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Publishable Executive Summary

The 2nd Newsletter for Teachers contains information about INTERACT’s new educational material dedicated to up-to-date topics related to the Arctic, information on promotional materials about educational resources (brochure and video clip), on upcoming relevant events for teachers both online meetings (webinars) as well as physical meetings. The newsletter was sent out on the 29 March 2019 by e-mail to 103 science teachers and educators. The 2nd Newsletter for Teachers was originally proposed to be submitted on the 31st of October 2018, but as there was a possibility to include new “educational package” material including online presentations, animations, power point files to be used by teachers, fun fact sheets etc. (not planned from the beginning of the project which provided excellent added value) we decided to wait to submit this newsletter until the educational packages were available.
1. Introduction

Newsletter issues for Teachers are a part of Task 2.2 “Promote Artic and climate change issues in education”. Newsletters are one of the tools of communication with science teachers and polar educators. They are designed to inform the teachers about INTERACT’s educational resources. They are also intended to promote polar and climate change issues within school organisations. Within the project, a series of 3 Newsletters will be produced and distributed among the teachers. This document describes the 2nd Newsletter for Teachers.

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2. Technical details

The 2nd Newsletter for Teachers was sent out on the 29 March 2019 by e-mail to 103 science teachers and educators who expressed their interest to receive news about the Project. Contacts with teachers and educators were made during the 1st CAWI Survey (May/June 2017) and during the STEM workshops for teachers organised by IGF PAS and all teachers contacted were keen on receiving the coming newsletters for teachers.

The 2nd Newsletter for Teachers contains 2 pages and is published in PDF format. It can be downloaded from INTERACT web site, read on-line or printed out in A4 format.

3. The contents

The 2nd Newsletter for Teachers contains information about the Project’s new educational materials dedicated to up-to-date topics related to the Arctic, produced by INTERACT. Below is a detailed list of topics:

1. Introduction;
2. List of topics, information on background, target group, and key features;
3. Information about copyright;
4. Elements and content;
5. Information on promotional materials about educational resources (brochure and video clip);
6. Polar Educators’ Forum in Cambridge (8-11 April);
7. SCIENTIX – webinar for teachers;
8. Request for feedback (link to a survey).

The Newsletter also contains a link to INTERACT’s Facebook page, a short general note about the Project, and contact details. The images of the two pages of the Newsletter are attached below (Figure 1 & 2).
Dear Teachers and Educators,

New educational resources are coming your way! We are happy to announce that we’ve prepared new materials dedicated to up-to-date topics related to the Arctic. You’re an engaged teacher who showed interest in polar research as a driver of STEM education, so we’re offering you access to our brand new toolkit. We did our best to provide you with attractive, useful, comprehensive and engaging material. Feel free to use, assess and comment. Any questions? Write to us and share your experience: edulounge@fgi.endeod.gr

Figure 1. 1st page of the 2nd Newsletter for Teachers.
Spreading the word use our promotional materials

Check out our new promotional materials dedicated to educational component of INTERACT project. Student brochures, we also plan to get familiar with material tools. Please download it here.

Polar Educators’ Forum in Cambridge

We are very happy to be part of this year’s meeting organized in Cambridge, 8–11 April, by International Arctic Science Conference. This prestigious event will be dedicated to education and polar research in schools. We hope to meet you there!

SCIENTIX – webinar for teachers

Networking with other projects brings good results. For example, we use kolab4edu, a service developed within COLLAB project to explain important terms. On 13th March 2019, thanks to cooperation with EUN (European Schools) we had an opportunity to share our educational materials with groups of teachers from all over Europe during a SCIENTIX webinar — watch the recording!

We are waiting for your feedback!

How do you assess our educational materials? Are they fulfilling your needs? What can be improved? Do you observe interest of your students? We’re very excited to share your opinions! To do it is a short online survey about our news.

The INTERACT project is a circumpolar network of 15 Arctic research stations and northern alpine areas of Europe, Asia and North America, and an international consortium of 47 scientific institutions devoted to polar research. Through the project we wish to identify, measuring, assessing and responding to diverse environmental changes throughout the wide environmental and land-use envelopes of the Arctic. One of our aims is to facilitate the education and recruitment of the next generation of researchers.

Figure 2. 2nd page of the 2nd Newsletter for Teachers.