Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We would like to draw your attention to the 2nd International Conference: Excellence: Education & Human Development, that will be held in 9-12 September 2010, in the University Minho, Braga, Portugal.

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Hands-on Science Network, www.hsci.info, and APOLLON International Interactive Educational Network, www.apollon.edu.gr

Chair: Manuel Filipe Pereira Cunha Martins Costa, Professor, The University of Minho, Portugal; Director, Hands-on Science Network.

Co-Chair: Eugenia T. Meletea, Mathematician & System Analyst, Researcher & Educator, Scientific Associate, School of Medicine, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens & Director of the APOLLON - International Interactive Educational Network.

The conference solicits original contributions in the following areas:

1. General issues for the development of world citizens for the future:

National and International Policy in Education

(Patterns & planning models, holistic approaches & specific components).

Implementation and Evaluation

(Researches, good practices, standards, values, quality indicators)

Educational methods

(Research, evaluation, teaching, learning Teachers, supporting & mentoring, etc)

Multidisciplinary & Multicultural Programs Development

(Sciences, Philosophy, Visual Art, Music, Literature, etc)

Application of new technologies in performance and educational contexts

ICT (Information and Communication Technology)

(Networks, databases, e-Learning, on-line training programs, etc). Language, Entrepreneurship, etc.

2. Pedagogy for Gifted Talented Students:

Behaviour and Pedagogy.

Recognition

(Needs, individual differences, intervention and development, current practices, policy & legislations, initiatives & plans).

Integrated Services

(Guidance and counseling, pear to pear networking, supporting & mentoring, etc).

Performance Sciences

Performance enhancement research for talented students

(musicians, dancers, athletes etc).

Twice Exceptional Children,

School & Higher Education, Informal & Non-Formal Education, Individual Differences and Gender issues

Traditional heritages and new horizons in giftedness and creativity (Research and programs for talented students in Art, Sciences, Athletics).

3. Talent Development & Human Harmonic/Balanced Development:

Social Sciences & Humanities

Child Development

(Genetics, Pedophychiatrics, Paediatrics, Child mentoring, identification, unique needs, etc).

Sports Talents & Sports Medicine

Performing Arts Medicine

(Medical Problems and health-promoting behavior for performing Artists

Dance Medicine and Sciences

Music Medicine and Sciences

Musicians' Â health and well-being, etc

Preventive Medicine

(prevent, evaluation, support, diagnosis, therapy etc).

Orthopedics

(Myoskeletic system development for Athlet, Dance, Music Talented, etc).

Health Sciences and Education confluences in "euphuism"

(Enhances the health, well-being, training, and performance of talented by

cultivating educational and medical excellence)

(Embiomechanics, Kinaesthetic, Kinesiology, etc)

Neurosciences in Education (Brain research, etc).

4. Scientific excellence

Philosophy of Sciences
Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy of Cognitive Sciences
Mathematical Brain and Music
Intelligence & Artificial Intelligence
Nano and new Technologies
Science Literacy
Science Education & Scientific Excellence, etc.

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