Dear Friends and Tojde Readers,

First of all I would like to thank very much those who participated in the 3rd International Conference of Open and Distance Learning (ICODL 2005) in Patra, Greece. Those who couldn’t come, I hope to meet them some time in the future. I personally want to give my thanks to all who sent their papers for the Conference and trusted us for the organization of the Conference and our involvement in Open and Distance Learning.

In total, the 3 days of the Conference there were 620 people (registered) who attended the presentations and panels and about 70 people.

The proceedings of the Conference are in two volumes; Volume A (pages 686) and Volume B (pages 592). All those presentations (names and titles) which are in the final programme (see http://artemis.eap.gr/icodl2005) are included in the proceedings. I must inform you that the majority of the papers are in Greek. I haven’t counted the English language papers, but I presume that they must be around 40.

The success of the ICODL 2005 is already leading us to the preparation of the next conference which - I believe - will take place in Athens in the year 2007. I will keep you informed for our plans.

At the same time the Hellenic Network of Open and Distance Education (H-NODE) in cooperation with the 'Propobos Publishing Company' has published the second issue of the Journal 'Open Education'. If you want information about the Journal you can contact 'Propobos Publishing Company': E-mail propobos@propobos.gr.

The H-NODE in cooperation with the Department of Education - University of Crete is also organizing a "Summer School" in the town of Rethymnon (Crete) in July 2006 (16-23). The "Summer School" will take place in the campus which is by the sea and will be only in Greek. Last year we had organized a similar "Summer School" in the island of Kefalonia, in the west Greek islands with 80 participants. There is a strong opinion to organize in the future a "Summer School" in English language. We are open to ideas and proposals.

We all thank you indeed for your involvement in the ICODL 2005.

Many regards

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