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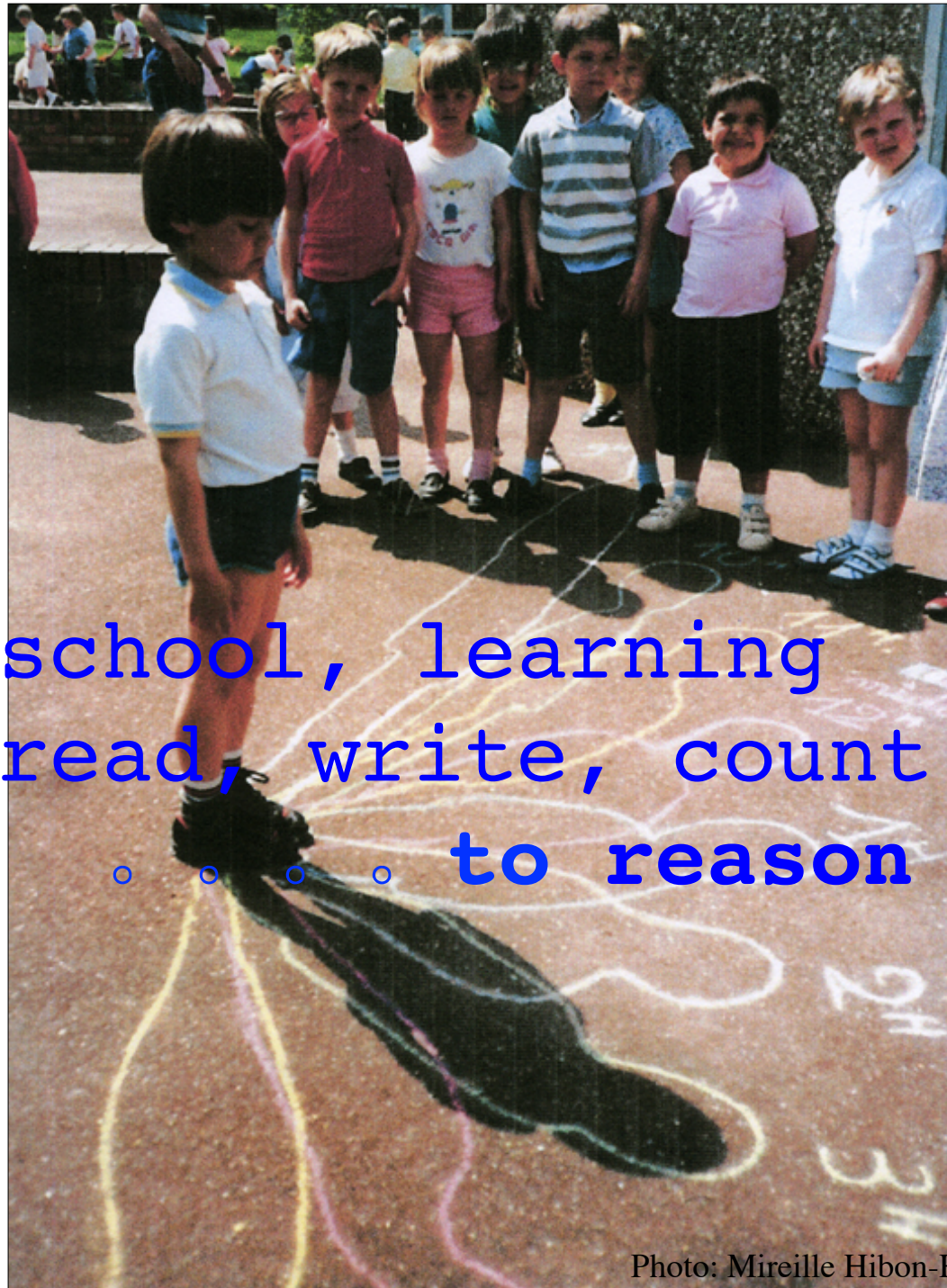
The Very Young Minds : a challenge for young scientists

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EPS Meeting, Paris, June 6, 2014

In school, learning
to read, write, count
and . . . to reason



*From 2000 onwards,
science education for all becomes a global concern*



SCIENCE EDUCATION IN DANGER?

Encouraging Student Interest in Science and Technology Studies



Global Science Forum

OCDE 2009

全民科学素质行动计划纲要

(2006—2010—2020年)

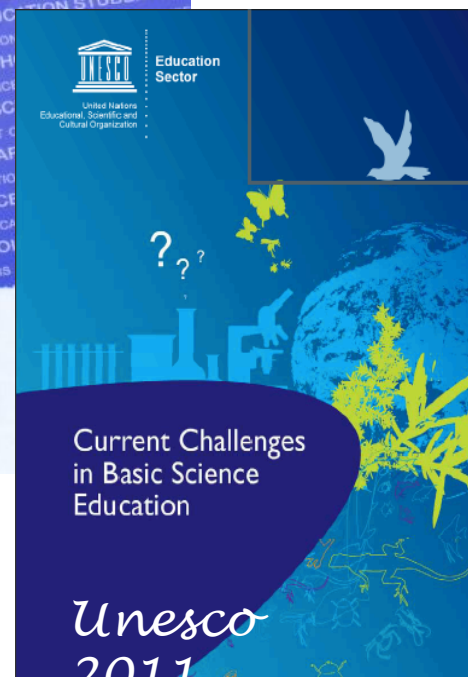
China 2006

Program to convey scientific culture to the whole people

Groupe Interacadémies sur des questions internationales (IAP)



