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Since its foundation in 1920, the World Education Fellowship (WEF) has always had an interest in the all-round education of children and young people, embracing the emotional, physical and spiritual development of the person alongside intellectual development. In an increasingly technology driven world, with an emphasis upon material progress, there are growing challenges to developing humane education that addresses all of the needs of humanity.

WEF is a NGO with operational relations with UNESCO/UN and designated Peace Messenger to the United Nations. Principles of WEF: a) The primary purpose of education today is to help all of us to grow as self-respecting, sensitive, confident well informed, competent and responsible individuals in society and in the world community, b) People develop these qualities when they live in mutually supportive environments where sharing purposes and problems generates friendliness, commitment and cooperation. Schools should aim to be communities of this kind, c) Learners should, as early as possible, take responsibility for the management of their own education in association with and support from others. They should be helped to achieve both local involvement and a global perspective, d) High achievement is best obtained by mobilising personal motivation and creativity within a context of open access to a variety of learning opportunities, e) Methods of assessment should aim to describe achievement and promote self-esteem.

The Bulgarian Comparative Education Society

The Bulgarian Comparative Education Society (BCES) was founded in Sofia, Bulgaria in 1991. Since 1992 the BCES has been a constituent member-society of the World Council of Comparative Education Societies. The BCES keeps close contacts and performs cooperative projects with the WCCES Secretariat and many national, regional and international institutions.

The Conference Venue

The Faculty of Primary and Pre-school Education, at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, is the conference venue.

Sofia University was established in 1888. Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski has always been the largest and most prestigious educational and scientific centre in Bulgaria. Today it has 15 Faculties with 75 degree programs. The University's main building is situated in the city centre, at 15 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd.

The Faculty of Primary and Pre-school Education was founded in 1983. During the 23 years of its existence the Faculty has constantly updated curricula and programmes to keep abreast of both developments in pedagogical scholarship and social demands. Since 1997/1998 there have been established 8 degree programmes at the Faculty, as follows: Pre-school and Primary School Education, Primary School Education and Foreign Language Teaching, Pre-school Education and Foreign Language Teaching, Special Education, Social Education, Music, Fine Arts, Speech Therapy. The Faculty of Primary and Pre-school Education has its own building, at 69-A Shipchenski Prohod Blvd, Sofia.

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The conference is intended to explore aspects of education for the whole person in the context of a technological and E-learning society in the twenty first century.

Sub-themes will include:

- E-learning and Pedagogy for the Technological Society
- The Information and Communication Society - implications for creativity and environmental education
- Education and Technology for Sustainable Development
- Citizenship Education
- Peace and Values Education in a Technological Society
- Education for the Environment
- Supportive Learning Environments
- Technology and Art Education
- Education and Mass Media
- The History of WEF as a Champion of All-round Education

Technology has changed the world in which we live. It has changed the way that we work. It has changed the ways in which we can keep and analyse information about each other. It has changed the metaphors we use to describe and understand ourselves. And it has changed the world for which young people must be prepared.

Education cannot remain unaffected by technological change. But should we see technology as a threat – an obstacle to personal relationships, a filter through which our contact with the world is distorted, and a buffer that cuts us off from our spiritual roots – or should we see it as an opportunity – opening up new ways of *creating works of art, offering new chances to communicate with people around the globe, and providing a material base upon which values of democracy and creativity should flourish.*

This conference offers the opportunity to explore the relationship between technology, E-learning, ICT and education from a variety of perspectives, but with particular emphasis on providing an education which is more than technical, vocational or intellectual in a narrow sense.

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This conference will be of interest to

- Educators at all levels in the formal and non-formal sectors
- Scientists and researchers
- Policy makers, advisors, administrators and NGOs
- Publishers of educational materials
- Students
- Other interested individuals

CALL FOR PAPERS

Proposals for papers, posters and panels/symposia are invited from scholars, teachers and others working in areas related to the theme.

Abstracts of papers and outlines of other presentations should be between 250 and 300 words and should be submitted in electronic format.

Submissions should include a clear statement as to how they relate to the conference theme and sub-theme. The full details of the author and their home institution (if any) should be given.

The proposal should indicate the format of the presentation (i.e. paper, video, poster, workshop).

All proposals should reach the organisers by **1 May 2006**.

Full papers should be submitted by **1 July 2006**.

All proposals will be refereed by an expert panel.

Submission of a proposal is made on the basis that abstracts and full papers may be published on the Internet and/or in conference proceedings, and that authors have the authority to grant such publication.

The conference fee will be €330 per participant (€300 if paid in full before 1 June 2006).

