

## TWO DAY EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN MOSCOW

On the last weekend in October (the 29th and 30th) a conference (Readings) was held in Moscow sponsored by the the leading educational publication in Russia, The First of September. The editor of the newspapers, Artiom Soloveichik, served as the host and narrator. The conference was attended by over 150 educators from all over Russia.

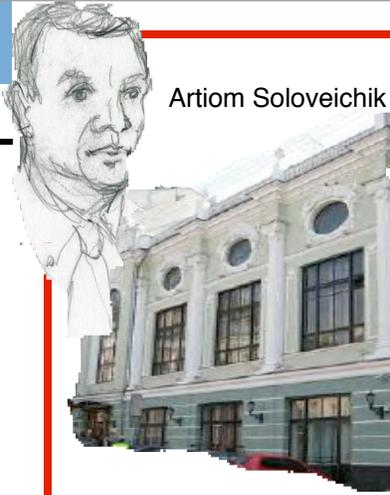
The theme was "The school on the side of the child". It was also honoring Alexander Tubelsky, the founder and Principal of The School for Self Determination, who passed away last Spring. Mr Tubelsky had once attended an INEPS workshop in Spain and his school was one of the sites visited by Inepsers during their Congress in Moscow in May of 2005.

Three American educators were invited to speak, Deborah Meier ( a nationally renowned author and educational reformer, Jerry Mintz who has created a large alternative coalition network and Bret Schlesinger, one of the founders of INEPS and a member of the INEPS AC.

The first day was given over to the three speakers who spoke on reforming education to better meet the needs of children.

The second and final day consisted of three workshops concentrating in the three levels of education: primary, intermediate and secondary. Each workshop was designed by the staff and students from Alexander Tubelsky's school.

The conference concluded with a moving tribute to this educational pioneer and reformer.



Artiom Soloveichik



The site of the Conference and inside the hall



Artiom Soloveichik introducing the Readings. The picture behind him to the left is of his father, also a renowned educational reformer, who founded The First of September. To the right is the portrait of Alexander Tubelsky

A teacher and her students entertaining the educators at the conclusion of the conference



### INEPS NEWS:

- Bulgarian teachers go out on strike to protest low wages. Inepsers were asked to lend their support for their fellow colleagues.
- By now all members should have received the new INEPS Guidelines developed by the Advisory Council. They clarify the role of the organizers and hosts for each congress. You were asked for comments and suggestions.
- WEBINEPS - Petri Hanninen has set up a new interactive webpages at ([www.ineps.org](http://www.ineps.org)). We suggest you all check it out and begin using it. He wrote:

"# I suggest that next time you login to our room, you take a "guided tour" (start page, up right) in order to get an idea how everything works. You can also always use the help. # I hope that we start to use our room NOW:"

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