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Successful Experiences and Good Practices in Chemistry Education

First Conference on the thematic area

Successful Experiences



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Introduction

The international conference "**Successful Experiences and Good Practices in Chemistry Education**" took place in Bragança on 21th May 2014 at Escola Superior de Tecnologia e Gestão do Instituto Politécnico de Bragança. The aim of the conference was to share European experiences on successful strategies, initiatives and projects to promote chemistry lifelong learning. The Conference was funded by the 518300-LLP-2011-IT-COMENIUS-CNW Chemistry is All Around Network project resources. It was part of the prescribed 3th year activities of the Chemistry is All Around Network project and was the first conference on the thematic Successful Experiences.

Conference Organisation

The Conference was a one-day event with the morning session centred around the European experiences collected through the Chemistry is All Around Network project, and the afternoon devoted to other contributions, namely the ones from the Portuguese Scientific experts integrating the Chemistry is All Around Network project.

In addition to the oral session, one poster presentation and one exposition comprising the results of several Portuguese science communication/dissemination projects were organized. The compositions of the organizing and scientific committees, as well as the conference programme are



available both on the conference web site (http://www.segpce.ipb.pt/) and as appendix to this document.



Conference Participants

Around 100 participants registered from a number of European countries, with the largest representation from Portugal. These included representatives from universities, schools, educational companies and public authorities. The complete list of participants is available both on the conference site and as an appendix to this document.

Conference Contents

All presented papers are included in the conference proceedings which have been published in a book in digital and paper format.







The participants were welcomed to the conference by the President of IPB and by the Dean of the School of Technology and Management. The Chairperson for the day was Filomena Barreiro followed by Olga Ferreira.

The papers presented addressed Successful Experiences and Good Practices in Chemistry Education. The following themes have been addressed by the project members:

Maria Maddalena Carnasciali (Italy) presented a paper entitled "Successful experiences in primary school science education". The paper presented two successful experiences to teach basic chemistry contents at primary school. The first one was an interdisciplinary teaching proposal focused on the chemical process of dissolution and based on the laboratorial approach. The second started with a motivating context: the preparation of pickled olives and fruit in syrup. She concluded that both experiences encourage children motivation.

The work of **Dionysios Koulougliotis** (Greece), entitled "What constitutes a successful experience in teaching Chemistry? Characteristic examples from the Greek educational context" comprised two parts. In the first part a brief literature review was made trying to elucidate what is meant by "successful teaching experience". In the second part a set of five examples of successful chemistry teaching experiences were presented and analysed. As a conclusion, it was stated that the Greek examples provide evidence for the need of concurrent use of a carefully selected variety of teaching strategies, techniques and materials in order to readily enhance the effectiveness of chemistry (and science) teaching.

Julien Keutgen (Belgium) presented the work of Divna Brajkovic entitled "Issues, initiatives and prospects of ICT use in chemistry teaching" analysing the survey preformed by the AWT (Agence Wallonne des Télécommunications – The ICT platform of Wallonia) in 2013 concerning the assessment of ICT equipment and use in compulsory education in Wallonia. The study came to the conclusion that there is a lack of computer material and teacher training. Moreover, to make chemistry learning more efficient, the investigative approach is unavoidable in secondary education.

Filomena Barreiro (Portugal) presented the work "Chemistry education – the relevance of innovative pedagogical practices in the early years". The work analysed the importance of chemistry education from early years as contributing for the formation of informed and prepared citizens, with scientific literacy competences and able to pursue an active, participative and responsible citizenship. In this context, school was assumed to play a major role and should, therefore, provide chemistry education for all children.

The work of **Murat Dermirbas** (Turkey) entitled "Successful experiences in Chemistry teaching in Turkey: Teaching activities based on inquiry and argumentation" addresses examples resulting from successful implementations of the teaching activities in the field of chemistry in Turkey by inquiry based and argumentative method. Some applications were analysed and successful experiences exemplified.

