



## Highgate School Parents Workshop

The workshop was called by the members of our Youth Panel on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2008, in order for them to put into action of what they learned in the Youth Forum in Brussels in 2008.



The Headmistress of the school introduced the participants and informed the parents about the reason of this gathering. After that, the children made their presentation in order to educate parents on the dangers of cyberbullying, Social Networking Sites and mobile phones. Then followed a presentation by a CyberEthics representative followed by the movie by Childnet 'Let's fight it together'. After that a very lively discussion started between parents, children, teachers and our representatives especially on the issue of cyberbullying.

### **Latest News**

**16/09/08**

Introduced and promoted cyberethics activities to Portland State University students. We promoted the aim and the objectives of cyberethics project to around 30 students and their 2 professors. Two University students expressed great interest in our projects and volunteered their services to us.

**13/10/08**

Child Protection Training for World Vision partners. Presentation was given to all partners of World Vision on the 11 child protection standards. Awareness raising, Programme planning, recruiting & screening, Behavior protocols, incident management, protection of children in sponsorship programs, visits to project sites, advocacy, communication about children, general confidentiality & partner organizations.

**15-16/10/08**

'Safer use of the Internet' presentations for American Academy, Grammar School, Senior School students and parents. The presentations were given by a World Vision representative as part of our collaboration to promote safety issues to all children in Cyprus.

**22/10/08**

CYTA presentation to students and teachers of the Acropolis High School.

**14/10/2008**

CYTA's TV appearance on CYBC "Sin Plin" Live TV show.

**09/11/2008**

CYTA's TV appearance on Antenna TV "Apospi gia ola" TV

**11/11/2008**

CYTA's TV appearance on CYBC 'Stin Priza' TV program

# Meet the Team

## OUR PARTNERS

In this part of the issue we present two of our partners. The next issue will shift focus to another part of our team. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with our unique yet symbiotic missions. Our strength comes from our diversity and the rich history each of us bring to the collaboration.

### FOCUS ON



#### Ministry of Education and Culture – Cyprus Pedagogical Institute

The Cyprus Pedagogical Institute was founded in 1972, as Pedagogical Academy, after an instance of the Ministry of Education and a resolution of the Cabinet Council and, in a way, it is considered a “harbinger” of the University of Cyprus, as well as the first theoretical state “University” in our island, since - until a few years after the foundation (1992) of the University of Cyprus - many teachers graduated from it.

The Pedagogical Institute was initially housed at the present University of Cyprus grounds in Aglandjia, but for some years now it is housed in Latsia, along with a branch of the University of Cyprus, while a branch of it operates in Limassol.

The Pedagogical Institute's mission is developmental, covering all levels of education. The main activity keynotes are the following: a). Pedagogical proficiency, b). Generic and specific educators' training, c). Educational research and evaluation, d). Educational documentation, e). Modern technology applications in education.

The Pedagogical Institute actively contributes into the compilation of analytical programs for the schools of primary, secondary and tertiary education in Cyprus and is dividend into four (4) departments, the Department of Tutorial Education, the Department of Educational Research and Evaluation, the Department of Educational Technology and the Department of Educational Documentation. Since 2002, the Programs' Development Service of the Ministry of Education and Culture falls under the Institute.

Under the aegis of the European Union, and as part of the educational policy of the Council of Europe, the Pedagogical Institute participates in the SOCRATES programme (a programme for the promotion of co-operation, common educational plans and the consolidation of the European aspect in Education), the ERASMUS programme (a programme for inter-University co-operation and exchange of students) and the COMENIUS programme (as part of the development of European plans to train educators).

### FOCUS ON



#### Pancyprian Coordinating Committee for the Protection & Welfare of Children

PCCPWC was formed in 1994 by the District Committees working on children's issues since 1979, with the aim to coordinate all district and national activities.

Today, the PCCPWC developed into the national body working towards the full implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and advocating for children, both within Cyprus and abroad.

In pursuing its aims, the PCCPWC:

- Established the Annual Pancyprian Conference on the Protection and Welfare of Children
- Established, regulated and funds the Cyprus Children's Parliament, comprising 56 elected children
- Issued Position Papers on different serious issues concerning child protection and welfare
- Has become an active member of Eurochildaisbl, of the International Forum for Child Welfare and of the European Anti-Poverty Network
- Participated in different EU and national programs investigating and tackling serious children's issues and problems
- Worked hard towards the appointment of an Ombudsperson for Children in Cyprus, a vital step towards the full implementation of the Convention.
- Established and runs educational and training programs on the Convention and on ways of implementation in every-day life.

