

PE in Luxembourg – National Update February 2008

(1) Project „C-Sports“

In classical secondary school (“Gymnasium”), the pedagogical project “C-Sports”, consisting in the development of a section with PE as a main subject beside the natural sciences and mathematics, will start in September 2008 in the 11th class in one secondary school in Luxembourg. This project, which the APEP has been waiting for over 30 years to be launched, consists mainly in the following:

- In the 11th, the 12th and the 13th class of classical secondary school, PE will have up to six weekly lessons.
- PE lessons consist in both practical and theoretical lessons, whereas the theoretical lessons can be of an interdisciplinary character.
- The main aim of the section “C-Sport” is to prepare students for their further formation in social professions, like i. e. social educators or elementary school teachers.

(2) Education of Elementary School Teachers

The education of elementary school teachers continues to be a main concern of the APEP (cf. National Update October 2007 in “Ghent Minutes”). Since October 2007, the APEP tries to put pressure on the concerned departments of government: a parliamentary question was elaborated by a deputy, but the answer given by the government was quite disappointing and wasn’t a step in the right direction at all. At this moment, both spoken and written press organs are currently treating this subject and bring it to the great public. So this is certainly an affair which is going to be continued...

(3) New Curriculum

The elaboration of a new PE Curriculum, which will be officialised in September 2009, will come to a first provisional version in June 2008. Several secondary schools will have the opportunity to try to work with the new curriculum in a project phase in school year 2008/2009. The main aim of the new curriculum is the introduction of minimal output-standards in six areas of competences related to movement:

- "Health and perception" competences
- "Social and integrative" competences
- "Skill and Performance" competences
- "Play and opposition" competences
- "Creation and presentation" competences
- "Venture and experience" competences

Several regional meetings will be held in the near future to guarantee the implementation of the new curriculum.

(4) Sports school

The creation of an independent sports school at the national sports centre (I.N.S.) must be considered as a success. The currently provisional installations will be replaced by a definitive structure in the next years.

(5) PE lessons in the 7th class

The newest PISA-Results have turned to the conclusion made by the government that science education has to be promoted in the near future in Luxembourg. Therefore, in the 7th class, the first class in secondary school, the natural sciences will have more lessons, so that other subjects will have to loose lessons. In this concern, it must be considered as an immense success for PE that the number

of PE lessons will not be touched and continues to have three weekly lessons!

(6) 50th anniversary of the APEP

Finally, the APEP is going to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2009. The different ceremonies will be planned in the next months. In this matter, the idea of organizing a EUPEA board meeting or forum meeting next year in Luxembourg has been discussed.

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