

Location: Kartal, Istanbul
Kartal Anadolu Lisesi

Conference date: 6th of March 2009

Participants: IES Bisbe Berenguer: Adela Dobaño
Teresa Solé
Kartal Anadolu Lisesi : Meral Tolan
Uğur Yilmaz
Daniel Sampaio : Lurdes de Jesus
Lígia Luís
Eulália Alexandre
Udens College : Jacques Straten
Rien Geurts
Lisette Verstegen
Margriet van Baasbank

14:45 Start of the conference

- Chairman Jacques Straten opens the meeting by suggesting to skip the minutes and move straight on to the plans for the rest of the year.

3.-4. Activities so far and plans for the rest of the year:

Barcelona:

- They've had a presentation about everything that has been done during the conference meetings in Lisbon, Hospitalet and Kartal.
- The final report is divided in two parts; the results brought together (common) and the activities held in the school (specific). Plus a magazine. They plan to place it on the website.

Lisbon:

- The final report, which contains all activities held in school and done together with the partner schools, has not been placed on the website yet. They are on the blog. They find the website a good way to disseminate information.
 - All the partner schools should do at least one more common task to end the project. Something simple and practical concerning the topic of Democracy.
 - The Portuguese propose to give the students a small assignment in which they have to finish a poem.
- Adela points out that there is not enough time for their students to work on another assignments. They are approaching the exams and have other things to worry about. They have done enough already.
 - Teresa suggests to change the website. Make it a common place and make it more lively by showing pictures of what the students have done.
 - Adela: The importance of the project lies in the fact that the students worked together, talked about it, explained it while meeting other students. The subjects themselves are of less importance.
 - Jacques states that what the students actually did together with the other students is quite meager. Teachers did good things but these were different questionnaires in different countries. The only thing common were the subjects.
 - Adela thinks the results are satisfactory for the agencies. The website just needs to be made more appealing.
 - The poem will be sent out to the different schools by the Portuguese and the schools can choose for themselves to include it or not.

Jacques:

- proposals for the descriptions of 250 words can be sent until September 30 (end of June). I will assemble all the things of the different schools.

- This was the first network for me to coordinate. It was at times a little bit problematic. We lost some schools, other schools joined in. Two years is a short period and it feels to be ending just after we started.
 - For next time it will be better to have the exchanging schools working together as the teachers and students.
 - Exchange is a good condition. It is also a good idea for the next network to bring the same students to the different conferences.
- Adela: conference meetings are not exchanges. If exchanges will be a condition, Bisbe Berenguer will be out.

Agreements:

- Everybody will send all materials. Jacques will collect them.
- Teresa has ideas for the website.
- Jacques will try to make it attractive with ICT. Adela is right, we did a lot and can make it common on the website.
- This is the last meeting in this network. We will be divided in the different networks, some are leaving. Jacques hopes Teresa will participate again in the future.

Future Networks:

- The Udens College was allowed to coordinate one project. They rejected the possibility to combine all schools, which would be 16 in total, into one project. Instead they decided to split the 16 schools up into two projects.
- One of them will be coordinated by the Udens College, ICARUS, and the other by Belgium, INCREASE.
- As a coordinating school they are hoping for permission. If granted, the other schools will be permitted as well. The school has a good chance given the fact they are an ELOS school.
- Belgium already received an unofficial approval. They receive extra points for giving priority to backward areas.
- Unfortunately the chances for Turkey to receive approval are small. They have to finish a project first before applying for a new one.
- ICARUS: Netherlands, Portugal, Trencin, Slovakia, Slovenia, Belvice. Theme: Innovation, Creativity...
- INCREASE: Belgium, Spain, Italy, Germany, France, Romania, Netherlands. Theme: INnovation and CREativity As a Subject for Education.

Personal words:

- *Lurdes*: it was good working together. We are looking forward to having an exchange with Turkey and working together with Bisbe Berenguer. Special thanks to Eulalia who has been supportive and helpful. It's very important to have someone like that in the school board who is close to teachers as well.

- *Meral*: thanks to all of you. This was my first experience and I hope I managed. I did my best. We don't get extra hours for it but the topics are in the curriculum so other teachers can be involved as well. We are trying to put the results of the questionnaires on the website. We are still getting used to the exchanges and the projects and we are willing to host. This means it is becoming internalized which is good when we want to learn from each other. I hope I managed and we will see what our national agency will tell us.
- *Jacques*: about the Dutch presentation, the inquiry was started only three weeks ago. They had to use the first version because of problems converting the file. We still had a presentation about the inquiry about career guidance but the director was already there, waiting for us to end. It will even so be placed on the web. My final speech will be on Sunday.
- *Rien*: I will be the coordinator of ICARUS. That will be my last year. I hope my colleagues will invite me on network conferences as I will be still working for the school. I'll just not be giving classes anymore. I am very glad to have been at the cradle of ECOLES. Jacques did a good job coordinating. Meral, thank u for keeping the band alive.

16:10 Exchanging gifts. End of the meeting.