



100 Asian and European teachers meet in Bulgaria to promote Coding for Education

New methodologies for learning and teaching at the core of the 12th ASEF Classroom Network Conference

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About 100 secondary, vocational and high-school teachers and educators from 38 ASEM¹ countries will gather on 16-20 November 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria, for the 12th ASEF Classroom Network Conference on “Coding for Education”. Since the inception of the ASEF Classroom Network Conferences in 2001, this 12th edition sees the greatest diversity in Asia-Europe representation.

The 4-day event will focus on professional enrichment, training opportunities and collaboration sessions for teachers and educators. The programme consists of a Panel Discussion on “*Coding, technology and its possible application in the classroom*”, with renowned education and ICT experts including Professor Dr Roumiana PETCHEVA-FORSYTH, Professor of Educational Technology, Professor Dr Youngkwon BAE, Professor of Computer Education, and Ms Prapapan PHETRA, Project Manager at Opendream, practical workshops on the opportunities of coding in education using open source tools, as well as an Ideas Market Place to find suitable ICT tools for education. Furthermore, the participants will learn about successful case studies in Bulgaria on how to integrate coding and ICT into the school educational curriculum.

The ASEF ClassNet Conference, alternating between Asia and Europe, also provides a platform for teachers to network and initiate Online Collaborations with partner schools. The 6 most successful ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations of 2015 will compete in Sofia before an independent jury for the ASEF ClassNet Awards.

Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN, Director of ASEF’s Education Department, emphasised the importance of the ASEF ClassNet Conferences: “*To date, the ASEF ClassNet has engaged more than 19,000 students and 1,300 teachers from Asia and Europe in more than 300 Online Collaborations. The ASEF ClassNet is one of the most effective and sustainable forums for exchange and dialogue for teachers and students collaboration between Asia and Europe and raises awareness about both continents at an early age.*”

ASEF organises the 12th ASEF Classroom Network Conference in cooperation with the 32 Secondary Language School “St. Kliment Ohridski”, a long-term ASEF ClassNet member. The Conference is supported by the Sofia Municipality, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria.

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¹ The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern. ASEM brings together 53 members (21 Asian and 30 European countries, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the European Union).

About the Organisers



The **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development. ASEF is a not-for-profit intergovernmental organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Together with about 700 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 650 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 17,000 Asians and Europeans have actively participated in its activities and it has reached much wider audiences through its networks, web-portals, publications, exhibitions and lectures.

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32 Secondary Language School "St. Kliment Ohridski" was founded in 1896 and has managed to become one of the biggest and most renowned schools in Sofia, Bulgaria, delivering education services to more than 2,000 students from 1st to 12th grade. The school prides itself with highly motivated and qualified staff that is proving its merits not only on the field of daily education work but also in participation in many international and national education projects, both as a coordinator and as a partner. The school is an English language school. The students study English intensively and 32nd school offers its students bilingual education in History, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Art and Philosophy.

The main aim of the school is to continue to be a school for highly motivated students, a place for creative work without aggression and misdemeanour, a school which can form, with the help of families, free and responsible young people, competitive in their knowledge of English and other subjects.

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