



**ANNUAL REPORT
2005**

Quaker Council for European Affairs

Quaker spirituality cannot be understood as either primarily religious or primarily political but as a path or practice that brings both religious and political concerns into a mutually informing and transforming relationship.

**Dan Snyder, at the Border Meeting, September 2005,
Antwerpen**

Civic Responsibility

Friends believe that the aim of government is to preserve a community in which justice, peace, good order and individual development are possible. Members of our Society are also citizens of the community and the nation. Quakerism is not intended to be a refuge from the disturbing events of our times, but rather a source of strength and support in facing them. The free institutions under which we live give many of our members a direct share in the responsibilities of government and in forming a healthy public opinion.

Friends have supported the state as long as its requirements have not opposed the leadings of the Inner Light. They have generally believed that:

...if any be called to serve the commonwealth in any public service, with cheerfulness it be undertaken, and in faithfulness be discharged unto God.

(Meeting of Quaker Elders at Balby, 1656)

Whether or not directly involved in government, we need to consider carefully our responsibilities in influencing legislation and educating fellow citizens on public issues. Friends should work with people in other churches and in the community to bring about desirable ends through the institutional resources of society.

From the beginning, Friends have found that loyalty to God results at times in refusal of the demands of the state, as in opposition to war and unjust laws, and have supported decisions of conscience taken by individual Friends. Before deciding on a course which involves civil disobedience, a Friend should consult with persons of trusted judgment who have sympathy with the individual's sense of duty. Clearness committees within the Meeting are valuable in such situations.

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CLERK'S INTRODUCTION



Writing this Annual Report I realize that the opening words of the last few years do not work. We have had, 'The world at large has had...'; 'QCEA has had...' 'a turbulent year'. The European Union, yes. The world, yes indeed. But QCEA?

We had a busy and an active year, but turbulence, a word with negative associations, no. QCEA worked smoothly and imperturbably. Most energy could be spent on the work for which we founded QCEA. That is not to say that there were no organizational changes. Belgian Law becomes increasingly intrusive.

In the appropriate section of this report you will read about the work done by the Representatives and Programme Assistants. Here I will express my admiration for the unremitting endeavour of all the staff, resulting in work of high quality.

Our Representatives completed their third year of appointment. I am happy to say that we renewed their contract for another five years. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also re-appointed for another three years.

Some management aspects: The revision of our Statutes was completed and they are now compatible with Belgian Law. The new lease negotiations for Quaker House were concluded with a contract. QCEA has become a so called 'Large Association' in terms of Belgian Law and this had its consequences for the organization of the office. Finance Committee - as you will read in the pertinent section – was satisfied that the costs associated with this are containable.

The Study Tour was again a success. It was regrettable, however, that it was not possible to accept some non-European applicants as they couldn't obtain the required visas in time. This will continue to be a problem. Council set up a small group of members to consider moral and technical issues at stake.

We had three Programme Assistants, starting at three different dates: Robin Bloomfield in January, Charlotte Wetton in April and Cheron Constance in September (Cheron on a grant from German Yearly Meeting). Robin left us again at the end of December. You will read about Robin's and Charlotte's work in their end of year reports below.

Let me highlight a few things.

We started the year by hosting a member of Jerusalem Peacemakers and the Sulha Project, Rabbi Eliyahu McLean, and arranging meetings with European officials.



In April the QCEA report 'The Right to Conscientious Objection in Europe: A Review of the Current Situation' was presented at the Council of Europe.

In May QCEA supported an initiative by European NGO networks against Anti-Gypsyism.

In June QCEA signed the Global Action Agenda for the Prevention of Violent Conflict, a result of the Dublin Action Agenda where Martina represented us.

In October QCEA, together with Westmoreland General Meeting, organized the launch at the European Parliament of the book 'Preparing for Peace' in which experts, also from a military background, analysed modern warfare. They concluded that war is obsolete. I'm sure you are not surprised.

Since November the European Peace Directory is accessible on the QCEA website: a resource for all those who are working for peace.

