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Press release

Resignation of President of ESN AISBL

Yesterday on 31 March 2009, the President of the Erasmus Student Network AISBL (ESN International), Matthias Fenner, handed in his resignation, valid as of midnight.

He was responsible within the International Board for the contact between ESN International and the Platform GmbH, the organiser of the ESNtrain. Through this step, Matthias Fenner ensures a clear, impartial and transparent evaluation of the background and cause of the cancellation of the ESNtrain from ESN side; as well as the care for ESN sections and participants who cannot join the ESNtrain now.

For this reason, an internal committee has been introduced to foster the contact between ESN its sections, travellers and the Platform GmbH. As a first step and sign of goodwill, an internet forum has been launched by the ESNtrain on which information about future plans regarding section activities and travel plans can be exchanged. The forum is administered by the ESN committee and can be accessed on <http://forum.esntrain.org>.

Matthias Fenner states:

"It is most unfortunate and sad that the ESNtrain could not leave. I would like to facilitate the handling process of the situation through my resignation.

ESN is an outstanding student organisation with aims and visions of a world where more and better student mobility enriches society; resulting in more understanding, tolerance and integration. I strongly encourage everybody to support those aims, thus ESN as a whole.

During my term in office, I had great satisfaction working with many supportive partners, institutions, individuals and friends of ESN. All my sincerest thanks are devoted to them for their superb collaboration and cooperation.

But most importantly, I would like to wholeheartedly thank everybody involved in ESN, may this be in the past, present or future, for volunteering for the organisation and its goals."

Marketa Tokova, current Vice President (and President elect, entering in duty on 15 July 2009), will lead and represent ESN International together with the other Board Members in his absence. A decent and adequate hand-over is guaranteed and ensured.

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