

## EUNC CELEBRATES OUR GRADUATES



EuNC held its 41<sup>st</sup> commencement on Friday, June 19, 2009 at 6:00pm in Büsingen, Germany at the Dorfkirche. Drs. Antonie Holleman, Academic Dean of European Nazarene College, delivered the commencement address. The Commencement Class of 2009 included three campus students graduating with a Bachelor or Arts Degree in Religion. Also recognized were three learning centre students for their completion of the Certificate of Christian Ministry. The class represented three countries: Germany, Armenia and Russia. We congratulate these students for their achievement.

Debora (Debbie) Güting completed the Bachelors of Arts degree in Religion. Debbie graduated Magna Cum Laude. During her time at EuNC, Debbie has taken on extra challenges and adventures, daring to make the most of her educational opportunities. She pushed through cultural boundaries during her interships in Kenya and China. She worked hard to develop new promotional materials for EuNC, and she stayed committed and connected, investing in the youth on the German district.



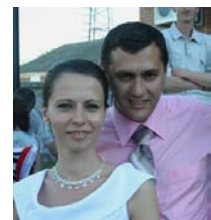
Johannes (Joe) Güting completed the Bachelors of Arts degree in Religion. He has a passion for healthy churches with healthy growth. With a desire to prepare for ministry, Joe left one profession to launch into another when he and wife Debbie, came to EuNC. He traded the mechanical engineering realm of mathematics and physics for the realm of faith, theology, and hermeneutics. During Joe's time at EuNC, he stepped forward to serve in several ways: using his musical abilities on various worship teams, serving as the first Co-Chair of the newly formed Spiritual Life Team, and working as a church health advocate and researcher during his internship.

From EuNC, Debbie and Joe will be moving on to Gelnhausen, where they will be working in various aspects of church ministry. As they move forward into this new chapter of their lives together, we pray that God will go with each of them, guiding them both as individuals and as a family.



Tamara Koch completed the Bachelors of Arts degree in Religion. Tamara graduated Summa Cum Laude, EuNC's highest honour. Originally from Mähringen, Germany, she completed her studies at EuNC while also taking advantage of the student semester exchange program with MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas. As she pursues a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College Graduate School this coming August, Tamara will be missed by many friends around the globe.

Olga Kupchik completed the Certificate in Christian Ministry. Originally from St. Petersburg, for the last year and a half Olga has been living in Ukraine where, together with her husband Pavel, they pastor a church in Vapnyarka. As of September, they will move back to St. Petersburg to pastor the local Nazarene Church. Olga is continuing her studies as she pursues a Master's Degree in Ministry at Moscow Evangelical Seminary. She is also going to help teach some introductory courses at various sites in the CIS.



Maria Pakhomova completed the Certificate in Christian Ministry. Maria is the founding pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in the city of Ulyanovsk, Russia. She is married to Alexander and has a son, Maxim. Together they lead this small congregation located 1000 kilometres east of Moscow. Maria was recently ordained an elder in the Church of the Nazarene by General Superintendent James Diehl. She is a very committed and passionate leader, and probably the most creative person you will ever meet.



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Seyran Vardanyan completed the Certificate in Christian Ministry. Seyran is the founding pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in the small, rural town of Akhuryan, in Armenia. Seyran lives in Gyumri, together with his wife Anna, and their two daughters Nona and Roza. In March 2009 Seyran became the first Nazarene elder ordained in Armenia. Pastor Seyran also serves as EuNC education coordinator for Armenia. He is continuing his studies at Moscow Evangelical Seminary in pursuit of a Master's Degree.



Com activities began Thursday evening with a commencement dinner and celebration service in the Bergkirche, continued Friday with commencement and a graduate reception, and concluded early Saturday morning with a farewell breakfast.

### EuNC Celebrates our Faculty and Staff

At the end of the 2008-2009 academic year, we want to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of our faculty and staff. EuNC has developed stronger learning centres and academic services. EuNC would like to thank all those who contribute to making EuNC a place to prepare women and men for ministry in the Church.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, we say goodbye to two of our Mission Corps volunteers, Heather Bryant and Jennie Johnston. Heather served as the interim Registrar for the past year as she completed her Masters of



Divinity degree at Nazarene Theological Seminary. We wish her the best as she transitions and ministers to students at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jennie Johnston served primarily as Admissions and Recruitment Administrator, however as EuNC recognized her many gifts she also served in areas of public relations and outcomes assessment. On June 20, 2009, Jennie was married to Montague Williams in Leavenworth, Washington. Montague and Jennie plan to move to Boston, where Montague will pursue a Ph.D. at Boston University. We pray for the Williams family as they start their lives together.

Heather and Jennie served together with Alan and Debra Schrock on the EuNC's Academic Administration Council. Returning to EuNC on a one year contract, Alan served as the Coordinator of Administrative and Educational Technology as Debra served as the EuNC Librarian and Bookshop Manager. This upcoming year, Alan and Debra will be transitioning back to their home in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Fortunately, they will continue to participate in the life of EuNC. Debra has agreed to volunteer as the book acquisitions coordinator for EuNC Bookstore and Library, while Alan will continue to work in a part-time capacity while working part-time as an independent contractor for MidAmerica Nazarene University as the MNU Project Manager for Moodle and Portal Implementation. We deeply appreciate their commitment and service to EuNC.



We would also like to recognize the service of Laura Voss. Laura was hired as a part-time academic assistant on March 1, 2009. She plans to continue working at EuNC until September. She is a great addition to the team. Welcome Laura!



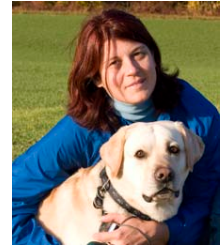
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Beginning in May 2009, Raquel Pereira who serves as the Portugal Learning Centre Administrator has agreed to help coordinate outcomes assessment for all of EuNC. We appreciate Raquel's attention to detail and know she will do a good job, EuNC is blessed.

As of July 2009, EuNC would like to officially welcome Bonnie Walker as the new EuNC Registrar. Bonnie serves as the assistant to the Eurasia Regional director. She is married to Rich Walker who is responsible for EuNC's information technology. Rich and Bonnie live in Büsingen with their dog Peso. We look forward to working with Bonnie in the years to come.



## Greetings from the Rector

We are celebrating another year of God's faithfulness and grace in our lives and in the mission and ministry of European Nazarene College. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of EuNC!

Two great events happened this month: Just a few days ago, our campus hosted over 60 young people who served as the European delegates to the General NYI Convention! As you might know, the General NYI Convention not only took place in Orlando, FL but in all the different regions of the world which were connected to each other through video conferencing. On our campus there were delegates from the CIS, Southeastern Europe, the Western Mediterranean field, and Northern Europe. It was an exciting new venture where young people from around the world "came together" and were able to participate in the global NYI business and worship.

Some of us have attended General Assembly and Conventions in Orlando, FL. We had set up a booth in the exhibit hall and were delighted to meet so many friends, alumni, former faculty and staff, former Work & Witness team members, possible future teams, and some prospective students. It is wonderful to meet members of the worldwide EuNC family!

All the best, have a great summer, and stay "...in touch" with your school.

Klaus Arnold, Rector