And as a matter of fact QCEA continued supporting the Intergroup for Peace Initiatives formed by European Parliament Members and the work in EPLO focusing among other subjects on enhancing the civilian capabilities for peacebuilding within the European Union.

Council met in April and in October. During Council most emphasis was put on the content of the work of QCEA. This is, I think, as it should be. Council's two main tasks consist of supporting the people who do the work in the Spirit of our Quaker tradition and feedback to Yearly Meetings. On Council meetings 'organisational business' is limited to the inevitabilities.

As a sign of efficient daily routine in the office, Bureau also only met twice. Of course contact between Bureau members and the office were more frequent, but in many cases electronic means of contact were sufficient. We realize, however, that meeting in Brussels remains essential.

I didn't say much about the EU itself. I personally think that the rejection of the proposed Constitution by the French and Dutch peoples showed that information of what is going on in Brussels is insufficient. The EU is more than a bureaucracy which tries to interfere with national standards of living. For us Quakers the 2005 issues of Around Europe were highly instructive. The now required new negotiations about the Constitutional Treaty offer again possibilities to stress our Quaker views about militarization, peace and civil society. QCEA is ready for it, greatly helped by your support.

Isaac Pennington: 'For Friends, there is no straightness in the fountain. God is fullness: (...) Therefore where the soul is enlarged, where the senses are grown strong, where the mouth is opened wide: the Lord God standing ready to pour out of his riches, what should hinder it from being filled?'

Bert Touwen, Clerk

QCEA in 2005 – Representatives' Report Comings and Goings



2005 saw a few changes to Council Membership. Annika Hollsing became the Representative for Sweden YM, replacing Ingmar Hollsing, who had served on QCEA Council for many years. Tom Heydeman replaced Sarah Richards as the Representative of QCEA British Committee. Peter Spreij replaced Hennie Jansen as Representative of Netherlands YM, but Hennie remains a member of Bureau and Finance Committee. Phillip Spencer replaced Dennis Tomlin as Representative of France YM, but Dennis remains on Nominations Committee. Lucinda Martin replaced Martin Kunz as Alternate for German YM and we were able to welcome her to the Spring Council meeting. Terry Twomey was appointed Alternate for Ireland YM and we were able to welcome him at the Autumn Council Meeting. Didier Kahlig was appointed Alternate for France YM and replaced Roger Adrianaly in this role.

We were pleased to be able to welcome so many new faces to the Council and want to extend our thanks for the long years of service to those Friends who have stepped down from their roles.

Robin Bloomfield joined us as Programme Assistant in January. He comes from the UK, from a Quaker family. His report is below. He had a very exciting start to his year as he took on the work for the Intergroup for Peace Initiatives, which was also completely new to QCEA. Robin's year came to an end in December and he has now returned to the UK.

After attempting to obtain a work permit for a Young Friend from the US and failing even at appeal, we offered the second post to Charlotte Wetton, who joined us in April. She will stay with us until the beginning of April 2006. Her report, too, follows.

Thanks to the generosity of German YM, we were also able to employ a third Programme Assistant. We interviewed in the spring for this vacancy, and in September, Cheron Constance joined us. She is now working on the next Study Tour and on our new economic justice project relating to the role of the private sector in conflict (looking at the example of Cyprus). She will be with us until early September 2006 and her report of her year will feature in the 2006 Annual Report.

Project Work

2005 has been an extremely busy year and we have sometimes struggled to keep up with the many and often conflicting demands on our time and energy. This report can therefore only give a flavour of the work we have done to show the breadth of issues and topics we try to focus on.



Peace

The year began with two important events.

One was a visit from Eliyahu McLean, a Rabbi from Jerusalem who represents 'Jerusalem Peacemakers' an organisation which tries to find ways of ensuring that Palestinians and Israelis work together at community level towards peace. We were able to arrange a number of meetings for him with decision-makers both in the European Commission and in the General Secretariat of the Council which gave him some useful new contacts.

