

Jenaplan-Pädagogik in Finnland

Auf das Rundschreiben des Vorsitzenden vom 26. Mai 1991 über den Besuch des Vorstandes in Jena hat es eine vielfältige Resonanz in Form von Anrufen, Briefen, Geld- und Sachspenden gegeben. Ein hoffnungsfrohes Zeichen ist aus Finnland angekommen, das die Bedeutung einer notwendigen Diskussion über Erziehung und Bildung im sich öffnenden Europa sowie diesbezügliche Chancen der Jenaplan-Pädagogik unterstreicht.

Wir geben Ihnen den Brief zur Kenntnis, den Herr Matti Koskenniemi, Professor emeritus der Universität Helsinki, Ph.D.h.c. (Upsala), Ed.D.h.c. (Turku), Herrn Prof. Dr. Engelbert Groß geschrieben hat.

Dear Colleague,

you must forgive me for using English. Since some decades I've not been able to use the German language correctly.

The report from Jena, dated on the May 26 this year aroused a joy which I cannot describe with words. I did know the Universitätsschule at Grietgasse 1, I could also follow its destiny by means of letters from my honorable mentor Peter Petersen. During a strictly controlled visit to Jena sometimes in the 1960's I could have a look at the former building of the Universitätsschule which appeared to be a site of some other institution.

The impact of Petersen's ideas was considerable in Finland during the 1950's when a new curriculum for the post-war Finnish "Volksschule" was constructed and distributed.

But introducing a comprehensive, unified new school system during the 1960's and 1970's was combined with a strict centralized organization - quite in contrast with Petersen's policy.

Now, however, can happily be said that this policy has clearly been retreated. Individual schools have again got their century-old inner autonomy. What is left from the period of over-centralization, is only some in very general terms expressed unified aims, and the inspection of learning materials.

In the present situation an influence from Jena-Pädagogik has, as I see it, new possibilities. I would be very happy if you could carry my best regards and wishes for the future to the resurrected Universitätsschule from an old friend, who owes so much to Jena and Peter Petersen.