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To the  
Members of the ICP-Congress in Germany

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## **Presentation of school systems**

Dear colleagues,

you have already registered for the ICP world conference in Germany in March. I am looking forward to meet you at the conference and learn about school systems throughout the world.

I am a member of the steering committee in Düsseldorf that organizes the day for the conference on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> in Düsseldorf. On that day one part of the program will be to share as much information about our school systems as possible.

We want to do that in a special way: in “learning carousels”. That method gives most of the conference members the possibility to learn about the other school systems worldwide as much as possible and get into contact with one another in rather small discussion groups.

What is a learning carousel?

Some of the members are asked to give a presentation about the school system in their country for about 20 minutes. That presentation will be given as a “lecture” and can be supported by a visualization (e.g. graphs and/or photos on the pin-board, slides, a power-point-presentation). After that there will be another 20-25 minutes time for discussion with a small group of principles from other countries. That discussion will give everybody the chance to give information about his or her own country’s school system and compare it with what they learned from the presentation. Everybody is invited to bring along informing material about his or her school system to be taken away. Presentation and the following discussion will be in English. If you bring any material, please make sure it is in English, too.

At a time there will be about 7 parallel presentations, because as far as we can see there will be space for so many presentations in the conference room itself and the hall in front of the conference room. After the discussion in the first group everyone is invited to turn to the next “carousel-station” to listen to another presentation and get into a discussion with a new group of people. Altogether there will be three carousel-sessions. So everyone can listen and discuss three different school-systems in comparison to his or her own – except the seven people who do the presentations at the carousel-stations; they are asked to do the same presentation three times. But they have the chance to get into contact with a lot of different people from all over the world and discuss their own system with them and get it “mirrored” from outside.

Of course every person who presents is free to do it the way he or she likes. But there should be some points that are interested at least from the German point of view and I would invite you to give us information about these topics:

- Steering system (autonomy of budget, curriculum, etc.)
- Balance between the levels of school and inspectorate

- Recruiting staff
- School innovation
- System of accountability and evaluation

**The question I want to ask *you* is, if *you* are willing to do a presentation about the school system of your country. I invite you to do it. If you want to, please contact me as soon as possible, because there will be a lot of questions to be answered. My e-mail-address: [sl@gym-elsa-ob.de](mailto:sl@gym-elsa-ob.de)**

It is very important that I get a message from you very soon including your e-mail-adress so that I can contact you soon.

Best wishes

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