

Minutes of the Young Scientist Club, Vilnius 19.01.2010

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Welcome from the organizers and agenda of the meeting.

Ice breaking and presentation of rules of a scientific game.

The participants were split into 4 major groups with different research topics (benthologist, chemist, ecomodeller, sociologist, ecotoxicologist, hydromodeller, geologist) within each group consisting from 8 up to 10 persons. All members within each group introduced and found out what are their research topics. Then each group were given the task to find its solution including all members of the group and applying all possible forms, e.g. performance, song, fairy-tale, etc.

The tasks of each group:

1 group: Global warming – vineyards in the Baltic?

2 group: Eurofishion – new contest for the most beautiful Baltic Sea fish?

3 group: Windmill ecosystem – a requiem for Don Quixote?

4 group: Clean Baltic Sea water for mermaids by 2020?

While four groups were preparing for their task the organizers together with Lithuanian team presented the example of this game, where the task was “Liquid bread” linking the coasts? After this performance the groups got questionnaires with scientific-social puzzles from the Baltic Sea region. The correct answers were presented and the scores counted. The first group was a leader among the groups in number of correct answers (13 out of 19) in this task, although the rest groups answered correctly in relatively similar number of questions, respectively the second group - 11, the third - 12 and the fourth - 10.

The second group presented their task –where the eelpout won the Eurofishion. Few questions were given by each group to the performed group and jury evaluated by points the questions, correct answers and overall the performance of the task (the total score of this group – 33).

The fourth group presented their task. This was a drama of mermaids’ metamorphosis into the “male” mermaids due to contamination of ecosystem, while later after restoration the “male” mermaids mutated back into real mermaids. The questions were given by other groups and the total score of this group – 32.

The third group presented the sophisticated philosophical performance about windmill ecosystem and Don Quixote. Few questions were given by other groups and the total score of this group – 26.

The first group presented the memories of old times of the Baltic Sea while “tasting” the best region wines from the vineyards within the basin of the Baltic. The questions were given by other groups and the total score of this group – 25.

The jury counted the total scores from the questionnaires and tasks for the groups. The winner of this scientific game was the second group (total score - 44), although the rest groups were very close: the fourth group – 42, the first and the third groups - 38.

All participants found the young scientists meeting providing for good surrounds for making new contacts and sharing experience/expertise!