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ENSI's work:

1. **ENSI and CoDeS at Tbilisi+35, Intergovernmental Conference in Tbilisi, September 7/8th 2012**

ENSI and CoDeS were presented to the 300 participants of the inspiring intergovernmental Conference Tbilisi+35 in Georgia. The jubilee of the Tbilisi Declaration, initiating Environmental Education in 1977, was celebrated in Tbilisi on September 7/8th. Ministers and experts from 104 countries around the world gathered to report on the work of 35 years of EE and ESD and to discuss and adopt the Tbilisi Communiqué ‘Educate Today for a Sustainable Future’

- www.tbilisiplus35.ge/?option=com_content&view=article&id=148&lang=en

In panel 4 ‘Capturing Progress – Endorsing good practices’ Christine Affolter presented ENSI and CODES: The feedbacks from many participants were very good and proved high interest in our work. All information about the conference and the presentations is found at:

- www.tbilisiplus35.ge

2. **International conference, Gotland Sweden October 2012**
“The power of ESD – bringing ESD to the future of education!”

The main message from the organizers was clear: „This is a learning and production conference!“ Invited participants from all over the world, with special focus on Africa and India, gathered in Visby on the island of Gotland/Sweden to discuss the role and the opportunities of ESD after the end of the Decade 2014.

On the Conference UNESCO announced the ongoing focus on ESD. An international strategy and an action plan are in discussion currently. The ESD community is invited to participate to the discussion concerning a specific goal on education for sustainable development. The goals on SD will follow to the ‘human development goals’ after 2015.

It is crucial to demand a prominent place for EDUCATION on SD. ENSI took part to the debate and was represented by Reiner Mathar (President) and Charles Hopkins (UNESCO and Senior advisor of ENSI).

Another focus of the Conference was set on the cooperation of different partners in sustainable development. A memorandum of understanding explaining the interrelation between biodiversity and ESD was presented by CEE India together with CEE's 'handprint' initiative (see the link to CEEscenario mailing in this issue). For more information about the Visby Conference visit:

- www.swedesd.se

3. ENSI VET project proposal: “Competences underlying green skills” (LEONARDO)

Green skills stand in the focus of many debates about youth unemployment, economical growth and development over the past years.

ENSI partners are willing to contribute to the debate with research and analyses of competences underlying green skills. An outline for a new VET project proposal was elaborated by a working group after the CODES meeting in Győr/HU, begin of October. The Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus invited to the preparatory visit (begin of December 2012). Due to differing deadlines of national agencies (for LLL –funding) and also because of the large work load of experts the number of participants was not reached.. ENSI postponed the project to next year. A call for project participation will be launched before summer holiday 2013, depending on the rules and regulations for the new funding scheme of 'Erasmus for all' (following the 'Life Long Learning' programme).

4. New home for ENSI and CoDeS: Foundation 'éducation 21'/Switzerland

All participating ministries and directorates of education signed the contract on a new foundation for ESD in Switzerland (September 2012). Existing foundations working in the field of ESD on different approaches were merged to the new body 'éducation 21'. As part of the process ENSI and CODES move from Stiftung Umweltbildung Schweiz to the new organisation. Addresses and key persons will not change. Education 21 intends to reunite all information in one hand and will facilitate the access to ESD for all partners, interested persons. and organisations.

Networking across the globe / events:

5. Marrakech in 2013: 7th World Congress of Environmental Education (WEEC). 'The rural-urban relationship' ENSI and CoDeS contribution

The Seventh World Environmental Education Congress will be held in Marrakech (Morocco) from 9 to 14 June 2013.

ENSI (with CODES) applied for a workshop and a round table discussion on school and community cooperation in the tension of rural-urban relationship. The final programme has not been released yet. We will keep you informed, where to find us on this large gathering!

Quick links to PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS and REPORTS:

6. A Today: Inspiring links from CEE India

Ceenario (Mailing of CEE India):

- www.ceeindia.org

- www.desd.org

- www.greenteacher.org

- www.kidsrgreen.org