



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**ARMY CADET EXCHANGE (ACE) PLANNING CONFERENCE**  
**Stockholm September 27-29 2006**

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

The conference was held at Karlberg's Castle, Stockholm from September 27 to September 29, 2006. The President of the ACE Committee, Colonel Lars Sjölin chaired the conference.

The following countries were represented:

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| Austria         | Robert Kaltenberger<br>Gustav Korb                                 |
| Australia       | Andrew Murdoch   |
| Canada          | Alain Arseneault<br>Terence Whitty                                 |
| Cayman Islands  | Phillip Hyre<br>Ricardo Henry                                      |
| Germany         | Christian Singer<br>Rüdiger Borkenhagen                            |
| Italy           | Armando Rotily   |
| Jamaica         | Kevin Marsh<br>Kenroy Morgan                                       |
| Korea           | Heo Jeong  |
| The Netherlands | Michiel Kasteleijn   |
| Norway          | Terje Kristoffersen  |
| Sweden          | Lars Sjölin<br>Annika Ivner<br>Conny Jirestig<br>Charlotta Ahlmark |
| United Kingdom  | Rod Boswell<br>Graham Titley                                       |
| United States   | Joseph Bles<br>Michael Kessler                                     |

The conference was hosted by Sweden and officially opened at 0830 hours.



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**OPENING REMARKS**

The President, Col Lars Sjölin welcomed the guests to this years ACE-conference and expressed his hope for a successful meeting.

To read the speech, please see **Appendix 1**.

LtCol Torbjörn Boström, Commander of the recruitment centre, welcomed everyone to Sweden and gave a presentation about various units of the recruitment centre. He emphasised the importance of encouraging the youth to take part in the Armed Forces. One of the highlights of this participation is according to Boström the international exchange, which further is to be regarded as an excellent way of facilitating world-peace. The Commander concluded that he was proud to host the conference at Karlberg Castle.

Col. Lars Sjölin expressed his happiness over once again having successfully completed a summer of youth exchanges in accordance to the ACE standards. The President further emphasised that in order to keep this trend stable one needs to take into account that the exchanges are for the youth benefit primarily and adult exchanges should not be the norm. Col. Sjölin further welcomed the neighbouring country Norway and as well as Australia, The Cayman Islands, and Jamaica to the ACE forum. As this was Col Sjölin's last year as President he took the opportunity to especially thank all the participants of ACE. Never had he experienced any friction within the ACE framework, which he was particularly grateful for. Hopefully, the delegates would continue to develop their efforts for the organisation also in the future.

**ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENCY**

Elections for the President and the Vice-President were announced for Friday September 29, 2006. A shared post for the Vice Presidency was suggested.

It was decided that the UK was to hold one of the two Vice-President chairs and the second was to be elected the following day.

**FEEDBACK ON 2005 EXCHANGES:**

**AUSTRIA (see ppt slides, appendix 2)**

- Austria - Canada:
  - Unfortunately the outdoor week was cancelled.
  - More intermingling with Canadian Cadets was requested.
  - The dress code should be on the kit-list.
  
- Canada response:
  - Canadian Cadets will take more part in the future although they have not officially participated in the ACE.



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- Regarding the dress code; there are no requirements to bring tie and jacket, as ACE cannot ask for it, as it is an additional cost for the parents. There is a weight limit for the luggage to be considered.

*It was agreed by all that there were no requirements to bring jacket and tie and the organisation should not buy such clothing for the cadets.*

- Austria - Germany:

- Many Cadets got blisters during a demanding walk. Could they bring their own boots instead?

- Austria - US:

- Although it is not a problem for the Cadets to pay for some things themselves, they do need to know that in advance.

***President's suggestion:*** *Instruct the Cadets that they need to bring some money on their own although they do not know for what purpose it will be needed.*

- Austria - Sweden:

- Important with good laundry facilities.

- Austria - South Korea:

- Would it be possible for the Cadets, and not only the escort, to enter the Demilitarised Zone?

- Reply by Korea: Next year it will be arranged for the Cadets too.

Overall Austria was very happy with all exchanges and their Cadets were very proud to be part of the programme. Some of the activities will be improved for next year.

**CANADA (see ppt slides, appendix 2)**

- Canada - Germany:

- The more military training they got, the better. Could it be even more?

