**How happy we are,** thanks to Catherine Le Coz at the buttons, **to meet one another after two years** and to see one another without masks, however at a distance! According to the dates ten countries are represented, as our Ukrainian friends could not log themselves in.

After morning prayer, inspired by texts of the hours and the mass of the day, the three half-days of the reunion were dedicated to various uses of time.

Monday 26th, because of the impact of the pandemic, Wolfgang Rank presented us his excellent summary of the twelve contributions which he had got as answers to the questionnaire of SIESC, dealing with the following thirteen items: 1) forms of teaching 2) availability for distance teaching 3) communication requirements for distance teaching 4) teachers and the new forms of teaching 5) cooperation with the parents 6) completion of the school year 7) final exams 8) "lost generation" 9) what teachers have learnt 10) changes in future teaching 11) what is essential in future teaching 12) effects of distance teaching on the equality of chances 13) measures to compensate deficits. After the break three language groups reacted to that presentation and opinions were exchanged after reports to the plenary group.

On the 27th, after the projection and the reading of passages hosen from Pope Francis’ work “Let us dream”, Alin Tat invites us to answer to this simple, but very rich question: “What have we learnt from that pandemic, as teachers, citizens, Christians?" There again, what interesting and powerful encounters, followed, as the day before, by sharing opinions in the entire group.

Wednesday the 28th is dedicated to the life of SIESC. After the presentation of the budgets 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 the communication within the federation is discussed. Agnès Rose has announced her resignation to the task of main editor of SIESC-Today – the president pays homage to her for all these years dedicated to the periodical – and nobody volunteers to succeed her. So it is decided to reserve the exchanges of information to the newsletter, whose appearance would have to oscillate, according to the needs, between three or four editions per year. Wolfgang Rank, who produces it, asks us what we expect of it. It is important that each participating country feels responsible for presenting news regularly, however short. One page is then dedicated to the next meetings, which we hope to have in presence. Our Albanian friends, who have generously accepted to prepare the welcome in 2022, show us a video: to strongly make us eager to go on a discovery of their country! Sweden will be the host in 2023 and we should finally get to Poland in 2024. Before the end of the session Alin Tat starts a discussion about the necessity of making the vaccination obligatory or not. Our exchanges are calm, regretting the excesses created by the pandemic in the countries, and I think I don’t fail to present the general opinion, when I stress the attention to be paid to others, the necessary duty to pass from individualism to the common good.

We take leave hoping to see one another really face to face next year. But, even at a distance, this unprecedented and short meeting 2021 will inspire us by its moments of meeting again, of reflection together. “Different, interesting, intense, committed, successful, heartily, enriching thanks to the involvement of all": those are the words used by certain participants to qualify it. Thanks a lot to all for their contribution.

**And see you next year, at Tirana!**

Christine Antoine

*PS : Wolfgang Rank’s presentation as well as the questionnaire* c*an soon be seen of the website of SIESC or in a newsletter, which will be sent in hardcopy to those who don’t have an e-mail address.*