E-Bug IMPLEMENTATION, CHALLENGES AND FUTURE IN GREECE

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Involvement in the e-Bug project

☼ The National School of Public Health (NSPH) has been a partner since 2006
☼ Endorsement from Ministry of Education & Ministry of Health has been acquired, but support has been minimal.
☼ Both packs (2100 copies of each pack) were distributed to all regions of the country, through Health Education departments in Primary Health Care Organizations of the Ministry of Education, but promotion was minimal.

Implementation – Presentations, conferences, teacher networks etc:


DECEMBER 2009: RHODES, Greece: Seminar for Elementary and Junior High School Teachers in the Dodecanese Prefecture: Personal Hygiene and Prudent Use of Antibiotics. Park Hotel, Rhodes

SEPTEMBER 2010 – MAY 2010: 2nd Junior High School, Pallini, Greece, example of a year project

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2010: NSPH – PRESENTATIONS of e-Bug TO GRADUATE STUDENTS
2010: STUDENT WEBSITE TRANSLATION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE School of Pedagogical & Technological Education (ASPETE), THE NSPH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

SEPTEMBER 2010: POSTER PRESENTATION (An e-Bug Science Fair) IN THE EMBO-FEBS SPETSES SUMMER SCHOOL: ON HOST-MICROBES INTERACTIONS.


Gennimata et al., Interactive educational resource in hygiene, microorganisms and antibiotic use. A student website.

NOVEMBER 2011: NSPH – PRESENTATION of e-Bug TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

DECEMBER 2011: PRESENTATION AND CARRYING OUT OF STDs SECTION TO THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OF KAMATERO, ATTICA, GREECE

NOVEMBER 2012: NSPH – PRESENTATION of e-Bug TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

APRIL 2013: NSPH – PRESENTATION of e-Bug TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

IN THE BEGINNING OF EVERY SCHOOL YEAR: THE NSPH makes a formal request to THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, in order that the Regional Offices of Health Education are “reminded” of the e-Bug project

THE RESOURCE IS INCORPORATED IN EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES AND SCHOOL WEBSITES:
blogs.sch.gr/matif2/ - 53k
dpe-a-athin.att.sch.gr/html/agodh_ygeias.html - 111k
1dimasr.eduportal.gr/?page_id=2771 - 55k
1dimasr.eduportal.gr/?page_id=14 - 56k
dimotikogallikou.wordpress.com/2012/12/09/ - 81k
dimotikogallikou.wordpress.com/- - 124k
dim-paralimni3-amn.schools.ac.cy/el/links/studentscorner - 74k

Elementary and Junior High School teachers have agreed to bring the development and publication of e-Bug educational resource into discussion among Elementary and Junior High School Teachers Associations, respectively, to promote the educational material and website among their members and the schools, BUT RECESSION OCCURRED

The Department of Pedagogics, School of Pedagogic and Technological Education (ASPAITE), Athens, Greece and the Faculty of the annual “Counselling and Vocational Orientation Certification Programme” for teachers in both primary and secondary schools support our efforts, by agreeing to inform the teachers that attend the course, about the pack and involve them in its implementation, BUT THE PROGRAMME WAS SUSPENDED

The topic “The evaluation of e-Bug as an educational resource in elementary schools”, was assigned to three postgraduate students, as two separate dissertation thesis projects (one at the National School of Public Health (NSPH), and the other at the Department of Pedagogics, School of Pedagogic and Technological Education (ASPAITE), in Greece, BUT ALTHOUGH BOTH THESIS WERE PUBLISHED THERE WAS NO FOLLOW-UP.

Challenges BUT no breakthrough(s)

☼ Extracurricular activity in a dense school curriculum
☼ Low student interest in comparison to other projects (e.g. Ecology, Psychology)
☼ Minimal feedback from schools and lack of health campaigns coordination
☼ Financial difficulties and social instability

The future of e-Bug

☼ Incorporation of the e-Bug website link in more websites (Ministry of Health, Primary Health Care Organization – EOPPY, Ministry of Education)
☼ Incorporation of e-Bug in the school curriculum
☼ Collaboration with Health and Educational Institutions, as key stakeholders