



In lieu of the up and coming Annual INEPS Congress our President has compiled a summary of the activities of the past year

ACTIVITIES OF INEPS FROM CONGRESS TO CONGRESS 2008 - 2009

April 21-26, 2008: The 20th INEPS annual Congress took place in the city of Burgas on the Black Sea Coast. "Individual vocational orientation in PL" was the topic of the Congress involving the Ivan Vazov High School, the Zahari Stoyanov Evening School, the Elin Pelin Secondary School, and the Hristo Botev Primary School.

April 27, 2008 - until today: The Administration Council of INEPS consisted of President - Angela Passa, Vice President - Juha Lahtinen, General Secretary - Hildburg Freynik, Treasurer - Petri Hanninen, Members - Heike Borkenhagen, Merce Marce, Dennis Huntington, continued their work concerning exchange of information, decisions for the development of INEPS, financial affairs, list of members, development of PL, by exchanging e-mails and phone calls.

Additionally there were contacts with Bret Schlesinger (Editor of Newsletter), Ingrid Böhm and Jens Schneider (Directors of IPLE).

May 2008: Visitors from Finland at Theodor - Plievier-School / Productive Learning 21.05.2008 (November Newsletter)

May 2008: The report of the 20th INEPS Congress in Burgas was uploaded by the organisers of the Congress at www.esnips.com/web/CongressBurgas

May 2008: 2nd meeting "Come Here - Compare project in Berlin", with students and teachers from Bernadotte-gymnasium (Stockholm), MAP Classroom IES Eugeni d'Ors (Vilafranca del Penedès) and Hufeland Schule (Berlin). See at www.mirrorwebsite.net

June 2008: Youth exchange between Leistikow-Oberschule (Berlin) and APA Youth Group, Portelaise (Ireland).

June 3, 2008: Berliners meet on follow up to Burgas Congress. Meeting of the Berlin Burgas Congress participants at the school of Bodo and Erhard. The Berliner teachers, apart from recalling their experiences in Bulgaria, they decided to organise regular meetings within the Berlin PL project schools.

June 12-14 2008: European Conference and Workshops of PRO-SKILLS in Luxembourg. Ingrid Böhm, Jens Schneider, Angela Passa, Rita Fernandes participated to the European Conference and Workshops of PRO-SKILLS (basic skills for life long learning) in Luxembourg. Ingrid and Jens presented Productive Learning in an international discussion group. Angela was moderating the discussion and Rita participated in it. It was a good opportunity for the promotion of PL to professionals of health and education from 11 European countries. More about the PRO-SKILLS at the www.pro-skills.eu

September 2008: Seminar in Bucharest, titled: "Implementation of Productive Learning in Bulgaria, Moldavia and Romania", Centre Education 2000+ in cooperation with IPLE. There were also participants from INEPS.

November 2008: International seminar in Vilafranca. During the 20th International Seminar of IPLE in cooperation with IDAP in Vilafranca - Barcelona there was an AC meeting with the participation of Angela Passa, Petri Hanninen, Merce Marce and Ingrid and Jens where they discussed details of the organisation of the 21st Congress in Helsinki. There was also taken a decision with the support of the other AC members for the transmission of financial affairs of INEPS from IPLE to the treasurer of INEPS. During this seminar Petri and Angela after the invitation they received from IPLE offered two workshops. The AC members participating to the seminar met some new educators from the Netherlands, Lithuania, Romania and Germany and discussed with them about INEPS.

January 2009: City-as-School in New York rejoined INEPS. Under the leadership of their new Principal Antoniette Scarpinato City As School decided to renew its membership in INEPS and become an active participant. Richard Safran and Bret Schlesinger both retired administrators from CAS are helping to write a proposal to expand City As School's role on the international scene.

February 2009: The Europele project obtained a new web page www.pede.net/veraga/opeko/europele where you can get the booklet, texts, pictures etc.

March 2009: Meeting in Hilversum for planning a new PL-project in Netherlands.

March 2009: 3rd meeting "Come Here - Compare project in Vilafranca", with students and teachers from Hufeland Schule (Berlin) and MAP Classroom IES Eugeni d'Ors (Vilafranca del Penedès). See at www.mirrorwebsite.net

April 2009: "PROTASI" Patras started a Youth Initiative project in September 2008 with the involvement of IVAN VAZOV High School and was implemented in Patras and Burgas by students. The topic of the project has to do with "PL students in the protection of the environment and sustainable development. In November 2008 there was a preparation meeting in Patras between the educators of IVAN VAZOV School and "PROTASI" and in April there was a youth meeting in Burgas between the students of the two projects for one week. The results of the meeting will be announced in a next Newsletter. The project will finish in December 2009.