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2012-13 VIRTUAL E-CLASS COMMUNITY project awards

The “Virtual e-Class Community” project (VeC) was carried out successfully for a second consecutive year in 2012-13. Twenty-four (24) Greek school classes taking English, French or German as a foreign language collaborated with an equal number of classes from different schools in other European countries, including Bulgaria, France, Poland, Romania, Spain and Turkey to complete a VeC project. The e-products have been uploaded on the VeC blog and will also be available soon on <http://rcel.enl.uoa.gr/virtualclass>. Project work has now been evaluated by teams of university professors, FLT specialists and ICT experts, and the results are as follows:

1st prize:

Awarded to the fifth grade class of the 2nd *Experimental Primary School of Excellence in Rhodes* that collaborated in English with an equivalent class of students the *SCOALA CU CLASELE I-VIII NR.17 in BOTOSANI, Romania*, under the supervision and support of their teachers Vassiliki Oikonomidou and Popa Loredana to produce an e-book on: “The myths, stories and storytellers of our country”.

2nd prize:

(a) Awarded to the ninth grade class of the *Experimental High School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki* that collaborated in French with an equivalent class of students from *Lycée Théorique Lupeni in Romania*, under the supervision and support of their teachers Eurydice Papagianni and Maria Carlugea to produce an e-book on: «Mythes contes-et-conteurs-de-mon-pays». The award is shared with:

(b) The fifth grade class of the 3rd *Experimental Primary School of Excellence of Evosmos-Thessaloniki* that collaborated in English with an equivalent class of students from *Collège le Pont de Moine in Nantes, France*, under the supervision and support of their teachers Ioanna Ziaka & Thomas Zapounidis and Julie Zakrawacz to produce an e-book on “Having Fun with Culture”.

3rd prize

(a) Awarded to the ninth grade class of the *Experimental High School of Excellence of Zossimaia* in Ioannina that collaborated in German with an equivalent class of students from *Gimnazjum nr 1 – Złocieniec in Poland*, under the supervision and support of their teachers Eleni Gadri and Katarzyna Hejłasz to produce an e-book on: «Die Musik - die Wörter - die uns verbindet». The award is shared with:

(b) The eighth grade class of the *Experimental High School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki* that collaborated in English with an equivalent class of students from *Ağrı Öğretmenler High School in Ağrı, Turkey*, under the supervision and support of their teachers Maria Politou and ÇEVİK Elif to produce an e-book on: “Music and words that connect our cultures.”

Honourable mention to:

- 1) The eighth grade class of the *Anatoliko High School in Ptolemaida* that collaborated in French with an equivalent class of students from *Colegiul Tehnic “Ion Borcea” in*

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Buhutņși, Romania, under the supervision and support of their teachers Athina Varsamidou and Andrei Oana-Maria to produce an e-book on: “La musique qui nous unit.”

- 2) The sixth grade class of the 1st *Experimental Primary School of Excellence of Rhodes*, whose students collaborated in English with an equivalent class of students from *Hristo Smirnenski Primary School Rakovski in Bulgaria*, under the supervision and support of their teachers Elisabeth Diakomanoli and Deyana Peykova to produce an e-book on: «Music and words that connect our cultures».
- 3) The seventh grade class of the *Experimental High School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki* whose students collaborated in English with an equivalent class of students from *KEÇİÖREN ANATOLIA HIGH SCHOOL in Ankara, Turkey*, under the supervision and support of their teachers Katerina Adamidou and Nilgul Celik to produce an e-book on: «Music and words that bring us together».

Honourable mention also to the following schools for promoting the key principles of VeC: motivating and involving in the project different classes and languages, thus raising the school population’s awareness of the importance of intercultural communication.

- 1) *The Experimental High School of Excellence of Zossimaia School in Ioannina*, directed by Erasmia Zavitsanou, which participated in VeC with 4 classes of students working in English, French and German.
- 2) *The Experimental High School of Excellence of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*, directed by Konstantinos Koukoulas, which participated in VeC with 4 classes working in English and French.
- 3) *The 1st Experimental High School of Excellence of Thessaloniki*, directed by Harikleia Tounousidou, which participated in VeC with 2 classes working in French and German.
- 4) *The Experimental High School of Excellence of Anavryta*, directed by Sofia Geladaki, which participated in VeC with 2 sections with 2 classes working in French and German.

Special praise to each of the following teachers as an acknowledgement of their special contribution to VeC by promoting the project in Greece and abroad.

1. Johanna Hardaloupa, teacher of German at the Model Experimental High School of Excellence of the University of Patras
2. Athina Varsamidou, teacher of French at the High School of Anatoliko Ptolemaidas

During the school year 2012-13 there was a small number of classes from the Greek schools that participated in VeC but ended up working alone due to the failure of the partner class to complete the work they had undertaken. Though they produced high quality work, they could not be considered for VeC awards as they do not fulfill VeC’s basic criterion: collaboration between classes in two countries.

All awards will be announced and presented during a special ceremony at the University of Athens, on 11 November, 2013. Awards to VeC winners in other countries will be posted in due course.

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