

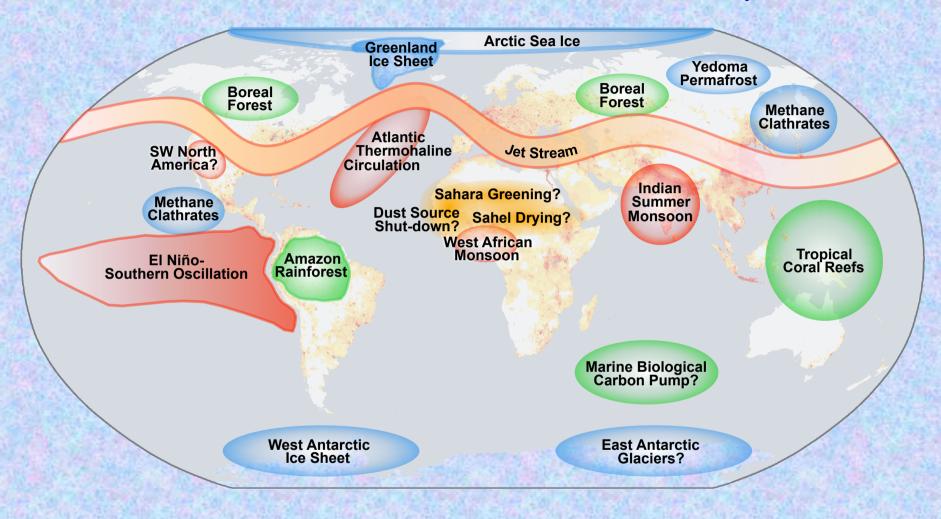
Teaching sustainable development: a scientific or an ethical question?

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Potential instabilities in the climatic system



- Cryosphere Entities
- Circulation Patterns
- Biosphere Components

Population Density [persons per km²]



From Schnellhuber- PAS 2014k, after Lenton et al. 2008

Growth of inequity, unemployement, social instabilities



D'après Jeffrey SACHS, PASS 2014

Prominent scientists take stand for hope and trust to be fostered through science in education



Science reveals the problems, could bring the solution

Biomass is fuel source for cooking/Heating for about 2.7 Billion Second largest source of Black Carbon; also CO & Methane 4.2 Million die each year from air pollution (indoor/outdoor)



Veerharadran Ramanathan, Scripps, California, 2009 in PAS 2014

Sustainable development in education

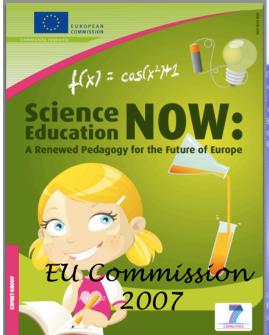
- Scientific understanding of issues = truth;
- Ethical/moral judgment = human values;
- Economic/political goals = choices of actions.

A new challenge in a rapidly evolving context of:

- Globalisation
- Poverty and Inequalities
 - Digital revolution

- 1. Inquiry: the present status;
- 2. Challenging science education;
- 3. Questioning sustainable development;
- 4. A global education for the future.

Encouraging Student Interest in Science and Technology Studies



Global Science Forum

OCDE 2009

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)

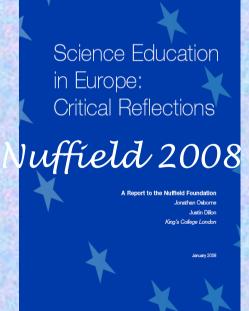
全民科学素质行动计划纲要

(2006-2010-2020年)

China 2006

Program to convey scientific culture to the whole people





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

The Inquiry process in the classroom



1. Questionning



3. Experimenting & Observing





2. Hypothetizing



4. Communicating and concluding

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)
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- Scientists, Academies, Scientific institutions are essential partners of the pilot projects.

IBSE 2013 worldwide: millions of children..

teacher training, resources, websites..

