

WORLD SCHOOL FORUM

Where We Stand As One

2011

Activities of the Forum

The first debating day at ITC started with a discussion aimed at raising awareness about all the activities they were all going to be involved in. During the opening ceremony, took place right after that the Headmaster, Ms Nadia Cattaneo, and the WS Director, Daryoosh Matsudaira, thanked everyone for being there. Then, on stage some officials and sponsors took their turn and welcomed the delegations: Ms Ruffinelli, the Lombardy Regional Council representative, Mr Bonfanti, the Varese Province counselor for education, Mr Veronelli, Chairman of the Malpensa Rotary Club, Mr Comerio, Vice President of "Noi del Tosi" (ITC Alumni Association), Mr Turcato, Head of the UNICEF Department in Varese, Mr. Roberto Borgo, SEA Airport Representative, Mr Farioli, Busto Arsizio Mayor. The ceremony ended with the introduction of every delegation involved in WSF.



On Thursday, a trip to Ispra was scheduled. The delegations visited the Medieval monastery of S. Caterina del Sasso, from where they admired the wonderful view of the lake Maggiore. After that visit the WS group moved to the Joint Research Centre in

Ispra, a Directorate-General of the European Commission, where they attended a conference about "Global Disasters" held by JRC experts. They also visited the Institute for Energy and Transport, and Vehicle Emissions Laboratories. After dinner the delegations performed at the Teatro Manzoni in front of a large audience.



On Friday the students devoted to their speeches and seminars. Moreover every delegation put up their own booth where they displayed photos, brochures, giveaways about their country's traditions and their school life. In the afternoon the Busto Arsizio mayor met up with some delegation representatives in the Council Hall. They were given a DVD about Artistic landmarks in Busto Arsizio so they will keep a nice memory of the town.

After dinner an alumni Mr Marco Boldrini gave a talk about the world energy policies and alternative energy sources.

Interviews

Samuel Johannes Pattina Sarane
Student, Sma Kanisius, Jakarta
(Indonesia)



Q.: What's your first impression about the family?

A.: The first impression about the family is very positive. I like living with Italian people, they are very friendly.

Q: How do you think

this experience will influence you?

A: Whenever I live in an international community, it will be easier for me to talk to people from various countries and with a different culture.

Q: During the discussion, as in every activity, you have to work in group. How do you manage it? Is it difficult?

A: In a group there are people who don't speak, but I think it's important to listen to the other opinions. Luckily I think I'm able to express my thought.

Marian Rosenstiel
Seminar Coordinator, Kanto High School,
Tokyo, (Japan)



Q: In your opinion in which way are the students taking part in the activities?

A: In a very positive way, even if I gave them very difficult tasks and with little instructions, they have a serious

behavior listening to each other.

Q: Why are the students so interested in the WSF?

A: I think that one of the main things they are interested in is the fact they are together.

Q: Do you think that the students were interested in the conference last night?

A: Yes, absolutely. They were really attentive, not only because the topic of the meeting was very interesting, but also because the speaker, Mr Marco Boldrini, was young and very dynamic, so he involved the students.

Gianina Artenie
Teacher, Costache Negruzzi High School,
Iasi, (Romania)

Q: Do you think your students will have an active role in the debate and in the WSF?



A: Yes, I have just checked my student's works and I've seen that they are working on good ideas.

Q: How do you think this experience will influence the outlook of your

students and yours?

A: Firstly developing their communicating skills; secondly improving their language skills; thirdly learning to be able to argue their opinions and finally learning new things and issues about energy. Regarding my outlook, it's interesting to compare my experience as a teacher with colleagues from all over the world.

Notable seismologists

Emilia Koivisto (Finland)



She is currently working as a seismologist at the Institute of Seismology, University of Helsinki, Finland, and an expert on the use of seismic methods based on mineral exploration in hardrock environments. Her research, in collaboration with Rice University, Houston, USA, also includes quantification of plate motion.

Bhavani Mishra (India)



He has a long standing experience in analyzing seismic data on model building and developing Analysis software. He is currently working with Shell

India as a production seismologist.

