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THE 19TH ANNUAL INEPS CONGRESS HELD IN HUNGARY

80 Participants from 13 Countries Attend 4 Day Congress in Pecs

Men and women from Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Spain, Germany, Finland, Sweden, France, Portugal, Holland, Russia, Hungary and the United States gathered together in Pecs, Hungary from April 24th through April 28th for the 19th Annual International Network of Productive Schools (INEPS) Congress devoted to Inclusive "Education and Productive Learning".



The Congress focused on what may be the most important issue in Europe today, the influx of immigrants and how to deal with them. Some groups discussed the core issues of the different countries approach to including and integrating these people from other cultures and backgrounds into the mainstream society.

Differences include cultural and often religious practices. In the context of the larger societal problems the schools and education must play a pivotal role. Given the conflicts within each country on how to handle this problem what signals should the school be giving out. Clearly the need to make the students productive members who will become self sustaining individuals is a key answer and it is evident that the practices and methodology of Productive Learning are particularly suited for this. Thus the Congress wrestled with not only the role of Productive Learning in the process but also how to improve its effectiveness.

The Congress also dealt with how to improve the network's effectiveness by improving its communications network. The Our Spanish colleagues offered glimpses into the new Website which should be operational soon while members from Finland floated the idea of creating a virtual learning site which could become a powerful interactive learning and exchange tool.

Among the highlights of the Congress was the chance to visit educational sites in Pecs. These included the Eltes Matyas School, the Turning Point Project and the Pazmany Peter School.

At the conclusion of the Congress a delegation of INEPS members met for an hour with an Hungarian Minister at the Parliament in Budapest to rally support for Productive Learning in Hungary. Members from various countries urged the Minister to encourage the growth of this effective and innovative methodology.

Burgos, Bulgaria has been accepted as the site for the 20th Annual INEPS Congress in the Spring of 2008.

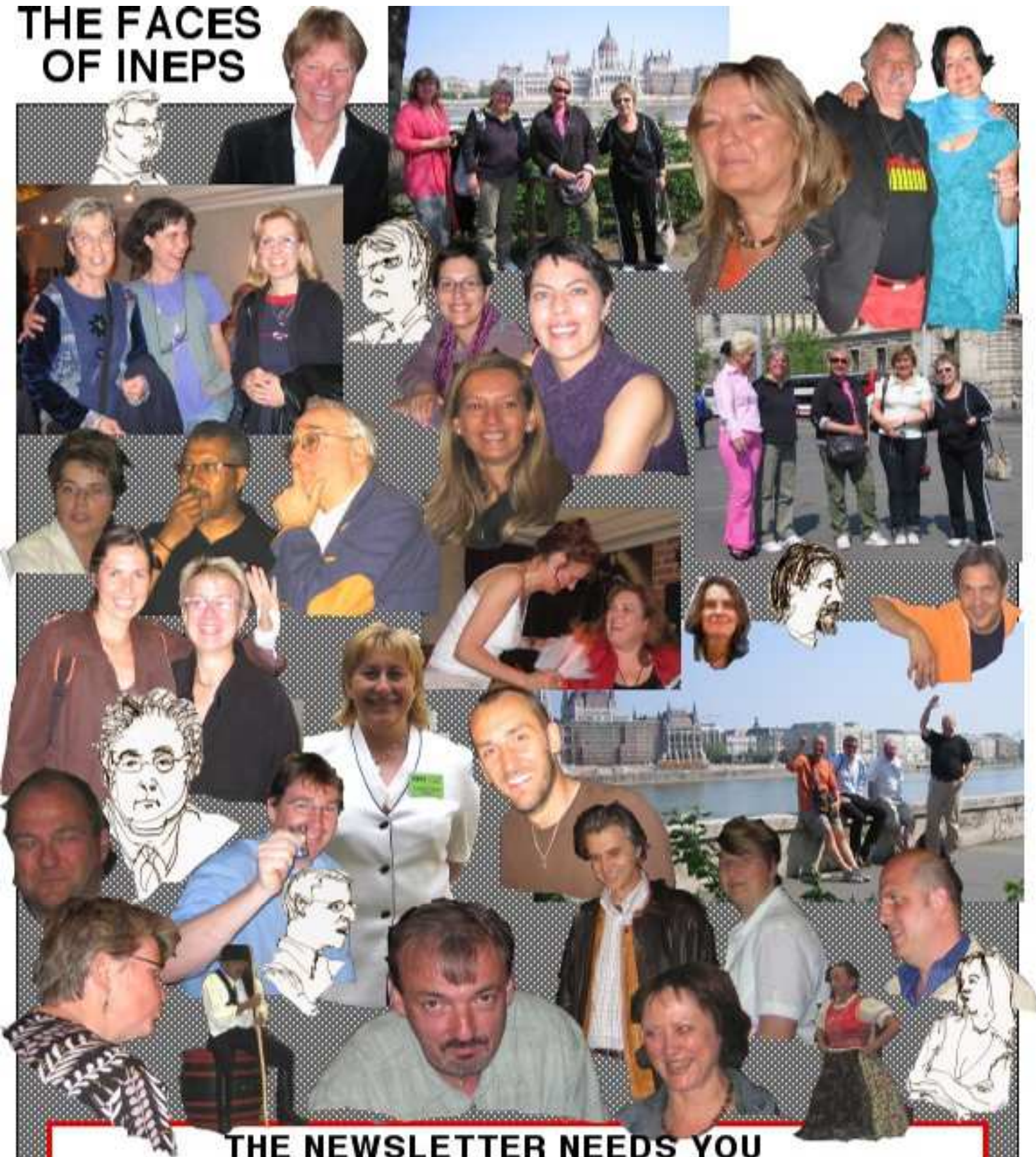
With the resignation of Ingrid Boehm from the Administrative Council this was the first Congress that none of the so called founding members played a significant role or were elected to serve on the new AC. As much as the organization continues to rely on their wisdom and knowledge of these elders it is an encouraging sign that the formal running of INEPS has passed on to the next generation.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN AFTER ELECTION FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

- Angela Passa President
- Juha Lahtinen Vice President
- Hildburg Freynik General Secretary
- Perti Hanninen..... Treasurer
- Heike Borkenhagen Responsible for PL issues
- Merce Marce Responsible for the web of INEPS
- Dennis Huntington Responsible for the NORDIC INEPS project
- Magdolna Tratnyek and Olga Leontjeva are deputy members in the AC.



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