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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear friends and colleagues,



Different events brought us together recently in the global world we live. The Mundial football matches and Mundo basket ball made me think of our colleagues in Germany, Portugal, France, Italy, Sweden, Spain, USA and join their joy and sadness according to the match score each time whenever Greece didn't play.

Sometimes I had a dilemma which country to support because each country meant for me places I have visited, faces of INEPS members and students I have met, cultures and habits connected to the nations and not so much footballers, basketballers or techniques. And this was a very beautiful global celebration no matter what financial interests are hidden or shown.

From almost the beginning of July the ugly, disgusting face of the war in Lebanon and Israel entered in our homes through TV and our global identity didn't allow us to avoid watching it, to ignore it to forget it. We, in Greece and Cyprus, feel the consequences of this war in many fields.

Many of the kids in our schools all over Europe come from these countries and they have relatives, friends, homes and properties there. But even if we don't have students from Lebanon they are neighbours, they are humans who have struggled very hard to build again their country in a period of 20 years after their last civil war and now again the fear, the terror of the war, the destruction.

It is sad these people to be undefended in the middle of political and economical interests and blackmails and from one moment to the other to be calculated as innocent victims or "side casualties" of the war.

In our schools we defend the right of our students to learn productively and this makes us very sensitive to the human needs. Peace is the precondition for every productive process and human life is the most precious value.

We, as teacher have to shout against every war and especially now in the Middle East to raise our voices and join them with the voice of every Palestinian, Lebanese, Israeli citizen and child who want THIS WAR TO STOP FOR EYER.

Maybe my words sound as a "cliché" but I have thought many times that it is very important these words to be heard and spoken by everyone. Their additional value can create an outcry against every war and formulate the conscience of every child for a peaceful co-existence of nations.

Dear Inepsers,

We welcome a new school year full of promises, expectations, worries, anxieties, dilemmas... Our INEPS community starts its actions to encourage and support the positive sides of our school work and help the difficulties we face. In our last, very successful Congress in Wemigerode - Germany we managed to exchange our experiences, ideas, beliefs and practical work and to conclude to some decisions and plans which I remind you and call you to face them with responsibility and commitment.

- 1) Daniel from IPLE and Olga from Moscow are working on the report of the INEPS Congress in Wemigerode - Germany.
- 2) Bret didn't stop, even during the summer months, to issue the INEPS newsletter and he is waiting for your comments, news, presentation of your projects.
- 3) For INEPS web-page, which needs to be renewed, IPLE suggested their computer specialist Mr. Wolfhelm Pillen to do it in a very good price and we all agreed. We need an experienced INEPS member to help him to control the contents. Ingrid sent an appeal to the AC, and in my turn I ask all of you to offer solutions. It's a pity if we don't take advantage of this IPLE's offer.
- 4) Rudolf from Wilhelm-Bush-Schule in Berlin forwarded the INEPS - EXCHANGE application form - which was an outcome of the same seminar in Wemigerode - to all INEPS members.
- 5) Kalle Freynik and Antje created a very good film for PL on behalf of IPLE and its English version will be very useful for INEPS public relations.
- 6) Ildiko and Macdolna have started preparing the next INEPS Congress in Pesos - Hungary, which will be take place by the end of April - after Easter time and the topic will be 'Multicultural and/or integration of students in schools.'
- 7) The next INEPS Youth Congress will take place in Suomenlina - Finland in the second half of September. Ari and Katia will be responsible for it.
- 8) Next IPLE Seminar will take place in Sweden in cooperation with Lennart.
- 9) The process for the EUROPLE 3 seminars in Patras, Berlin and Tampere is going on and there is time and places free for all those of you who would like to attend them.

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Of course there are more things going on within the INEPS family. Please send any information or idea to Bret and let's keep our communication alive between the Congresses.

I wish to all of you a Productive School Year, personal growth and happiness and PEACE ALL OVER THE WORLD.

The President of INEPS
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