

EDM NEWS

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Summer EDM 2018

27 - 29 July 2018
Krakow, Poland
Hotel Centrum, Krakow

ECCNA 34 2018 in Poland

27 - 29 July 2018
Krakow (Poland)
„Easy Does It”
European Conference and Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (ECCNA)

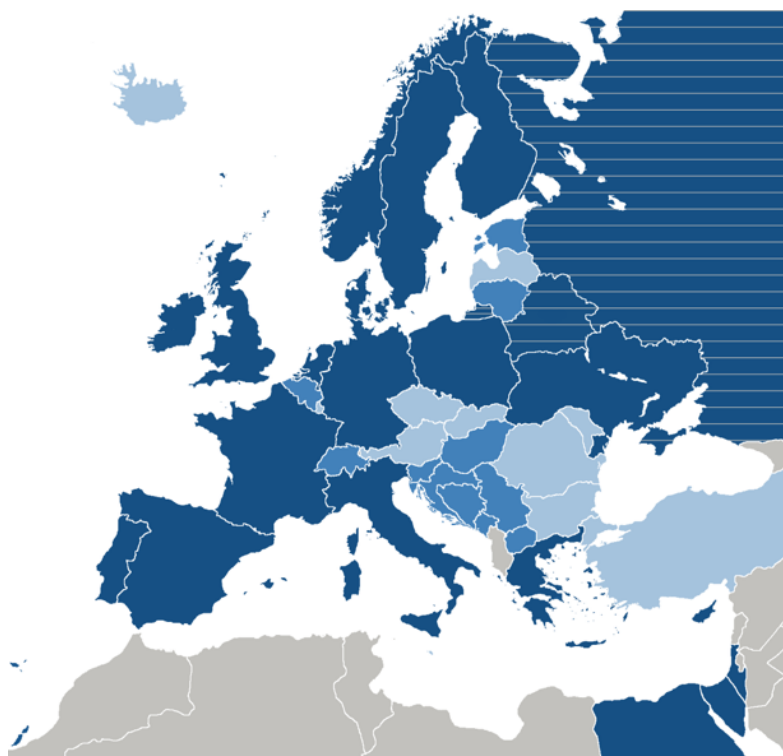
1100 Registrations at ECCNA34 in Krakow:
600 pre-registrations
500 registrations on location
(100 concert tickets)

More information on our website: www.eccna.eu

European Delegates Meeting

The EDM NEWS of the European Delegates Meeting provides a brief overview about what happens at the EDM, and will give information on NA issues and events in our Zonal Forum.

Forward it to interested members, or copy it for your ASC/RSC.
Editor (Udo/FD Chair)



Summer EDM Krakow 2018

FD Committee of EDM

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FD Workshop at EDM in Krakow

28 July 2018
Hotel Centrum, Krakow
„Rotating Service Body - How to retain attraction and experience?”

FD Support for for NA Romanian

Romanian members attending
NA Convention in Moldova
6 -8 July 2018
Moldova, xxxx
„A Spiritual Journey”

3rd European Service Learning Days 2019

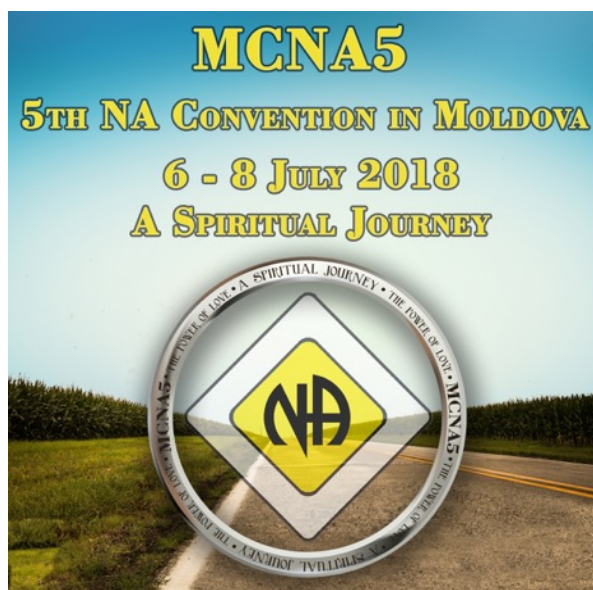
26 - 28 April, 2019
Prague, Czech Republic
Masaryk Dormitory
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You want to share some of your experience? You want to make some suggestions for the next issue in February 2019?

Just feel free to contact:
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Fellowship Development News



Romanian Fellowship

The Fellowship in Romania asked for our support to attend the annual NA Convention in Moldova. The primary purpose was to establish existing contacts between both fellowships, and to share experience in recovery and service as well.

Some contacts were made already on previous occasions, mainly because of the common language. While NA Moldova wanted to organize accommodation for the Romanian guests, we as FD agreed to fund the travel costs. Both fellowships struggling and lacking of human and financial resources. All kind of support is welcome.