***President's comments:*** *It is very important to emphasis for the Cadets that this is also a cultural- and not just a military exchange.*

- Canada - Netherlands:

- Would it be possibly to have more laundry facilities available?
- There should also be more adults around the Cadets.

- Canada - South Korea:

- The Cadets really enjoyed the cultural differences.
- A visit to the village as had been on the agenda the previous year was requested.

- Canada - Sweden:

- Not enough Swedish Viking culture on the programme. Rifle shooting requested for next year.



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• Canada - US:

- A confirmation-number for the hotel is needed in order to not get into problems in the customs as a physical address is required to enter the United States.
- The Canadian cadets especially enjoyed the scuba diving certificate as they got a civilian certificate as well.
- They also appreciated the demanding part of the programme.
- Canada will consider sending Cadets to the US not only on bilateral terms but also within the ACE framework.

***General notes:***

*Both Canada and Austria had problems with the customs when arriving to New York. The problem was that they had addresses for hotels in Washington and not New York. To avoid such difficulties in the future the delegates should have the address of the hotel in the arrival city, as well as the phone- and confirmation-numbers. A VISA might be required for some nationalities as well, which need to be sorted well before leaving the home country. Over all, the host country should deliver all details on an early stage to facilitate the travelling and to avoid the problems described above.*

**GERMANY (see ppt slides, appendix 2)**

- Germany gave 99 percentage positive feedback to all the countries.
- The parents of the Cadets were also very positive to the exchanges.
- Germany pointed however out that they have a non-alcohol and non-tobacco policy.

Germany handed out a separate CD during the conference, which included further feedback.

**ITALY**

- No presentation was held.
- Did not participate in 2006 years exchange.

**SOUTH KOREA (see ppt slides, appendix 2)**

• Korea - Austria:

- The mountain climbing was highly appreciated.

• Korea - Germany:

- Good for women.
- Appreciated co-ordinator.
- On the negative side it was pointed out that water was served as the only choice of drink for the dinners.

• Korea - UK:

- Interesting sport programme.

Overall was Korea very satisfied with all the Cadets coming to Korea.



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UNITED KINGDOM

- UK - Korea:
  - The most fascinating thing for all western visitors going to Korea is the different culture.
  
- UK - Sweden:
  - Too much travelling, and too many museums.
  
- UK - Germany:
  - The very good physical programme was highly appreciated.
  
- UK - The Netherlands:
  - Very good accommodation.
  - The dining and social time was also much appreciated.
  
- UK- Austria:
  - The best grade of all countries visited.
  - Fits the UK Cadets very well.
  - The only complaint was that nearly all meals included cheese, bread and meat.

A separate CD was handed out during the conference, which included further feedback from the UK.

***Comments by the President:** The exchange should be 50 percentage about the military and 50 percentage about the culture and physical training. Different types of food and costumes are also part of the culture.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- US - Austria:
  - All good.
  
- US - Germany:
  - Very physically demanding, which was highly appreciated.
  
- US - Netherlands:
  - One girl broke her ankle and had to visit a hospital during the exchange. The medical care turned out to be fantastic.
  
- US - England:
  - Very much liked the programme, especially the helicopter ride and the visit to London.
  - The only complaint was the British army food.
  
- US - Sweden:
  - A warm welcoming and the Cadets especially enjoyed the ride in the tank.



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- US - South Korea:
  - The most appreciated part was to stay in a Korean host family.

Overall the American Cadets were very happy with all the countries programmes. The American delegation highlighted that a special form needs to be filled out by the cadet's parents in order to visit the rocket centre.

A list of the Cadets arriving is also needed in advance. It is further important to not bring knives and cigarette-lighters in the luggage as these causes problems at the airport custom.

**SWEDEN (see ppt slides, appendix2.)**

- Sweden - Canada:
  - Important that the English language is spoken.
  - Otherwise good although a few more military activities were requested.
- Sweden - US:
  - Very good but more physical activities requested.
- Sweden - Germany:
  - Great team spirit.
  - A junior host would be appreciated, for example a Cadet that has participated in an exchange the previous year.
- Sweden - UK: Very much enjoyed the helicopter ride.
- Sweden - Netherlands - Appreciated exchange.
- Sweden - South Korea - Very well arranged.

In Sweden:

- A tank demonstration rather than a museum.
- It is a good idea that the sending countries inform the Cadets that it may be difficult to use a public phone in Sweden.