USA

CANADA

EUROPE

TURKEY
EGYPT
IRAN
AFGHANISTAN
PAKISTAN

MEXICO

PANAMA VENEZUELA
COSTA-RICA HAITI
COLOMBIA PERU
BRAZIL
CHILE ARGENTINA

MOROCCO
TUNISIA
UGANDA
CAMEROUN
SENEGAL
BENIN
ZIMBABWE
SOUTH_AFRICA
MADAGASCAR

INDIA
CHINA
MALAYSIA
BRUNEI
VIETNAM
CAMBODIA

AUSTRALIA

..and 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)



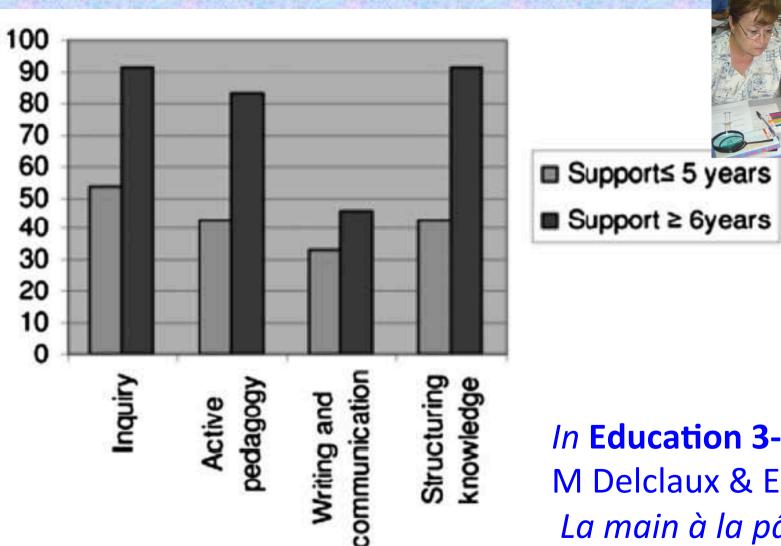
IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS AT SCHOOL

INQUIRY IN SCIENCE EDUCATION

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

Changing teachers to IBSE takes time...

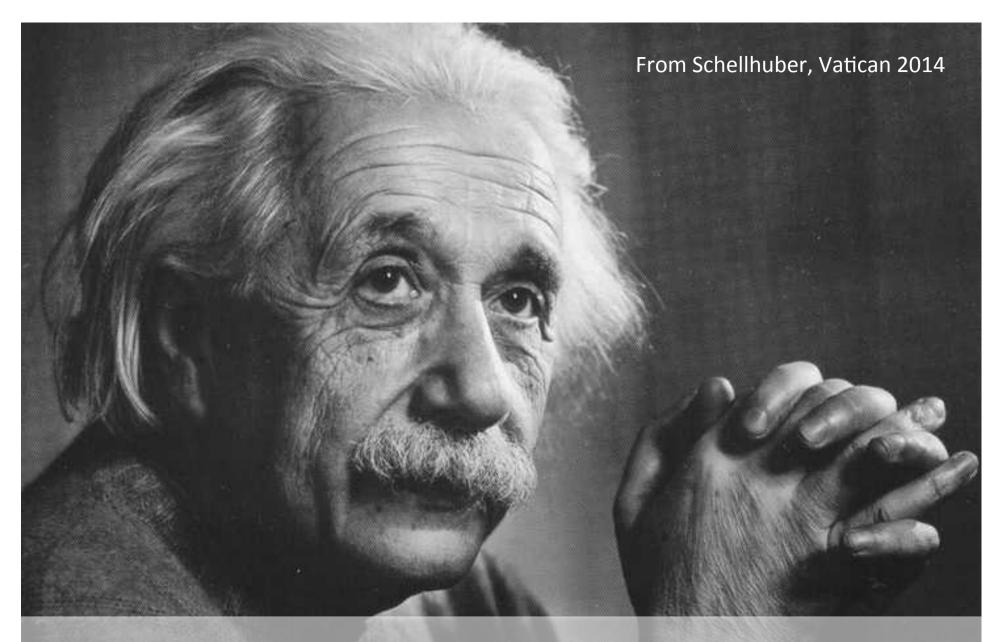
Exposing teachers to science and inquiry



