

I D E N

International Democratic Education Network

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EUDEC @ IDEC in Finland

The 2016 conference was held at Mikkeli in Finland from June 6 – 10 and attracted about 325 participants, as well as 500 people registered for the innovatory online platform.

This is a list of the countries represented by two or more people.

Australia (7), Belgium (5), Brazil (6), Bulgaria (8), Canada (7), China (2), Czech Republic (2), Germany (72), Finland (44), France (13), Greece (5), Hong Kong (11), Hungary (5), India (15), Israel (4), Italy (2), Japan (7), Korea (12), Netherlands (14), Nepal (2), New Zealand (3), Philippines (3), Poland (43), Portugal (4), Puerto Rico (2), Romania (5), Spain (11), Switzerland (2), Taiwan (9), Ukraine (4), United Kingdom (27), United States (23)

When the web participants are added in, there were over 50 countries represented, which is a record. The platform may be a model for the future. The number of registrations shows that interest in democratic education is even more widely distributed than we had known. Four African countries were represented: the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Liberia and South Africa.

APDEC 2016

The 1st Asia-Pacific Democratic Education Conference, APDEC, was held at Holistic School in Taiwan from 18th – 25th July 2016. There were about 270 people attending full time, building up to 300 on some days; they came from India, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Hong Kong, China,

the Philippines, Australia, the Netherlands, the UK and the US, as well as a great many from Taiwan itself.

The conference produced a draft statement about the purpose of APDEC. This is available for all to see at <http://goo.gl/Kq4tB> and the organisers will welcome your participation.

'Phenix Hsieh and all his team did a great job. They created something very special and I want to thank them so much,' said Amukta Mahapatra.

APDEC in the future

In 2017 APDEC will be held in Tokyo and will run from 1st-5th August.

APDEC 2018 will be held in India in conjunction with the IDEC.

The domain name for APDEC is www.apdec.org

The future of IDEN

IDEN was launched at the IDEC in Tokyo in 2000, and I have been running it since then. At the age of eighty-three it seems to me that someone younger and more energetic should take my place and renew the network. The preparation and distribution of the newsletters (translated into several languages by volunteers) and the enrolment of new members only takes about twenty hours a year. Is there anyone who would like to take my place and possibly develop the network?

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