The second was the start of our term as secretariat for the Intergroup for Peace Initiatives. This has been a challenging task, which Martina and Robin shared. It gave us the opportunity to work with a number of MEPs on a range of topics which are part of our core work but not otherwise currently part of our programme - nuclear disarmament, small arms and light weapons, military bases in Europe, demobilisation, demilitarisation and reintegration of ex-combatants in post-conflict areas and the rights of military war resisters.

As last year, one main focus of our peace work continues to be the campaigning for the enhancement of the civilian capabilities of the EU. The main aim is to ensure in the medium- to long term that the EU has at its disposal civilian resources, which it can use to assist in crises and conflicts in order to promote long-term peacebuilding rather than primarily short-term military intervention.

In 2005, QCEA, together with EPLO, was able to make real progress in this area. The dialogue with successive Presidencies (notably the Luxembourg Presidency and in preparation of the work for 2006 with the Austrian and Finnish Presidencies) has now been established as a regular part of our work and the schedule of the Presidency. Both the Luxembourg and Austrian Presidencies agreed to joint conferences and the Finnish Presidency is working with us to further the integration of NGOs into civilian crisis management work. This work will continue.

We were also able to take further our demand for a European Peacebuilding Agency or Office. Again, this is work we do with and through EPLO, and this year we focused particularly on discussions relating to the proposed Stability Instrument for funding conflict prevention/crisis management work by the European Commission. A version of the proposal was included in the two reports in the European Parliament on this Instrument (to the Development and Foreign Affairs Committees respectively) and the proposal was defeated very narrowly (with a 30/30 vote in the Foreign Affairs Committee).

Finally, our work on bringing the issue of the Peace Tax to the Council of Europe continued at a very slow pace. We raised the proposal at the April meeting of the Human Rights NGOs at the Council of Europe - this was not supported there and we are now working slowly to convince individual NGO representatives of the justification of this proposal. We were able to have with us for one month at the end of the year a student translator on work placement. She has translated much of the material into French which will help with this process. We are also still looking for an MP who is sympathetic to the issue to sponsor an own-initiative report in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. We see this piece of work continuing at very slow speed for some considerable time.



Human Rights

Liz has continued to work with the group of Christian NGOs in Brussels who focus on migration and asylum issues. A number of joint letters, statements and press releases have been issued in response to European Commission documents on the subject and advocacy work in this area continues.

Our main focus in the area of human rights has again been the Women in Prison project that we undertake jointly with QUNO-Geneva. This year much work has gone into: collecting and collating the responses to our questionnaire; drafting a gender commentary to the Revised European Prison Rules which were approved by the Committee of Ministers at the Council of Europe in January 2006; and undertaking a number of visits to prisons and to conferences. Highlights have included a visit to a women's prison in Latvia and an interview with maternity rights expert and campaigner Sheila Kitzinger in the UK. More details of this project can be found below in Charlotte's report.

Having done much work in 2004 to compile a new report on the situation for conscientious objectors in the Member States of the Council of Europe, we were able to launch the report in April 2005. Liz was invited to make a statement to a hearing in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Council of Europe on the situation of serving soldiers who wish to register their conscientious objection to military service - an area where legal rights are still very thin on the ground.

Liz was also able to discuss the situation for conscientious objectors in Greece with a Greek MP and with a number of officials from Armenia and Turkey. All these countries still give significant cause for concern in this area.

With the beginnings of the accession talks between the EU and Turkey, this is



also an issue which can now be highlighted usefully at EU level, and we are hopeful that this will be possible in the context of the Intergroup for Peace Initiatives during 2006.

Economic Justice

During 2005 we decided not to continue our work on Migrants' Remittances. We came to the conclusion that this was now a mainstream focus of a number of relevant institutions and a key area of work of a number of single issue NGOs. As a result, we felt that QCEA could not make a significant enough contribution to the issue to justify further work on this.

We therefore began to focus on work relating to the role of the private sector in conflict. This has the benefit of linking the issues of peace and economic justice.

