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## **IPLE's 18th International Seminar In cooperation with**

**Lärarhögskolan Stockholm (Sweden),  
OMAURA and OPEKO (both Finland):**



### **"PRODUCTIVE LEARNING - How to Bring Together School Learning and Work Experience?"**

Four PL organizations from three countries, Finland, Sweden and Germany, held a common international seminar in September 2006, in Stockholm. 45 participants from Finland, Norway, Sweden, Spain and Germany exchanged experiences and ideas on *Productive Learning* and presented national particularities. As usual the seminar took place in a wonderful atmosphere where the late summertime weather contributed greatly. Stockholm is a wonderful city surrounded by lakes and forests and the Swedish people always welcome visitors with a lot of cordiality.

Although the seminar was addressed to Scandinavian schools that are not yet involved in *Productive Learning* only a few "newcomers" attended the meeting. Nevertheless it was an important step on the way to revitalizing Swedish and Scandinavian PL activities: Gun was very lucky in having found a new working place at a secondary school that was represented at the seminar by its principal and various staff members; the school has got the virus and will start *Productive Learning* activities as soon as possible. Gothenburg was represented by four educators who decided to organize a national seminar in February 2007 (including Norwegian guests) to build up a national network of *Productive Learning*. Naja Qakrim-Soivio represented the Finnish Ministry of Education at the seminar. The Ministry has started a new program supporting more *Productive Learning* activities in Finland and evaluating them for innovation into the secondary schools.

We have to thank those who did such good work preparing the seminar organization at Lärarhögskolan in Stockholm: Gun Nilsson, Lennart Dahlberg and particularly Lars-Åke Käll. We enjoyed wonderful accommodations and seminar rooms and especially excellent food. The farewell dinner was terrific and all of us enjoyed a wonderful night and pledged to meet each other again in April 2007, in Pécs: Very warm greetings to Ildikó and Magdolna...

Jens Schneider

