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At the "Second European Conference of Users and Ex-users in Mental Health" in Elsinore we tried to change and complete the name of the network to "European Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry". Because time was short and this important issue wakened a lot of emotions (for example I was told childish and limited), I propose to continue the discussion in this newsletter. So every organisation and delegate has the opportunity to take part in the dispute and to contribute and get to know all arguments and proposals.

As a delegate of the German anti-psychiatric movement I repeat our arguments:

- During the first conference in Zandvoort no common name was decided. The terms "user" and "mental health" were introduced and used by some people doing the desk and the newsletter. So far it is okay, because every child gets/needs a name.
- We need a common name. All the people, who are or were inmates (or patients) of psychiatry or objects of psychiatric treatment and who want to change or abolish psychiatry, should fit into the name of the network. The wide spectrum of opinions and experiences has to be reflected in it.
- With the terms "user" and "survivor" both tendencies are named.
- If the name of our network is contradictory to our own experiences and aims, we can't join and speak and work for it with that persuasive power we need.
- We have to accept, that there are people in the network, who try to use the psychiatric system, and people, who call themselves mentally ill. They should accept, that there are also a lot of people, who were brutally abused and battered by psychiatry. We all have to respect the right of self-definition.

I think we have to do everything to provide against a split of our very young, tender and small union. In the conference it was difficult to me to argue without confrontation. I soon felt misunderstood (my English is very rudimentary) and ignored, in the plenary I was cut short. Maybe I can't take this issue easy, because the words are of great importance in my life. I lost my words at school. My diary brought me to psychiatry and to the label "schizophrenic". The consequence were series of Electro- and Insulin-shocks, enormous quantities of Neuroleptics and more than three years under arrest. Finally writing delivered me from psychiatry.

The term "survivor" implicates activity, and it reminds me of the friends, who didn't survive. During the plenary discussion one man said, that we should not speak about names, but do the work. He was applauded. As users we cannot work against compulsory treatment and claim damages. If I use something, it is useful to me, I derive benefit from it. To do the work I need the base, from which it can be done.

Another argument against our proposal was, that "the ministry might be very confused" and "the impression on the outside world will not be positive". We need a positive impression on all the survivors, victims, users and Ex-, who want to join us. And to keep ourselves from confusion, we should suffer the ministry's confusion, that may be.

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