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Dear Inepsers,
 May the New Year bring PEACE and PROGRESS to all the suffering nations.
 May PEACE and PROGRESS warm with LOVE the hearts of people.
 May LOVE become JUSTICE for our world.
 May the wishes come TRUE!

In our INEPS micro cosmos the educators and students try every day to survive discovering and bringing to the surface the positive aspects of life thus taking them a little further to the future and combining them with humanistic and democratic values. More and more teachers and pupils in INEPS after discovering the "alternative" way of Productive Learning to win their future and personal growth, are forced to struggle for their projects' survival and development. It is very sad that in the last 2-3 years the governments are cutting down the funding of those projects like PL which respect the diversity of people and their right for equality which give them more opportunities and choices for their future.

Our INEPS colleagues in Stockholm, in Pecs, in Berlin and elsewhere are having a difficult time at the moment. We need to strengthen our network, to develop a movement of solidarity among us that will give INEPS more power to intervene in the decisions of the politicians and at the same time will make us able to support those projects which are in danger of extinction. Dear colleagues this year our Congress in Moscow is devoted to Democracy. Let's prepare ourselves as active citizens to decide about our new statutes, a first step to the strengthening of INEPS. Give a little time setting your priorities and think about INEPS and it's future.

Give a little time to think about those colleagues you have met in the past from all over the world at INEPS meetings and let your memories encourage and inspire you to take action.

From my little office in Patras, Greece I send to all of you a big warm hug and wish you a Happy, Productive New Year.

Angela.



THE EUROPEAN MOQUAVO-CONGRESS SUPPORTS THE POTENTIAL OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN DRUG ADDICTION PREVENTION

The European Congress "Motivation and Qualification of Volunteers" (MoQuaYo) took place on October, the 22nd /23rd at the Centre Culturel de Rencontre in Luxembourg. About 120 participants represented 16 countries participated. The congress was the completion of a successful European project, which aimed at the enhancement of the conditions for volunteers' in terms of motivation and qualifications in Europe and on proclaiming the relevance of volunteerism for addiction prevention. In this project nine organizations from seven European countries worked together in an interdisciplinary manner. "PROTASI" in Patras - Greece is actively involved in this project. The project was coordinated by the Centre de Prévention des Toxicomanies (CePT) in Luxembourg and supported by the European Commission.

Lectures with renowned experts of voluntary work and addiction prevention inspired the congress participants. Interactive workshops afforded the opportunity to deal actively with concrete aspects of volunteerism. The congress was enriched by the theatre group "Wilde Bühne" from Stuttgart (Germany).

In summary it was found that the motives and needs of volunteers have changed during the last decades. The personal benefit as well as the possibilities to gain new competencies and skills gain in importance. As a result, new demands for the organization and design of voluntary work have arisen.

Furthermore it can be stated that the engagement of volunteers is achieving increasing importance for the modern civil society. Volunteers enable a diversified network of preventive activities in all areas of public and private life. Their closeness to the target group builds a bridge between professional aid and every day help.

The knowledge from practice and science has been accumulated and a manual including concrete guidelines and strategies has been worked out, which was presented at the congress. The manual which is more than 300 pages can be ordered at the CePT at a price of 55,- €. Beside the main topics of motivation and qualification the manual includes a charter for voluntary engagement in drug addiction prevention, evaluation tool and various basic information about volunteerism in the field of addiction prevention. You'll find further information about the project and the manual at our internet site: www.ecbap.net

FOGELSTROMSKA TO CLOSE IN 2005 - SETBACK FOR INEPS AND EDUCATIONAL REFORM

Dear friends - sad to say but the fact is that Fogelströmska will be wound up from 1st of July 2005. No reorganization - nothing. Just "finito". The key word for the politicians has been "integration".

We are now going to lick our bones over the X-mas holiday and start to make new plans in January. We are all very happy over the support you gave us, the liquidation of Fogelströmska was not a silent and easy act for the politicians. All the protests from INEPS made them surprised and the decision was postponed from Thursday to Tuesday in order to find the time to read and take part of all the written communication. So - thanks again and a lot of greetings from all Fogelströmska and Gun