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Bulgaria and its capital Sofia

Bulgaria is a small, picturesque country located in South-East Europe. In 681 the Bulgarian State was founded with Khan Asparoukh as the leader of a union of the Slavs and the Proto-Bulgarians in their struggle against Byzantium. In 1186 the Second Bulgarian Kingdom was established. The Third Bulgarian State has existed since 1878. Today, Bulgaria's territory is 111,000 square km, and its population is 7 million.

For more than 13 centuries Bulgarians have been creating unique literature, art and music. Bulgaria has given the world men of great achievements, unparalleled in history. In the 9th century, the brothers Cyril and Methodius, recognised as the patrons of Europe, created the Cyrillic alphabet.

Bulgaria is especially proud of its rich folklore traditions. Folk dances, music, national costumes and traditional rituals have an important place in the life of Bulgarians. Every town and village celebrates Christian holidays and folk festivities in its own special way.

Bulgarian wine tradition dates back to the era of the Thrace and has been honoured since the times of Homer.

Bulgaria's capital Sofia has a history that goes back thousands of years. Through the centuries, many peoples have inhabited it and added to its rich and diverse history. Numerous Neolithic villages have been discovered in the area, while a chalcolithic settlement has been recently discovered in the very centre of modern Sofia.

The Thracian Serdi tribe settled here in the 7th century BC and gave the first recorded name of Sofia - Serdica. The Byzantines called it Triaditsa and the Slavs - Sredets. The modern city of Sofia was named in the 14th century after the basilica St. Sofia. In Greek, word *sofia* means wisdom.

Today there are many archaeological sites in Sofia, that display the city's diverse history – the castle gates and towers of Serdica, public buildings and streets thousands of years old. Rapidly the city's image changed from an Oriental, to a European. Today's population of Sofia is 1,250,000.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The programme will start on Sunday, 27 August with opportunities for participants to meet informally, and to take part in a forum on matters of general educational interest. The conference will be opened formally on the morning of Monday 28, August, and will close on Friday 1 September.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 – 10.00	Arrival	Reflection groups		Cultural visits & Tours (Lunch included)	Reflection groups	
10.00 – 10.30		Coffee / tea break			Coffee / tea break	
10.30 – 12.00		Opening ceremony + Keynote speech	Keynote speech + Discussion		Keynote speech + Discussion	Parallel sessions
12.00 – 13.00		Lunch			Lunch	
13.00 – 14.30		Parallel sessions			Parallel sessions	Closing Ceremony
14.30 – 15.00		Coffee / tea break			Coffee / tea break	
15.00 – 16.30	Round table meeting	Parallel sessions			Parallel sessions	
			Conference dinner		International evening	

CONFERENCE FEE

The conference fee will be €330 per participant (€300 if paid in full before 1 June 2006).

The conference fee covers conference facilities including lunch, tea and coffee at the conference venue, the conference dinner and dinner at the international evening, and cultural visits within the conference programme.

REGISTRATION FORM

Title: Professor / Dr / Mr / Mrs / Ms / other..... Family Name

Given Name

Address

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Postcode Country

Telephone

Fax

E-mail

I enclose a cheque for € for the Registration Fee.

I would like to present a workshop / paper / poster / panel* session in the conference sub-theme

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The provisional title of my presentation is

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My co-authors / co-presenters* are

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I would like more information on travel / pre- and post-conference tours / hotels / other *

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Please return this form to:

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ACCOMMODATION

The BCES can arrange hotels for participants in a 10-minute walking distance from the Conference Venue.

Hotel prices vary from Euro 40 to Euro 60 depending on single room / double room and the hotel category. The average price is Euro 40 per single room and Euro 45-50 per double room.

The BCES may also try to arrange cheaper accommodation but it will be far from the conference venue.

I would like the BCES to arrange hotel accommodation for me..... ☐

Arrival Date

Departure Date.....

Number of nights

Accommodation requirementSingle room / Double Room

Traveling Alone / Accompanied by

[Unfortunately, in Bulgaria there is a difference in the hotel prices for payment in cash and for wire payment or payment with credit card. The above prices are for payment in cash. Hotels usually charge higher prices (up to 20%) when receive bank transfers or credit cards.]

Pre- and Post-Conference Tours

The BCES can also arrange pre-conference and post-conference tours.

Typical one day tours would be:

- Sofia - Rojen Monastery - Melnik - Sofia.
- Sofia - Plovdiv - Koprivshitsa - Sofia.

The price of each of these tours is 55 Euros, including bus transport, lunch, English guide, museum tickets.

Longer tours can also be arranged.

Please specify your requirements for tours:.....

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Please send your requirements for accommodation and tours to:

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