After much thought and consideration of the possible options in this context, we agreed with Council in the autumn of 2005 to focus on Cyprus. The reasons are, in summary:

- Cyprus is a Member State of the EU
- The conflict is a European issue and involves at least 2 other Member States and one candidate country
- Cyprus is a relatively small area and this allows us to develop a degree of expertise relatively quickly
- Cyprus is close enough for us to consider visiting and the language issues can be overcome by English
- One of our regular volunteers has contacts in Cyprus which will be useful to us in our research
- The conflict has post-colonial, ethnic, religious and economic dimensions.

Engagement with Friends in Europe and beyond

Engaging with Friends and thereby finding ways for Friends to engage with QCEA is one important focus of our work.

In 2005 we were, however, less able to turn this into action as badly timed bouts of ill-health prevented us from attending Ireland and German YMs.

This year we attended Britain YM where we made a contribution to the under 19s programme because Robin was able to attend along with Liz and Martina. He was offered a workshop to one of the groups in the under 19s programme in addition to the two special interest sessions Liz and Martina gave to the over 19s programme and our joint presence at the Market Place.

Martina, Liz and Cheron also attended the Border Meeting of Belgium and Luxembourg MM, German YM, Netherlands YM and France YM which was held in Antwerpen in 2005.



Charlotte attended the World Gathering of Young Friends (as did Cheron - though this was not on behalf of QCEA and prior to her starting with us).

Charlotte attended Young Friends General Meeting in Britain and, as EMEYF secretary, she organised and attended the EMEYF Annual Meeting in Brussels.

QCEA had the opportunity to speak to a number of Meetings and at public events arranged by Meetings. These were undertaken by Liz, Martina, Robin and Jude Kirton-Darling (Assistant Clerk).

As always, we had a very successful Study Tour in July 2005; this time, in addition to the institutions in Brussels, the Study Tour also visited Strasbourg (Council of Europe, Court of Human Rights and European Parliament). We had 19 participants from 7 different countries ranging in age from 18 to well over 70.

Our contacts with EMES and EMEYF continue to flourish. Both are represented on our Council. EMEYF had its Annual Meeting at Quaker House in October and EMES held its annual Peace and Service Consultation in Brussels in December. This was attended by both Joint Representatives and 2 Programme Assistants. This year, the Peace Tax 7 (a group from the UK) were invited and we were able to work on joint strategies for further work on this topic.

We continue to publish ***Around Europe*** 10 times per year. This is a valuable means of communicating with Friends and others about our work.

2005 was also the year of our new website. We were able to benefit from Robin's considerable expertise and skill in this area and from the generous financial contribution from his home meeting (Saffron Walden) to allow us to purchase new software. The website is now much better to navigate and much easier to keep up to date.

Quaker House

Lettings

Letting of rooms in Quaker House, both meeting rooms and guest rooms, continues to be an important part of our work both in terms of outreach and of fundraising. Xavier Verhaeghe, our Office Manager, carries the bulk of this. He ensures that bookings are made, that guests receive the service they need, that everything is in place for them and that the rooms are set out as required. Sometimes that is quite a logistical feat. This year we have



been able to exceed our budget target for lettings income by quite a margin. This, even though we also use the facilities in the house from time to time for groups and people whom we don't charge because we consider this a contribution to important work (i.e. EPLO, the Christian NGO network on asylum and migration and the NGO network on Human Rights and Democracy don't pay rent for using the meeting rooms).

Our Landlord

Britain Yearly Meeting, our landlord, has been very helpful and supportive to us. We have successfully renegotiated the lease on very satisfactory terms for both sides. This has resolved a legal grey area which had existed for some years.

During the year, we have had two hot water boilers replaced and a water softener installed. This was paid for by Britain YM as landlord and will benefit the house for many years to come. We are already seeing the benefit of the water softener on the pipe work, the sanitary installations and on our hair and clothes.

*Liz Scurfield and Martina Weitsch
Joint Representatives*

Programme Assistants' Concluding Reports

My year here at QCEA has been a fulfilling and enjoyable one full of diverse challenges and experiences.

