

## **6<sup>th</sup> WEEC**

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Dear friends!

We are at the end of an exciting week. And I'm moved.

We are at the end of the 6th World Congress, but not of the path we have to follow.

The way is still long and is likely to be a never-ending journey.

You attended the sessions with attention and passion.

Key notes, papers, round tables, workshops, symposia and posters showed the richness and the variety of the different participants' points of view, resources, and energies that brighten the field of environmental education.

We explored, experienced and learned better educational methodologies through the eyes and the voices of hundreds of colleagues.

Let me to express some worry. All over the world consumption is growing, as well as the use of renewable and un-renewable resources and the ecological footprint of humankind.

Budget cuts due to the world financial crises threatens environmental education.

For the future we need more involvement, more communication, more contacts, more collaboration, more exchange of proposals and ideas.

We need you, your participation, your commitment, and we need you to become members of the WEEC association by filling in the membership form on the website.

We have to build a true international association, with a stronger structure and a number of research committees.

Our commitment is to start working in this direction in view of the 7<sup>th</sup> congress.

Now I am proud to announce the next congresses.

The 8<sup>th</sup> world environmental education congress will be held in 2015.

As I said in the opening session, there are many bids, from all over the world. Many countries have proposed as candidate and many have expressed their interest: Abu Dhabi, China, Costa Rica, Ireland, Malaysia, Sweden, and Switzerland.

They are all great candidates, very strong and determined. What a difficult choice!

So I still don't know where the 8<sup>th</sup> congress will be held. But I know that the 8<sup>th</sup> WEEC will be another useful and satisfactory event.

But we know that the 7<sup>th</sup> WEEC will be held in Marrakesh, Morocco, in 2013.

Well, now let me introduce the Moroccan organizing committee.

We welcome them with pleasure; we wish them a successful congress.

See you soon in Morocco!

Au revoir! Hasta luego!

Ciao!