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In April Ghana hosted the Regional meeting and conference for Africa. From the report of Vice President Victoria Bilewu we can see that the structure of OMEP has been discussed, but there were many other topics on the agenda. Victoria Bilewu raised the question of her own resignation since her period as VP for Africa will end in December 2011 and she wants to make the members aware of the situation and start to look for a successor.

While the African Regional meeting went as planned, the European Regional meeting disappeared in a cloud of ashes. OMEP (UK) had worked so hard to bring European OMEP members to the meeting and conference in Chester and Manchester. But, all European flights were cancelled due to the aftermaths of the volcanic eruption and none of us could make it in the end. However, the conference with all UK members was still held and was very successful. We all feel really sorry for not being able to join the meeting as planned and would like to thank OMEP (UK) for their hard work.

OMEP is known for being the organisation that launched the idea of “education begins at birth”, and I hope we can continue to work towards developing the organisation, which makes a stand on education for sustainable development by saying “ESD begins at birth”. Many countries have worked on the project of the congress logo and many have sent in their projects on other aspects of ESD. I think this will give us a chance to get deeper into this topic for the next coming years.

As you all have probably noticed there are more than 350 presentations registered for the World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden in August 11-13. You can find updated information on the Congress website: [www.omep2010.org](http://www.omep2010.org). But we still do not know how many countries and OMEP committees will be present at the World Assembly. I hope all countries will have sent in their registration for the WA by the end of May. Of course, we want as many countries as possible to join the Assembly. There are many important issues on the agenda. One is that the Vice President for Latin America, Victoria Peralta, will not stand for a second period. Hopefully this is to be discussed in the Latin American countries, even though we have not yet received any nominations at all for a successor.

My first period as World President is also coming to an end — a period of a lot of hard work, but also a period of much interesting, memorable and joyful meetings and successes. I feel that all the time and work I put into my assignment as World President is really meaningful and worth all the effort. I have, therefore, decided to continue for the next period as well if the Assembly votes in my favour, and I would like to thank the countries that have already sent in their nomination in my favour.

Also, I want to thank the Swedish OMEP committee for all their work with the upcoming Congress.

Now, I look forward to the Congress in August and wish you all a warm welcome to Gothenburg!

*Ingrid*