



Newsletter

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Editorial

by Igino Zanandrea, TGS Eurogroup President

TGS40: a thrilling day for TGS friends of all time. Many people joined us for our TGS40 celebrations; it has been a special moment for all of us; it gave us the possibility to look back on our 40 years of achievements and at the same time to look ahead to our next challenges.

The message, especially from all those who hadn't been coming to TGS meetings for quite a while, was crystal clear: this important event gave us the possibility to meet again... so let's keep in touch!

This is why we decided not to stop the tradition we started with our "TGS 40 Newsletter". This newsletter, for almost a year, allowed us to prepare properly for the TGS anniversary. From now onwards, we will try and give a more structured approach to our newsletter: we will give new information on our initiatives and we will give everyone the possibility to keep in touch.

Starting from this issue, our "TGS Newsletter" will only be downloadable from our TGS Eurogroup website and a notification will be sent to all members by e-mail. We will not establish fixed times for our newsletter. It will be issued whenever we have time to do it! Up to you to let us know if you think this is of some interest and worth doing!

A celebration day

by Katya De Marchi and Alessandra Granziero

28th September 2008: a big party for TGS Eurogroup's 40th anniversary; TGS Eurogroup is an association which, thanks to its English stays, allows Italian students to both live a group experience and to learn English. The party took place in the Salesian College "Astori" in Mogliano Veneto (Treviso) where more than 250 TGS people met in order to recall the days when they were students and leaders, with many pictures and rucksacks full of memories and life experiences.

This day allowed students, leaders, TGS Committee people, Don Berti's friends, priests, students' parents and English friends (coming with their families all the way from the UK) to meet back!

The emotion was overwhelming, as well as the satisfaction of the organizers, who had been working hard for months in order to plan this wonderful event, write a book and create a DVD with precious testimonies from collaborators and friends of the association, pictures and stories from 40 years of activity!

The two faces of our Association have been immortalized by a professional photographer, Arcangelo Piai, in two photo exhibits presenting two different aspects of the TGS spirit: on one side the happy faces of our TGS



students (the shots have been taken last summer by Mr. Piai); on the other side the protagonists of the *Su e Zo per i Ponti* (Up and Down the Bridges), a walk which takes place every year in Venice and gathers about 10.000 people (young people, adults, families, school and sport groups).

This event had the aegis of the City of Mogliano Veneto as well as of the Province of Treviso and gave many people the chance to meet back and recall past English memories. Among the most important moments of the day, let us mention the games on the football ground (100% Salesian oratory style), the Holy Mass in memory of Don Dino Berti (with the participation of the "Improvvisando" Choir from Conegliano), a traditional "spaghetti party", a cake competition and the musical "Jesus Christ, the Resurrection", produced by the "Gruppo Musicale Ex Allievi of the Collegio Vescovile Balbi Valier" from Pieve di

Soligo, which was open not only to TGS people but also to the general public coming from the city of Mogliano Veneto and neighbouring areas.

During the TGS40 celebrations, TGS people have been asked to give an important help for a significant project: a fund-raising campaign for the Salesian Mission of Chisinau (Moldavia), which TGS has been following for quite a few years now.

Father Igino Biffi, TGS Salesian Delegate, announced that one of the rooms of the new professional centre which is currently under construction in Chisinau will be dedicated to the TGS founder: Father Dino Berti.

And, at the end of the day, came the final greetings, wishing TGS a lot of success with its mission towards young people as well as the promise of meeting together again very soon to spend another day celebrating our friendship!

TGS Eurogroup 2008/2009 Calendar

<i>28th September 2008</i>	<i>TGS40 - 40 Years of TGS Eurogroup</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>18th October 2008</i>	<i>1st "Su e Zo" Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>19th October 2008</i>	<i>TGS Leader Summer 2008 final meeting</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>15th November 2008</i>	<i>TGS Eurogroup Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>4th - 7th December 2008</i>	<i>TGS Committee's trip to the UK - TGS Agents' Forum</i>	<i>UK</i>
<i>11th January 2009</i>	<i>32nd "Friendship Meeting"</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>15th February 2009</i>	<i>"Welcome Meeting" TGS Eurogroup 2009</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>1st March 2009</i>	<i>1st TGS Leader Summer 2009 Training Meeting</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>8th March 2009</i>	<i>"Youth Meeting" - Salesian Youth Movement, Italy North East</i>	<i>Jesolo</i>
<i>20th - 22nd March 2009</i>	<i>TGS National Assembly</i>	<i>Rome</i>
<i>4th - 5th April 2009</i>	<i>2nd TGS Leader Summer 2009 Training Meeting</i>	<i>Asolo (Treviso)</i>
<i>19th April 2009</i>	<i>Su e Zo per i Ponti di Venezia – 31st edition</i>	<i>Venice</i>
<i>10th May 2009</i>	<i>TGS Eurogroup Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>24th May 2009</i>	<i>3rd TGS Leader Summer 2009 Training Meeting</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>6th June 2009</i>	<i>TGS Eurogroup Summer Courses 2008 presentation</i>	<i>Astori, Mogliano</i>
<i>last update: 26th October 2008 – real-time updates can be found on our TGS website: www.tgseurogroup.it/associazione/incontri.htm</i>		

TGS update

www.tgseurogroup.it

- 26.10.2008: **the most beautiful pictures of TGS40** are finally online! Just click on to our website www.tgseurogroup.it/tgs40. Did you take a nice picture during that day? Would you like to see it on the TGS Eurogroup website? Simply send it to tgs40@tgseurogroup.it.
- 19.10.2008: **TGS Eurogroup Summer 2008 Leaders Final meeting** at TGS HQ in Mogliano Veneto: all TGS 2008 Leaders are invited to carefully check the summer spent in the UK and to write some comments on the students they were accompanying; the comments will then be sent to the respective families.
- 18.10.2008: during the first meeting of the "Su e Zo per i Ponti" Committee, all sketches for **the "Su e Zo per i Ponti" poster** have been presented. This is part of a competition launched by TGS Eurogroup. The winner is Francesco Bellemo, from the Istituto Statale d'Arte di Venezia (State Art Institute of Venice), and his idea will be used as the official poster for the 2009 edition of the march.
- 07.10.2008: **the winners of the video competition "Short on the run"** (linked to the Su e Zo event) have been presented at Candiani Cultural Centre of Mestre, during the Mestre Film Fest. They have also been recently presented to the Venice Film Meeting during the Biennale of the Cinema in Venice. The "Corto in Corsa" competition awakened a strong interest, and the second edition, which will take place on the occasion of the 31st Edition of the Su e Zo per i Ponti di Venezia (19th April 2009), is currently under preparation.