: TGS Eurogroup, Agesc, Ctg, Ex Allievi Don Bosco, Fism, Noi Associazione, under the aegis of the Veneto Region, the Province of Venice and the municipality of Venice. Should you need further information about the march, log on to www.tgseurogroup.it/suezo. We'll be happy to help you organize your holiday in Venice on this occasion – please don't hesitate and contact us immediately by sending an email message to tgs40@tgseurogroup.it

A new group on LinkedIn: TGS leaders and friends

by Elisa Meneghin

For the occasion of TGS40 we decided to use a new tool to keep in touch with former TGS leaders, new TGS leaders and friends of TGS: a group on LinkedIn.

LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com) is a website whose aim is to link its members in order to create a network of professionals. This service is particularly helpful for those who are looking for a job or for new collaborators.

But we wanted to do more than this: we wanted to merge old and new TGS leaders and friends, to establish a solid connection which does not get lost in time because of address, job or email changes.

This will give us the chance of getting back in touch even with those people we haven't heard from for a while... we are doing this for TGS40 and for many other events, of course!

We also hope that, by seeing TGS logos, many of you will dig into their memories and join TGS40.

At the same time we are not under evaluating the advantages this group can offer to all of us: as we all know, being part of TGS means a lot, it changes your way of seeing the world and it makes you feel close to all those who were part of TGS before you were... isn't this enough to choose a former TGS leader or friend as a new colleague, as a consultant or simply to get some information or hints about your job?

If you're a member of LinkedIn, look for Iginio Zanandrea or Elisa Meneghin profiles and click on the TGS logo to get all the information you need on how to sign up!

If you're not a member, what are you waiting for? Log on to www.linkedin.com!

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- TGS Eurogroup counts on YOU to help out with the planning of this special event! For all your suggestions please send an email message to tgs40@tgseurogroup.it.
- Are you still in touch with any other TGS friend in England who could be interested in joining our TGS40 event? Maybe a past TGS agent, a very special host family or teacher? Just send us an email message including their contact details, and why they are so special to you and to TGS. We'll be most happy to invite them to our TGS40 event!