

I met with Masha Berek, the Executive Director of the Institute for Cultural Enterprise (ICE), our partnering international institute, in New York in November. We could exchange a lot of valuable data and are working on more grants writing as we "speak." The Goethe-Institut Bratislava kindly and wonderfully agreed on supporting the German participants and speakers of the project, which we're enormously thankful for. Many other grants are still pending with a fine line of grants secured already.

So far it seems that we haven't lost anyone of the original group of participants and organizers, except for Zuzana Duchova who fortunately will still do the press communication and media/print coordination in spring 2008 but will not be able to attend the project itself due to an academic calling, which is a huge shame. Zuzana was involved with the HOTEL KYJEV project from the start - embodying my unswerving extended arm and brain in Bratislava, and so much more.

During the past two months, I had the chance to meet with many of you. This is the moment where we should start to exchange information on where to find what in Bratislava, or any other concrete concerns you might have regarding your projects. Douglas Ross together with Larrissa Harris, for instance, intend to work with architecture students from the University in Bratislava. Some local research advise will be needed for this one. While in NY, I talked to Gaby Steiner and Bernard Elsmere in New York, and heard more about Roland Roos' project - the room in a room. I am in touch with Petra Feriancova and of course Guy van Belle and Joël Verwimp, I heard of Erik Binder today and exchanged emails with Laco Tezen. And Anna Ostoya might be in London while I am there next week. I surely hope

that all the others are hale and hearty too. It is wonderful to see that you all keep spiritually and artistically engaged with the idea of HOTEL KYJEV despite of the unfortunate timely stretch of its realization.

I owe you some deeply felt apologies for the spelling mistakes on the website, though, this just shouldn't happen. Thanks for a keen eye, Douglas and Inga Zimprich! The website deserves far more editorial attention than it gets right now. I'll try my best to ameliorate the situation but be patient please.

Last but not least, please send in updates of your proposals if you have any.



Bratislava on X-mas

This is it for now.

*All my love, happy holiday,
Christmas and New Year.
See you on the other side,*

Lilly

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