“My first encounter with a sponsor was almost 4 years ago, and since then I’m working the steps with a fellow from Amsterdam, via online medium. There has been some struggle at the group in Bucharest. “I’ve wanted to give up two times, and the disease resurfaced. Some people from the group wanted to implement stuff from other fellowships but that didn’t work. I’ve experienced quite some lack of fulfillment as a member of this group but I’m still here willing to work the steps and be at service for our group and our Fellowship.

This year we had an average of at least 3 members at the meeting. I’ve been at the meeting all by myself. We have still some issues here regarding taking responsibility for our group development. We as a group are in contact with the group from Cluj. They have one meeting per week. I am the sponsor of one of the fellows there.

Thank you, NA Moldova and FD for all your support and for being so important in my life and for my fellowships as well.”

In fellowship
Laurentiu, Romani

ESL - European Service Learning Days in Prague April 26-28, 2019



Participation

This event is for every member interested in service, but primarily for members doing the service, to learn, for training and sharing experiences. If regions are to send participants, we rather see that it is the coordinators/chairs and members in service committees that are going. We emphasize regions/areas to fund their servants by themselves.

The language of ESL is English. Participants from regions are asked to send English speaking members or have at least one member on board who is able to translate for the others if needed.

Venue & Accommodation

The Masaryk Dormitory is situated in a strategic location in Dejvice, Prague 6, just 20 minutes away from Prague Vaclav Havel international airport, with excellent public transport access to the city center, and with good motorway links. All low-cost airlines provide flights to Prague.

The Masaryk Dormitory offers single and double rooms for quite reasonable prices. Prague offers many affordable hostels. We will post a few of them, which are close to our venue, soon.

Prague – Flight Times

Direct flights from all over Europe (low-cost airlines).

Great train and road connections as well.

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- Berlin – 1h
 - Belgrade – 1h 35 min.
 - Bratislava – 1h
 - Brussels – 1h 25 min.
 - Budapest – 1h 25 min.
 - Copenhagen – 1h 15 min.
 - Dublin 2h 30 min.
 - Frankfurt – 1h
 - Helsinki 2h 15 min.
 - Istanbul 2h 55 min.
 - Kiev – 2h 5 min.
 - Lisbon 3h 25 min.
 - London – 1h 55 min.
 - Madrid – 3h
 - Milan – 1h 25 min.
 - Munich – 1h
 - Oslo – 2h
 - Paris – 1h 35 min.
 - Riga – 2h 10 min.
 - Stockholm – 2h
 - Tel Aviv – 4h 5 min.
 - Vienna – 1h
 - Warsaw – 1h 15 min.
 - Zurich – 1h 20 min.

Program

Right now we are in the process of working out the program, so if you live in a community with specific needs, please let us know. Help us make the best event possible for our common needs.

In Loving Service

Udo B. (Berlin)

FD Chair

John E. (Finland)

FD Vice-Chair

Making PR in Turkish Parliament



Beginning of this year, we were invited to Turkish Parliament. First of all it was surprising for us to being invited by highest level of state agency but also we can consider it was the accumulation of years and years effort of PR committees of NA Turkey in the past as a non-legal entity.

In the passing through 25 years, we had some chances to meet with some of ministers by taking

appointment from them, but this was the first time for a legislative commission of the state which established to give direct suggestions to policy makers was inviting us to listen. This is for us the clear proof that NA Turkey Fellowship is being accepted as the interlocutor by Turkish State.

So we were excited. The Commission (The Parliamentary Research Commission Established to Investigating Drug Addiction) which is inviting us, is being formed by MPs from all the parliamentary parties therefore their recommendations must be taken into consideration by the policy makers in this regard. We have created our team for this service from four members who are the last three PR chairs and one female member. Our total time was 1 hour and we planned to make the presentation which is prepared for EU parliament in first 15 minutes. I made this presentation as a delegate. After this, my three other friends briefly shared their experience in recovery and what they have found in NA fellowship, and this section took about 20 minutes. And after this section we answer the questions of MPs about 25 minutes. In this Q&A section we found the chance that to explain some specific problems we are facing with by giving answer in suitable questions.

Overall it was very satisfying service work for us. As a result, in the final report presented by the commission, we see that all the NGOs working on this area are in audit increase, while the support increase for NA has been decided. This is the direct translation of the part of special paragraph for NA which is in the report:

Although the Association of Narcotics Anonymous, which is based on consultation between old addicts, has been operating in our country for 25 years, it has been stated that there is no legal recognition. Regulations should be made to provide a more systematic evaluation of the community which is working in close cooperation with AMATEMs (State Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment Centers) in terms of rehabilitation and social harmonization. Firstly, the necessary convenience should be provided at the point of finding the meeting place."

