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PRESS RELEASE

NIMRD@SCHOOL - Educational Activities at NIMRD "Grigore Antipa" Marine research, explained to young students

During the week 7-11 April 2014, the National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa" Constanta opened its doors and was visited by young students from schools in Constanta and not only. The Institute's activity and our main concerns were explained to the students, with the aim of emphasizing the need to protect the marine environment.



The **NIMRD@SCHOOL** initiative (7-11 April 2014) was dedicated to educational extracurricular activities, within the programme entitled "A Different Kind of School: Know More, Be Better!", and was organized in the frame of three European Union funded FP7 projects: **Perseus**, **CoCoNET** and **MareFrame**, in collaboration with the Commission for the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution (BSC), the Balkan Environmental Association (B.EN.A.), the European Environmental Association (EEA) and the Constanta County Prefecture.

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The aim of this programme is the involvement of all preschool children/pupils and teachers in activities that respond to diverse interests and concerns of young people, to highlight their talents and abilities in various fields, and to foster their participation in different activities.

In this context, the National Institute for Marine Research and Development “Grigore Antipa” Constanta received, during the week 7-11 April 2014, the visit of several groups of pupils from the Constanta City and the Constanta and Braila Counties.

On 7 April, we were visited by young pupils (1st and 2nd grade) from School no. 30 “Gheorghe Titeica” of Constanta City, accompanied by the teachers Lidia Ciortan, Nicoleta Caisin and Adela Marin, from the “Mihai Eminescu” Theoretical High School of Constanta City (9th grade), accompanied by their teacher Teodora Ceti, and from the “Gheorghe Murgoci” National College of Braila (5th and 9th grade), accompanied by the teachers Felicia Popescu and Manuela Gheorghiu.

On 8 April, it was the turn of pupils from rural localities around Constanta City to come to the Institute. Thus, children from School no. 1 of the Valu lui Traian Commune (7th grade) visited us, together with their teacher Mirela Florea, and from the “Nichita Stanescu” Secondary School of Mereni (5th, 6th and 7th grade), accompanied by their teacher Manuela Ungureanu.

On 10 April, pupils from the “Decebal” Theoretical High School of Constanta City visited our Institute, together with their teacher Florica Băltuță.

The final day of the “A Different Kind of School: Know More, Be Better!” programme was a very busy one. As such, on 11 April we were visited by pupils from School no. 39 “Nicolae Tonitza” of Constanta City (4th grade), accompanied by the teachers Georgiana Puia and Ludmila Ciuca, and from the “Traian” Theoretical High School (6th and 7th grade), together with their teacher Alina Dermengiu.

Throughout the entire week, the emphasis was put on interactive dialogue and the involvement of pupils in discussions to increase the awareness of issues related to environmental protection, in general, and the protection of the marine environment, in particular. Also, the young nature lovers had the opportunity to study NIMRD’s museum collection, containing preserved fish specimens from all the oceans of the world. Finally, collaboration protocols for the development of future joint actions were concluded between NIMRD “Grigore Antipa” and the visiting schools.

These educational activities are an excellent opportunity to make marine research popular among the younger generation, offering career guidance and opportunities.

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