Rapport du Groupe de travail sur la Collaboration Internationale pour l'Évaluation des Programmes D'Enseignement Scientifique Fondés sur l'Investigation (ESFI)



Science education for all students

- A global goal making **consensus**, worldwide ;
- **Grounds** : development and skills, justice and equity ;
- **Challenges** for schools :
 1. To begin early (ages 6 to 12) ;
 2. To teach real and interesting science/technology ;
 3. To address all students ;
- **A pedagogical revolution** :
 1. Convincing education authorities ;
 2. Teacher preparation ;
 3. Ressources for the classroom.
 4. Role of scientists / engineers ;
 5. Opening the school : parents and community

1995-2014 across the world

- *A wealth of pilot projects*
 - *Mao na massa*, Brazil (ABC et al)
 - 做中学, China (Wei Yu et al)
 - *Pequenos Cientificos*, Colombia (Duque et al)
 - *Ensensenza Ciencia ECBI*, Chile (Allende et al)
 - *Haus der kleinen Forscher*, Germany (Skiebe et al)
 - *Primary connections*, Australia (Peers et al)
 - *Innovec*, Mexico (Fernandez et al)
 - *Engineering is elementary*, Boston USA (Miaoullis et al)
- Academies move through IAP (Allende, Léna, Lee Yee Cheong...) or in Europe

A renewal of science education in Europe

Views and Actions of National Academies

Analysis of surveys conducted in 2010 and 2011

A report of the ALLEA Working Group Science Education

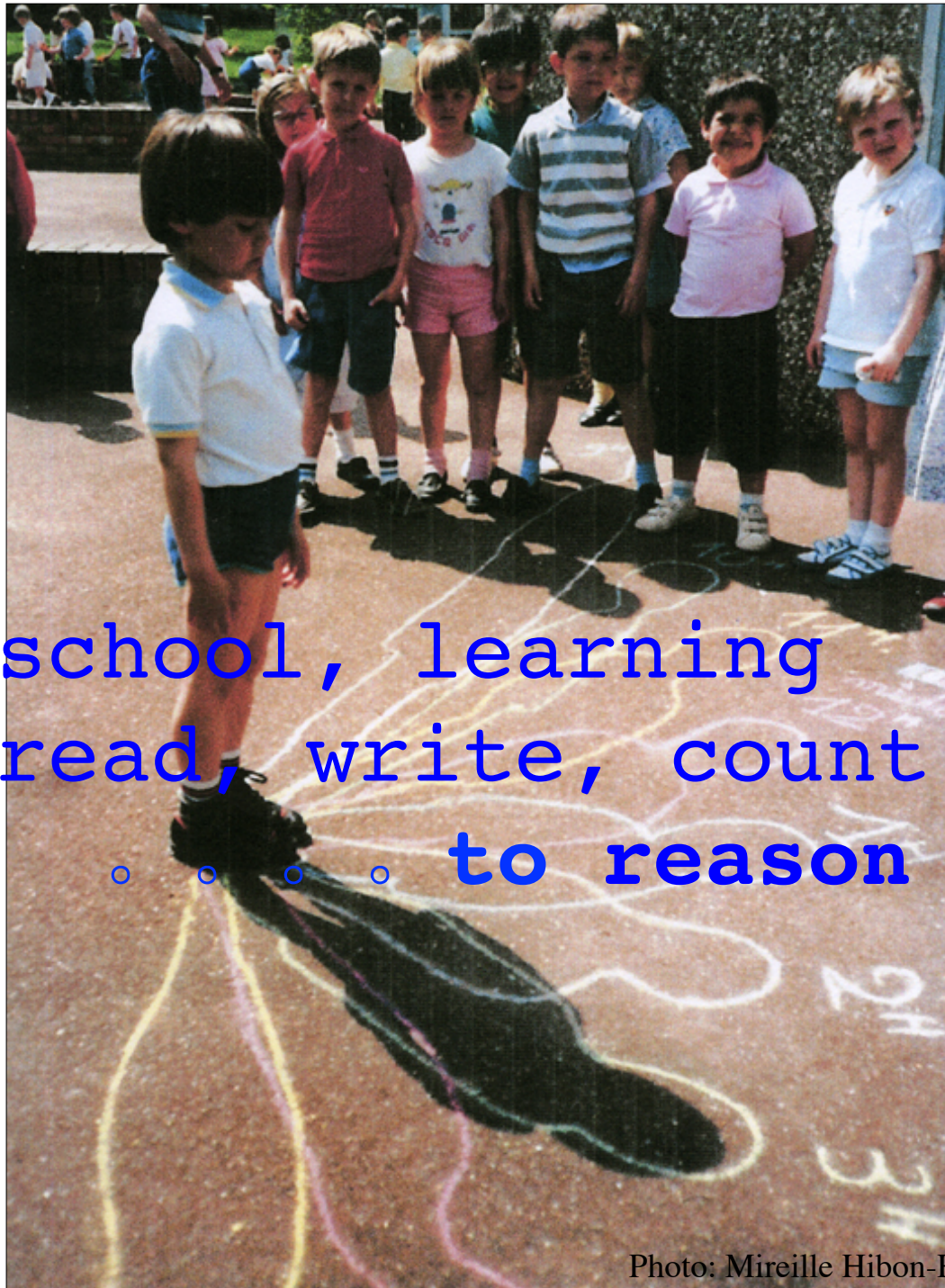
(IAP Science Education Programme Regional European Council)

Inquiry based science education (IBSE)

Inquiry is a term used both within education and in daily life to refer to seeking knowledge or information by **asking questions**. It is sometimes equated with research, investigation, or 'search for truth'.What distinguishes **scientific inquiry** is that it leads to **knowledge and understanding** of the natural and made world around, through **methods** which depend on the **collection and use of evidence** .