Through working with the Intergroup on Peace Initiatives I have had the opportunity to gain first hand experience of the workings of the European Institutions, as well as carrying out research on a diverse range of topics.

I also had the opportunity of setting up an Online Directory of European Peace Organisations and Groups, which is now available from the QCEA website. I hope that people take advantage of this useful resource that QCEA has provided.

One of the highlights of the year was attending the INCORE Summer School in June. Taking the module on 'EU Policies and Activities in Peacebuilding, Crisis Management and Resolution' was highly valuable for me, giving me a greater knowledge and understanding of this field as well as contributing to the work of QCEA through a series of Briefing Papers based on the topic.

Through assisting with the editing of ***Around Europe***, and other activities, including the organisation of the 2005 Study Tour to the European Institutions in Brussels & Strasbourg, I have helped QCEA outreach to Quakers and

other people interested in our work. I have also enjoyed the opportunity to develop my web design skills through redeveloping the QCEA website.



I look forward to carrying the skills and knowledge I have acquired over the last year into my future career and will look back fondly on time at Quaker House in Brussels.

Robin Bloomfield
Programme Assistant (January to December 2005)

Arriving at QCEA I landed on my feet with the Women in Prison project. It was difficult picking up the work halfway through but I quickly found criminal justice to be a fascinating topic and loved working on the project. With prison visits, internet research and a bulging address book we have greatly increased our body of knowledge and produced some concrete documentation. I am glad QCEA was brave enough to take on such an ambitious and overlooked issue and hope that our work will make a real difference.

European and Middle East Young Friends continues to fulfil its role in linking isolated Friends across Europe. We had a smooth Annual Meeting with a good spread from across Europe. There have been some new members joining throughout the year and the next PA will have an up to date listserve and database. Sadly I did not get to attend an EMEYF Spring Gathering but I hope that this will give the next secretary a positive start to their role.

I have quadrupled my knowledge of Quakerism this year: seeing the Quaker Business Method in action, learning about the different work areas of the Society and, of course, figuring out the acronyms! I was very pleased to be able to attend the EMES Peace and Service Consultation which broadened my knowledge of faith in action as well as meeting young QPSW workers and attending YFGM. My best experience of the year would have to be participating in the World Gathering of Young Friends in August which transformed my understanding of what it means to be a Quaker. Although a visit to a Latvian prison comes a close second!

To my surprise the work I have done here has changed my career direction and I will be making more informed decisions about my future. I have gained some practical skills and knowledge (like doing accounts!) but the real gain is a year jam-packed with new experiences. Being a QCEA programme assistant is an intense year and the Reps have my admiration and best wishes for surviving longer!

Charlotte Wetton
Programme Assistant (April 2005 to April 2006)



And Finally – the Council and Staff

would like to thank all our supporters for their ongoing contributions to our work. It would be impossible to list everyone individually here. So we will restrict ourselves to thanking specifically

1. All Associate Members
2. All Supporting Members
3. All the Yearly, Quarterly, Regional, General, Monthly and local Meetings
4. Our Council and Committee Members
5. The British Committee and VVQREA (our Dutch support group)
6. Reading MM for their generous support of the Women in Prison Project
7. The grant-giving Trusts who support us generously
8. The staff.

Treasurer's Report 2005

It is always difficult to set an accurate budget and then to adhere to it. For an organization like the Quaker Council for European Affairs the task is made more difficult by a number of uncertainties. If the cost of staffing Quaker House and the general running costs are relatively easy to predict, although even these may provide occasional surprises, there are a number of unpredictable factors that can throw even the most prudent and well founded predictions of income and expenditure into disarray. The century-old house from which QCEA operates can generate unexpected costs, even though some of these are borne by Britain Yearly Meeting, the pressure of events can require unplanned travelling and additional meetings, and the office technology on which any organization must now rely to be credible is unpredictable in its behaviour and in constant, sometimes costly, evolution. It is thus a mark of the sound management of the Council's finances by the Representatives that although some individual items deviated from the budget, overall expenditure for the year 2005 was slightly less than the sum budgeted, while income turned out to be rather greater than expected. As a result, the surplus of income over expenditure exceeded what was foreseen.

