



## THE NORTH AMERICAN'S ITINERARY AROUND VILAFRANCA

**Melissa Sanfiorenzo, a passionate photographer**

On 13th May, at 7 p.m., in the meaningful Trinitaris' Cloister of Vilafranca del Penedès, the official presentation of the book "Images of Vilafranca del Penedès" created by the photographer from New York, Melissa Sanfiorenzo, and published by Vilafranca's Town Hall with the collaboration of Barcelona's Government took place. The mayor of the city and other important personalities of the local government were there besides PL educators of all the world.

Sanfiorenzo, who began her photography studies in the alternative institute City-as-school in New York, has been an IDAP's student for two years and she has collaborated actively with other educational centers and projects around Europe with other INEPS network members: Stockholm, Patras, Paris, Berlin, and so on.

Melissa came to Vilafranca in 2000 for the first time with a group of students from New York in an educational exchange. All those students worked in companies from different sectors and they presented various products in IDAP. Melissa was in our local newspaper "El 3 de Vuit" to learn about journalistic photography. The experience was so successful that five of those students, including Melissa, applied to come back, after some months to finish their studies in our town. In this context, Melissa went to the specialized shop "FotoClic!" to learn how to retouch photos by means of digital applications.

In 2001, once Melissa had finished her studies in the alternative School in New York, she applied again to stay in IDAP; this lasted for 2 school courses. During this time, she presented her individual training project to the center which included some very interesting products. Her tenacity and creativity were represented by the following progressive acquisitions:

- Photographs about Vilafranca for Virtual Vilafranca Web Page (December 2000)
- Vilafranca's photos Exhibition in L'Escorxador (June 2001)
- "Images of Vilafranca del Penedès" - book.

As a result of her capacity to connect with the community and to imply herself in socio-cultural movements, Melissa has been in other individual and collective exhibitions in Vilafranca and Barcelona. Some examples are: INTERACTION (April 2002) and MOTIVÉ (May 2004).

We desire the best professional and personal success for this young woman who delighted us with her ideas and enthusiasm. We miss you, Melissa.

*IDAP. Vilafranca del Penedès*

### WEB SITES

The following are existing Web sites where you can find information on INEPS and INEPS related activities.

#### INEPS WEBSITE -

[www.vilafrancavirtual.org](http://www.vilafrancavirtual.org)

Contains basic information on INEPS including past INEPS Newsletters. Lutz Hersch is currently working on a way to have all the INEPS materials under an INEPS Web site.

**IPLE** - [iple@sonett.asfh-berlin.de](mailto:iple@sonett.asfh-berlin.de)

Information on the INSTITUTE OF PRODUCTIVE LEARNING IN EUROPE and related matters concerning Productive Learning. Also useful for sites in Germany.

**NEWSLETTER** - [bschles36@aol.com](mailto:bschles36@aol.com)

Primarily for contributing material to the monthly Newsletter

#### THE MIRROR PROJECT -

[www.mirrorwebsite.net](http://www.mirrorwebsite.net) All sorts of materials related to this multi nation Project involving INEPS Schools.



### DRAFT STATUTES IN THE HANDS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The new draft Statutes have now been sent out to the INEPS members over the Internet for their evaluation and input. All members are requested to read the statutes carefully and comment on them.

Our hero is an alien who's native name is XYPLQ-P3. Nobody can pronounce it, so we simply call him **LITTLE JOE**.

He will start a journey through the PL-projects all over the world, beaming himself from location to location, interviewing educators and students. We wish him interesting and enjoyable journey.