

Alternatives seminars and multimedia exhibitions: Global outreach and support for humane education initiatives

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Abstract

An increasing number of seminars on humane education and alternatives to dissection and animal experiments have been organised by InterNICHE and its Partners across the world. In combination with oral presentations and workshops, multimedia exhibitions with demonstrations of alternatives from across the disciplines comprise an essential part of the seminars. The multimedia exhibitions have also played a contributory role at other events. This paper details major events by region or country (Latin America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, India, China); by nature (type of outreach, degree of training); and by focus (faculty and discipline, participants). It situates each event within the context of local, national and international humane education initiatives and the growing movement for curricular change.

Introduction

InterNICHE has organised through its National Contacts and Partners across the world an increasing number of seminars on humane education and alternatives to dissection and animal experiments. In combination with oral presentations and workshops, multimedia exhibitions of alternatives from across the disciplines comprise an essential part of the seminars. They have also played a contributory role at other events.

Outreach, aims and examples

Events have been organised according to a range of aims and criteria:

- To help initiate replacement and to support local humane education and training initiatives
- In different countries and international regions
- Addressing one or all disciplines within the life sciences
- With different degrees of demonstration and training
- Primarily to university teachers, postgraduates and students

Examples of the diversity of events organised include:

- InterNICHE / WSPA India Training seminars (10 cities, 2004)
- Multimedia Exhibition at 5th, 7th and 8th World Congresses on Alternatives (2005, 2009, 2011)
- 1st Latin America Tour for Ethical Education (2008)
- 1st Pan-Africa Seminar on Alternatives in Education (2009)
- 1st North Africa & Middle East Seminar on Alternatives (2010)

Each event is situated within a specific cultural, academic and timing context which is engaged with to maximise the potential impact in terms of replacement, empowerment and alliance-building.

Conclusion

By organising seminars and Multimedia Exhibitions, InterNICHE aims to provide information, ideas and inspiration, as well as hands-on access to alternatives for demonstration and trial. Such activity helps to build a humane education and alternatives movement.



Left column from top: China (2011), Iran (2011), Ukraine (2005), Norway (2005)
Right column from top: Peru (2010), Kenya (2010), India (2010), Italy (2009)

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