

# Improving Education in Secondary Science in Europe (IMPRESSE)

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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of our President Jean-Charles JACQUEMIN, I am happy to welcome you for this second IMPRESSE day.

Following the decisions made in Wageningen and the friendly hints by all participants that UdPPC should organise the second IMPRESS day in Rennes, we decided to do so... and we have put an extra "E" at the end : IMPRoving Education for School Science **in Europe**.

In addition to ASE, MNU, NVON, VeLeWe and UdPPC who attended the first IMPRESS day in Wageningen, we are happy to welcome three new associations : ABPPC (French speaking Belgium), Collegi de doctores (Spain) and SSPSN (Switzerland). All of them will meet here some of our French colleagues who have decided to participate to this day. The Italian association (AIF) can't be present because of their congress at the same time, but has sent a poster and a document.

Several topics had been suggested during our last meeting in Wageningen :

- Integrated science,
- Science for young children or primary school,
- Experimental activities,
- and may be others that I have forgotten...

UdPPC suggested to work with the topic **Experimental activities** and everybody agreed.

To day, we propose a schedule similar to the one in Wageningen : it was efficient and enabled a lot of fruitful communication. We will begin with three *Invited keynote speakers*. Of course, as usual, these speakers only represent themselves.

All the STA's have been invited to prepare a poster about *Experimental activities for the pupils* in their country. The associations who attended the first meeting have been asked to bring back their poster about the *Educational system* in their country. We also asked the associations who did not attend the first meeting to provide a poster about the *Educational system* in their country (they have had a double work, and we thank them to have done it...). You will see all of these posters during the poster sessions, at half past ten and before the lunch time.

The associations have prepared a short five minutes speech, based on the poster for the second session, after the first poster session.

In the third session (beginning of the afternoon), we propose two workshops based on the questions proposed by the associations :

- Experimental activities : how to evaluate them ?
- Experimental activities : ? What are the objectives of the experimental activities ?

And we will have the fourth session (reports from the workshops and synthesis) at the end of the afternoon. Our president and some members of our board will be with us for lunch or for dinner and perhaps for one session.

I wish a very fruitful day to everybody.