The PCCPWC members are the District Committees comprising many NGO's specialised in working for or with children, and other relevant organisations and professional associations. Government bodies and local government participate on a consultative status.

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# CyberEthics News

## Insafe Training Meeting

The Insafe training meeting was done on the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2008 in Luxembourg at Mondorf-les-bains.



Some of the workshops that took place were:

Workshop 1: Is your website mobile?

Workshop 2: Peer review - your website. National nodes will present in turn their enhancement plans.

Workshop 3: Increasing interactivity - integrating web 2.0 tools.

Workshop 4: Branding: your website as a tool to strengthen your image.

Promoting Helplines & hotlines. Constructing relations with SIP projects with speakers from PEGI, YPRT, Kids Online, MAPAP, eNASCO, INHOPE, Quatro plus, (Sip-Bench - tbc).

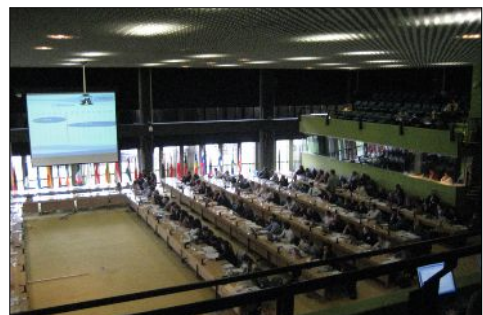
## Safer Internet Forum

The Safer Internet Forum 2008, was organized by the European Commission at the Jean Monnet Building in Luxembourg city, on the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2008.

Some of the issues that were discussed were:

- Online social networking and safety: Challenges and risks (research and results)
- The parental control approach and children's privacy (amongst the panel were two representatives from the Greek Youth Forum)
- Measures taken by social network providers to enhance safety of minors (Skyrock, Facebook, Save the Children)
- The role of education and awareness (Bebo, European Schoolnet, Mannerheim League for Child Welfare)
- Electronic identification and authentication
- Age verification solutions, the service providers experience (Aristotle, NewsCorp-MySpace, Vodafone, T-Mobile)
- European Research, results of EU Kids online
- International research results: South America, USA
- And more.

The CyberEthics Team took part in the Safer Internet Forum 2008, as part of its education on International Internet issues.



Research	European News
<p data-bbox="165 264 782 367"><b>Flash Eurobarometer survey 2008: Towards a Safer Use of the Internet for children in the EU - a parents' perspective</b></p> <p data-bbox="165 407 782 622">In 2008, within the scope of the Safer Internet Programme, the European Commission conducted a Flash Eurobarometer survey in order to find out parents' perceptions of their children's Internet usage and potential risks they could face online.</p> <p data-bbox="165 663 782 913">The Flash Eurobarometer survey allows targeting specific groups during telephone-conducted interviews. For its 2008 Safer Internet Eurobarometer survey the Commission targeted parents of children between 6 and 17 years old from all EU Member States.</p> <p data-bbox="165 954 782 1025">The aim of this study was to improve knowledge about:</p> <ul data-bbox="213 1066 782 1281" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents' concerns and awareness about online risks</li> <li>• Parental supervision of children's Internet use</li> <li>• Awareness and information about safety measures</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="165 1321 782 1424">The results of this study will be considered in the implementation of the new Safer Internet Programme 2009-2013.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1464 782 1715">According to a new <b>Eurobarometer</b> survey conducted in all EU Member States, 75% of children aged from 6 to 17 years already use the Internet – a trend which continues to grow. Half of the parents who did not use Internet themselves said that their child had online access.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1756 782 1971">At least half of the parents stated that they talk to their children about their online activities. In addition, they take precautionary measures such as not allowing their children to disclose personal information online (92%) or to talk to people they do not know (83%).</p> <p data-bbox="165 2011 782 2083">59% of parents declared that they use filtering or monitoring software. Parents who do not use</p>	<p data-bbox="807 264 1477 367"><b>EU adopts new Safer Internet Programme: € 55 million to make the Internet a safer place for children</b></p> <p data-bbox="807 407 1487 1424">The EU will have a new Safer Internet Programme as of 1 January 2009. Following the overwhelmingly positive vote on 23 October in which the European Parliament expressed its support for the new Safer Internet Programme (<a href="#">IP/08/1571</a>), the Council of Ministers has adopted today the new Programme. The new Safer Internet Programme covering the period 2009-2013 had been proposed by the European Commission on 28 February 2008 (<a href="#">IP/08/310</a>) to protect children in the ever more sophisticated online world and empower them to safely use web services like social networking, blogging and instant messaging. While 75% of children (aged between 6 and 17 years) are already online and 50% of 10-year-olds have a mobile phone, a new Eurobarometer survey published today shows that 60% of European parents are worried that their child might become a victim of online grooming (when an adult befriends a child with the intention of committing sexual abuse) and 54% that their children could be bullied online (harassed on internet sites or via mobile messages). The new Safer Internet Programme will fight grooming and bullying by making online software and mobile technologies more sophisticated and secure. From 2009-2013, the EU will spend € 55 million to make the Internet a safer place.</p> <p data-bbox="807 1464 1487 2007"><i>"Children today dive into the world of internet and mobile technologies very early and often become fully-fledged technology-savvy, web-surfing teenagers. Because these technologies help them study and give them exciting new ways to socialise with others, they are often faster to use them than their parents. We need to make sure that whenever they use online or mobile services, they can recognise potential risks and deal with them,"</i> said Viviane Reding, EU Commissioner for Information Society and Media. <i>"I am glad that the Parliament and Council agreed to the Commission proposal so quickly, allowing us to respond to parents' very natural concerns and make sure Europe is a safe place for children to explore new technologies."</i></p> <p data-bbox="807 2047 1487 2083"><b>The Safer Internet Programme</b>, for the period</p>



