



Forest Pedagogic and Environmental Education - The PAWS-MED experience - International Conference on Forest Pedagogic in the Mediterranean region

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PAWS-MED First experiences in Cyprus

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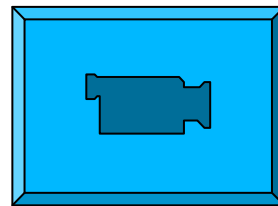
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Paperwork, paperwork, paperwork..... Gmunden Austria 2010 Training of the multipliers



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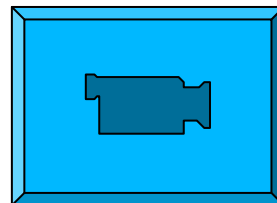




Next stage was the training of foresters
and teachers from the multipliers

9 Foresters and 2 Teachers
participated

3 full Days theoretical and practical
training



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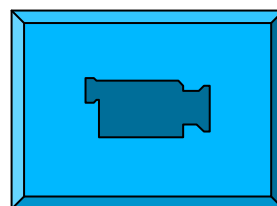
Several guided tours took place during the last months with satisfactory results

- Primary Schools
- Secondary schools
- College and University students



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November 23, 2010

Dear Mr. Savvas and Mr. Alecos:

I would like to thank you for the beautiful experience in the forest that we had taken. The fresh air and the escape from the school were excellent. You were very polite and creative. The tea and the idea with our names on pieces of wood were great.

All of the things there, were very good but the best thing that activities in the forest was the "lynx". Also, about trees. I learned about a tree and I learned about nature.

Everything was time there and those trips that I have enjoyed you again for all. Sincerely,

Stefanos Demetriou

Dear Mr. Savva,

My name is Anni and I'm from the American Academy Nicosia. I'm writing to you to thank you for the great time we spent with you and the rest of the people that helped us with the activities.

I really liked the games we did, my favourite one was the blind-folding game in which we had to find our tree. I also really enjoyed and I felt very helpful and useful to the forest when we plant our own tree.

I would like to come and visit you again and learn more about the trees and how we can help them.

Your sincerely,

Anni Baranska

year 7G

Nov 28 2010

Dear Mr. Savvas and Mr. Alecos:

The reason that I am writing this letter to you is to say thank you for making the day fun for us and accepting us.

I liked all the activities that we did. But my top three games were the ring and the stamp to

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PROMODOS POEM

The smell of the forest was like medicine to my school. As I walked I smelt the pine, As I smelt the trees, I observed.

Promodos looked green and blue because there was so, so light. The air was soft, the trunk was hard because it was so and so damp.

We dug a hole so, so deep, to plant the tree so, so high, The day was amazing without the school. Promodos was so, so cool.



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Findings and points to consider for the future of forest pedagogy in Mediterranean region and especially in Cyprus:

- Initial objectives of the PAWS Med program have been **fulfilled** in Cyprus.
- **Inadequate pedagogical background** of the foresters was observed
- The participants were familiar with forest but **not** with such kind of activities.



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- Foresters carrying pedagogical activities should be **very well trained and able to remodeling their program** since the weather or other unpredictable factors can affect the initial program.
- Best Dissemination method and Marketing strategy for forest pedagogy is the **participation in Forest Activities**.
- **Activities based on blinded eyes were the most interesting** for the foresters and afterwards for almost all the groups participate in guided tours.
- Activities increasing the **knowledge about forests and the need of their protection**.



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- **Forest fires activities** were very difficult in the summer months
- **Totally different approaches** are needed for the **different target groups**
- In the future guided tours will be organized for **teachers, journalists and decision makers**
- **Closer cooperation** between the Department of Forests and Schools is expected due to raise of awareness of the teachers especially for the need of Protection of Forests
- Our purpose as a Department of Forests is to offer all activities **free of charge**



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Thank you for your attention

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