This generally encouraging situation conceals some tendencies that should be remarked. Income from the various kinds of subscription and membership was reduced. If donations from trusts and organizations more than compensated for this trend, it is nonetheless clear that QCEA should redouble its efforts to connect with individual Friends and sympathizers and with local Quaker meetings. It is important for our work to be both visible and appreciated at this level and also important for us to be able to show the trusts and foundations to whom we make appeals that we have this support. The

underspending also reflects the limited output of publications in 2005. Publications are generally a loss-making activity because of our policy of giving priority to the widest possible distribution rather than to income from sales, but they also contribute vitally to the visibility already mentioned and there will be more expenditure in this area in 2006. Increased travel, another contribution to visibility, also has financial implications, although the Representatives have shown an ingenious capacity to obtain funding for a substantial part of the staff's travels.



It should not be assumed that a positive balance can be effortlessly preserved. Fundraising will remain a priority in 2006, particularly as QCEA is coming to the end of its current period of support from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and a new application for a grant must be submitted to the Trust soon after this report appears. New challenges with implications for the work of QCEA seem to arise more and more frequently in a troubled world, and these challenges and the response to them translate into expenses such as research, publications, meetings and travelling. So long as there is a need for QCEA to perform its vital work of ensuring a Quaker presence and a Quaker input in the European organizations and their institutions, there will also be a need for income, for good financial planning and for careful budgetary management. The Representatives and staff have again succeeded in 2005 in reconciling the sometimes conflicting objectives of pursuing QCEA's essential work and balancing the books - and have even produced a small surplus. This is a satisfactory position, but as Treasurer I am aware that QCEA's financial health is only ever as good as its latest balance-sheet and I therefore invite all Friends and other sympathizers who recognize the importance of the Council's work to give this work as much financial support as they can afford.

Richard Condon



Annual Accounts

Statement of Income and Expenditure

| Income | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Around Europe Subscriptions | 2,641.50 | 3,603.20 |
| Sales of publications | 132.00 | 166.11 |
| Associate Membership | 4,171.65 | 3,987.58 |
| Supporting Membership | 3,202.66 | 5,379.24 |
| Donations | | |
| British Friends | 69,337.06 | 71,149.20 |
| Netherlands Friends | 37,341.22 | 35,500.00 |
| German Friends | 18,992.06 | 4,815.00 |
| French Friends | 2,006.71 | 750.00 |
| Swiss Friends | 2,091.25 | 1,914.51 |
| Belgium & Lux. Friends | 3,605.80 | 3,500.00 |
| Irish Friends | 4,491.60 | 723.18 |
| Danish Friends | 620.41 | 255.10 |
| Swedish Friends | 1,328.84 | 0.00 |
| Norwegian Friends | 1,346.66 | 720.00 |
| Other Friends (EMEYF, EMES, AFSC) | 1,215.22 | |
| Other Donations | 1,301.97 | 11,461.49 |
| Trusts & Foundations | 86,916.63 | 80,000.00 |
| Total Donations | 230,595.43 | 210,788.48 |
| Lettings Meeting & Guest Rooms | 20,617.72 | 15,462.26 |
| Office Reimbursements | 1,882.79 | 4,672.35 |
| Staff Travel Reimbursements | 1,357.39 | 613.57 |
| Staff & Salary funding | 960.22 | 0.00 |
| Seminar and Study Tour Income | 8,902.07 | 9,070.84 |
| Projects income | 5,497.72 | 43,195.87 |
| Total Income | 279,961.15 | 296,939.50 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Printing & mailing Publications | 10,142.99 | 10,595.97 |
| Quaker House Renovation | 9,255.42 | 24,157.59 |
| Quaker House Costs | 19,153.13 | 18,677.09 |
| Office Costs | 32,030.14 | 29,279.37 |
| Council Meetings | 5,814.65 | 3,104.26 |
| Staff Costs | | |
| Travel & Conferences | 11,813.79 | 7,639.19 |
| Staff Salaries | 57,321.79 | 107,732.65 |
| Employer's Social Charges | 57,816.37 | 35,175.82 |
| PA Employment Costs | 16,862.62 | 17,984.78 |
| Staff Training | 1,606.80 | |
| Total Staff costs | 145,421.37 | 168,532.44 |
| EMES | 0.00 | 1,533.02 |
| Seminar & Study Tour Costs | 9,775.13 | 6,863.99 |
| Projects Expenditure | 2,142.20 | 7,572.56 |
| Total Expenditure | 233,735.03 | 270,316.29 |
| 12 Balance of Income and Expenditure | 46,226.12 | 26,623.21 |