- Universality of curiosity and science ;
- Diversity of cultures, languages, educations

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Jan Comenius 1592-1670



Maria Montessori



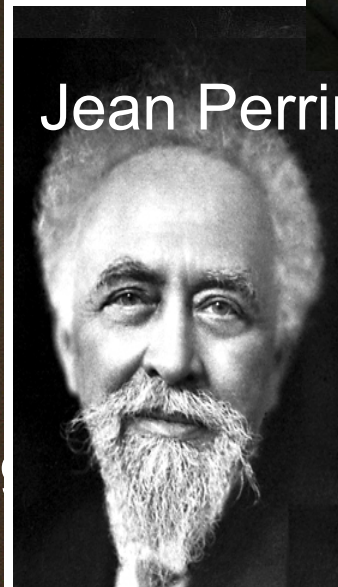
Georges Charpak



Frank Oppenheimer 1912-1985

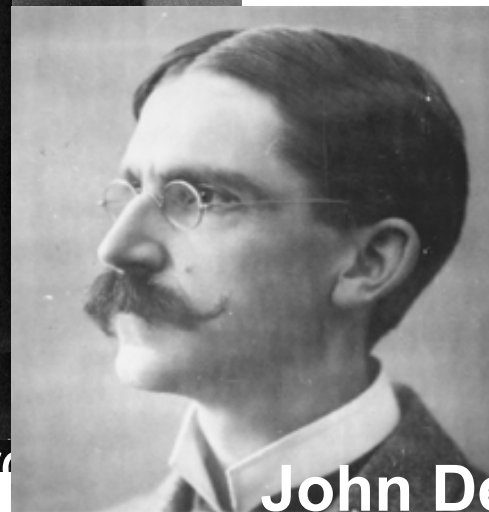


Jean Perrin 1870-1942



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Henri Becquerel



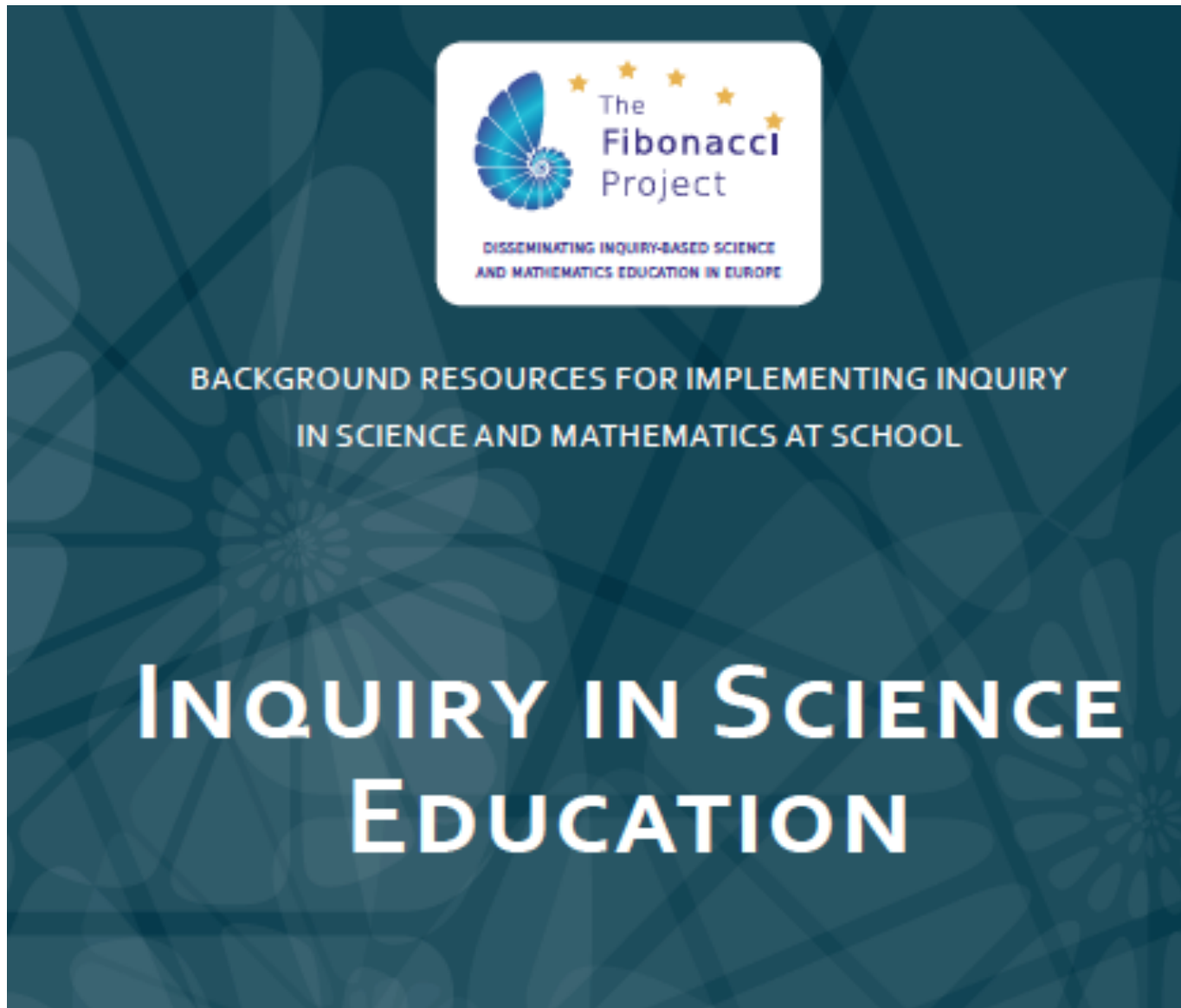
John Debye



1996 – today

La main à la pâte in France

1. Primary school : from 3% (1996) to 50 % ;
2. Middle school : from disciplines to integrated (interdisciplinary) science ;
3. Key role of Académie : political and practical ;
4. Teacher is key
 - Science/engineering are more than facts to learn ;
 - Opening the school : parents, community, industry ;
 - Coaching the teachers: www.fondation-lamap.org
5. Dissemination and international exchanges



Harlen W, in The **European Fibonacci project (2009-2013)**,
www.fibonacci-project.eu/

What we need (R Millar, 2012)

- Greater clarity about intended learning outcomes in science/technol.
 - together with validated **tools for identifying achievement**
- A model of science teaching and learning taking seriously the fact that 'core' science
 - is a body of accepted knowledge
 - which uses a framework of ideas and concepts
 - which **do not emerge solely from a study of phenomena**
 - indeed, in many cases, are deeply counter-intuitive
- This is not an argument for a 'transmission model' of instruction
 - but rather for one that recognises the need for, and the place of, episodes of **teacher exposition to real science and technology.**

**Assessment
& Inquiry-Based
Science Education:
Issues in Policy and Practice**

Wynne Harlen

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Global Network of Science Academies (IAP) Science Education Programme

***Tools for identifying student's
achievements***

A Guide issued by the IAP/
Science Education Program,
after the Helsinki Conference
2012