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

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

2. ESD is challenging science education



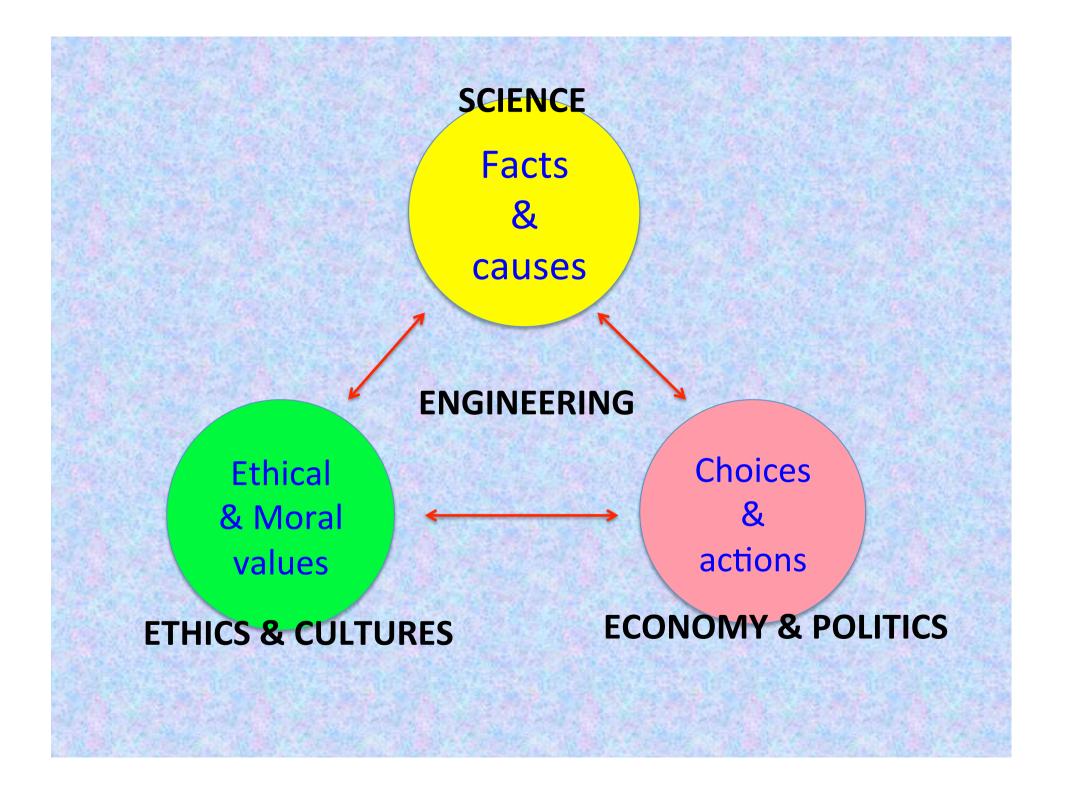
Problems cannot be solved with the same mind set that created them

Albert Einstein

Objectivity in science & ESD issues

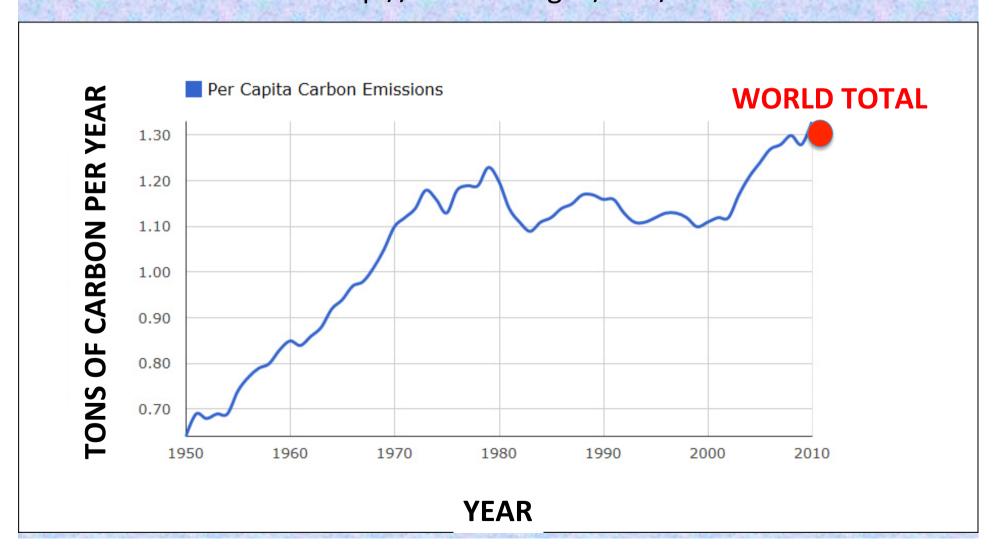
- Science often requires changing habits of mind;
- From simplifying to dealing with complexity;
- Science is building up truth about nature;
- Science knowlege is (today) built upon trust;
- Scientists must obey some internal ethical rules.