Statement of Assets



| Assets at 1 January | 2005 | 2004 |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bank | 1,554 | 5,217 |
| Giro | 2,617 | 28,473 |
| Triodos QCEA Funds | 65,065 | 6,000 |
| Triodos Marmotte Fund | 70,647 | |
| Cash | 34 | 144 |
| Total | 139,917 | 39,834 |

| Movements in Funds | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Balance of Income over Expenditure QCEA Funds | 62,891 | 26,623 |
| Balance of Income over Expenditure Marmotte Funds | -12,501 | |
| Bank Interests (Triodos QCEA Funds) | 2,093 | 884 |
| Bank Interests (Triodos Marmotte Funds) | 476 | |
| | 52,959 | 27,507 |

Employer's charges for 2005 paid in 2006 **- 4,163**

TOTAL **48,796**

| Assets at 31 December | 2005 | 2004 |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank | 557 | 1,554 |
| Giro | 8,831 | 2,617 |
| Triodos (QCEA Funds) | 124,660 | 65,065 |
| Triodos (Marmotte Funds) | 58,622 | 70,647 |
| Cash | 205 | 34 |
| Total | 192,875 | 139,917 |

Other Balances

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| A the end of 2005 the following balances were held : | in Euros | in Pounds |
| QCEA held a fund for EMEYF of | 7,839 | |
| QCEA British Committee holds funds of | | 225,082 |
| VVQREA (Dutch Support Group) holds funds | 667,228 | |

(The funds held by the QCEA British Committee in sterling were worth euros 327,049 on 31 December 2005).



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RAPPORT CONCERNANT LE BILAN AU 31 DECEMBRE 2005

Mesdames, Messieurs,

Conformément aux vœux que vous nous avez exprimés, nous avons l'honneur de vous rendre compte de la mission que vous nous avez confiée.

Après avoir contrôlé les écritures de l'exercice au 31/12/2005, nous nous sommes attachés à vérifier la concordance des soldes du bilan au 31/12/2005 avec la comptabilité générale, les documents produits et relevés des organismes financiers.

Les recettes s'élèvent à 279.961,15 € et les dépenses à 233.735,03 €.

Nigel Stewart

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Study Tour 2006 Participants relax in the dining room



Photo Eckard Teichert



Council Members 2005

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| Member of Bureau | Dieter Hartwich |
| Member of Bureau | Noël Purcell O'Byrne |
| Belgium and Luxembourg MM | Vivien Flynn |
| Britain YM | Paul Ingram |
| Denmark YM | Hans Aaen |
| France YM | Dennis Tomlin (to October 2005) |
| | Phillip Spencer (from October 2005) |
| German YM | Helge Moog |
| Ireland YM | Simon Lamb |
| Netherlands YM | Peter Spreij |
| Norway YM | Penny Heymans |
| Sweden YM | Annika Hollsing |
| Switzerland YM | Derek Brett |
| FWCC/EMES | Bronwyn Harwood |
| FWCC/EMEYF | Simon Gray |
| Clerk of British Committee | Tom Heydeman |
| Clerk of VVQREA | Johan Westra |

Committees



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