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THE NETHERLANDS

- No presentation was held. (The delegate participated from Friday am, Sep 29 and did therefore not give a Dutch briefing).

*Comments by the President: The President was very satisfied with all the exchanges. The problems were of a minor character. For example a standardised form for all the Cadets must be created. Though, except for some very small improvements the programmes could successfully be kept according to today's model.*

*Terrance Whitty - The Vice-President and contact person for the web-site - encouraged each country to update their information on the web-site within a month's time.*

**For more feedback from each member-state please see Appendix 2.**

**PROGRAMME PROPOSAL BY THE APPLICATION COUNTRIES:**

AUSTRALIA

Proposal for the upcoming programme for Darwin, Australia July 7-21, 2007:

- A military training camp, which could also include helicopter and vehicle training. Accommodation in houses, kitchen laundry facilities etc.
- A bush-trip with military equipment, accommodation in tents, sleeping in sleeping-bags on the ground etc. Weapon training, navigation, self-sufficiency training, first aid training, teambuilding and competitions would all be elements of such trip.
- A cultural programme including understanding of the Aboriginal culture, visits to the National Parks, the Great Barrier Reef, the Rainforest, and the Gold Coast.
- A joint programme with a group of 40 Cadets - 20 Australians and 20 visitors- was planned.

CAYMAN ISLANDS (see ppt slides, appendix 2)

Proposal for the upcoming programme, 2007:

- Survival training - 48 hour exercise.
- Shouting and signal-training opportunities.
- Diving Certificate (approximately 1 week).
- Marine training, seamanship, sailing lessons
- Rock claiming
- Interaction with Cayman Cadets.
- Cultural activities - visits to governmental buildings, a turtle farm and the Stingray City out on a smaller island.
- Possibilities for snorkelling.
- In general the same VISA rules as for the UK.



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**NORWAY: (see ppt slides appendix 2)**

If Norway enters the exchange programme it will be in 2008. Different disciplines that Norway could provide the Cadets with would be within the field of:

- Sports and Athletics
- Wildlife experience
- Medical Aid
- Communications Marksmanship
- Moral and Ethics

**JAMAICA:**

An exchange programme will include one military and one cultural aspect (a more complete programme was under development).

- Military training in a Caribbean setting including claiming, hiking, beach training, swimming.
- A visit to the annual reggae contest.

**NEW MEMBER-STATES TO ACE:**

The ACE decided to give the first three application countries a one-year decision period, according to paragraph 4 of the constitution regarding conditional membership for new member-states. The year will be a way for mutual evaluation - both for the entering country and the organisation. In 2006-2007 the application-country needs to participate in a bilateral exchange before full membership can be decided upon. **See Appendix 8.**

The ACE further took the decision that an initial contact has to be made to the Jamaican Government in order to earn further information about the Jamaican situation before a membership for Jamaica could be considered. It was further decided that Canada would be the point of contact between ACE and Jamaica. Its response should be presented on the next ACE conference. A new formal invitation will, if all the membership requirements are fulfilled, be sent out by next year.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMME FOR THE MEMBER-STATES:**

**AUSTRIA:**

The programme will continue like last year. The one-day visit to Salzburg in 2006 will be kept for 2007.

**CANADA:**

Mostly the same formula as last year.

Suggestions for future exchanges:

- The escorts should consume no alcohol while on duties.
- Possibly send the group to the Rocky Mountains, Alberta.

***General Comments: Meetings with the Military Attaché, excellent PR for ACE.***



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**GERMANY:**

The programme will be similar to last years programme. New point that might be added is the outdoor camp, and more intermingling with German Cadets.

**ITALY:**

The same programme as last year, if Italy will participate in 2007.

**KOREA:**

Have developed the programme since last year. See for example Military activities and activities within the social and cultural activities. (see **Appendix 2.**)

**SWEDEN:**

Will keep the programme from last year.

**UNITED KINGDOM:**

Similar programme as the previous year. (**For Proposed dates, schedule week 1 and 2 etc, please see CD-presentation.**)

A Scaranger Hunt in London was suggested by on of the escorts. An appreciated activity that will take place also next year.

