



6 Asian and European schools awarded for innovative online collaborations

ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet) Conference proves again its value as the main Asia-Europe teachers' platform for cooperation in the field of ICT and education.

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Focusing on the emerging topic "Coding for Education", the **12th ASEF ClassNet Conference** took place on 16-20 November 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria. 88 secondary, vocational and high-school teachers and educators from 39 ASEM¹ countries attended this conference, with Croatia being represented for the first time as one of ASEM's newest members.

Professor Todor TANEV, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria, opened the conference. Speakers from academia and business included Prof. Dr Roumiana PEYTCHEVA-FORSYTH, Professor of Educational Technology of Sofia University, Prof. Dr Youngkwon BAE, Professor for Computer Education at Daegu National University of Education, and Mr Santeri KOIVISTO, CEO of TeacherGaming LLC.

Ms Jordanka FANDAKOVA, Mayor of Sofia, stated "*I believe that in today's globalised world, education is playing a key role for mutual development and welfare in Europe and Asia. We build our future on education and any investments made in it will pay off manifold through our young generation.*"

During the 4-day conference, 6 teacher-student duos received awards for innovative ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations in 2015. The winners in the Gold Award category are:

- *Let's Eat: Mix It!* represented by Ms Nur Aida binte MD KHALID, Singapore
- *Pop Science! Let's Explore!* represented by Ms Masinah SAHID, Malaysia
- *World History in Family Photos*, represented by Ms Daniela IANNI, Italy

The winners in the Merit Award Category are:

- *ClassNetNews* represented by Mr Jouni SARPOLA, Finland
- *Language - A Mantle of Communications* represented by Ms Anjali HANDA, India
- *Moments and Monuments* represented by Ms Merlissa Elpedes SUEMITH, Philippines

The participating teachers initiated 33 new Asia-Europe online collaborations for 2016, ranging from cultural and educational topics to history, media, science and sustainable development. Schools from all ASEM countries are invited to join these collaborations through an Open Call. The **12th ASEF Classroom Network Conference** was co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the 32 Secondary Language School "St. Kliment Ohridski", and 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 an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Together with about 750 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 700 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 20,000 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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