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Dear Friends of the Great MILSET Family

This month we have a lot of news to share about MILSET, the first of which is that the Association of Young Scientists from Tunisia (AJST), an organization that successfully hosted the Global Youth Summit on the Information and Knowledge Society in 2005 in Tunisia and was also the organizing institution for the Expo-Sciences International in 2009, continues to be very active, with renewed enthusiasm and new projects. It is important to mention that they have regained financial stability, thanks to the efforts of all its members and the completion of summer science camps.

On another topic, I'm pleased to inform you that we have established fairly close contact with the Google Science Fair, which is a virtual expo which is based in New York; this will allow MILSET to offer all the young participants the opportunity to enter their experimental projects in this exciting area. Our friend Reni Barlow, of Canada, is in charge of conducting relations with the Google Science Fair, we'll have more news soon.

Another important item of news is that preparations for the 2011 Expo-Sciences International in Bratislava, Slovakia, is continuing thanks to the great efforts being made by the AMAVET Association. We are aware of the budgetary constraints that exist at the moment, however, the organization continues to push forward and we now have many countries on the five continents registering their projects. Of course we invite all MILSET members to continue with the effort to of registering their projects, keeping in mind the new deadlines established by the organizing committee of the ESI 2011.

Additionally, it is a source of great joy and a strong commitment for the whole MILSET family that we have achieved the status of having operational relations with UNESCO. This resolution shall be determined in Paris on May 6th after a vote which will take place on UNESCO's Executive Board. MILSET will be present during this important meeting. We are also very grateful to Mrs. Bukova, CEO of this Global Organization, for the opportunity of establishing cooperation with UNESCO.

We extend warm congratulations to the National Taiwan Science Education Center (R.O.C.) which this year is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Taiwan International Science Fair, an event of great quality that brings together several countries from all latitudes. This greeting is especially directed to our friend Marianna Fung, director of the event. I hope that these ten years will turn into many more, fully enriched by their continued impact on the welfare of many children and young people.



On another note, many congratulations go to the Institute of Scientific and Ecological Research (INICE) of Spain for launching the new bulletin of activities which they have shared with MILSET. This year they will once again organize the Meeting of Young Researchers in Salamanca, Spain.

Last month a very important event took place, which is the International Olympiad of Environmental Projects in Azerbaijan organized by INEPO EUROASIA which took place from April 6 to 10 April in the capital of Baku. We wish every success to the organizers of these Olympics.

Changing continents, a great event is being prepared in Peru in collaboration between MILSET and CIENTEC: It is the International Youth Conference on Chemistry, under the celebrations of International Year of Chemistry and will be held in the city of Lima, from November 14 to 18. We will be sending the call for projects soon to all members of MILSET so they can take part in this international conference. Also from Peru, our friend Atilio Buendia, MILSET AMLAT President is inviting us to participate in the World Water Day which will take place on May 22nd.

In other news, some days ago, we hosted our MILSET Board Meeting in Brussels, through the auspices of Young Scientists of Belgium (JSB) to provide continuity to MILSET's progress.

We certainly cannot fail to report that MILSET asked its membership to join Ibero-American Youth, an organization that has important relations with UNESCO, during the General Assembly held in Quito, Ecuador from April 12 to 16. Our representative Mrs. Lupe Sandoval our MILSET contact in Ecuador informed us that has been approved unanimously.

Finally we are reminded that nominations are open for the organization of Expo-Sciences International ESI 2013. We already received the letter of support of Abu Dhabi Centre for Technical and Vocational Educational and Training at United Arab Emirates..

We would also like to invite all members to visit and cooperate with our website: www.milset.org and join the Facebook MILSET group which is very active and needs people like you in order to be able to continue so successfully in the future.

Greetings to all and we will continue to keep you updated on the news.

My best wishes, my dear friends.

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