

## **NEWSLETTER**

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## Dear INEPSERS,

The new school year has already started and we are back to our posts to continue our efforts for a better future for us and our students.

The problems in education are still there, growing and expanding and it seems that we have to invest more power and "soul" to cope with them.

The INEPS educators have selected a difficult but also significant and adventurous role for themselves and their students, full of emotions and excitements. We need inspiration and motivation and this cannot come from any educational authorities (there are very few exceptions) but only from our own recourses. INEPS is trying to bring together those educators who want to change things, enforce their deliberate decisions to be active and present in educational reformations and develop updated methods and practices of PL according to the social needs.

We know that our route is not easy and we have to be responsible and committed, acting not only as individuals but also as groups and teams to bring a collective dynamic in our work. Last INEPS Congress in Helsinki showed us practically how this system can work.

On behalf of the AC, I invite you all to participate... participate... and participate in our network with the ways and means you would like to. There is a wide range of activities you can choose.

I send you some information on how you can do it and some examples on how some of the INEPS members have done it.

- 1) Between 5 and 9 October 2009 at Hilversum Holland there will be the IPLE seminar where an AC INEPS meeting will be held too, to examine, with Rita Fernandes, the details of the next INEPS Congress in Madeira.
- 2) The next INEPS Congress will take place in Madeira between 22-29 April 2010. More details about the Congress will follow.
- 3) The next Youth INEPS Congress will be either at Germany (Mecklenburg Vorpommern) or Finland. Dennis Huntington, member of the AC is responsible to check the possibilities.
  - 4) The 2011 INEPS Congress will be hosted either in Greece or Berlin.
- 5) Juha Partanen asks for cooperation with INEPS schools and projects to study together many school's subjects and projects and have a live connection to each other (example, web-cam connection or vote for one theme in same time all over the world). More information at <a href="http://www.etwinning.net">http://www.etwinning.net</a> or directly with Juha e-mail: <a href="mailto:Juha.partanen@vantaa.fi">Juha.partanen@vantaa.fi</a>
- 6) The cooperation of PROTASI (Greece) with the IVAN VASOV school (Bulgaria) is still going on after the meeting of students in Burgas and there will be a live report show at internet around the end of October (you will be informed about it). At the moment you can get as attached file the poster which the students created while planting trees in the school yard of the IVAN VAZOV School.
- 7) In November IDAP with authorities of the Catalonian Educational Board will meet with IPLE in Berlin for the development of PL in Catalonia.
- 8) The website of INEPS www.ineps.org and mirror www.mirrorwebsite.net, www.mirrorwebsite.net/adminineps.asp invite you to visit them and upload your news.
- 9) The website of the Helsinki Congress <a href="http://fronter.com/helsinki">http://fronter.com/helsinki</a> (ask Petri for a code <a href="petri1.hanninen@edu.hel.fi">petri1.hanninen@edu.hel.fi</a> ) invites you also to visit it and get the reports, photos etc. Dear Inepsers,

I am sure that there are a lot of important things going on concerning PL especially in Germany, Finland and Spain (Catalonia). Please give directly your news to Bret BSchles36@aol.com for the newsletter or find your own way to spread this information. We need it to get inspiration, strength and hope.

On behalf of the members of the AC of INEPS Juha Lahtinen, Petri Hanninen, Heike Borkenhagen, Hildburg Freynik, Merce Marce, Dennis Huntington I send you many warm greetings

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