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UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme

Progress report

Period of activity: 2007-2008

UNESCO Chair on Education for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace

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I. Activities

1. Academic activities

Education

- One semester-length academic course on Education for Human Rights and Peace (spring semester 2008), for undergraduate students of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. The Programme is an Interfaculty and Interdisciplinary course on Education for Human Rights and Peace, entitled: *“Contemporary World Problems and the Scientist’s Responsibility: An Interdisciplinary Approach”*.

2. Conferences/Congresses/Meetings

- Round Table held on “The Dynamics of Human Rights”, February 27th, 2008.
- Round Table held on “Children’s rights: violations and protection. International Conventions and actions in the field,” with the collaboration of the National Greek Committee of UNICEF, April 4th, 2008.
- Participation in a meeting on “Human Rights and the Children’s Right to Education,” May 13th, 2008.
- Organisation of the “European Student Meeting towards a Culture of Peace” within the framework of the European Union Programme EUROTEENS (Young European Solidarity - YES), June 13th, 2008.
- Conference entitled “Immigrants in Greece: Realities and Perspectives,” December 18th, 2008.

II. Impact

All events organized by the UNESCO Chair during 2008, as well as the lectures that took place within the framework of the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of

Human Rights, were aimed at informing and sensitizing students, professors and the public opinion on Human Rights.

The UNESCO Chair initiated cooperation with the School of Modern Greek Language of the University of Thessaloniki. This academic unit of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki teaches Greek-as-a-second-language to foreigners. Most of them are candidates (at both undergraduate and postgraduate level) of the University of Thessaloniki. Every year, almost 1500 students, coming from more than 70 countries, study at the school.

The aim of the UNESCO Chair's cooperation with the School of Modern Greek Language is the production of teaching materials on issues of human rights, education for human rights, intercultural dialogue and a number of other issues in order to sensitize students on the values and ideals of UNESCO.