

I.S.L.E. Network Newsletter

Innovation in the Teaching of Sustainable Development in Life Sciences in Europe.

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Editor's Corner

The 4th I.S.L.E. Network newsletter is now available! The newsletter will provide updates on news and events related to the project and the teaching of Sustainable Development around Europe.

This issue features the main outcomes of the 5th project meeting that took place at the Harper Adams University College (Newport - Shropshire, UK) from 23 to 28 April 2012 on the theme of "Exploitation".

This issue also refers to the 6th I.S.L.E meeting that will take place at the University of Maribor in Slovenia during 11-15 March 2013 on the theme of "Innovation practices".

Resource highlight

Watch this short animated movie on the four sustainability principles and core concepts of "The Natural Step Framework" created for Real Eyes by Igloo Animations.

View online at: <http://bit.ly/a8KWhD>.

I.S.L.E. Network News

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I.S.L.E. Network on Facebook

Join our Facebook page, to stay tuned with all the latest news from I.S.L.E., as well as related news on Sustainable Development. Click [here](#) to join!

I.S.L.E. on Twitter

Look for the I.S.L.E. Network Twitter channel, to get all the updates from project events, outcomes and interesting news related to Sustainable Development. Click [here](#) to follow the I.S.L.E. Network!

I.S.L.E. Network on Flickr

Find photos from the I.S.L.E. Network project meetings and partners, by searching within Flickr.com, using the "I.S.L.E. Network" tag. To see the results, click [here](#)!



I.S.L.E. 5th Project Meeting



The 5th I.S.L.E. Project Meeting on the theme of "Exploitation" was held at Harper Adams University College (Newport - Shropshire, UK) from the 23rd until the 27th (or 28th, for those who participated in the field trip) of April 2012. In the meeting, members from almost all the networked institutions took part and discussed issues of the network.



I.S.L.E. meets the ISKME Team



The I.S.L.E. Erasmus Network followed the [Action Collab](#) approach during the 5th project meeting. The two-day event aimed to engage all project partners in a set of improvisational exercises specifically designed to encourage expansive thought and accelerate meaningful collaboration.

The event was facilitated by the [ISKME](#) (Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education) Action Collab team, Samantha Wayne and Megan Simmons. The participants were split in two groups (blue and orange), which focused on different aspects of the application of the I.S.L.E. Network's outcomes. More information are available [here](#).



Upcoming: 6th I.S.L.E project meeting

The 6th I.S.L.E meeting will take place at the University of Maribor in Slovenia from 11th to 15th March 2013 on the theme of "Innovation practices".



It will be an opportunity for the consortium members to discuss on the progress and outcomes of the project so far, based on the previous "Exploitation" and "Professionalization" meetings, which provided significant feedback to the partners. This meeting will enable the consortium partners to discuss about Innovation Practices and the way that these may be implemented in the project's context. Dr. Vesna Weingerl will be the host of the upcoming 6th I.S.L.E. meeting that will take place in the University of Maribor in Slovenia from 11-15th March 2013.

I.S.L.E. Association

The I.S.L.E. Association was created in June 2012 during the 5th I.S.L.E consortium meeting at Harper Adams University College in the United Kingdom.

Association for Innovation, Teaching and Promoting Sustainable Development in Life Sciences, Applied Sciences and Social Sciences in Europe and worldwide.

I.S.L.E. Association runs parallel to the I.S.L.E. project and aims to:

- Create and maintain a network of European universities and non-European research institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations, businesses, other organizations or individuals involved in the implementation of sustainable development and its promotion in their activities.
- Develop and implement activities related to the I.S.L.E European project No. 177267-LLP-1-2010-1-FR-ERASMUS-ENWA.
- Create geographic areas with a delegate to promote development of regional activities:
 - Eastern Europe,
 - Western Europe,
 - Western Balkans,
 - Africa,
 - Latin America,
 - Central America,
 - North America,
 - Asia and Australasia.
- Organize conferences, topical meetings, seminars, etc.
- Create and disseminate knowledge through books, written documents or periodicals, educational materials, websites or other digital means including designing and maintaining a distance learning platform.
- Prepare expert advice, and carry out technical or scientific missions.



The Committee implements the decisions voted by the Administrative Board and ensures the functioning and the administration of the association:

<u>President:</u>	Corinne Stewart, France
<u>2 Vice-Presidents:</u>	
<u>Internal affairs:</u>	Cristina Chunha-Queda, Portugal
<u>External affairs :</u>	Jannie Van der Luit, Netherlands
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Emilio Chiodo, Italy
<u>Secretary:</u>	Jean-Pierre Lemièrre, France
<u>2 delegates:</u>	
<u>Publications:</u>	Nidal Shaban, Bulgaria
<u>Logistics:</u>	Adrian Bugeja-Douglas, Malta

For more information and to join the I.S.L.E. Association, please send an e-mail to: isleassociation@gmail.com.

