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## 18TH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PRODUCTIVE LEARNING PROJECTS AND SCHOOLS (INEPS) HELD IN WERNIGERODE

The 18th Annual INEPS Congress was held in Wernigerode, Germany, from May 5th through May 11th, 2006. There were over 80 participants from Germany, Russia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden, Spain, France, Ireland, the United States and Pakistan. The Congress opened with greetings from the Mayor, Ludwig Hoffmann and the Minister of Education from Saxonia-Anhalt, prof. Dr. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz and representatives from many of the INEPS constituencies. For the next several days the members participated in various seminars and workshops covering the following topics:

- Productive learning as an adventure - Building up an International exhibition on successful PL-Students
- How to build up Productive Learning Projects? Strategies for implementing Productive learning in schools and out-of-School projects
- Chances and risks of mainstreaming *Productive Learning*
- International Exchange in *Productive Learning*
- Introduction into *Productive Learning*
- Be(ing) Curious
- "Students -Teacher-Parents communication in *Productive Learning*
- Productive Learning* in vocational schools
- Evaluation of Productive learning by case studies
- Productive Learning* in school: Present situation and future perspectives in Catalonia/ Spain and Ireland



A Panel discussion was held on the topic of Integration and/or Multiculturalism: The major issue of 21st century Europe. The participants also had a chance to visit schools and projects in Wernigerode, Magdeburg and other sites in Saxonia-Anhalt. There were two General Assembly sessions for the members to discuss issues of the organization. It was in these sessions that the decision to hold the next annual congress in Pecs, Hungary was agreed upon. Naturally there was plenty of time to socialize, including a wonderful evening party thrown by the Romanian delegation. The highlights consisted of a visit to the Wernigerode Castle and a culminating farewell Dinner at the Hotel Stadt Wernigerode. The participants returned to their respective countries renewed with the conviction of the importance of Productive Learning as an important educational tool for reform.



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