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Dear Inepsers,

A new school year starts and we try to get back from our summer memories and find resources which give us strength, physical and mental health to cope with the new challenges of our work. I hope that this summer, although strange with the environmental changes, "charged our batteries" with eagerness and determination to fight for a better future for us and our students in economical, social, political and other fields.

It seems that alternative education and productive learning must set priorities concerning the sustainable development and the protection of the environment.

The destructive behaviors, the political corruption, the isolation of humans and the withdrawal from collective struggles, the aggressive predominance of money profit threaten more than ever the existence of humans in the earth.

If today is late, then tomorrow will not exist.

After listening to all the catastrophic environmental events that took place this summer all over the world we need to take action and each citizen needs to become energetic and decisive. I think this is first thing that we have to "teach" our students this year mostly by adopting ourselves to these attitudes and behaviors.

These are some of my thoughts which I hope many of you share and are open to criticism and comments.

My country was "badly injured" this August by the destructive fires that killed 64 people and burned many of the most beautiful forests and villages in Peloponnesus and other places. Those of you who had visited Olympia during the 14th INEPS Congress in Patras realized how beautiful the place was. I feel very sad, as do all Greeks, that this country, Greece, which managed 3 years ago to host very successfully the Olympic Games and filled us with pride, didn't manage to stop the fires before they destroyed valuable national and environmental sites and killed so many people.

I thank all of you who sent me messages of sorrow and solidarity. We now try to recover and "heal the wounds".

Coming now to our INEPS family I would like to inform you on behalf of the AC that there are very many things that rolled over since our last communication.

- 1) The next INEPS Congress in Burgas – Bulgaria 21-26 April 2008, has started to be organized and we have the first preliminary Draft of the Congress from our colleague Yvelina which is now being examined by the organizers and the AC members. Soon it will be announced to all.
- 2) Heike and Ingrid have started elaborating the guidelines of organizing INEPS Congresses and soon these will be announced as well.
- 3) Petri has undertaken his responsibilities as treasurer and has started elaborating the financial project of INEPS. He has also started the WEBINEPS (more is coming later...)
- 4) The EUROPLE project finally survived after some difficulties and we'll have more to tell you at the beginning of October after our last meeting in Berlin at the end of September.
- 5) Bret is continuing publishing the newsletters. There are more things going on which I would like to ask you to send to Bret to feed the next newsletter. (bschles36@aol.com)

I wish to all of you

Peace, personal happiness and professional development



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