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Related events

Sustainability 9th International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic & Social Sustainability, 23-25 January 2013, Hiroshima, Japan

The conference will be held 23 - 25 January 2013 at the International Conference Center Hiroshima, Hiroshima, Japan. This interdisciplinary conference is for scholars, teachers and practitioners from any professional discipline who share an interest in and concern for sustainability in an holistic perspective, where environmental, cultural, economic and social concerns intersect.

More information about the conference available at <http://bit.ly/V7STFI>.

ICEESD 2013 : International Conference on Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, January 30-31, 2013

The XXXIV International Conference on Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development main aims are the exchange and the sharing of experiences and research results about all aspects of Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development by leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars, as well as the discussion of the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted.

More information about the conference available at <http://bit.ly/T4XmG9>.

I.S.L.E. in the IFOOD newsletter



An article about I.S.L.E. Erasmus Network has been published in the newsletter of ISEKI Food Association with a brief description of the ISLE Erasmus Network and its activities, an outline of the ISLE Association aims and activities, as well as reference to future I.S.L.E. meetings and seminars. ISEKI Food Association is an independent European non-profit organisation, established in 2005 by university professors, research institutes, companies, associations related to food, as an outcome of 10 years of Thematic Network activities. Its members are individual persons or companies from all over the world.

New Facebook page of I.S.L.E. project!

The I.S.L.E. has now a new Facebook page! In the new Facebook page of I.S.L.E., you can be informed about I.S.L.E. project news, as well as interested news, publications and upcoming events, like international workshops and international conferences on sustainable development, education and life sciences.

Feel free to visit and like the I.S.L.E.'s new Facebook page [here!](#)



Revised project website

After some changes, the revised I.S.L.E. website is now ready! Some of the major changes has been done in the I.S.L.E. Association part of the website, where new features have been added for the registered users, which are the I.S.L.E. Association Members. As regards the ISLE project website, it provides direct access to dynamic content from Facebook, Twitter and flickr.



You can now visit the revised I.S.L.E. website at the following link: <http://isle-project.eu/>.

Paper presented in SPDECE 2012 about I.S.L.E.

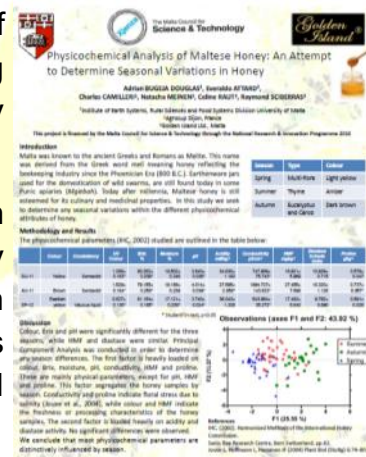


A paper was presented in SPDECE 2012 - Multidisciplinary symposium with the following title “Innovation in the Teaching of Sustainable Development in Europe: The Case of ISLE Erasmus Network” on the design and evaluation of digital content for education about the ISLE project.

The paper focused on the case study of I.S.L.E., describing I.S.L.E., explaining its aims and goals, introducing the term Sustainable Development and describing its presence in Higher education. The authors of this paper are Vassilis Protonotarios, Andreas Ktrakilis, Giannis Stoitsis and Yiannis Psochios (Agro-Know Technologies), Emilio Chiodo (University of Teramo), Pedro Aguado (Universidad de Leónescuela Superior y Tecnica de Ingenieria Agraria) and Christina Armutlieva (International University College).

Poster on agricultural products' scientific evaluation towards sustainability

Dr. Everaldo Attard and Mr. Adrian Bugeja-Douglas, from the University of Malta, presented at the 2nd Conference on Bee Products at Portugal during September 2012 a poster highlighting the separation of eighty Maltese honey samples by the three main honey seasons.



The research group includes also two students from AgroSup in Dijon (France), namely Ms. Natacha Meinen and Ms. Celine Raut, a laboratory officer from the University of Malta, Mr. Charles Camilleri and the director of a local company 'Honey and More', Mr. Raymond Sciberras. This research is part of a national project funded by the Malta Council for Science and Technology.

I.S.L.E. steering committee meeting



The I.S.L.E. steering committee meeting took place between December 4-7, 2012 in Tartu, Estonia. It was hosted by the Estonian University of Life Sciences (EULS).

The meeting had three main objectives:

1. To finalize the I.S.L.E. work packages
2. To work on the proposal for the I.S.L.E. 2 Erasmus network
3. To discuss new and innovative strategies to include into the I.S.L.E. Association.

I.S.L.E. Network



The I.S.L.E. Erasmus Academic network involves Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Research institutes and enterprises from 32 European countries, interested in introducing the concept of Sustainable Development (SD) in their curricula and/or institutions having had experience in this area and who are willing to transmit their know-how on this subject.

The main objectives of the I.S.L.E. network is to identify innovative methodologies and didactic tools for teaching of SD, with particular focus on studies at life sciences universities in Europe, and beyond. The outcomes should enhance the attractiveness and the effectiveness of the teaching of sustainability at all levels of studies, in transverse, crosscutting or even trans-disciplinary subject areas.

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