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Wednesday, November 19th : National Operators Meeting in Morocco

Like every year, the national operators of the countries developing YRE programme met in order to work on the programme.

FEE Morocco ("Fondation Mohamed VI pour la protection de l'Environnement") was kind enough to host the event in Rabat, and the international coordination wishes to thank them again for the perfect organisation and motivation.



This event was organised back to back with the Eco-School National Operators Meeting (20-21 November) in order to save some transports for some coordinators in charge of both programmes.

A growing network :

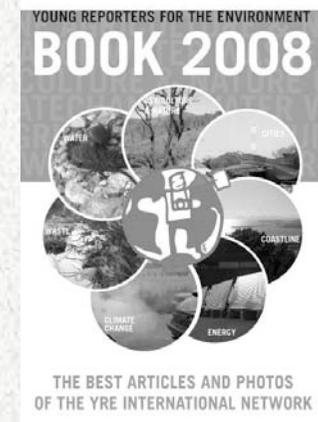
Four new countries joined the network for 2009 :

- 🌐 Brazil
- 🌐 China
- 🌐 New Zealand
- 🌐 Wales

The national operators worked together to evaluate the development of the programme. Some decisions and issues will be developed later in this YRE Newsletter issue.



Awards for five pictures instead of three



With a growing number of countries in the programme, the YRE International Jury sees an increase in the number of qualitative pictures received for the awards.

It has therefore been accepted by the Executive Board that five pictures instead of three will now be awarded in the photography category.

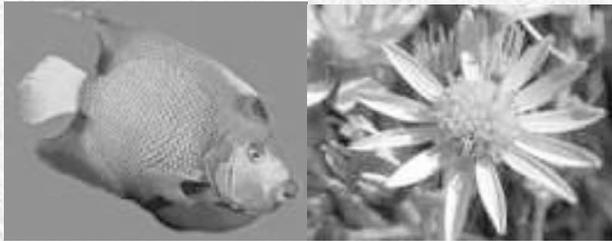
YRE International Coordinator in Malta

Focus on Biodiversity

On December 20th 2006, the United Nations proclaimed 2010 as “International Year of Biodiversity”.

To prepare this international year, Young Reporters for the Environment, introduced the Biodiversity theme in its main environmental problems.

The theme will also be created on the international website, so that new Biodiversity projects can register from 2009.



On Wednesday 10 December 2008, Malta was organising its first national awarding seminar for the YRE programme. All five schools who participated in the pilot year of the YRE programme in Malta were invited to this ceremony.

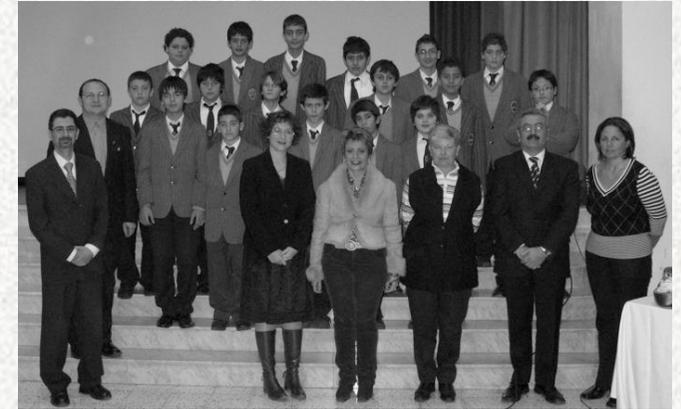
Dr. Joanne Drake, Head of the EU Representative Office, Mr. E. Borg from the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs, as well as Ms Michelle Grech from HSBC Bank Malta, were present to show their support to YRE and to the young reporter’s qualitative work in 2008.

Malta received two international awards for its first year of participation:

- 📌 The Climate Change Award as Super Award for the article “Tackling Climate Change in the Mediterranean Region” in cooperation with schools in Cyprus and Portugal
- 📌 An Encouragement Award for the picture “Our solar car”



The YRE international coordination presented the programme, as well as the FEE environmental education vision, and the three pillars of the YRE methodology.



“Wasteserv”, sponsor of FEE Malta, gave a presentation of the way to go forward regarding the waste on the island.

Refreshments and goodies were served whilst young reporters mingled together and teachers shared their experience.

Being my first national seminar as international coordinator, this was a whole new experience for me, and I really enjoyed it. Meeting the teachers, the young reporters, and of course the Nature Trust (FEE Malta) staff was wonderful. The sun and warmth of this interesting island, was much appreciated before landing back in snowy Paris!

Sophie Bachet – reporting for the YRE international coordination

UNEP - Global Survey on Sustainable Lifestyles (GSSL)

Sustainable lifestyles are defined as practices and choices, at the individual or collective level, that enable individuals to meet their needs and aspirations with a sense of responsibility towards the present and future generations, taking into account their environmental and social impacts. It does not only mean rethinking the way we organize our everyday life or the way we buy things but also how we interact with others and our surroundings on a daily basis, at a local and global level.

But how do young adults around the world perceive, imagine and shape sustainable lifestyles? How can we build on their experiences, creative ideas, values and aspirations to design and implement policies that support and enable sustainable lifestyles respectful of young people's realities and socio-cultural identities?

These are the main objectives of the **Global Survey on Sustainable Lifestyles (GSSL)**, a joint initiative of the Task Force on Sustainable lifestyles led by Sweden and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as part of the



Marrakech Process on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). It is both aimed at:

- 1) inspiring young adults from all over the world and exploring their views and aspirations with regards to lifestyles and sustainability;
- 2) inspiring policy-makers and other stakeholders in the design for solutions and policies that promote sustainable lifestyles.

The survey's questionnaire targets young adults from 18 to 35 years old and can be accessed online or downloaded at www.unep.fr/gssl in English. It will soon be accessible in Spanish, French, Portuguese and Japanese, with additional languages expected to be available in the forthcoming months.

Through this questionnaire, respondents - students and young professionals - share their experience and expectations in terms of lifestyles as well as their vision of sustainability on a daily level, responding to a series of short video scenarios on food, mobility and energy consumption. The GSSL will show that there is not just one way of sustainable lifestyle, but rather people and communities all around the world are already looking for and coming up with various creative solutions!

The GSSL is also a great partnership opportunity and will be made possible by the participation of universities, NGOs and businesses as well as research partners in all regions of the world (Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, Latin America, North America, and West Asia). The main

Outcome will be the publication of a cross-cultural report on cultural diversity and sustainable lifestyles.

The GSSL is part of the activities developed in the framework of the Marrakech Process on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), a global multi-stakeholder process that aims to elaborate a global framework for action on SCP to support regional and national initiatives. The GSSL has been made possible with the support of the Marrakech Task Force on Sustainable Lifestyles led by Sweden, whose objective is to engage, encourage and enable actions to foster sustainable lifestyles that respect cultural diversity all around the world.

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To know more about the Marrakech Process see:
www.unep.fr/scp/marrakech

About the Task Force on Sustainable Lifestyles led by Sweden:
www.unep.fr/scp/marrakech/taskforces/lifestyles.htm



The Young Reporters for the Environment International Coordination hopes you enjoyed reading this Newsletter, and Wishes you a **Merry Christmas !**