Whatever I am going say about my gratitude for this service which I participate as delegate, will be not enough more than this paragraph.

RD Turkey
Serkan Ö.

Cape Verde



Cape Verde, located in Africa, is an archipelago of 10 volcanic islands in the central Atlantic Ocean, whose capital is Praia, in Santiago Island.

Since the early 1990s, Cape Verde has been a stable representative democracy, and remains one of the most developed and democratic countries in Africa. Lacking natural resources, its developing economy is mostly service-oriented, with a growing focus on tourism and foreign investment. The recognized

languages are Portuguese and Cape Verdean Creole. Currently there is a 12 steps treatment center that belongs to the state of Cape Verde and is called "San Francisco Therapeutic Community" where residents are internees in closed regime during a maximum period of 9 months.

There is only one weekly meeting in a room provided by the Ministry of Justice placed in the ministry building, held every Friday at 6.30 PM being mostly accessed by addicts resident in the therapeutic community. The meeting has the affluence of 30 addicts, but all the material they have is taken from the internet and copied.

A month ago, a Portuguese addict with 22 years cleantime, who lives there since 2007 and participate in the local NA fellowship asked help to NAWS to provide them NA literature and other material. They are willing to carry NA message fulfilling our primary purpose and help a lot of addicts who knows nothing about Narcotics Anonymous to have the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life. If they success in this assessment they will opening another meeting and moving forward in their efforts. From now on we are supporting this Fellowship to help them to become stronger.

Patricia D.
alt. RD, Portugal

ECCNA 35 Switzerland



35th European Conference and Convention of Narcotics Anonymous. 19th to 21st July 2019, Platzspitz, Zurich.

Pre-Registration (25€) is online.

The ECCNA Host Committee offers a Special Package for Backpackers which includes Pre-Registration and low cost accommodation, called „Pre-Registration&Bunk Bed“ from 49€ (2 nights) to 79€ (4 nights).

For more information please visit our website:

www.ECCNA.eu

NA World Service Conference 2018 Highlights (abstract)

Conference deliberations serve the needs of a diverse membership of different languages and cultures and address the challenge of how to provide effective services to NA groups around the world. The conference works for the good of all NA, taking into account both present and future needs. This was the first World Service Conference with participants attending through an internet connection. The delegate from Iran and the alternates from Iran and Aotearoa, New Zealand were unable to obtain visas, and participated through an internet link with WSC approval. Of the 114 regional delegates from seated regions participating, 65 were from the US, 5 from Canada, and 44 from outside the US and Canada. There were 154 men and 67 women among the Conference participants—delegates, alternates, World Board members, and zonal delegates (who were non-voting participants for WSC 2018).

- It was decided that any Zonal Forum with two or more zonally seated regions or communities that are not seated at the World Service Conference may choose to send one Zonal Delegate to the World Service Conference to represent those regions or communities.
These zonal delegates have one vote. They are eligible to receive the same funding as regional delegates and may choose to bring an Alternative at their own expense.
- Motions passed directing the World Board to create a project plan (for consideration at WSC 2020) on the role of Zones, their relationship to the wider fellowship, including integrating Zonal Delegates participation into the decision making process at WSC.



- It was decided to assign a week each year as an NA PR week, beginning in 2019. NAWS will assign dates and make information available a minimum of 90 days prior and also have available the possible contents of the program or the suggested agenda for such week.
- It was approved an NA Service Prayer, utilizing the language that is already in the intro of the Basic Text, substituting the word "write" with the word "serve", including it in the set of posters of the meetings for NA groups, as shown here: "GOD, grant us knowledge that we may ~~write~~ serve according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of Your purpose. Make us servants of your will and grant us a bond of selflessness that this may truly be your work, not ours, in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction."

Literature Projects

Mental Health/Illness IP: www.na.org/mhmi

Meditation Book: www.na.org/meditationbook

Training and Tools Project

Conventions and Events Toolbox: www.na.org/conventions

(Money Management / The Program Committee & Development of the Program)

Local Service Toolbox: www.na.org/toolbox

(Serving in Rural and Isolated Communities / CBDM Basics (Consensus Based Decision Making))

Issue Discussion Topics

This cycle's topics (2018-2020) are:

Attracting Members to Service

Carrying the NA Message and Making NA Attractive

Drug Replacement Therapy/Medication Assisted Treatment as It Relates to NA

Workshop resources will be available soon: www.na.org/idt

Literature Translation Process: The Traditions Book

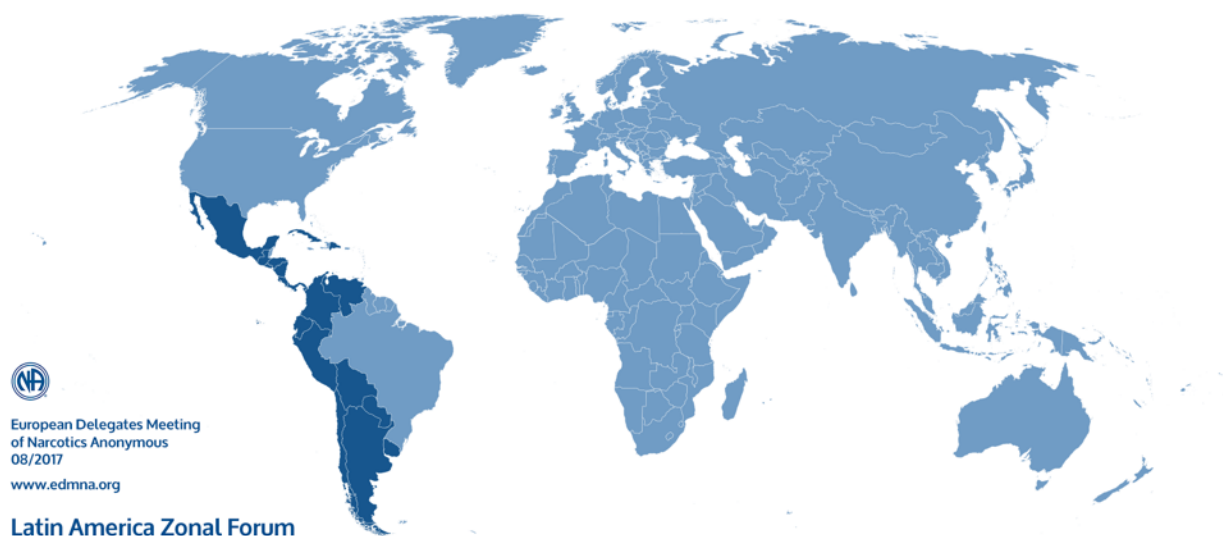
We had a lot of requests from our members that would like to understand how our literature process works. To make this understandable we made The completion of NA's seventh book—Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions—represents a major accomplishment for Narcotics Anonymous and concluded a six- year journey initiated by a regional motion passed at WSC 2010. A project plan approved at WSC 2012 activated two Conference cycles of gathering input, drafting chapters, and revising the text in response to feedback from the Fellowship. A final draft of the entire text was made available for Fellowship review in the 2016 Conference Agenda Report. It was met with overwhelming approval by the Fellowship at the 2016 World Service Conference.



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In the next Issue we will report how the printing process works.

Latin-America Zonal Forum



The LAZF is a zonal forum that contains of 25 regions: Argentina, Baja Son, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grande Sao Paulo, Guatemala, Honduras, HOW Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua, Occidente-Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Region del Coqui, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, Uruguay, Venezuela. At the moment there are about 5177 Meetings per week within the Zone. They have two types of face-to-face meetings a) Ordinary, celebrated semiannually, in odd years, about 3 days before NA Latin American Conventions; b) Extended, celebrated semiannually during even year, at some point of the World Service Conference. There are also virtual meetings every six months.

They use a combination of CBDM and parliamentary procedure, depending on the situation: Primarily they tend to use CBDM the most. LAZF focuses on Service to Regions: Literature Translation, Regional Reports, NAWS Publications, PR, Fellowship Development, and *Just for Today* Distribution.

Latin American Convention.

4 unseated Brazilian regions participate in the LAZF as well as the Brazilian Zone. For the purpose of this snapshot, their numbers have been included under the Brazilian Zone only.

Public Relations (PR), Growth and Development (G&D), News Bulletin, Internet, Translation, Human Resource Panel (HRP), NA Latin American Convention (CLANA). Executive Committee Report. Regional Reports, CAR and CAT.

Website and Contact Info: <https://forozonalatino.org>

One Day At A Time

EDM Cleantime Anniversaries February - July

12. April 2018	Helena	RD Iceland	9 years
16. March 2018	Patricia D.	RD Portugal alt.	12 years
02. July 2018	Giuseppe	RD Italy	8 years
05. June 2018	Column	RD Ireland alt.	18 years

Netherlands Region NA Convention

10 - 12 August 2018
Amsterdam, Netherlands
30 Years Convention
„Experience, Strength, Hope“

Finland Region NA Convention

17 - 19 August 2018
30 Years Convention
Turku, Finland
„New Beginning“

Lithuania Region NA Convention

18 - 19 August 2018
Vilnius, Lithuania
20 Years Convention
„Step By Step“

Irish Region NA Convention

19 - 21 October 2018
Co Donegal, Ireland
„Give It Away“

Norway Region NA Convention

2 - 4 November 2018
Sandefjord, Norway
30 Years Convention
„More will be revealed“

German Sp. Region NA Convention

2 - 4 November 2018
Bremen, Germany

European NA Events

More details on regional websites:
www.edmna.org/regions

