

## **SUMMARY OF THE MEETING IN CONSTANTA**

### **ISSUES PROPOSED IN THE SCHEDULE OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING**

**Tuesday, April, 13, 2010**

**Arrivals in Bucharest; Transfer from Otopeni Airport 20.00- 20.30  
Arrival at Colegiul National Pedagogic in Constanta & meeting with the host families.**

All participants who arrived in Romania by plane had decided to travel together to Constanta, patiently we waited for each other. Around 20:30 we left the airport to arrive in Constanta late at night. Romanian teachers and families were at school to welcome us. Everybody was happy to meet old friends again.

**Wednesday, April, 14, 2010**

**Welcoming at College (teachers and students).**

**TEACHERS: General information about the meeting; College presentation; Antique & modern Constanta city; Romanian educational system- short presentation; Presentation, evaluation and compilation of the work done so far. Discussions about the work done in the project by each school (teaching units on the topics about universal values chosen by each school).**

**Foreign STUDENTS attend classes with the host students (according to hosts' timetable, either in the morning or in the afternoon).**

CNP Constantin Bratescu, a building more than a hundred years old, is beautiful and monumental. The homemade flags of all the countries making up the Comenius partnership, were flying over the main entrance of the school. This was a detail we liked a lot.

We were welcome by Anamaria Ciobotaru, school's headteacher; by Polixenia Popescu, project's coordinator at school; by Cristina Gila and other teachers and students. Thank you for the traditional Romanian welcoming.

The guided tour let us know the daily school life, and meet the teachers and the students in their classrooms while they were giving lessons on different subjects.

Andra Moise and Doina Caresson, teachers, presented the Romanian educational system; their clear explanations and pictures helped us to know it.

After this, all the schools involved in the Comenius project, according to what has been scheduled, presented the new work done since the meeting in Thessaloniki, especially the materials concerning to the teaching units, giving a copy of them to each school to facilitate understanding and following the work done, and also to share the materials produced. I would also like to mention the presentation of the materials each school had prepared for the workshops the students were going to work on. The topic, suggested for the host school, was 'The Shapes and Symbols among the centuries in my homeland'. As general coordinator, I must congratulate everybody for the interesting and motivating activities produced for the workshops.

We also used the work session to reflect on the developing of the project and to evaluate the work done until the present time. My personal opinion is that now everybody has clearer ideas regarding how to elaborate the teaching units about the universal values.

**Thursday, April, 15, 2010**

**Morning: Teachers and students: Tour in Constanta city.**

**Afternoon: Teachers: Tasks for the next project meeting; proposals to celebrate Europe's Day; ideas for the partnership's magazine/newspaper, as the first issue will be released in June before the meeting in the Netherlands.**

**Afternoon: Students: Workshop: *"The Shapes and Symbols among the centuries in my homeland"***

**Evening: Teachers, students and parents: Romanian evening and hosts' surprises.**

In the morning we had a guided tour in Constanta. We visited the 'Muzeul Marinei Romane', the 'Muzeul de Istorie Nationala si Arheologie' and some other interesting places such as the Archeological Park. We have also planned to visit the Orthodox Cathedral, the Mosque and The Casino close to the Black Sea, but there was no time.

Visiting Constanta we learnt that this the second most important city in Romania from the economic point of view, as well as the number of inhabitants. We also learnt this is a multimillenary city, founded under the name of Tomis by the Greek colonists coming from Milet, and that nowadays has become the most important harbour at the Black Sea, and the sixth European harbour as size and volume of transited commercial merchandise. We could appreciate Constanta is a city with important historical monuments, museums and churches that is worth to visit.

In the afternoon, teachers discussed about the contents and contributions for the partnership's magazine/newspaper, which first issue will be released in June. We agreed to send the contributions non later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to the coordinator in Spain. We discussed how to celebrate the Europe Day as well, and suggestions and concrete proposals were made about it: exhibitions, workshops, worksheets and lectures at each school.

The general coordinator also talked about the size and the kind of format of the digital files used to send the materials by the Internet.

**It is important to remember and follow this advices to facilitate the compilation of the materials produced by the partnership:**

- **The PREFERABLE format of the files: Word, PDF, PPS (PowerPoint), AVI, MPEG or WMV. If other file, please tell me in advance, to have the necessary programme on the computer to open it.**
- **The size of the file: No more than 10 Mb. Better two short files than a large one to be uploaded on the Internet.**

Meantime teachers were working on the Comenius project, students had activities on the workshop 'The Shapes and Symbols among the Centuries in my homeland'.

First the students saw the PowerPoints presentations prepared by each school, and then made some activities related to the topic. The students told me they have enjoyed and learnt many things with the workshops' activities. I am sorry because I missed the workshops; at that time teachers were met working on other matters of the project.

According to the schedule of the project, these are the activities to be done until the meeting in Harderwijk, in the Netherlands.

**19-Apr-10> Continuing with the elaboration and development of teaching units on the chosen topics. Review and evaluation of the teaching units done until the present. Designing and performing activities to publicize the project.**

**03-May-10> Activities to celebrate Europe's Day: workshops, games, exhibitions, lectures...**

**10-May-10> Planning, creating and writing materials for the 1st issue of the partnership's magazine.**

**01-Jun-10> Releasing of the 1st issue of the partnership's journal.**

**23-June-10> Meeting in the Netherlands: review, compilation and evaluation of the work done so far. Planning new tasks.**

In the evening we were surprised with a theatre-evening by the Romanian students. They sang and danced traditional music, even in our own languages! Sincere congratulations to all the boys and girls who took part and, of course to the teachers, because altogether managed to prepare such a talented performance. The traditional Romanian things to eat afterwards, was really a new surprise.

**Friday, April, 16, 2010**

### **Teachers and students: Cultural Dobrudja – excursion**

Early in the morning, at 7:30, everybody was at school to take the coach to go to Tulcea. It was a trip to visit the Danube's Delta. First we visited the 'Centrul Ecoturistic Delta Dunarii', a modern building you can miss visiting to be well informed about wild life in the delta.

At mid-morning we took a boat to go round the Danube river. The weather was nice, even timidly sunny. The long trip on the boat was wonderful. Chatting with friends all day long was especially enjoyable. What can I say about this romantic river when everything seems to have been said? Better nothing, I would not like to spoil the personal impressions the river gives to everyone. The Danube is a gift of nature for all those countries the river is going through.

**Saturday, April, 17, 2010**

For students it was a family day. We teachers were visiting the town and shopping.

The farewell dinner in a Romanian traditional restaurant with so good atmosphere, music and things to eat was a wonderful end.

At the end of the evening, the sadness of saying goodbye was mixed with the hope of meeting again soon in Harderwijk, the Netherlands.

We did not know yet, the unexpected Comenius adventure that awaited us the next day.

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