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- Espinho 2003 Strategies for Sustainable Future
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- Montréal 2009 The Earth, our common home
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- Rio de Janeiro 2004 Building a possible future
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- Brisbane 2011 Explore, Experience, Educate

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1st WECC

WHERE Espinho (Portugal)

WHEN 20-24 May 2003

TITLE Strategies for Sustainable Future

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE Open University of Aveiro; ASPEA (Associação Portuguesa de Educação Ambiental); Portuguese Order of Biologists.

THEMES Environmental policies and education, Media and communication, Environmental activism and citizenship, EE and local activities, Sustainable agriculture and tourism, EE and economics and sustainability, Teachers training

PARTICIPANTS 300 participants from 40 countries
During the four days of Congress 273 presentations were made.
2nd WEEC

WHERE Rio de Janeiro (Brasil)

WHEN 15-18 September 2004

TITLE Building a possible future

ORGANIZERS Foundation Oswaldo Cruz, Brazilian Academy of Sciences and Council of Biology


PARTICIPANTS 1500
3rd WEEC

WHERE Torino (Italy)

WHEN 2-6 October 2005

TITLE Educational Paths Towards Sustainability

ORGANIZERS Piemonte Region, Province of Torino, Municipality of Torino, ARPA Piemonte and Istituto per l'Ambiente e l'Educazione Scholé Futuro onlus.

THEMES Research and assessment in environmental education; "Sustainable" education; Training the trainers; Importance of community awareness. Promoting participation and "governance" and "creating a network"; Communication and the environment; Paths of sustainability; Economics and ecology: a union to forge; Environment and health; The key role of farming and the related issues; Ethics; Emotional involvements.

PARTICIPANTS 3000 delegates from more than 100 countries from all continents
4th WECC

WHERE Durban (South Africa)

WHEN 2-6 July 2007

TITLE Learning in a changing world

ORGANIZERS Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa (EEASA), in collaboration with WESSA (Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa) and numerous partners.

THEMES Relationship between scientific education and EE; Environment and economy: global trends and implications for education; Empowerment of women, water and social justice; Health education; Pedagogical changes in environmental education; Indigenous ways of knowing in environmental learning and local/global discourses; Local realities, global responsibilities; Research and innovation.

PARTICIPANTS 1000 delegates from more than 100 countries
5th WECC
WHERE Montreal (Canada)
WHEN 10-14 May 2009

TITLE The Earth, our common home

ORGANIZERS UQAM - Université du Québec à Montréal, Lakehead University, Ontario, Association québécoise pour la promotion de l’éducation relative à l’environnement (AQPERE), Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM).

THEMES Relationships between ecology and economy: the issue of sustainability; Questions of fairness in socio-ecological issues; Environmental health; Urban challenges; Ecologizing colleges and universities; School and community; Learning in society; Heritage interpretation; Indigenous knowledge and practices; Ethics, environmental thought and worldviews; Art: imagination, creativity and meaning; Ecological identity

PARTICIPANTS 2200 from 106 different countries
6th WECC

WHERE Brisbane (Australia)

WHEN 19-23 July 2011

TITLE Explore, Experience, Educate

ORGANIZERS AAEE Australian Association for Environmental Education

THEMES Climate is one of the main issues that emerged from the conference. How can people be educated to mitigate impacts on climate and adapt to the ongoing climate changes? How can we reinforce community resilience to the dramatic consequences of global warming?

PARTICIPANTS 800 delegates from more than 50 countries from all continents
7th WECC

WHERE Marrakech (Morocco)

WHEN 9-14 June 2013

TITLE Environmental Education in Cities and Rural Areas: Seeking Greater Harmony

ORGANIZERS Foundation Mohammed VI for the protection of the environment

THEMES Promoting environmental education and Networking; Intercultural dialogues; Social Movements and building ecological societies; communications and the impact of social media; Ecological economics and green economics; Ethics ecophilosophy, human nature relationships; Greening education; Creative impulses; Pedagogy and learning; Research in environmental education; Risk, health and environmental

PARTICIPANTS 2400 participants from more than 105 nationalities
8th WECC

WHERE Gothenburg (Sweden)

WHEN 29 June - 2 July 2015

TITLE Planet and People How They Can Develop Together?

ORGANIZERS Centre for Environment and Sustainability at Chalmers University of Technology and University of Gothenburg.

THEMES Taking Children seriously in addressing global challenges; Reclaiming sense of place in the digital age; Environmental education and poverty reduction; Learning in vital coalitions for green cities; (Re) emerging concepts for environmental stewardship and sustainability; Mind the gap! Moving from awareness to action; Assessing environmental and sustainability education in times of accountability; Beyond the green economy: educating and learning for green jobs in a green society; New perspectives on research in environmental and sustainability education; Educational policy development for environment and sustainability; Education and learning for climate change adaptation and resilience

PARTICIPANTS 800 delegates of 73 nationalities
9th WEEC

WHERE Vancouver (Canada)

WHEN 9-15 September 2017

TITLE Cultureenvironment. Weving new connections

ORGANIZERS Institute for environmental Learning

THEMES Early Childhood Education and EE; Place-based Education and Local Outdoor Learning; Architecture and Green Design; Arts Based Approaches in EE; Agriculture and Garden-Based Learning; Global and Cultural Diversity in EE; Urban Eco-systems; Environmental Communication (and Uncertainty); Indigenous Knowledge and EE; Ethics Lead Learning and Sustainability; Social Responsibility and Agency/Activism; Nature as Teacher / Nature as Researcher; Global Policy and Environmental Education; Perspectives, Challenges and Innovation in Research

PARTICIPANTS 900 delegates of 64 nationalities
The future

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