Milena Koleva (Bulgaria) presented the work "Teaching chemistry at school: Bulgarian innovative practice". The paper presented successful experience and good pedagogic practices in teaching chemistry at Bulgarian secondary schools in the context of the European educational policy for development of key competences for the young people. Problem-based approach, experimental work, project-based activities and other innovative teaching methods and technologies were discussed as an effective way to improve the students' scientific literacy and motivation to study chemistry.

Cristina Gaitán (Belgium) presented the work of António Torres Gil entitled "Teaching chemistry with a new cooperative model in the classroom". The work pointed out a decrease in the number of science students as well as in students' interest in Chemistry and Physics. As a result, teachers have started to use different methodological strategies in the classroom aimed at improving academic results and student's motivation. The paper presented a brief review of two approaches often used: "contextualized Science" and cooperative learning.

Zdeněk Hrdlička (Czeck Republic) presented a paper describing "Successful experience and good practices in teaching chemistry at schools in Czeck Republic. Educational system of the Czech Republic faces many problems and challenges not only in the field of natural sciences. However, successful experiences in







chemistry teaching can be found. For example, students of primary and secondary schools who achieved great results in national and international competitions; teachers interested in lifelong learning; successful experts and their wonderful research; national and international projects promoting chemistry teaching; many excellent chemical high schools and universities; increasing support for ICT teaching (new portals with many educational resources for students and teachers) etc. The paper reported some successful examples of good practice that could help to improve students' attitude towards chemistry.

Magdalena Gałaj (Poland) presented the work "Feel the chemistry with chemistry. Successful experiences in teaching and learning in Poland", whose objectives were focused on Polish chemistry education and training issues. In the context, the authors consider several case studies of successful educational initiatives, projects, and lesson plans whose main objective was to create new quality in teaching and promoting chemistry in the contemporary world. As a conclusion the authors announce a change of priorities in the increasing level of effectiveness of educational programs, from developing technical infrastructures and creating new tools to the application of the existing ones with higher level of creativity, commitment and expertise.

Juraj Dúbrava (Slovakia) presented the work of Katarína Javorová and Martin Šponiar within the thematic "Group work in teaching chemistry in topic pH of solutions". Group work was presented as one way to improve student skills. During group work the student learns how to cooperate with other students, gives his opinion, argues, and learns to respect, listen and tolerate peers. Examples of teaching methods application during chemistry lessons at primary school in two classes of 8th year were presented. The group work strategy was chosen because it was most often used in chemistry lessons, mainly during lab work.

The work entitled "Successful experiences in chemistry teaching and learning: a review of some suggestions for good practice" was presented by **Mary Walsh** (Ireland). The central idea was that motivating students and providing relevant learning experiences require a continuum of effort from teachers. It has been shown that successful experiences in Chemistry teaching and learning may arise from: understanding and managing difficulties with language; understanding and reacting to the skills levels of students; placing Chemistry in a multidisciplinary context; using modelling – both computer simulations and concrete models, employing active learning and inquiry-based strategies for teaching and learning; and, last but not least, conceding that technology used well can enhance the teaching and learning process.

All the scientific experts belonging to the Portuguese "**Chemistry is all Around Network**" project have contributed for the conference success. Namely they have presented the following oral communications:

- Discovering Chemistry through Food: history, concepts and knowledge Sónia Fernandes, Carla Morais and João Paiva
- Interacting with the Past: A Journey into the Beauty and Science of Medieval Colours
 Maria João Melo
- Obtaining Lead Iodide in the Laboratory: Looking for Answers Manuela Ortigão and Fátima Paixão
- "Active Engagement" of Students in TP classes: a solution for several problems?
 Paulo Ribeiro-Claro

Mónica Oliveira gave her contribution through the presentation of the "Tudo flui..." project. Moreover **Paulo Ribeiro-Claro** provided the videos from the project "Química das coisas" that were shown during Poster sessions/Coffee break.

Filomena Barreiro and Olga Ferreira thanked the conference participants who had presented, listened, discussed and otherwise appreciated a very packed and informative programme.

