

Maison Internationale, salon Honorat. Paris , Friday, August 5th, 2011

Dear Fellow Mensans,

We are happy to welcome you in this very beautiful room steeped in history on the international exchanges for 75 years.

Organizing an event such as Emag is never the work of a single person. If I was directly able to organize the conferences and to book Unesco, I above all wish to thank or 35 volunteers and volunteers: My special thanks go to Jean Guy and Richard for the site, the electronic payments, and the answers with me to the very numerous questions during several months, Josiane for the organization of reception desk, André for the magazine Contacts, Lilian and Marine for the activities and hotels, Agnès and Elodie for all the coordination, including this week of the interpreters and of the guides, Emmanuel and Carole for the games and the treasure hunt, Alain for the catering of the ice-breaker, the gala evening and the accommodation at Cite Internationale, and also for his exceptional foie gras, Benjamin for the video recordings during all week and the work of postproduction which is going to follow, 50 presenters and organizers of activities, Jean-Marc, Jocelyne and all the volunteers of the reception desk and the interpreters for their participation in the success of this week. Special one dedication to Sophie Mougnot Mathis which came all the way from Bar le Duc with her currants and goose quills (to deseed in the ancient tradition).

Thank you also to you all Mensans, especially coming from far away, to have made this travel and share this week with us.

This Emag was not so perfect as we would have wished it, there was as every time of the excellent, the good, the bad as well as the ugly. I hope that you spent good moments, and am sorry for those who were disappointed by certain aspects of the organization.

I would like to share with you 7 points which were the success of this week:

1/A record EMAG with 50 conferences, which validated for the first time the holding of 4 sessions in parallel during all the event, to offer a wider diversity to our variety of interests and personalities.

2/The presence in this very symbolic place of our cause that is Unesco (and this unforgettable view from the 7th floor on the Eiffel Tower).

3/The fact of having begun with Mensa International Michael Feenan, the process of recognition as NGO with Unesco: within 2 years, we will be able to access all the buildings of the UN around the world for our meetings, and benefit from very reduced prices for the conference rooms.

4/the largest gathering of Mensa France since its creation, with a participation of more than double of the last registered record

5/The new recognition of Mensa by the International Organization of the Francophonie, which declared itself satisfied and decided to continue the cooperation.

6/The presentations and the interviews (why did you join Mensa, why are you staying, what do you like there, what don't you like, the challenges of the future): 16 conferences, 10 interviews of Mensans, 50 presentations(displays), and all in all, not less than 18 hours of video are going to be structured and accessible through YouTube by fall, so that:

- Non - Mensans can have more information about us when they come on the site, and can put faces on it
- Mensans can see the presentations that they missed, see again and share those that they preferred or simply appreciated.
- All can download and view the conferences slides

To share our experience is essential, also in order to help communicate with public authorities.

7/Finally, second year of the experiment " Leadership Exchanges Program " showed itself a frank success with top-quality presentations(displays), very fruitful exchanges, strong international solidarity, and ... the first ever Emag Wedding proposal, romantically held by surprise at Paris Sacre Choeur Church. Congratulations Heather, and lots of happiness for you two, you deserve it !

The next international events to be noted in your schedules(diaries) are:

- I. The Asian annual meeting, the very first edition of which will be held on September 24th, 2011 in Kuala Lumpur (contact point: Zabeda Abdul Hamid)
- II. The important English events of Mensa Brilliant around the 65th anniversary of Mensa (contact point: Chris Leek)
- III. The intelligence Day (contact point Isabelle Holz)
- IV. Positive Thinking day in Germany on October 8th (contact point TK)
- V. Hallowee' M of Mensa Chicago (contact point Beth Ann Demeter)

The fellow man EMAG2012 will take place in Stockholm in Sweden from 8 till 12 August 2012

The following prizes were handed:

- The prize of the treasure hunt organized by Jay Menon, gained, won by Ingrid David's team
- The 3 prizes of Brain Challenge, won this year by Jacques Tanchowicz

Cécile Besnier was able to present with Patrice Quintana The New Mensa France innovation Prize Mid In, whom you will find in video presentation on the website by fall this year.

Alain Seris was able to describe the creation of Mensa Sénégal in Mars 2011, and to return in echo to the conference of Mr Sall on the childhood of Senghor, on the conditions of poverty from which the African young Mensans suffer. These two presentations will soon be on the site of Mensa France.

For those who are in Paris this week end, let's meet on Sunday, August 7th for the farewell lunch, to the Café Le Dernier Metro, close to Unesco. Enjoy a great summer !

Thierry Brunel