filtering tools say they trust their children (64%) or did not know how to access or use them (14%). The [SIP Bench study](#) on filtering tools recently published by the Commission shows that overall tools have improved over the last three years and have become easier to install.

**The new Eurobarometer survey "Towards a safer use of the Internet for children in the EU – a parents' perspective" is available at:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/sip/eurobarometer/](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/eurobarometer/)



2009-2013 was adopted today by the Council of Ministers and builds on the successes of [its predecessor](#) which covered the period 2005-2008.

**The proposed new programme will co-fund projects to:**

- Increase public awareness: empower young people, their parents and teachers to make responsible choices online by advising them on relevant precautions to take.
- Provide the public with a network of contact points that could be reached either via a website or a phone number, for reporting illegal and harmful content and conduct, in particular on child sexual abuse material, grooming and cyber bullying.
- Foster self-regulatory initiatives in this field and involve children in creating a safer online environment.
- Establish a knowledge base on new trends in the use of online technologies and their consequences for children's lives by bringing together at European level technical, psychological and sociological expertise.

The € 55 million budget for the new Safer Internet Programme will be distributed as follows: 48% should serve to raise public awareness, 34% to fight against illegal content and tackle harmful conduct online, 10% to promote a safer online environment and 8% to establish a knowledge base.

To find out more **about the new Safer Internet Programme 2009-2013**, see: [IP/08/310](#), [MEMO/08/322](#) and [IP/08/1571](#)

**For more information**







[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/sip/programme/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/programme/index_en.htm)

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 <p><b>CYTA</b> Is a corporate body established in Cyprus by Law and is responsible for the provision, maintenance and development of telecommunications facilities, both local and overseas.</p>	 <p><b>Ministry of Education and Culture – Cyprus Pedagogical Institute</b> A government organisation responsible for doing development trainings in all parts of the Educational system of Cyprus as well as to the general public.</p>	 <p><b>The Olive Branch</b> A Turkish Cypriot organization who facilitates in the North of the island. This organisation is responsible for the promotional activities for the Safer Internet programme in North Cyprus.</p>
 <p><b>Pancyprian Coordinating Committee for the Protection &amp; Welfare of Children</b> was formed in 1994 by the District Committees working on children's issues since 1979, with the aim to coordinate all district and national activities.</p>		

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### C.N.T.I., Cyprus

Established in 1992 by a team of repatriated Cypriot scientists, the Cyprus Neuroscience & Technology Institute has a future-oriented ideology. It conducts projects in areas related to the human brain and learning, technology and social change, global society, conflict transformation and global peace.

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