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*EPMagazine a student's
magazine for history of
science or a wonderful
journey of communication
among European students*

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- The Experimental High School completes 7 years presence in EPMagazine
- We didn't think that time that this cooperation would last so long, especially without funds.



- Many changes have happened since our first year.
- We could say that the magazine publication has been organized in a most professional way.



- More editorial boards, many referees for all the sections.
- A well organized publishing process (guide for authors, submission form, check for plagiarism, refereeing, corrections, final acceptance)



- In our school the EPMagazine constitutes a basic school activity.
- Once a week – every Wednesday last school year- the EPM team works for 1,5h
- Last year the team included about 20 students. Most of them did not miss even a day.



But there are problems...

- Dissemination of the magazine

The printed magazine, generally, does not work. In many cases it has been replaced by the e-edition.

This fact along with the lack of funds and sponsoring hampers the development of the magazine.



- Printed edition should be continued
- An improved e-edition may be searched out.
- Perhaps a sort of interactive e-magazine could complete or replace the e-edition. A specialist could give us an answer.



- Another problem is the student participation. Although many of them wish to contribute, it takes about two years to learn how to work.
- When they become mature enough they are already in the last classes of the high school and they are preparing for the general examinations quitting the EPM team.



- Let's not forget that one of their main incentives is the trip abroad.



- Despite these disadvantages, is it worthy for the students?
- How can we persuade them that the whole setup really deserves their time?...
- One could mention that they are getting used in writing articles in a refereed magazine under certain rules or they are learning by searching a scientific topic etc.



- Let me say that one of the most important benefits is the communication with students in other countries.
- Actually they work together to publish a magazine.



- During the meetings they know each other exchanging experiences.
- The video conferences also help in this direction besides the technical problems.
- They continue their contact through the social network.



- Without neglecting or underestimating the efforts for the development of the magazine, perhaps all the previous thoughts comprise a wonderful result that could be conquered?
- Let's enjoy this wonderful journey>>>>>









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