3. Questioning Sustainable development



Carbon (CO₂) Yearly Emission per capita

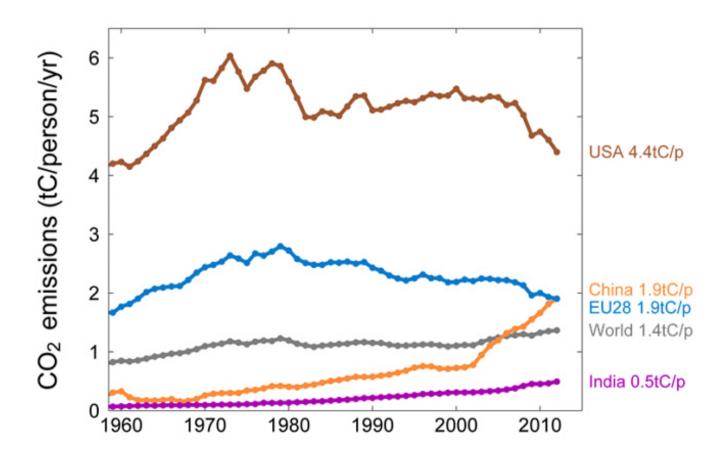
Source: Boden et al, 2013, Global Carbon Project http://cdiac.ornl.gov/GCP/





Top Fossil Fuel Emitters (Per Capita)

Average per capita emissions in 2012 China is growing rapidly and the US is declining fast



Source: CDIAC Data; Le Quéré et al 2013; Global Carbon Project 2013

4. A global education for the future

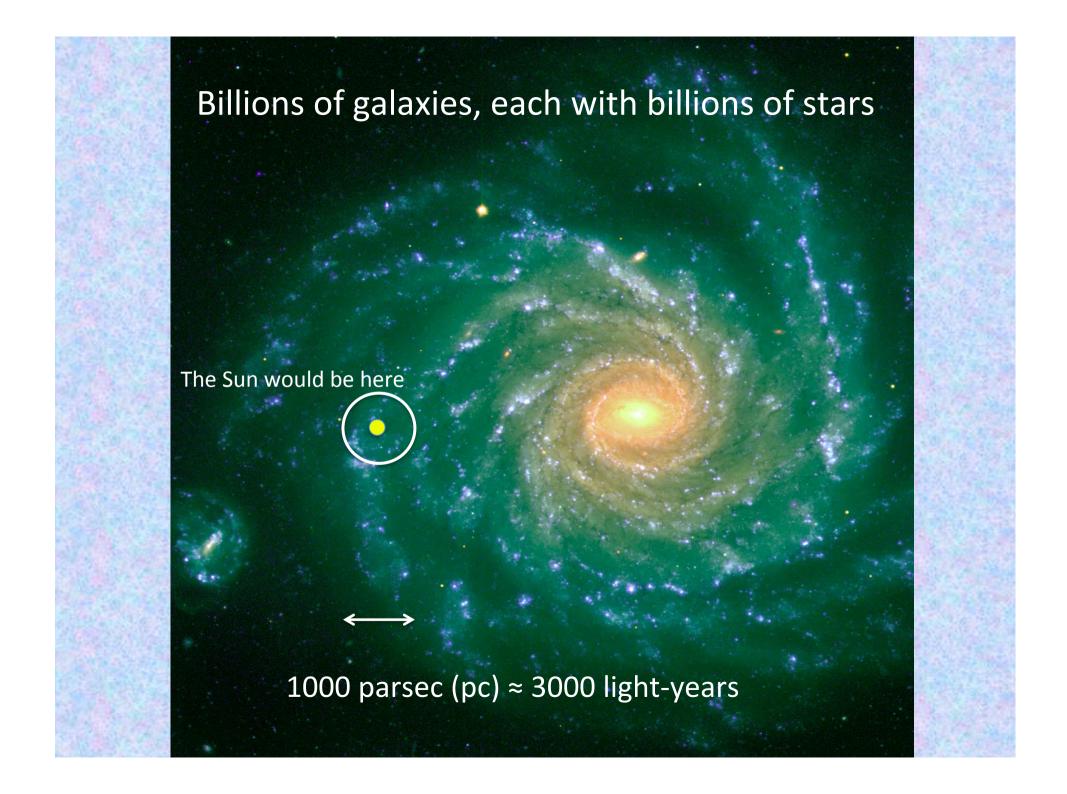
Educating for the future

- An understanding of science and technology in a broader frame, accounting for complexity;
- A development of creativity and skills;
- An ethical vision of human solidarity.