Conference Evaluation

At the end of the conference the participants gave verbal evaluations that were positive about the organisation, venue and programme.







Conclusions

The conference received presentations from representatives of eleven different European countries. It was an opportunity to consolidate the work of the Chemistry is "All Around Network" project. Furthermore, it allowed associate partners and experts from Portugal to meet the European partners. The model of mixing oral and poster communications with practical workshops was very positive bringing dynamism and fomenting an active discussion between participants.







Appendix 1: Committees

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Appendix 3: Conference Programme

8h00-9h00	Registration
9h00-9h15	Welcome session
9h15-9h30	Successful Experiences in Primary School Science Education Laura Ricco and Maria Maddalena Carnasciali
9h30-9h45	Issues, Initiatives and Prospects of ICT Use in Chemistry Teaching Divna Brajkovic
9h45-10h00	"Feel the Chemistry with Chemistry" Successful Experiences in Teaching and Learning Chemistry in Poland Mariusz Jarocki and Magdalena Gałaj
10h00-10h15	Group Work in Teaching Chemistry in Topic pH of Solutions Katarína Javorová and Martin Šponiar
10h15-10h30	What Constitutes a Successful Experience in Teaching Chemistry? Characteristic Examples from the Greek Educational Context Katerina Salta and Dionysios Koulougliotis
10h30-11h00	Poster session + Coffee break
11h00-11h15	Successful Experience and Good Practices in Teaching Chemistry at Schools in the Czech Republic Marcela Grecová and Zdeněk Hrdlička
11h15-11h30	Successful Experiences in Chemistry Teaching in Turkey: Teaching Activities Based on Inquiry and Argumentation Murat Demirbaş, Mustafa Bayrakci and Nazmiye Başer
11h30-11h45	Successful Experiences in Chemistry Teaching and Learning: A Review of Some Suggestions for Good Practice Marie Walsh
11h45-12h00	Chemistry Education – the Relevance of Innovative Pedagogical Practices in the Early Years Maria José Rodrigues, Olga Ferreira, Filomena Barreiro and Adorinda Gonçalves
12h00-12h15	Teaching Chemistry at School: Bulgarian Innovative Practice Milena Koleva
12h15-12h30	Teaching Chemistry with a New Cooperative Model in the Classroom Antonio Jesús Torres Gil
12h30-14h30	Lunch break
14h30-14h45	"Active Engagement" of Students in TP classes: a solution for several problems? Paulo Ribeiro-Claro
14h45-15h00	Obtaining Lead Iodide in the Laboratory: looking for answers Manuela Ortigão and Fátima Paixão
15h00-15h15	Casa das Ciências A Collaborative Website for science teachers Manuel Luis Silva Pinto
15h15-15h30	Discovering Chemistry through Food: History, Concepts and Knowledge Sónia Fernandes, Carla Morais and João Paiva
15h30-15h45	STEP - Step Towards the Popularization of Research and Technology Hana Bartková and Jitka Svatošová
15h45-16h00	Interacting with the Past: A Journey into the Beauty and Science of Medieval Colours Maria João Melo
16h00-17h00	Poster session + Science projects + Coffee break







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In-Service Training Pathways of Physics and Chemistry Teachers in Northeastern Portugal Maria Elisete C. P. Afonso

INTACT Project: Bringing Teaching Resources to Mobile Life Isabel Chumbo and Vitor Gonçalves

Integrative Internet-Based Case Study for Sustainable Development Galina Kirova and Jenna Staykova

Successful Applications in Chemistry Education: Computer-Aided Teaching Activities Cansu Gürpinar and Murat Demirbaş

Teaching Chemistry of Natural Products to Young Students: "Verão Ciência no IPB" case study Márcio Carocho, Maria Inês Dias and Isabel C.F.R. Ferreira

Using Analogies in Teaching Chemistry: Sample Practices Deniz Altınışık

Will It Dissolve in Water? Cláudia Magalhães, Cristina Mesquita and Maria José Rodrigues

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