



Galess Newsletter

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Challenge 2021-22 MEDI-CALL



Who doesn't remember the enormous success of Galess Tiltshift Medi-Call which started in September 2021 and had its closure at the 1st of April 2022. It is still unbelievable how 25 student-teams from 24 different countries managed to do their research and write their extensive reports on COVID-19 all during the period in which the pandemic had taken its most extreme form. Impossible to meet their fellow-students physically to exchange their findings and learn more about each other's countries and cultures, all students had to take up the gauntlet within their own school-environment.

The research was based on two vital questions concerning COVID.

- Is the Covid patient more important than the non-Covid patient?
- Will releasing patents save millions of lives or destroy the incentive to stop new Covid variants?

And what outcome did we get? Fantastic reports were read by the jurors who were so impressed that all had to be assembled in one large document: a book titled *Tiltshift March 2022: Medi-Call*.

By means of this Newsletter we wish to thank all students involved, together with their supporting teachers, for making this challenge such a huge success.



And then ... the ultimate GRATIFICATION



On August 18, 2022, the Dutch minister Kuipers of Health, Welfare & Sports, received a first copy of the book *TiltShift March 2022 Medi Call* (25 research-reports from 24 schools from all over the world) from a delegation of students, teachers and guiding GALESS team during an official session at the Ministry of VWS in the Hague.

Our representative student-team from Alsdorf Gymnasium (Germany) and Collegi Mare de Déu del Carme (Spain), was pleasantly surprised about the relaxing welcome, the genuine interest and the serious questions of the minister connected to their research-work!



Mr. Kuipers' comments on his Instagram-account:

Corona has turned the lives of young people around the world upside down. That's why it is so important that these young people talk and think about it. It's about their future, after all.

I have just met a few secondary school students from Spain and Germany, who by way of GALESS (Global Alliance of Leading Edge Schools for Sustainability) have done research based on complex dilemmas concerning Corona. The students came to me to present the research reports from 24 school teams from all over the world. The students I have spoken to, came with lots of interesting insights. Therefore I will read the report with great interest!



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Sitges Conference



On August 26th and 27th, 2022 a broad representation of school-delegates and GALESS staff-members took part in the strategic meeting in Sitges, Spain. The meeting was hosted by Collegi Mare de Déu del Carme from Terrassa.

Intensive discussion regarding the items below was shared by the colleagues around the table as well as by the participants in a virtual Zoom-connection.

These 4 questions determined the focus of this weekend:

- How do educators raise more awareness at their schools concerning human responsibility of living together in today's world?
- Looking back at the Tiltshift Medi-Call, what are the advantages and disadvantages of virtual challenges?
- When, where and how can we organize the next conferences?
- How can we help schools organize and realize physical conferences.



The outcome was a very positive one. Two new conference organizers came forward with a concrete conference proposal for 2023. The GALESS team would like to proceed with pre-discussion meetings concept once a year to make future plans.



In this perspective a new meeting has already been planned in Austria in May 2023.



New initiatives in our GALESS network need careful preparation. A lot of considerations - from local as well as international point of view – have to be shared up front. Every new conference organizer participates in a pre-conference preparation schedule, where the GALESS quality concept is discussed and embedded in the implementation process.



To prepare the conference in Boston, the GALESS Board invited the organizing team of Boston to meet each other live in Florida in February 2023. St Stephens Episcopal School in Bradenton kindly offered facilities for this meeting and we thank director Janet Pullen and her team for hosting us at the time.

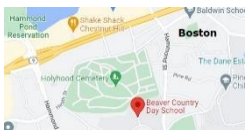


Challenge 2023 ENERGY TRANSITION

Hosted by: Beaver Country Day School (USA) & Kopernik High School (Poland)



Chai Reddy,
director Upper School



BEAVER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL in Boston (USA) will be our first hosting conference partner in March 2023.

Partnership, experience, a sustainable quality approach combined with fast adaptation : to find all these qualities in one person is not easy in our complex school-settings these days. **Chai Reddy**, director of the Upper School department of Beaver Country Day School, however, seems to include them all, offering to organize a face-to-face GALESS conference again after two difficult pandemic years.

Chai Reddy is one of the advisors in our GALESS Advisory Council and involved ever since the start of the GALESS activities. His experience with student-conferences and the connection with the GALESS thematic topics makes him a unique “diamond” in our team! In this perspective his experiences of the last 20 years (see Reddy’s profile on the GALESS website – www.galeess.org -) are infectious motivating for every student connected to his activities!

The Shaka greeting (Chai moved from Hawaii to Boston) has been replaced by “Thumbs Up” these days, but his great love for student-education in any international setting has not changed at all. Preparing and developing student-activities in an international conference week looks so easy together with him. Great respect for this !

Beaver Country Day School will organize the GALESS conference from March 14-21, 2023.

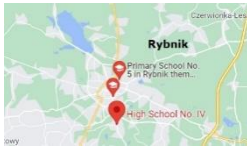


Malgorzata Wrobel
director

KOPERNIK HIGH SCHOOL in Rybnik (Poland) will be our second hosting partner in June 2023.

Malgorzata Wrobel, is the director of Kopernik High School in Rybnik Poland. She’s also a member of the GALESS Advisory Council and a solid supporter of the international ambitions of many of her students. On top of that she now the organizer of the GALESS 2023 Conference at her school.

When you listen to her carefully, every time again, she's so involved and yet too modest when it comes to wondering if her contributions can meet with the requirements of the network. Actually, the “roles” have switched during the last ten years, in that we now ask ourselves if we can really meet up with her quality standards and open-minded contributions...!



During Galess' last meeting in Sitges, August 2022, Mrs Wrobel's presentation, her perseverance and determination related to organize a great conference setting in Poland, convinced us all. In deep admiration!

In June 2023 Kopernik High School will organize a GALESS Conference in Rybnik.



“Medi-Call” also presented at Ministry of Health, Indonesia

In an official presentation of the GALESS TiltShift Medi-Call research-book on October 4, 2022, the minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Budi Gunadi Sadikin, received the book from the hands of the Director of CYS, Mrs. Monika Raharti. Mrs. Raharti represents research-initiatives from students and student-teams of several Indonesian schools, coordinated by CYS (Center of Young Scientists) in Jakarta and Bali.

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Mr Bartosz Sobik will support our 2023 expertise team regarding the subject “Energy Transition” as an extension of our Strategic Task Force.

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