Available on the IAP Website

Chinese

English

French

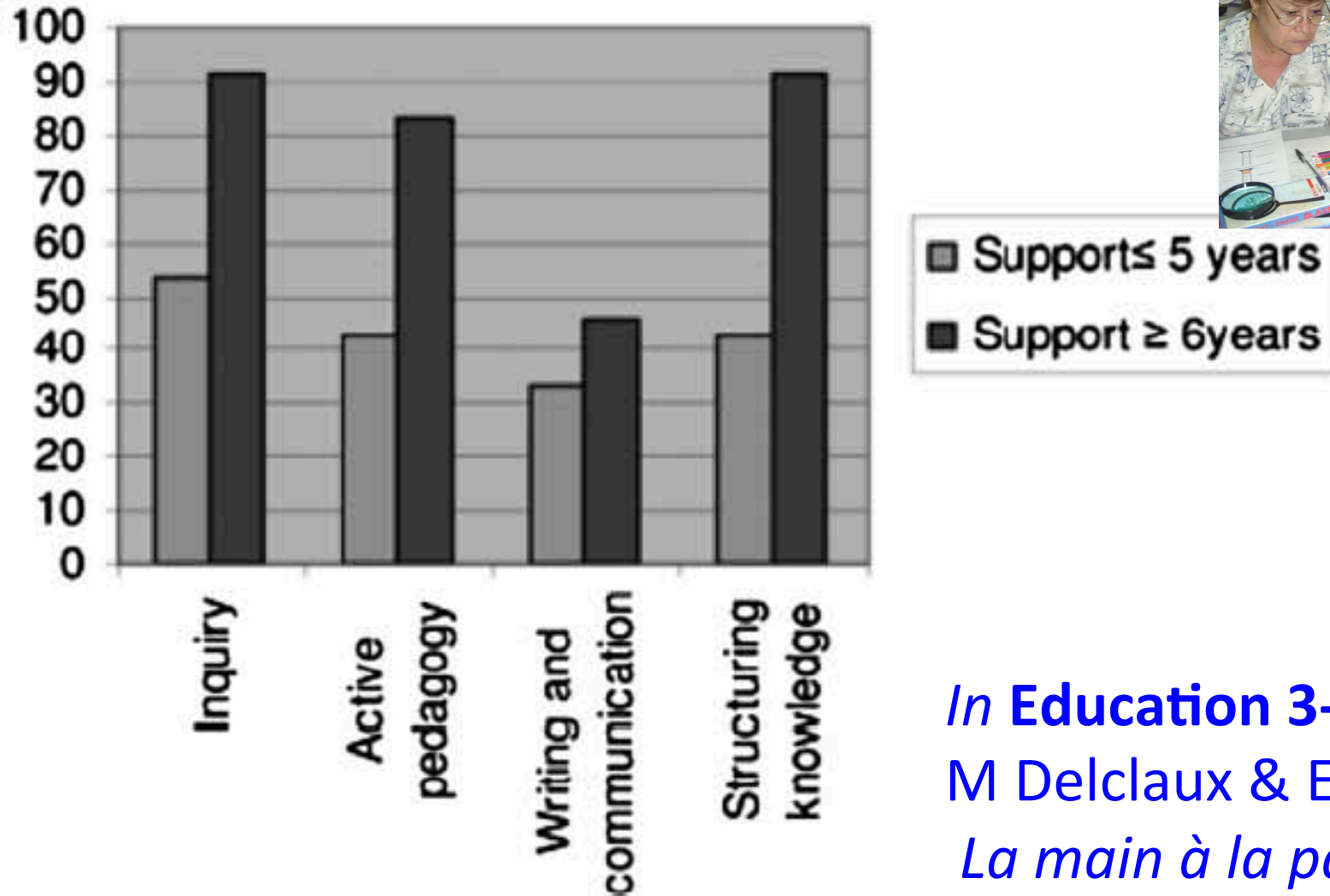
German

Serbian

Spanish

Changing teachers to IBSE takes time...

Exposing teachers to science and inquiry



In Education 3-13 (2011)
M Delclaux & E Saltiel
La main à la pâte, France

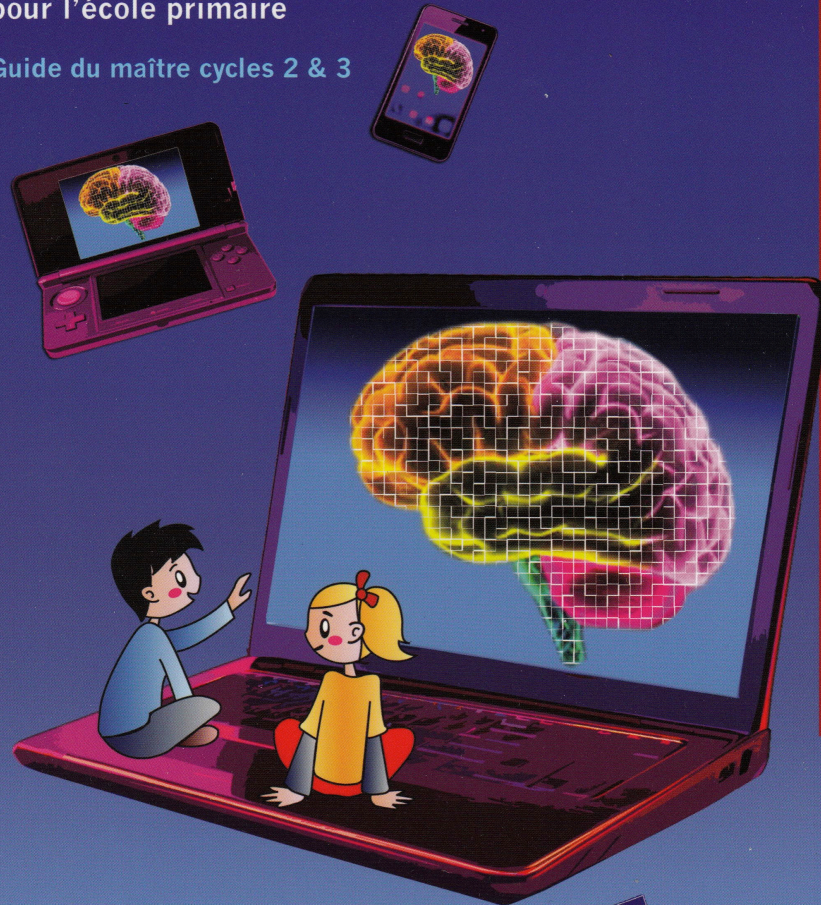
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03004279.2011.564198>

Elena Pasquinelli, Gabrielle Zimmermann,
Anne Bernard-Delorme, Béatrice Descamps-Latscha

Les écrans, le cerveau... et l'enfant

Un projet d'éducation à un usage raisonné des écrans
pour l'école primaire

Guide du maître cycles 2 & 3



Screens, Brain and the child
[ÉDUCATION LE PÂTIER !]

*Example : Lamap module
for teachers,
grades 1 to 7*

A transdisciplinary theme ;
A rigorous scientific
content for the teacher ;
A set of classroom
sequences ;
Methodological inquiry
indications.

