

## **ICWiP2010 festival programme includes:**

### **Interdisciplinary, international student conference**

- opportunity for young scientists to present, publish, build up contacts, receive feedback, and measure themselves
- scientific links and contacts among researchers and institutions
- skill development, experience in presentation and group work co-ordination
- inspiration for active contribution of young people and mobilisation of community

### **Recreation, leisure programme**

- information activities, exhibitions
- excursions and sight-seeing
- sports and games
- ICWiP cultural events and concerts

### **We provide our participants:**

- participation in the programmes
- accommodation and board
- local transport

International Culture week in Pécs (ICWiP) is organised every July in Pécs which is a ca. 160,000 citizens' youthful university city in Southern Hungary.

ICWiP has been organised every year since 1997 and it has become very popular because it offers the unique combination of an intercultural festival and an advanced level summer school. At the same time when participants learn more and share their knowledge of temporarily interesting topics, they get to know other cultures and create long-lasting contacts, and, of course have a good time, which is guaranteed by the numerous parties and concerts.

Every year there are 300 participants aged between 18 and 35, coming nearly from 40 different countries, mostly from Europe, but each year we have participants from other continents as well. The festival lasts for nine days and it includes among lectures and presentations cultural experiences such as visits to the surrounding area of Pécs (e.g. vineyards, spa baths) and different types of festival happenings in downtown.

Topics of the festival change every year and there are always lecturers who make presentation of their field of knowledge. In 2009 the wide theme was global crisis and democracy. In 2008 the central theme was "sustainability and the environment" and before that the place and role of education in a global world (see [www.icwip.hu](http://www.icwip.hu)). Participants also have the chance to expose their own opinions and discuss in smaller groups the theme they find the most interesting.

The festival part is full of colourful happenings. Every evening there are concerts, thematic parties, country presentations and lot of other activities to make sure that people will leave home with unforgettable memories and a better understanding of the world and people around them.

Although ICWiP has established a position of a well-known festival, all the time we look forward to co-operating with new partners who can help us distribute information within youth

communities who are interested in the world around them and are willing to create contacts with other people with similar desires.

The application time for ICWiP2010 started in December 2009. For more information, refer to the link <http://www.icwip.hu>, or contact us: [icwip@icwip.hu](mailto:icwip@icwip.hu), [icwip2010@icwip.hu](mailto:icwip2010@icwip.hu)

The goal of interdisciplinary international conference is to actively involve young minds from European universities and youth associations in thinking and debating about current topics from global and regional perspective, and encourage them to network, co-operate and travel.

Young people are invited to learn from lectures, present their own approaches, meet young people from other countries and exchange views and ideas as well as discuss their own experiences and attitudes. ICWiP aspires to raise awareness of the students and enhance their active social attitude in everyday life and support scientific interest of young people.

Young people participating the conference will gather knowledge, experience, and confidence to make change in their community and go for new project ideas on local and international level. Personal experiences are the most premiere sources for gaining knowledge about other cultures and learning how to behave in the multicultural space of today for social betterment.

There will also be workshops connected to lectures of the conference. Workshops will concentrate on practical skills such as grant-writing, multilateral project management and modern communication methods. The language of the conference is English.

**To attend** the festival one must fill in the application/registration form (available in [www.icwip.hu](http://www.icwip.hu)) . The participation fee is 190 euro (early bird 140 euro until 15 April 2010). If one comes from countries of the Balkans region (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia), s/he can participate in the festival at a discounted fee of 120 euro. If you gather a group of five participants, the members of the group will have a discounted fee for groups: 152 euro/person (early bird 140 €/person until 15 April 2010 and 120 €/person from the Balkans countries).

## **SIEN Foundation**

SIEN Foundation is a non-governmental youth organisation seated in Pécs, Hungary. It aims at promoting cultural diversity, student mobility, and active participation of youth in social life, as well as in international communication and activities.

SIEN Foundation gained legal entity in 1999 as an independent, non-profit youth organisation. SIEN Foundation is devoted to promote integration and awareness within the international student community through the meetings and exchanges of young people and to encourage them to focus on serious topics affecting their generation. Our foundation is committed

to offer young people around the age of 18 and 35 a thematic conference and festival, which programme prepares the participants to learn and discuss the most influential issues in their life for the given year. Our main aim is to promote youth communities to become capable of making their initiatives work, and by this means contributing to the ideas of European integration, as well as cultural understanding and diversity.

## **City of Pécs**

One of the European Capitals of Culture in 2010, Pécs is the fifth largest city of Hungary, with approximately 160,000 inhabitants. It is the administrative and economical centre of Baranya county. Pécs is located at the south side of Mecsek Hills, which are 500-600 meters high. The TV Tower which is one of the well-known symbols of the city stands on Peak Misina.

The atmosphere of the city is definitely affected by the approximately 35 000 students who attend the University of Pécs. With its ten faculties, this is one of the largest universities in Hungary.

Pécs is also famous for its festivals which take place from early March till late October. The Mediterranean essence of the city is sensible if you walk around the narrow streets, sit and chat on downtown terraces, meet values of diverse cultures, or follow paths in the forests of Mecsek.

[See for more information about Pécs](#)

Pécs2010 European Capital of Culture: <http://en.pecs2010.hu/>

University of Pécs: <http://english.pte.hu/>