Giuseppe Mercalli (Italy)



Giuseppe Mercalli (May, 1850 - March, 1914) was an Italian volcanologist. He is remembered today for his earthquake measuring scale, which is still largely

used today. The Mercalli scale, which has been widely used in earthquake engineering, gives a rating from I to XII, where I is felt only by a very few and XII has near total damage, few or no masonry structures remain standing, and objects are thrown into the air.

The Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (Macao)



The Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau is a department of the Macao Government. The Bureau is made up of the most experienced seismologists and scientists. The service provides weather forecasts and issues warnings on weather-related emergencies. It also provides geophysical services to the general public and businesses.

Michelle Grobbellaar (South Africa)



She is currently working as a Seismologist at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. She has been working for the Seismology

Unit of the Council for Geoscience since 1997. She is participating in the CGS projects covering the micro-seismic monitoring around sensitive structures, managing the CGS side of projects to upgrade the seismograph networks in other countries.

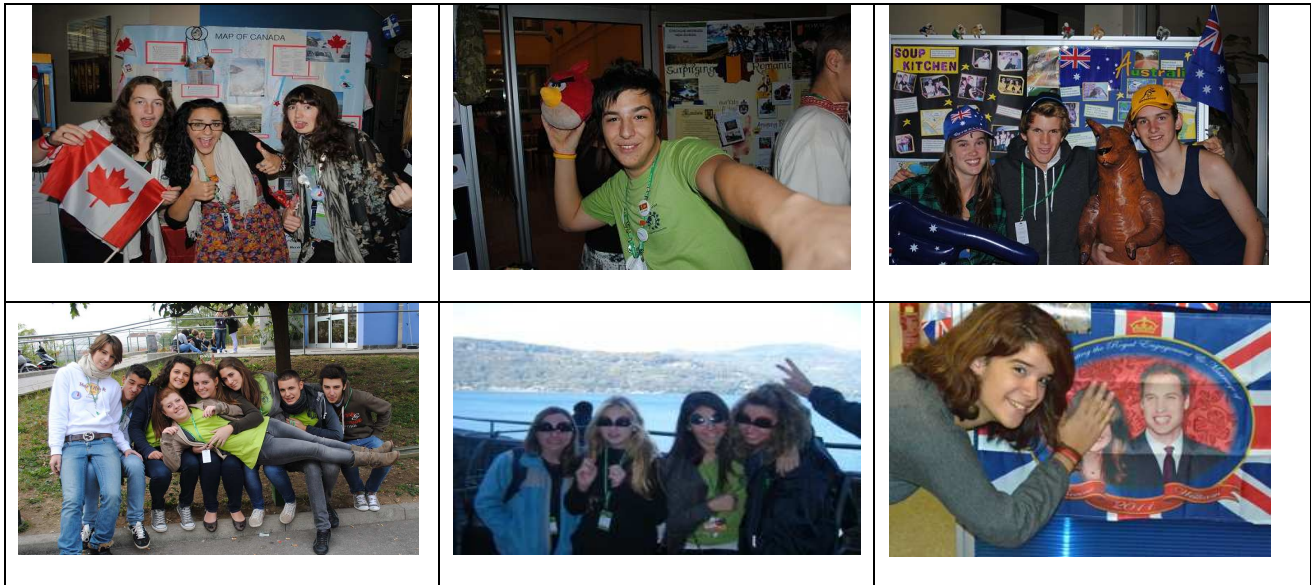
Mustafa Erdik (Turkey)



Mustafa Erdik is a Professor of Earthquake Engineering and Chairman of the Department of Earthquake

Engineering at Bogazici University and Earthquake Research Institute, Istanbul, Turkey. He is a member of the International Strong Motion Arrays Committee, of the Commission on Strong Motion Seismology, of the Working Commission W73 on Natural Disaster Reduction.

Funny situations



Time for a laugh!

<i>Cina</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>South Korea</i>	<i>USA</i>
A white bear has never seen a panda before. One day he sees a panda and he is shocked. The panda says : "Look at the sun today, that's why I have to wear sunglasses!".	It's the story of a man who enters a <i>café</i> and... splash!	How do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back? A chopstick.	A foolish person went to a job interview and the interviewer asked him: "What does your father do?". "He's waiting outside".	Do you know why in Montreal they eat only one egg for breakfast? Because one is un oeuf (enough).

Credits

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