Dissemination by coaching teachers in Europe

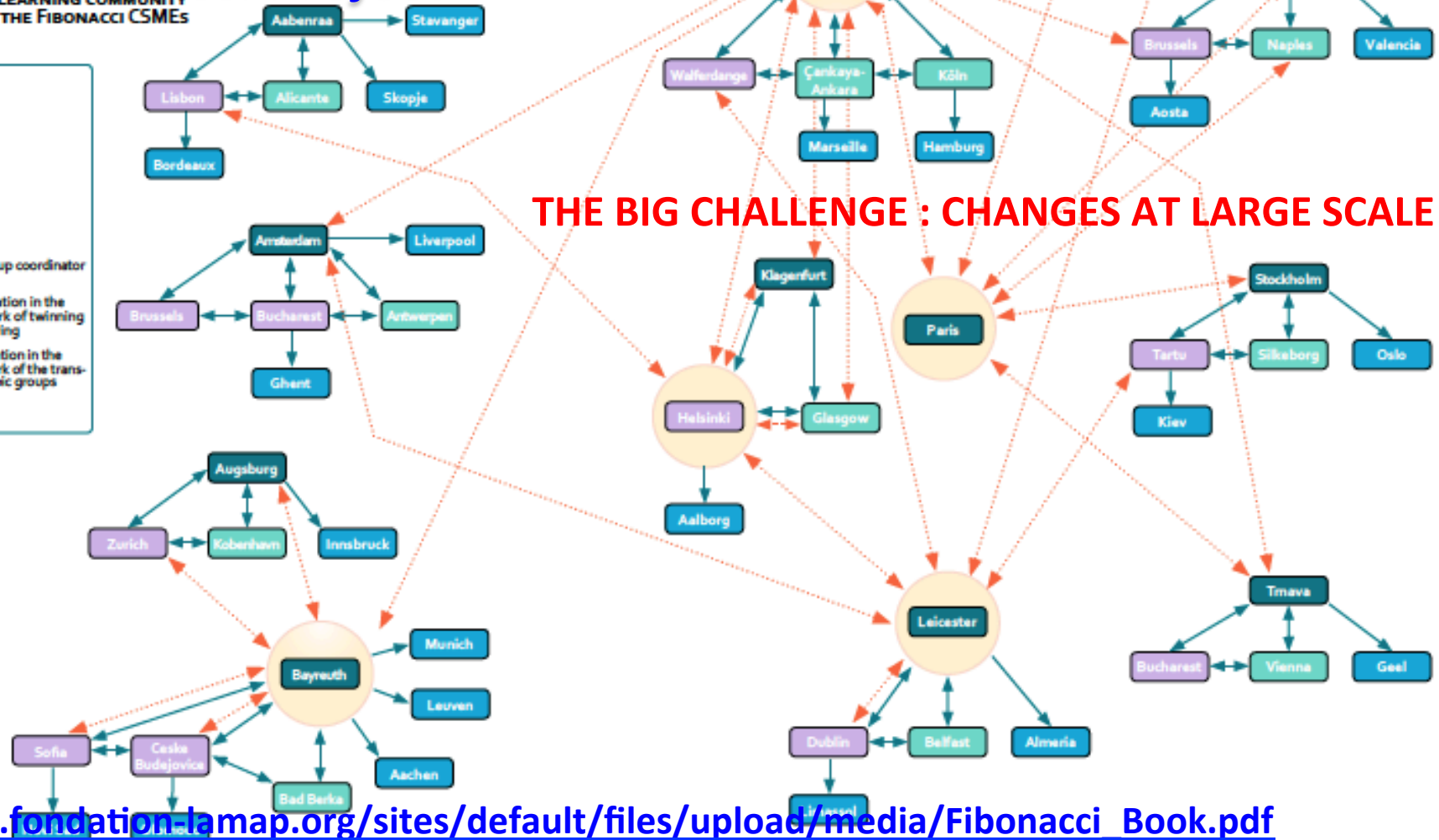
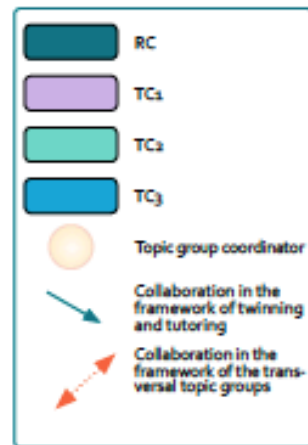
2009-2013

6000 teachers, 300 000 students

Math & Natural sciences

Fibonacci Project

FIG. 5. EUROPEAN LEARNING COMMUNITY FORMED BY THE FIBONACCI CSMEs

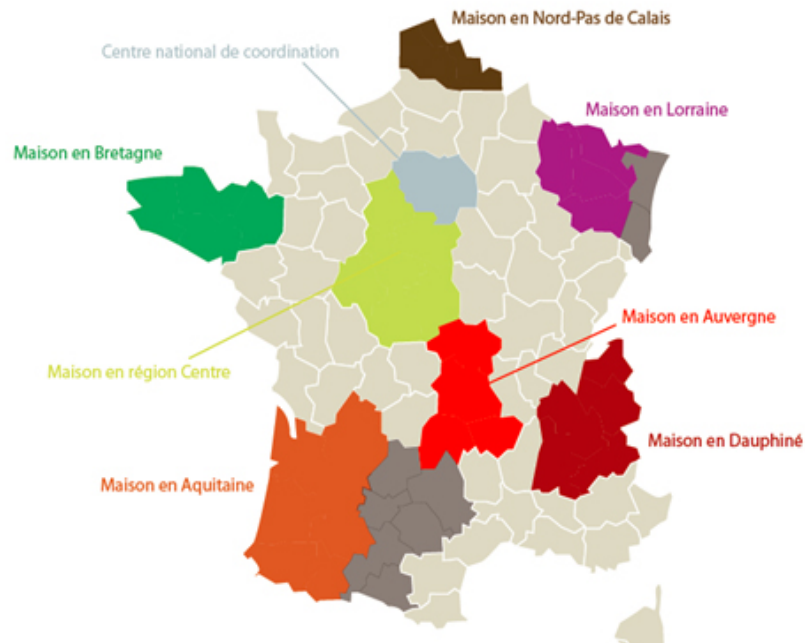


THE BIG CHALLENGE : CHANGES AT LARGE SCALE

*Dissemination in places where **teachers**
and science meet : UK, France, SE Asia*



UK
Sir John Holman
*9 National Science
Learning Centers*
2006 - 2015



- FRANCE
- *9 Maisons pour la science*
- *au service des professeurs*
 - 2012 - 2018



