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The 31st meeting of Freinet educators: meetings, exchanges, a unique experience

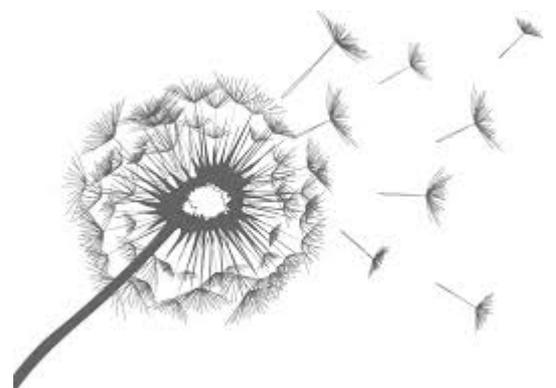
Long workshops, informal meetings, the General Assembly of the FIMEM, grassroots groups were the menu of the day, July 23, 2016.

The participants are entertained and as dessert they go to the intercultural evening.

The success of the day was the responsibility of everyone and shared by all.



With deep sorrow, the organizers of the 2016 RIDEF express their sincere condolences to Mr. Alexis DOSSA and his family, on the demise of his father. Providence will support you in these painful moments.



Interview with Sylviane , candidate for the CA

Why do you want this job?

Well! Because I had a blast working at CA. Since I joined the CA, I discovered lots of beautiful things. It gave me opportunity to contact many people worldwide. I also enjoyed managing the website. It's hard but it's nice, it's very exciting. Moreover, I've always been involved in the defense of children's rights. I've participated in Freinet education since I was very young. Now that I have time, I can put this experience in the service of this cause.



What do you think you can add to the CA of the FIMEM?

I will first tell you what I'm not good at! Unfortunately I've never been able to learn languages properly. This is a great handicap in the group because I do not speak French. I just understand a little English. This is my big problem. That was also my reluctance to join the CA when I was asked before, I refused because of it. And now, as I found myself in an emergency situation where you had to help, I nevertheless agreed to enter. I'm really pleased that I did. It is quite easy since we are all French or all able to speak French. So things move forward relatively quickly.

I think I can bring some rigor, because I feel that it's a mess everywhere! Also, I think I will put order! I would like to succeed and then I'm dynamic enough to do all that. In addition, I am very careful to manage funds in search of savings ... I come from a banker country, remember!

And regarding your skills?

I think I write pretty well, I generally have a good exchange of letters with the movements that contact us. I take the meeting minutes with relative ease. It is I who takes care of the minutes of Skype meetings.

Workshop n°7 – Citizenship in search of a more just society

The work of the second day began with the reading of the previous report. Then the trainer asked each participant to present his country, his city and to explain the various cultural activities in his community.

For the second activity of the day, the instruction was to make a representation of the city with cutting and pasting.

Also trainer WAIDILIA Cordeiro presented TERESINA on the map with panels and albums. She also presented a text on "The citizen and the community Teresinence" that she asked participants to read silently and at the end to answer a few questions.

The work of the day ended with an evaluation of the activities.

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Interview with ÉDOUARD DOHOU, member of the CA

I am a native of southern Benin and now live in Lokossa. I am retired since 3 years ago and I was an elementary school teacher, school principal and pedagogical counselor (CP). I participated in several RIDEF including those of Senegal and Italy and to an ICEM Congress in France.

I decided to join the CA of the FIMEM because I wanted to enlarge the movement with English-speaking African countries. I had personal contacts that could help achieve this goal. I also wanted to prepare the RIDEF 2016.



My role as secretary was not easy. During our meetings with Skype, communications were often cut. Luckily, Sylviane agreed to take over when necessary. The priority of the CA regarding the structuring of the content and categorization of documents, is a big piece of work. Not being one of my strengths, I must humbly confess that I will need the help of the new candidates.

I hope that, in addition to what we do for children with educational techniques, relations between board members, no matter where we come from, can be more egalitarian.

Finally, I would like to thank Sylviane Amiet, Jean Le Gal and Luc Herbreteau for their contribution to the organization of this RIDEF 2016.

Interview held by Lucie Côté

ERRATUM in the French journal no 5: Mariel is a member of the CA for 2 more years, not a candidate.



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Opening your eyes to the realities of your surroundings

I participate in the long workshop "Outings and environmental study" of Yaovi Todegnon and Yao Amenti. During an outing on the premises of ENI, we met a young man who worked in a corn field, he is a student here.

This intrigued us, so we planned a targeted outing for interviewing him. On this occasion, we learned that the ENI students receive a scholarship of 33000 F (50 euros), from which the rent for dorms and meal costs are levied, which does not leave much money for other expenses.

To allow RIDEF to stay here, they gave all the students two weeks off and most had to go home. This student lives far away, the trip to his home is expensive, so he asked the General Overseer to find him a job. This is how he found himself weeding the corn field while we reflect on a pedagogy that bears an ideal of social justice.

Before coming here, I was a little concerned for my personal comfort: the cost of travel, vaccines, medicines, drinking water, mosquitoes ... And suddenly, I realize that teachers in training in this school have to make place for us, and that this results in an unexpected expense for them which they havent chosen for. This outing will also allow me to open my eyes to another reality.

Hélène Aubert



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