



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2004 Volume 3 Number 10

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PRODUCTIVE SCHOOLS



Dear INEPS friends,

It's time to exchange some words with all of you after the summer holidays. I hope that all of you are well in health and both personal and professional life.

I had a very interesting summer due to the Olympic Games which was a pleasant interval to the routine and miserable political and economic life of Greece.

We managed to keep high standards in services, atmosphere, in hospitality, in dignity and culture and this happened because we were inspired by all the athletes and people who would come to our country, by the volunteers, by the new wonderful stadiums and sports buildings, so as to offer our guests the best of our country. Once more I realized what my everyday life with students shows me and teaches me: When people are inspired and motivated they give and take respect, they try and succeed, they face life as a half-full and not a half-empty glass of water.

I also learned from this story of Olympic Games in Greece that once people have a chance to live in better situations for some time even if they come back to the misery of their everyday life, something has changed for the better and they try from another upper point to confront difficulties and find solutions.

Productive learning follows exactly this process. Chances for young people to see things from another "angle", not only in their career but also in their social life. Democracy, culture, peace, coexistence of nations, solidarity are the basis where a P.L. educator builds the structure of Productive Learning.

On behalf of the AC members of INEPS I would like to welcome all of you in this wonderful family of INEPS for this year and call you to communicate, cooperate and join our forces of a better life for us and our students.

I would also like to pass you some information concerning what the AC members have done after the decisions we made at the last General Assembly in Vilafranca.

The new draft of INEPS Statutes was corrected by Bret and those of you who haven't got it please tell me to send to you again to read it carefully and comment on it. At the next INEPS Congress in Moscow we'll make our final decision.

As maybe you already know, Nata has done a hard job for our next INEPS Congress to be hosted in Moscow and she has succeeded. Alexander Tubelski and Svetlana Tschistiakowa are also committed to the organization of the Congress and I would like to thank them for their efforts. It will be held between 23 and 28 April 2005. More information about the Congress will come later. You can contact Nata at nata_krylova@mail.ru

The next INEPS Youth Congress as you already know will be hosted in N.Y. in October 2005. Alan has done also a wonderful job about it and he wants to know our ideas about it. You can contact him at aschulm@nycboe.net or tel: 212374-0330

The new brochure of INEPS is almost ready due to Bret who has enriched it with colours, new photos and fresh texts

The newsletter that Bret takes care of, as you know comes out every month, but he waits for your contributions. Those of you who don't receive it please contact Bret at bschles36@aol.com or me at FAX: ++30 2610 451790

Ingrid, Jens and our colleagues from IPLE organize the 16th International Seminar in Heilona (Finland) - November in cooperation with OPEKO and MY OWN CAREER. More information at IPLE e-mail: iple@sonett.asfh-berlin.de or tel: +493021792-0

Juha is collecting texts for the "Little Joe" - the INEPS book. So please send your school's and organization's profile to Juha. e-mail: juha_lahtinen@opeko.fi, tel: 00358503627362

Hassan has got some ideas about small networks within INEPS and on the web. You can contact him at: lahcen.abahassine@jkl.fi



Dear friends, let's keep warm our network. It's up to you each one of us separately, to give INEPS power, to claim better conditions for our students and ourselves and spread P.L. widely.

You have my best regards

Angela Passa
President of INEPS
Patras - Greece