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Chat Line Reporters

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Hi everyone!

I hope by now some one (please) can have a look at the international www site which is www.sorop.org and confirm that (I think under 'news') copies of the daily Hotline Newsletter from Helsinki can be found.

We tried to send the info by email yesterday, so hopefully its there. Chat Liner Liz Morgan Lewis who is President Hilary's PR is doing a brilliant job as Editor of the Hotline, and Alison Sutherland is fabulous at condensing down the long reports you see here to fit into small spaces!!!!!!!

Joc Hanby is rounding up all our fantastic and enthusiastic reporters - and I am, well I am just me and doing my best for everyone. Suffice to say I am not sitting around twiddling my thumbs. And as for that Judy Dreis, she is helping make sure you get all the reports. WHAT A TEAM!

Its a super atmosphere, if somewhat frantic most of the time. Liz, Joc and I "put the baby to bed" at around 8.30 pm and went for a meal. We have a TV programme in the UK called 'Drop the Dead Donkey', about a newspaper office - so that explains the 'dead donkey' - and WE NOW KNOW what its all about <VBG>.

So, its 6.16 am, I'm ready for 7.00 am Breakfast (with all the women in this hotel and the small room they gave us for breakfast) that's the only way you can be sure of getting fed in reasonable time. Anyway my friends, I wanted to get the chance to chat to you all.

Marie Jose Elias was part of one of the panels yesterday - Eileen Mitchell chaired another, in fact our Chat Liners were much in evidence. I spent a couple of hours at lunch time running the SI web site on an overhead projector, and I must tell you, I slipped occasionally to Hendre's site, to display the music and our faces. Christin is gorgeous, and we all love Maria Jose to bits. ITS SO EXCITING, and we do wish you could all share it with us.

However, I hope this makes you feel part of things. Just be glad you don't have to get up at 5.30 to chat to you <ggggggggg> or have a chance of breakfast.

Love and cyber-hugs

Your roving reporter in Helsinki!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!