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INVITATION

Dear members of the international educational network Intereskola

I am glad to invite You to the Interskola 2013 conference “Two In One – Back To Our Roots” this year. The conference consists of three parts – pre-, main and post-conference. The idea of this conference was born already in 2009 in Stawiska (Poland) at the Interskola 2009 conference “Is There Life Beyond A Conference”. It was very exciting for me and my organisation to organize the conference in two countries.

This year the idea of the conference is a little bit untraditional. We want to introduce to all – old and new members of the Interskola network the educational situation in two countries – Latvia and Estonia. In addition, there are possibilities for the participants to study cultural traditions, meet the teachers, headmasters and education officers and visit educational organizations in both counties.

We named the pre-conference as “Päts’ Family Heritage In The Pärnu County”. There is going to be a very nice tour through the Päts’ family (Estonian first President and his relatives) life and their lifetime achievements in the Pärnu County. All members of Päts’ family were important persons in many fields and especially in the educational development field in Pärnu region.

First part of the main conference takes place in Kempeni farm in Vidzeme region and around this region. Before our trip to Kempeni we are spending one nice day in Riga, the capital of Latvia. More than 800 years of Riga’s history testifies that the city has vast experience in being proud and rich and knowing how to rise again after war, starvation and disaster. And how to become proud once again. After the day in Riga we are going to Kempeni farm, which operates in the agricultural sphere – cultivation on grain, forestry, sheep-farming, fish breeding and the rural tourism. To those who wish to leave the rush and noise of the city behind, Kempeni farm offers opportunities for sound recreation and business negotiations in a 19th century manor building. Hospitable landlords will attend to Your needs and wishes in any reasons.

Second part of the main conference takes place in Piusa holiday centre and in Tartu. The centre is located in Setomaa (South-Estonia), in the valley of beautiful Piusa River. It's a place where you can enjoy a stress-free holiday. Fast Piusa River, part of the Estonian history and magnificent pristine nature will create the best holiday for You and for Your friend. The plan is to visit Tartu, the second largest city in Estonia, but the largest in terms of student population. Tartu is a university town and a city of youth! The time-honoured university, museum-rich and Hansaseatic city of Tartu lies on the bank of the River Emajõgi. Tartu is a modern city with rich historical heritage and culture.

And finally, there is going to be a post-conference called „On The Tracks Of Peipsi Old Believers“. Eastern Estonia is home to many Russian Old Believers. The Old Believers are Russians who fled to Estonia because of religious persecution. They found homes on the west banks of Lake Peipsi. The first Russian Old Believers appeared in Estonia on the coast of Lake Peipsi near Mustvee in the late 17th century. Today there are about 15 000 members in 11 congregations of Old Believers in Estonia.

Our organizing team believes that the days You spend with us and all the other participants at the Interskola 2013 conference will be unforgettable. You will study about many things, meet different people and make a lot new contacts.

Best regards,


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