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[4th] World Congress
[Education for Global Progress]
The delegation from CTF/FCE Canada.

Mohammad Sowan and Hazem Qumsieh from the Palestine teachers union. The resolution unanimously carried by the Congress.....

The World Health Organisation has sponsored the production of
100,000 teachers' exercise books for HIV Prevention. To be printed in English and French language versions, the 200-page publication will go to the 17 countries presently involved in the EI/WHO/CDC/EDC HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme.
Outgoing President Mary Hatwood Futrell will remain on the EI Executive Board as Founding Member. Here with Juçara Dutra Vieira, EI Vice President from CNTE Brazil. EI host member organisation in Brazil, which represents over 2 million educators.

45 new teachers organisations joined EI, since the last Congress in 2001.

Brazillian President, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, wished the participants a very successful and fruitful Congress. President Lula congratulated both EI and CNTE in having chosen Brazil as the venue of EI’s World Congress. This choice, he said, reflects the government’s endeavour to ensure that all children have the opportunity to attend school.

“All investment in education is investment in the future. No human being is stupid and all human beings can develop given the opportunity,” said Lula.

The General Secretary Fred van Leeuwen was re-elected for a fourth term. Here he is being congratulated by delegates from India.
600+ women delegates took part in the EI Women's Caucus. They provided a gender analysis of the themes, programme, budget and resolutions of the EI World Congress. Here participants from Nigeria.

The new EI Executive Board (see p. 14-15).

The Congress Quest: entering the finance office!

Looking for the Grail: the requests to speak and nomination forms at the greffier's desk.
More than eighty member organisations took the stand to express their views on EI policies. Here Willy Madisha, President of SADTU South Africa.

Dee Strange, from NEA USA and Lira Ryskulov from Kirgizstan.

Casting the vote for the nine open seats.

Thembelani "Thulas" Nxesi, SADTU’s General Secretary, was unanimously elected President of EI. Here with his spouse, Nombulelo.

Over 150 countries were represented at the EI Congress, here the two delegates from Niger.
EI paid tribute to its Chief Regional Coordinator Tom Bediako who retired in February this year. Sheena Hanley, former Deputy General Secretary, and Napoleon Morazan, from the Latin American regional office were also thanked for their relentless contribution to the activities of EI.

The resolution asking EI and its member organisations to intensify their HIV/AIDS prevention programme was adopted with a standing ovation.

Claudio Corries, President of the World Confederation of Teachers after the Congress approved the integration of the 25 European WCT organisations into EI membership.

Sylvia Borren, Oxfam International, stressed the need for NGOs and trade unions to work together in order to be more successful in achieving common goals.

Solidarity greetings were brought by Hans Engelberts, General Secretary of the Public Services International. On behalf of PSI’s 639 member organisations in 150 countries, he thanked EI for its close co-operation.

Senior Vice-President of the World Bank, Jean-Louis Sarbib, stated in his speech that education is the key investment to break the cycle of poverty and provide people with opportunities.

EI paid tribute to the outgoing Executive Board members. On the picture, from left to right: Carlos Abicalil (CNTE Brazil), Anni Herfort Anderson (Denmark), Nigel de Gruchy (NASUWT UK) and Bob Chase (NEA USA).
A Congress is made up of more than just plenary sessions and precisely prepared speeches. During the five days, a number of social activities were held for the great pleasure of participants, providing a further occasion to get to know each other, relax and exchange ideas.

Awards Dinner: the EI Awards were presented at the very impressive Salao Leopoldina et Imperatriz.

The recipient of the EI Mary Hatwood Futrell Human and Trade Union Rights Award was Estella Barnes de Carlotto (left) from the Association of "Abuelas" (Grandmothers) of the Plaza de Mayo in Argentina. Errol L. Miller, Caribbean academic from Jamaica, received the EI Albert Shanker Education Award.

On Friday 23 July, more than 1,000 people were welcomed by the European affiliates of EI.

The European Night was held in the Churrascaria Galpao Crioulo, Parque Estancia de Armonía of Porto Alegre. The cultural performances by Brazilian bands were entertaining.
Eyes were wide open for the breathtaking **North American Night** organised on Saturday 24 July.

The **Brazilian Night** ended an exciting first day of Congress. The host organisation CNTE made sure that everybody got a flavour of Brazil and of the Rio Grande do Sul State.