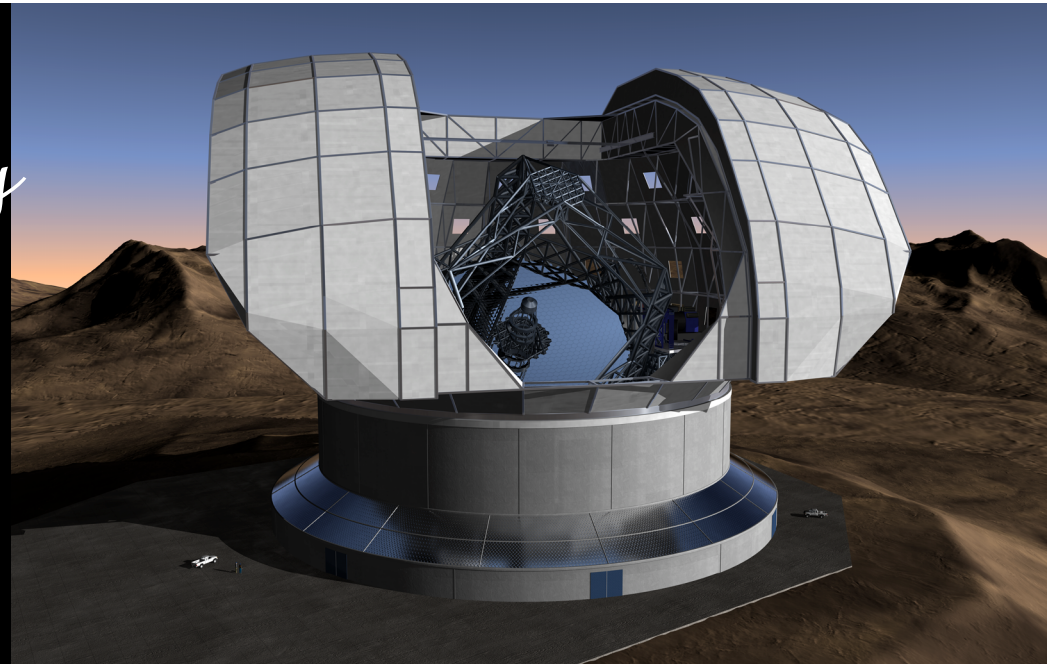
AFRICA
Fritz Hahne
*3 African Institute
For Mathematical
Sciences*

*Open questions
for the future : science/technology
in basic education*

- Core of *big ideas* ; interdisciplinarity
- Engineering vs. science ;
- UN goals for sustainable development (2015)
- Cognitive development of teenagers ;
- The school in the digital world ;
- Social status & salary of teachers.

