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Congratulations to all participants in YRE 2010!

This year **32 articles and 62 pictures** were submitted to the YRE International Jury, which is an increase from last year. The network is growing bigger with new countries joining the programme, and the International Jury therefore had a lot more material to review!

We are also glad to see new countries participating to the jury such as Kazakhstan!

Members of the jury 2010

The international jury took place the 25th of May in Paris, and included:

Mr. Bernard Combes – UNESCO

Ms. Fabienne Pierre – UNEP

Ms. Morgan Strecker – UNEP

Mr. David Ainsworth – Convention on Biological Diversity

Mr. Peter Herbert – Feet of Green

Mr. Richard Hale – Feet of Green

Mr. Thierry Lerévérend – FEE France Director

Ms. Sarah Winterton – FEE representative for YRE

SUPER AWARD 2010 IS AGRICULTURE & NATURE Award

It's like a Science Fiction Movie

*By Izmir Saint Joseph French High
School, Turkey*

So What is GMOs?

Genetically modified organism is an organism whose genetic material has been altered using genetic engineering. They use high technology to transfer a set of molecules from one organism into another to create a new organism.

As I said before, Gmos are used as a solution to hunger. However, we should ask ourselves: Are GMOs that much innocent? It can be dangerous for the environment, economy of a country and our health.

Natural effects

The world has countless species of plants. When you want to grow GMOs, you need wide plantation for one kind of plant. GMOs cause cross pollination with traditional organic plants. So the organic plant's genes change and it turns into a GMO. Cross pollination can occur at quite large distances. New genes may also be included in the offsprings of the traditional, organic crops miles away. This makes it difficult to distinguish which crop field is organic, and which is not, posing a problem to the proper labeling of non-GMO food products. So we can kill the world's diversity of natural vegetation.

To read the entire article, follow this link : [Read the article](#)

YRE Best awards for Articles 2010

YRE BIODIVERSITY Award

PEMBREY COUNTRY PARK - Can conservation and tourism co-exist ?
By Glan-y-Môr School from Wales

PEMBREY COUNTRY PARK – Can conservation and tourism co-exist? The inspiration for our report was public reaction to plans for a student music festival at Pembrey Country Park in June 2010. We decided to investigate if tourism and leisure can be developed without harming the natural environment.

Apart from doing desk-based research, the team interviewed some expert witnesses: Gavin Hall, the Senior Ranger; Isobel Macho, an Engineer working on the Carmarthenshire Shoreline Management Plan and Ian Forshew and Ben Davies, directors of 2 businesses involved in the tourism development.

YRE CITIES Award

The Monster of Naqbi Water Spring

By Soumya Chakir, Saida Hmichou, Anas Seddiki, Omar Dehmane, Mohamed Yakoubi, Abdellah Chefchaoui Senior High School, Delegation of Fez, Regional Academie of Fez-Boulmane, Morocco

When taking the bus No. 3 in Fez and when leaving the bus at the last station at the region of Naqbi Water Spring, you will be surprised to see a dark and black smoke covering the sky. Such pollution is from the industrial units producing pottery articles. According to the declaration of an officer of the Office of the Handicraft Industrial Association, there are 64 industrial units in Fez

Naqbi Water Spring under the Mercy of the Pottery Manufacturing Units

Each industrial unit is using between 2 to 5 conventional furnaces to produce pottery articles in temperatures attaining 1400 centigrade. Such furnaces are using woods, olive dregs, used tires, painting and industrial wastes.

YRE CLIMATE CHANGE - ENERGY Award

Wind : Coal of the future ?
By Jason Elward and Nathan Ivey from Wales

Wind turbines are modern adaptation of the classically renowned windmills used for centuries in Holland to produce bread to sustain the nation. This has now been reformed to apply to the current situation with countries trying to

partly sustain its energy resources using wind energy. Wind farms are currently used across Wales as an alternate energy source to reduce the use of fossil fuel; which not only helps the environment, but also as fossil fuel reserves are running scarce and dramatically increasing in price, now is the time for wind power to come of age.

YRE WASTE Award

Waste : We are not indifferent to nature *by Antonia Holla (17), Veronika Kasakova (16), Nikola Pazitna from Gymnasium of M. M. Hodza, Liptovsky Mikulas Slovakia*

Liptovska Mara and its maintenance

We have studied the pollution of Liptovska Mara banks and thus we have helped to improve the situation. Liptovska Mara is an artificial reservoir in central Liptov Region. Villages. it buried more than 10 villages. The total working area the dam's surface is about 2 160 ha.

If you want to read the entire articles, go to <http://www.youngreporters.org/> and then go to the *Award category*

YRE Best Photos

1st Prize

The Struggle between Green and White by Yu Manting from Central Primary School at Jiangtang Town, Jinhua City, Zhejiang Province, China



2nd Prize

Biodiversity : The Flight of a Wild Duck by Katarina Kordikova from Gymnasium of A. Kmet', Banska Stiavnica, Slovakia



3rd Prize

The Pollution of Mother River by Lin Zhiyu from Honghulu Primary School in Jinhua, Zhejiang Province, China



YRE Prize Ceremony during the General Assembly of FEE International in China

In China, there are almost 300 articles and 300 photos applied to the YRE Award. At the national level, 61 articles and 90 photos have been awarded. During the FEE General Assembly 2010 in Shenzhen, the YRE international coordinator, Vincent Laurent, issued the certificates to the YRE national prize-winners in Shenzhen. In 2010, 3 articles and 5 photos got the national super award and were recommended to the international coordinator. Fortunately, two photos got award. One is *the Struggle between Green and White* (1st prize Photography) by Yu Manting who comes from Zhejiang Province, and another is *the Pollution of Moter River* (3rd prize Photography) by Lin Zhiyu who comes from Zhejiang Province as well.



Special Prize

The Gateway to the Future of the Natural World... OUR world by Luke Scicluna, from Archbishops's Seminary School, Tal-Virtu, Malta



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