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Thanks for a successful 2008

The last newsletter of 2008, just to say thank you to everyone for a great collaboration and to wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday.

The next stage

More news in January when we get the final, formal invitation, but for the moment we know that we will have to prepare a modified proposal, code-name Annex 1 to inform the negotiating process. We may need to include a more detailed breakdown of staff effort and so on, but will send details later in January.

INQUEST progress

The response to INQUEST has been positive and we now have MoUs, budgetary information and CVs for most partners. **If you haven't sent these off, we will need to have this process completed on 5th January or immediately afterwards.** If you have, then relax, your job is done for the moment.

Several people (thanks to Ayelet, Phil and others) have asked the important question “ why are we applying for INQUEST if we have already been invited to negotiations with S-TEAM?”

There are several possible answers. One is simply that we started the process before we knew the S-TEAM result, and that we might as well finish.

The second reason is that we want to maintain the momentum of the consortium beyond the scope of a single project. The big problem which emerges



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the history of science education initiatives seems to be that there is no continuity and that good ideas are lost because the funding cycle moves on. We are part of that cycle but we want to find ways of breaking out of it and establishing sustainable structures and networks at the European level. As mentioned in the last issue we want to show that we are evolving our thinking and not just repeating the same ideas.

Finally, we just like working with you and didn't want it to stop!

Looking forward to 2009

Best wishes

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