***General Comments:***

- ***Certificate of Appreciation*** - a must for all countries. Very appreciated by the Cadets.
- ***Uniforms facilitated for the entrance to the aircraft at the military Tattoo.***
- ***ACE polo-shirts would make it easier to identify the cadets at the arrival.***

**THE NETHERLANDS:**

Have found a well working programme after transforming it during the last three years. Some minor changes will however take place. More windmills are going to be on the programme and the visit to Rotterdam will be kept.

***General Comments:*** very important that the Cadets speak and communicate well in English.



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**UNITED STATES:**

A similar programme as the one of 2006 is planned for 2007. However, one day will be taken out from the stay in New York and added to the Washington stay instead.

Arrival details: Terminal 1 at 4 p.m. the latest, at the arrival day, the JFK Airport, NY. A New York address will be advertised on the web-site in order to facilitate the previous year's difficulties with the customs.

The two pages "US Space and Rocket Centre" form must be sent to Joseph Bles no later than 1 June 2007.

**TIME FOR EXCHANGES IN 2007**

The exchanges of 2007 should take place between July 14 (arrival) to July 28 (departure).

**THE DEADLINES FOR 2007**

The deadline for the information of names and numbers for next year's exchanges is May 1, 2007. Austria has an extension to June 1, the latest. Each country should send its information-list for the web-site to Terry Whitty, no later than June 1, 2007.

Italy must notify on March 1, the latest, whether they have the possibility to participate in the ACE-exchange of 2007 or not. The notification should also include with which countries Italy wish to exchange their Cadets.

**EXCHANGE SCHEDULE FOR NEXT YEAR AGREED UPON:**

**See appendix 3**

**ISSUES:**

**Information Sheet:**

A standardised formula will be created for the information details in order to enable the process of the status of all the Cadets of the programme, regardless of nationality. The information sheet will include; photograph (please note that the photograph loses its purpose when faxing it), place of birth, food allergies etc. In addition, each country can add the documentation needed for its own laws and regulations. The information sheet will be posted on the web-site. Please see the UK example in **Appendix 4.**

Please note the sheet placed under each member-state's country file on the web-site. Such file includes an updated information regarding all deadlines and personal details needed for the Cadets. It is further important to note that the regulations must be translated into the native language of *both* the sending and receiving country, as also the parents need to be aware of the different rules of the different countries.



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**Escorts:**

Although the Officers supervise the escorts, detailed responsibility should also be given to the Escorts. This means that the escorts have to be briefed by the receiving country as well.

**NEXT YEARS CONFERENCES:**

Vienna, Austria September 26-29 2007

**Upcoming conference schedule:**

2007 Austria

2008 Canada

2009 Netherlands

2010 Korea

2011 UK

2012 Norway (if Norway have joined ACE by then)

**CONFERENCE COSTS:**

It was agreed at the previous conference that from 2007 onwards, everyone would be paying for his or her own accommodation.

It is up to Austria to decide whether they will pay for the guests' accommodation on the next conference or not. In any case, after the Austria conference, at the latest, the accommodation fee will be paid by each nation separately.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURE:**

The votes resulted in:

President: Mr. Terence Whitty

First Vice President: Major Graham Titley

Vice President: Mr. Michiel Kasteleijn

Treasurer: Mr. Joseph Bles

**RESIGNATION OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT:**

Col. Lars Sjölin handed over the ACE presidency to Mr. Terence Whitty.

**HONOUREE PRESIDENT:**

On behalf of ACE Mr. Terence Whitty made Col. Lars Sjölin Honouree President for life of ACE and handed over a diploma. President Mr. Whitty also suggested a list of associate members to attend future conferences as observers.



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**CLOSING REMARKS:**

Sjölin warmly thanked all participants and especially his colleges, Annika, Conny and Torbjorn, for excellent co-operation and for making this conference possible. The US handed over gifts to the former President Col. Sjölin. The new President Mr. Terence Whitty expressed how ACE had influenced him in appreciating the value of the Cadets all over the world. He said "As servicemen we cannot hope to change the entire society, that is for the politicians to do, but we *can* change one kid at the time". As this was Mr. Rod Boswell's last conference he thanked everyone for all the hospitality and generosity during all of the exchanges.

President Witty announced the conference closed and took the opportunity to welcome everybody to next years conference in Vienna, Austria.

Bostrom thanked Annika in particular for organising the conference. He closed the conference by further wishing the guests a nice cultural programme later in the afternoon, a good continuation of the Stockholm visit, and finally a safe trip home.

**INTERNET ADRESSES:**

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