

EUROPROJECT CONFERENCE: RAMSGRANGE 2011

DECISIONS, ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Please note that what follows is not intended to be a full record of the meetings and discussions that took place. Rather, it constitutes a summary of the major decisions made

SEN Research Project

- Steve's summary of group recommendations on themes for research was accepted
- It was agreed that
 - o the Steering Committee with Koen would put these into questionnaire form to constitute the basis of the common elements of questionnaires to be used by all schools. There will be consultation on this with all participating schools with a view to reaching agreement by the end of November 2011
 - o Schools would design their own research instruments by the end of January 2012
 - o The student / teacher research teams would complete their 'internal' research between February and June 2012
 - o The mini-conference planned for 8/9/10 November 2012 in Belgium would involve students as well as teachers if numbers were manageable: otherwise the three Special Needs strands would need to have separate conferences
 - o Schools not able to involve students in the research project would be allowed to send only teachers to the mini-conference. Additional venues and/or dates would be agreed by the end of October if necessary
- Austria offered to help plan the conference focussing on reading and writing difficulties
- Luxembourg (E) agreed to host a conference for teachers on Behavioural difficulties in Spring 2013
- Spain and Luxembourg (C) offered to help plan conferences focussing on Behavioural difficulties
- Student / teacher research teams would report back to their headteachers and school boards during Autumn 2012 and Spring 2013
- Results of the research would be published on our web-site and in hard copy form during 2013
- The following schools confirmed their involvement in the research
 - o Reading and Writing difficulties: Germany / Denmark / Austria / Sweden / France / Luxembourg (E) / Wales / Ireland (if number group does not run)
 - o Number difficulties: Ireland
 - o Behavioural difficulties: Slovakia / Spain / Luxembourg (E) / Luxembourg (C) / Netherlands
- The following schools had originally indicated their intention to be involved but did not confirm their involvement

- o Reading and Writing difficulties: Finland / Portugal / Belgium / Spain / Estonia / Norway / Italy / Greece / Germany
- o Number difficulties: Estonia / Hungary
- o Behavioural difficulties: Ireland

Quality Assurance issues

- The conference accepted Leenderd's proposals on the approach to Quality Assurance

Masterclasses

Mathematics:

- Sweden agreed to host a masterclass involving students in Spring 2012
- Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg (C), Wales and Finland offered to help in the planning of this masterclass
- The following confirmed their intention to participate in the masterclass: Austria / Denmark / Sweden / Slovakia / Luxembourg C / Wales / France / Belgium / Ireland / Finland
- The following had originally expressed their intention to be involved but did not confirm this in Ramsgrange: Portugal / Italy / Hungary

Music:

- The masterclass proposed for Wales in Spring 2012 is unlikely to take place given the fact that Estonia has not received Comenius funding
- The masterclass in Germany will be held 19-23 March 2013 for up to 30 students. It will focus on choir, orchestra, big band and/or an experimental workshop on the scene from a Musical
- The following confirmed their intention to participate in the masterclass: Germany / Wales / Netherlands / Sweden / Luxembourg (E) / Spain / Finland / Luxembourg (C)
- The following had originally expressed their intention to be involved but did not confirm this in Ramsgrange: Estonia

Sport:

- Norway confirmed the intention to hold competitions and workshops (not specifically a masterclass) from 27-30 March 2012 with a focus on winter sports for one day and sports classes for up to 20 students on another day (contact snordhagen@hotmail.com)
- The following confirmed their intention to participate in the Norway event:: Norway / Sweden / Netherlands / Ireland / Finland / Wales
- The following had originally expressed their intention to be involved but did not confirm this in Ramsgrange: Estonia
- Austria confirmed arrangements for a masterclass in conjunction with the Institute of Sport during Spring 2013 with a focus on developing own performance irrespective of the particular sport and, therefore, open to any highly talented sports people
- The following confirmed their intention to participate in the masterclass: Austria / Denmark / France / Germany / Luxembourg (C) / Luxembourg (E)

- The following had originally expressed their intention to be involved but did not confirm this in Ramsgrange: Portugal / Estonia / Norway / Italy / Ireland / Greece / Netherlands

Leadership / Entrepreneurship:

- Finland confirmed its intention to focus teacher activities at the May 2012 conference on 'Developing student leadership qualities' in preparation for possible future masterclasses
- Steve offered to explore the possibility of a masterclass based at the Cardiff Business School
- Sweden and Luxembourg (C) offered to help in the planning of such a masterclass
- The following confirmed their intention to participate in the masterclass if it can be arranged: Germany / Sweden / Austria / Wales / Luxembourg (C)

Election of Officers

- Steve Fowler was the only person nominated as candidate for President who accepted the nomination. He was therefore elected President for a further term
- Georg Latzke was the only person nominated as candidate for General Secretary who accepted the nomination. He was therefore elected as General Secretary to take over from Ton van Berkel in May 2012.

Note: Ton has expressed his desire to be present at the conference in France in Spring 2013 as his first meeting was in France and this would mark a 20th anniversary of this event. It was agreed overwhelmingly to invite Ton to be the network's guest at the conference in France.

Membership Issues

- Popi was overwhelmingly elected as a Honorary Member of the Europroject.
- It was agreed to explore the extent to which funded members of the network could support the involvement of those members not receiving funding. The Steering Group was asked to present a range of alternatives at the May conference for consideration
- It was agreed that, in expanding the possible expansion of the network, priority should be given to those from countries not already in membership – especially those from Eastern Europe. The following agreed to forward details of potential members (with whom they already have links) to the Steering Group for preliminary consideration – Slovakia (Czech Republic), Italy (Turkey), France (Poland), and Spain (Romania)
- It was agreed not to pursue further the possible membership of a second Belgian School

Budget

- It was agreed to accept the budget proposed by Ton for the coming year

Finland Conference

- It was agreed
 - o That the student focus would be on Dance but that this would not be run as a masterclass requiring only outstandingly talented dancers
 - o That the teacher focus would be on developing leadership qualities in students and that schools would try to send delegates involved in such work

Steve Fowler
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