



AEDE - EAT reflexes on bullying.

President Silvano Marseglia has organised and chaired an important seminar on “**The anxious School: Bullying, Racket, Aggressiveness - Trip through the world of juvenile arrogance**” on 15 and 16 November 2007 in his institute “Jean Monnet” in Ostuni (Italy) with the collaboration of the Educational Bureau of the Province of Brindisi.



Silvano Marseglia ouvre le Colloque.



Un public nombreux et attentif

The seminar was massively attended by headmasters, teachers, but also by numerous pupils from this institute. This event permitted to get a better view on bullying and to find ways how to cope with it.

After the speeches of **Mgr Rocco Talucci**, archbishop of Brindisi and **M. Domenico Tanzarella**, mayor of Ostuni, offering their support to this event, **Ms Maria Elisa Basile**, Director of the Provincial Education Office of Brindisi opened the debates emphasizing the importance of the issue for all educators.



Approaching the theme in a multidisciplinary way, this seminar offered crossed views by many specialists in that field: **Ms Eliseo Nicoli**, Chief of Police in Ostuni, **Ms Rosalba Lopalco**, Magistrate at the Juvenile Court of Taranto and **Doctor Alfredo Trentalange**, physician and former international referee.

The headmaster of a school situated in a difficult area in Bari, **M. Ugo Castorina**, explained that the school doesn't have the means to cope with the desocialisation of the young people.

The director of the newspaper “Gazetta del Mezzogiorno”, **M. Arnaldo Travaglini**, spoke about his experience with the media so often accused to spread juvenile violence.

AEDE- EAT President M. Silvano Marseglia wished to give an European dimension to this event. He invited many European experts: **M. Jürgen Kummetat**, Vice-President of AEDE, emphasized that the causes and violent actions are about equal in all our European countries.



Jürgen Kummetat



Editha Köhler

The successful results should be exchanged. **Ms Editha Köhler**, Member of the German AEDE section, headmaster of a school in Giessen (Hessen, Germany) and President of an association to prevent violence, presented all facets of actions that combine prevention and remediation.

M. Hugo Ramon, Vice-Secretary general of AEDE, emphasized that fighting violence is fighting for human



Hugo Ramon

dignity, a fundamental value in all education. As Ms Editha Köhler, he reminded us of the importance of European projects, e.g. Daphné 3. The European Union is an efficient help for those committed in preventing juvenile violence.

Likewise, the tools produced by the Council of Europe as outcome of the integrated project “Preventing violence in a social democracy”. **M. Jean-Claude Gonon**, Secretary general of AEDE and General Reporter of the Conference of Non Governmental Organisations of the Council of Europe, has presented in particularly three important publications useful for all practitioners:

- “Violence Reduction in schools - How to make a difference.”
- “Violence Reduction in sports”
- “Partnership in prevention of delinquency”



Marcello Strazzeri

En conclusion des travaux le Professeur Marcello Strazzeri, professeur de sociologie du Droit, Président de la Faculté des Sciences Sociales et politiques de l'Université de Salento- Lecce, a brillamment rappelé et précisé les concepts en cause.

Il a invité chacun à bien distinguer ce qui relève du bullying, de la délinquance, et ce qui n'est qu'une manifestation naturelle de l'adolescence.

M. Silvano Marseglia concluded these two days saying how interesting it was to exchange various experiences coming from different social and cultural corners.

“It is important to continue to educate to young people the values of solidarity and mutual respect. We have to demonstrate the younger generations that the world does not belong to the violent people and that we have to help the victims as well as the perpetrators to become future citizens.”

