Dear colleagues,

The voting is complete. Fifteen YES votes were needed to approve the project “Supporting the iSchools collaborative network” and it received only five YES votes. The project will therefore not be funded. Nonetheless we would like to thank Antonio Soares (Porto) and Ann-Sofie Axelsson (Boras) for taking the initiative to propose this project as a way to enhance collaboration among schools. Collaboration remains an important issue and we should continue to look for ways to improve it.

There is a fine balance between being too informal and too bureaucratic. The process this time was fairly informal with some schools responding quickly and generously to a perceived need. A number of colleagues have suggested a more structured approach where the iSchools first approve a budget amount for specific new projects and then do an open call for proposals. I think the executive committee is prepared to do this in the future.

Best wishes ... Michael

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