

COMENIUS 2.2 WORKSHOP

Scientific Thinking In (Pre)Primary School Settings (STIPPS)

Alternative strategies for Science teaching in Primary and Pre-Primary Schools

30 November 2008 – 6 December 2008

PROGRAM

Day 1: Sunday 30th November 2008

Arrival and welcome

Day 2 Monday 1st December

Morning

Introductions and salutations (games for ice breaking)

Presentations on the educational contexts of the participants' countries

Expectations of participants

Afternoon

Presentation of STIPPS model (aim 1)

Group work: share effective classroom practise in science teaching from their own educational settings (aims 3 & 4)

Day 3 Tuesday 2nd December

Morning

Visit to French schools for lesson observations (aim 5)

Discussions with teachers from the schools (aims 5 & 6)

Lunch in the schools

Afternoon

Presentation of their experiences, critical reflection on their observations and experiences and effective pedagogies in science (aim 3 & 6)

Day 4 Wednesday 3rd December

Morning

Practical workshops exemplifying each pillar of the STIPPS model and exploring how to incorporate the model into the professional practice of the participants (aim 1,2 & 3)

Afternoon

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Day 5 Thursday 4th December

Morning

Using science museums as a resource for learning and teaching;

Visit to “Musée du Fer” (aim 6)

Undertake a task in the museum related to the STIPPS model

Afternoon:

Using the STIPPS resources to design continuous professional development (aim 2)

Day 6 Friday 5th December

Morning:

Building networks and establishing links (aim 7)

Afternoon:

Individual and group reflections - Own critics

What they have learnt

Evaluation of the course

Planning next steps and future impact evaluation

Day 7 Saturday 6th December

Departure

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