



## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear INEPS members, friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the AC I send you our best wishes for a Happy New Year full of HEALTH, PEACE and LOVE.

These simple, common wishes that we spell out every year, sound so important to those people who suffer from the lack of them.

In Pakistan, in Kenya, in Iraq, people started the New Year "in blood".

The scientists all over the world warn people of the destructive effects on our health because of the bad use of mobile phones.

More and more juvenile crimes take place in the world bringing to the surface the depression, the lack of communication and love that push young boys and girls in schools to bullying, aggressiveness, hooliganism and criminality.

In addition to all these (because of these?) the violation of nature and the "sucking" of the Environment, we need our simple, common wishes to become actions, more actions, everyday actions, actions with strategic plans, with caution, with consequence, result, cohesion and persistence.

Can we accept the necessity of these principles?

Can we recognize them and take the portion that corresponds to us?

Can we arm ourselves with some of these principles?

Can we, the productive learning teachers, the alternative teachers, name ourselves "teachers of life"?

I am very optimistic because I know that some of us can! Do you want some examples?

👑 In January 2008, German students from Egbert's school in Berlin and Spanish students from Vilafranca – Catalonia with their educators will meet with Gun's students in Bernadottegymnasium in Stockholm and work together building cultural, emotional and learning bridges between them. We wish you great success in meeting your goals and congratulations for your initiative.

👑 In January 2008 too, the 20th International Seminar of IPLE for PL activists, educators, administrators, politicians will take place in Hilversum - Netherlands in cooperation with ROC van Amsterdam. It will bring together people from different parts of the world to "blow the wind of change" in schools. We hope that this wind will refresh all of us. Good luck dear colleagues of IPLE and ROC.

👑 In April 21-26, 2008 the 20th INEPS annual Congress will take place in the city of Bourgas on the Black Sea Coast. The vocational orientation in PL will be the topic of the Congress and our Bulgarian friends promise a very effective Congress involving the Ivan Vazov High School, the Zahari Stoyanov Evening School, the Elin Pelin Secondary School, and the Hristo Botev Primary School. We hope that all of you will be there and that you will bring more educators to the INEPS "family".

We wish strength and health to our Bulgarian Organizers.

I am sure that more things are going on and I hope that we'll read them at the following Newsletters that Bret is preparing every month for us (Bret's e-mail: [BSchles36@aol.com](mailto:BSchles36@aol.com)).\*

Health, Peace and Love

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