

Student Conference

Baia-Mare, Romania
4-7 March, 1999



"The conference was a very useful experience for me: I have learnt to speak to an audience but also to listen to other colleagues' points of view; last but not least, I have learnt to be punctual."

"This conference gave me the opportunity to learn how to write a good paper and how to develop my communications skills. I came to realize that if you don't overcome it, shyness can be real hindrance."

Beyond Teaching

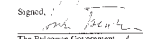
ON THE COUNTRY LEVEL


In March 1999 CEP-Bulgaria organized a two-day Negotiation Seminar which discussed an acute problem not only for the Bulgarian society, but for the international community – the future existence of the Kozloduy Atomic Power Plant. Most of its reactors are too old, but this power plant supplies almost 40% of Bulgaria's electric energy...

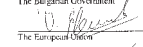
The students were divided in teams, representing five parts in the real negotiations about Kozloduy – the Bulgarian Government, the European

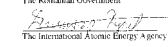
Agreement

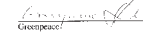
1. The European Union will give the Bulgarian Government a long term credit for the closure of the first and second reactors by the year of 2000.
2. The European Union will create the Bulgarian Government for the closing of the third and fourth reactors by 2005.
3. The European Union will credit the building of the infrastructure for the transportation and distribution of electricity and gasification of thermal power stations.
4. Bulgaria will be included in the European Energy system.
5. Bulgaria will not build new nuclear reactors.
6. The European Union will continue negotiations for the Bulgarian Government entry into the European Union.
7. The technical support of the United Nations Development Program will be incorporated by creating an independent team of Bulgarian experts paid by the European Union.
8. The International Atomic Energy Agency will be the observing party on the issue of complying with international safety standards both for the operating and the shut-down reactors.
9. Inspections will be carried out regularly every two years.
10. The International Atomic Energy Agency will be responsible for the instruction of the Atomic Power Station staff for proper operating and maintenance of the power plant.
11. The Bulgarian Government will provide new safe storage facilities for radioactive waste.
12. The Bulgarian Government will provide for educational programs for nuclear safety and threat in schools.
13. The Bulgarian Government will provide for access to information for the population on the issue of Kozloduy Atomic Power Station and nuclear threat.

Signed: 
The Bulgarian Government


The Romanian Government


The European Union


The International Atomic Energy Agency


Greenpeace!



"Are These Young People the Ones Who Decide...?"

The final Agreement is signed by the leaders of all five delegations participating in the Negotiations: (from left to right) Greenpeace, the IAEA, the Romanian Government, the Bulgarian Government and the European Union. In the middle: Ioana Bestiu, the student who greatly facilitated the whole negotiation process and chaired all major negotiation sessions.

Union, the International Atomic Energy Agency, Greenpeace, and the Romanian Government. All participants were very excited and hard working on defending their positions, reaching consensus and signing preliminary agreements with their counterparts. The hottest debates

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CEP Students Monitor Elections in Georgia

Human rights education is a significant focus of CEP activities in Armenia and Georgia this academic year. CEP lecturers addressed students in Yerevan, Tbilisi and in Georgia's second city, Kutaisi, on the subject of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UNDHR). In addition, CEP lecturers have worked with local and international human rights NGOs to bring in guest speakers and involve students in these organizations' activities.

The highlight of these activities came with Georgia's first local elections held in

November 1998. Article 21 of the UNDHR states that "[t]he will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections..."; several CEP students had a chance to directly promote respect for this article. Georgia lecturers JENNIFER SHEA, CHRISTOPH STEFES and CHRISTOPHER WATERS were asked to monitor the elections under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the National

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