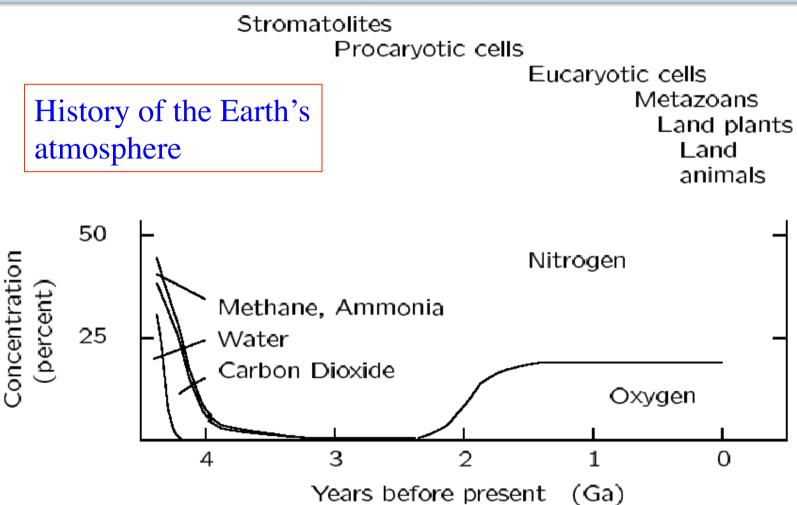
School as usual?

or
a new vision of science in modern culture

challenging teachers?