*I have no more pressing
obligation
than to remain
passionately curious*

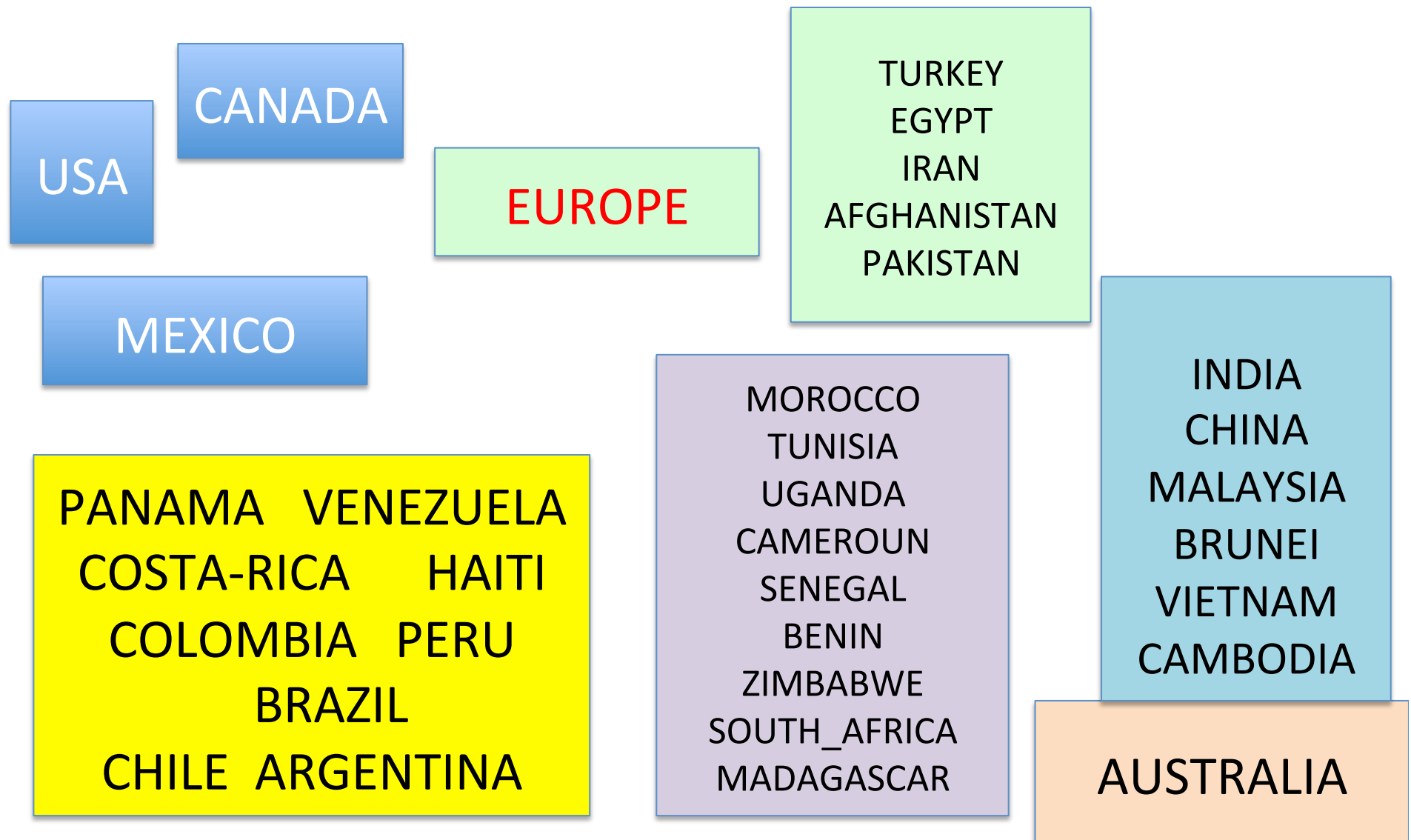
Albert Einstein





IBSE 2013 worldwide : millions of children..

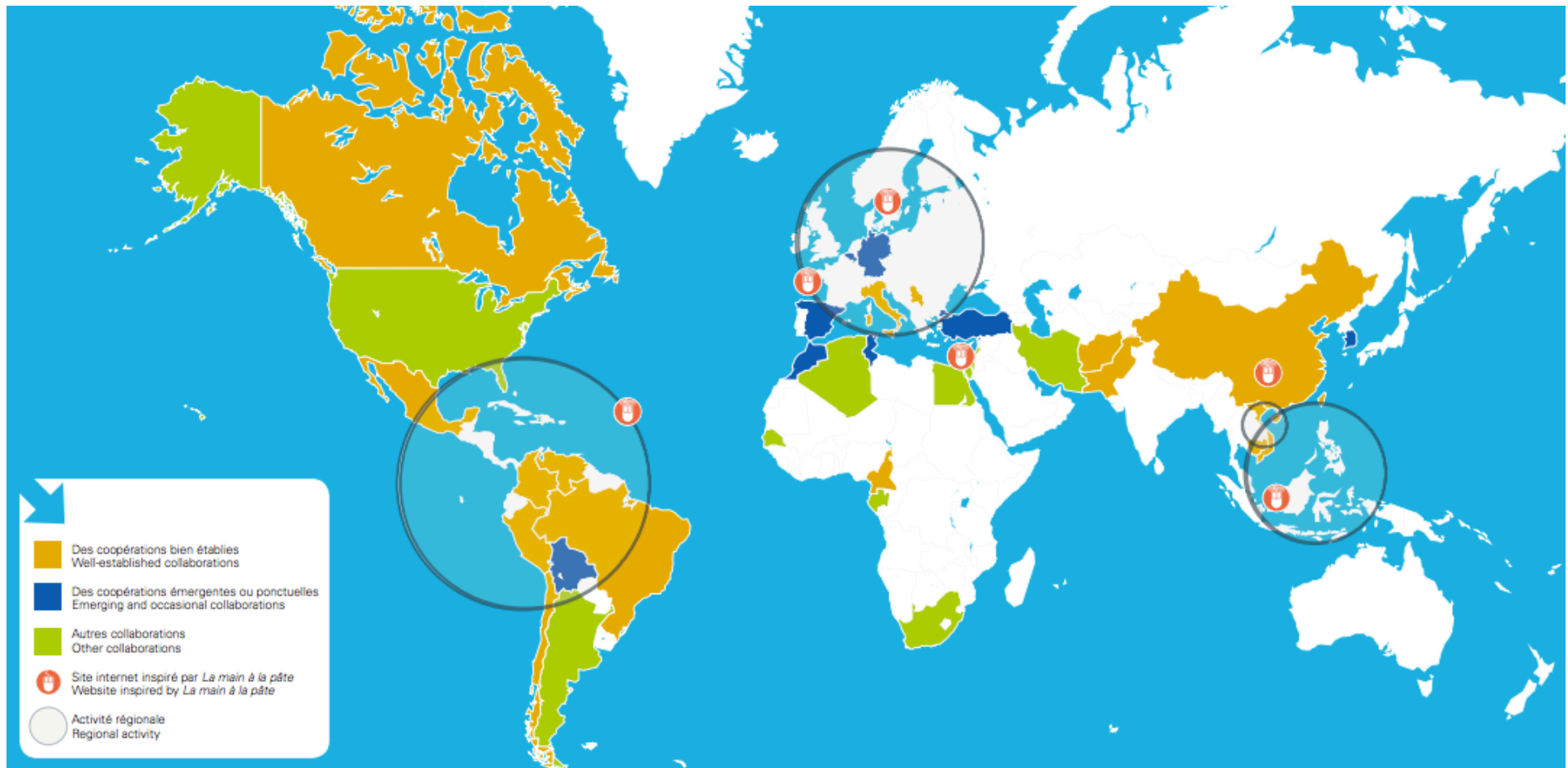
teacher training, resources, websites..



Collaborations of *La main à la pâte*

Booklet with full details on

www.fondation-lamap.org/fr/9511/action-internationale



La démarche d'investigation



1. Questionnement



2. Hypothèses



3. Expérimentation(s)



4. Conclusions et communication



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