"Chemistry Is Wonderful -Make It Safe!"

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International competition for a poster for school laboratory

The competition was organized within international Leonardo da Vinci project CHLASTS (Chemical Laboratory Safety Training System) by section 2.3. Safety in School.

The main aim of the competition was increasing an awareness of the secondary school students about necessity to keep safety procedures conducting of chemical and science experiments. The main reasons for accidents that happen in the school/chemistry lab are not the properties of the substances, but human mistakes and errors (lack of caution, disregard of safety rules).

All secondary schools students from the countries and regions - members of CHLASTS project (Catalonia, Cyprus, Germany, Poland, Portugal)- were invited to take part in the competition. Secondary school students from Cyprus, Germany, and Poland took part in the competition. The competition was held in two age groups: students of lower secondary school (age approximately 13-16) and students of upper secondary school/high school (age approximately 16-19).

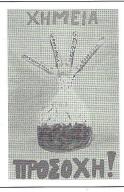
The content and idea of a poster referred either to general idea of safety at school laboratories or to detailed safety procedures. The jury of the competition were representatives of partner institution of CHLASTS project. Criteria of assessment were as follows: close link to the subject of the competition, correctness from the point of view of safety, innovation and originality, artistic quality.

International jury sitting took place in Limassol on 17th of April 2004. Jury decided to offer awards to the following posters:

Lower Secondary School



1st AwardPietrzyk
Agnieszka, 10th
Gymnasium,
Bytom, Poland



2nd Award (ex equo)

Theoniki Siopaha, Gymnasium of Kokkinochorion, Larnaca, Cyprus



2nd Award (ex equo) Aleksandra Smolik, Public Gymnasium of Iwonicz, Poland



3rd Award
Pietrzak Anna,
50th
Gymnasium,
Bydgoszcz,
Poland

Upper Secondary School



1st Award
Panayiota
Michael, Ayios
Neophytos
Lyceum, Paphos,
Cyprus



2nd Award (ex equo)
Paluszkiewicz
Dawid,
4th Lyceum,
Bydgoszcz,
Poland



2nd Award (ex equo) Maciej Marczak,1st Lyceum, Zdunska Wola, Poland



3rd Award (ex equo)
Christina Loizou,
Apostolos
Varnavas
Lyceum, Nicosia,
Cyprus



3rd Award (ex equo)Mausolf Monika, 5th
Lyceum, Torun,
Poland



3rd Award (ex equo) Mierzejewski Karol, 6th Lyceum,Bydgoszcz, Poland



3rd Award (ex equo) Dominika Gromniak, School of Art, Kielce, Poland



CHLASTS' participants at the Archaeological site of Curium.



CHLASTS' participants at work during the Cyprus meeting, April 2004.