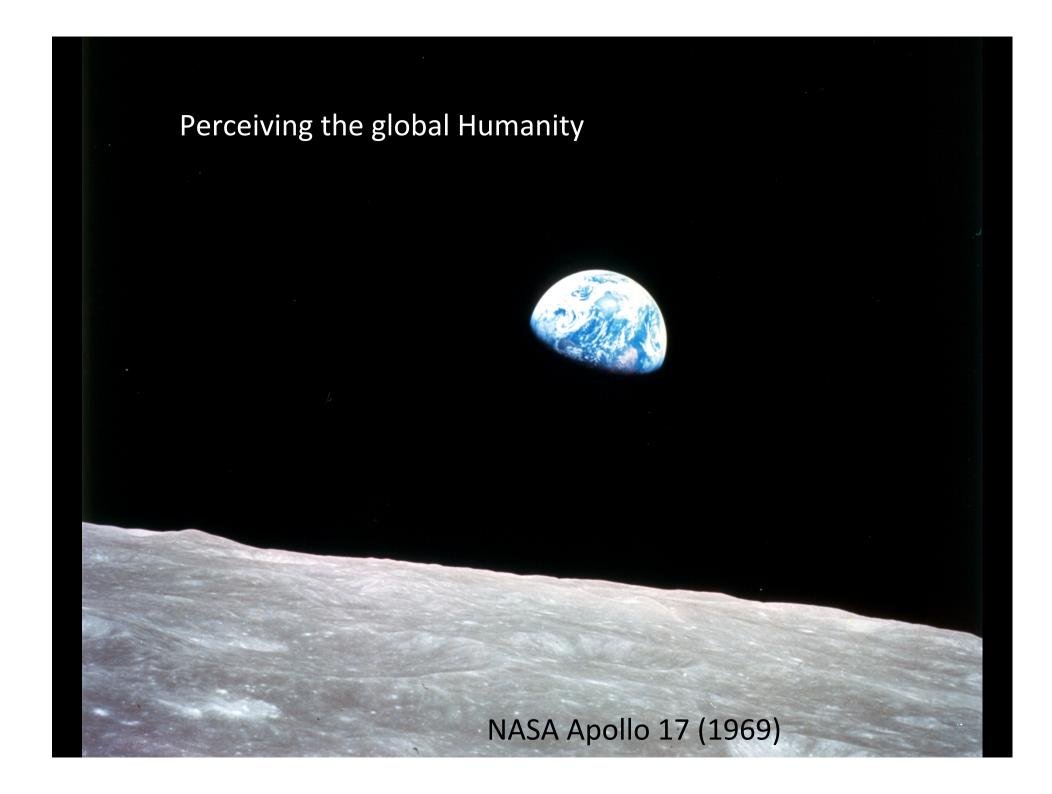


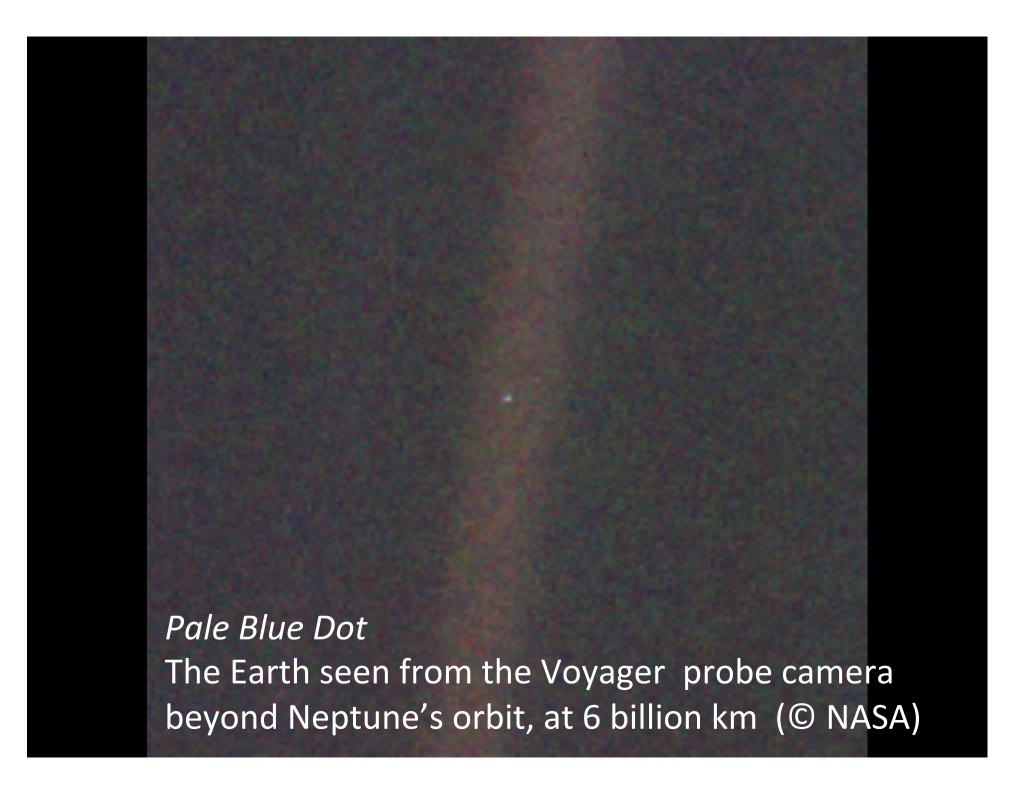
An holistic vision with the Great Story: Universe, Earth, Man



Cyanobacteria photosynthesis -> O₂
• H₂ -> CH₄ underground/sea or escape

O₂ indicating life





New challenges for science teachers

- ✓ Pluridisciplinarity:
 - S,T (e.g. EIST in France), E?
 - Math (cf. IBSE & IBME in Fibonacci)
 - Science and language
- ✓ Identifying Big Ideas:
 - Big ideas on science;
 - Big ideas of science;
- ✓ The digital revolution;
- ✓ Building ESD modules and sequences;
- ✓ Developing formative/summative assessment tools.

