

Proposal for a “European Network of High School Teachers” (ENHST)

Dear colleagues,

I am an Italian high school science teacher involved in some didactic projects of molecular genetics and biology

In 2008 I was contacted by the chairman of the education committee of the European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG) with a request to spread news of the DNA DAY Essay Contest in among high school teachers and students in Italy.

In the meantime, because of my interest and passion for science and mainly for genetics, two years ago I started a doctorate course (PhD) in genetics at the University of Genoa. This allowed me to ask for a leave of absence for three years from my teaching duties and work full time as PhD student on research. My research project is focused on setting up new didactic tools suitable for a student classrooms working in strict collaboration with a group of teachers.

This year I would like to ask you, European teachers involved in the DNA DAY contest, if you are interested in building up a European network where we can meet, exchange our experiences, suggest new initiatives, establish helpful collaborations with geneticists of our countries linked to ESHG and together find ways to promote a culture of biology among students and young people.

I have presented a summary of my work in a previous ESHG meeting and attached is my poster to let you know what I am doing in my city.

We could start working using e-mail (beatrice.zanini@alice.it) and try to fix a first reunion during the ESHG meeting that will be held Nurnberg, Germany, June 23-26, 2012. I hope to have an enthusiastic answer from all of you,

Best regards

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