Dealing with complexity

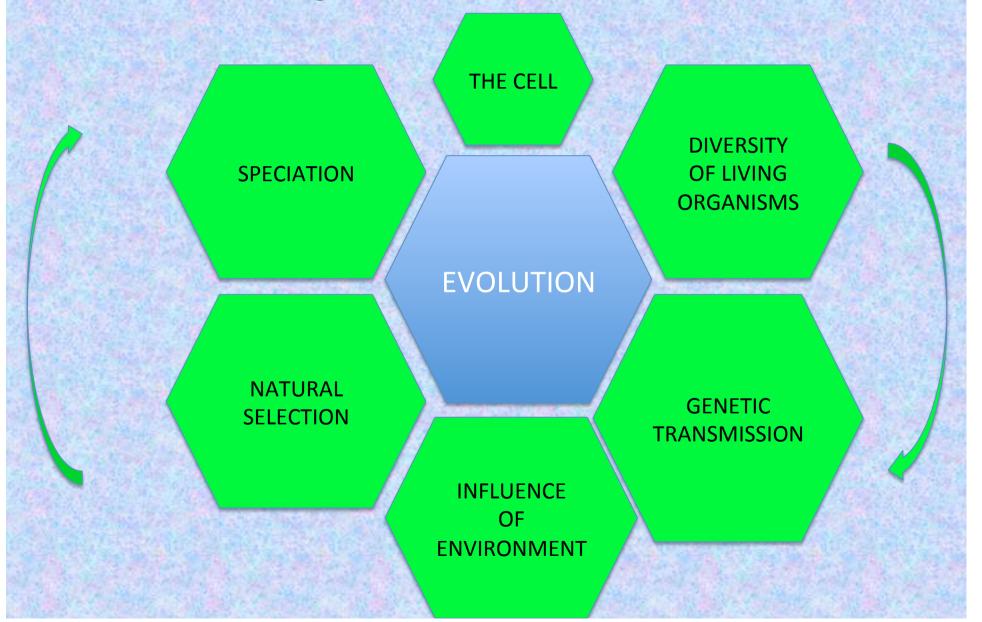
Principles and big ideas of science education

Edited by Wynne Harlen

2009

With the contribution of Derek Bell, Rosa Devés, Hubert Dyasi, Guillermo Fernández de la Garza, Pierre Léna, Robin Millar, Michael Reiss, Patricia Rowell, and Wei Yu

Evolution: a big idea, to be confronted with ESD



A module from La main à la pâte (Grades 3-4-5)



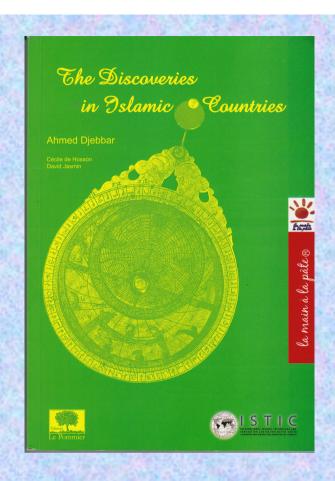
www.fondation-lamap.org

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La Science voilée

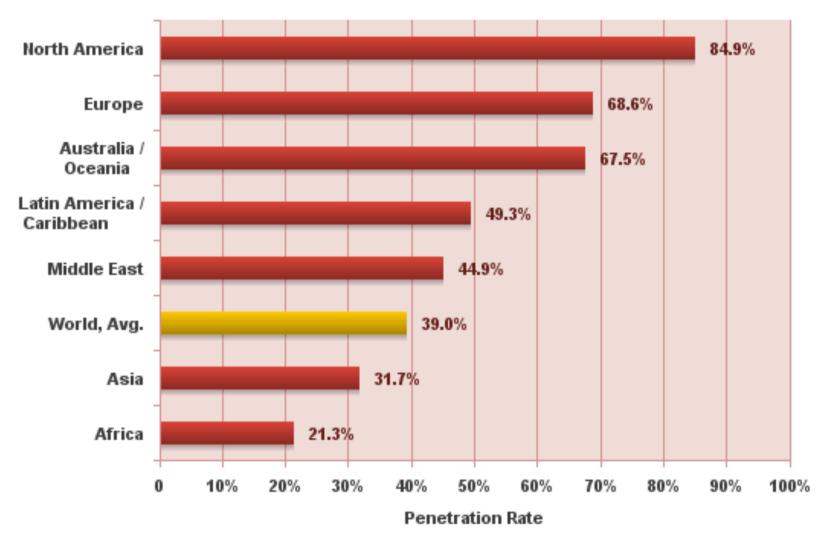
2013





Science and culture

World Internet Penetration Rates by Geographic Regions - 2013 Q4



Source: Internet World Stats - www.internetworldststs.com/stats.htm Penetration Rates are based on a world population of 7,181,858,619 and 2,802,478,934 estimated Internet users on December 31, 2013. Copyright © 2014, Miniwatts Marketing Group

Children, our today' students, are the ones who in 2040-2050, will be the adults who shall live on an Earth with 9 billions inhabitants.

They will have to deal with our legacy of problems and use the skills education is giving, or not, to them now.

The poorest will be the most suffering ones.