

Galess Newsletter 7

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Conference Agenda extended 2025 and 2026

Our five GALESS research-domains cover a period of five calendar years with activities dedicated to five domains (see website) , changing this research-domain each and every year. With the GALESS Domains **Medi-Call** in 2022, **Energy Transition** in 2023 and now **Life Sources** in 2024 behind us, we look forward to the new domains: **Empty Pocket** in 2025 and **Colors Included** in 2026.

GALESS will announce the new domain structure for 2027 and 2028 in January 2025. The third GALESS Yearbook 2024 will be published in January 2025.

Empty Pocket – No poverty – SDG 1 United Nations : Organizing conference-partners in **2025**:

Wiedner Gymnasium	Vienna	Austria	April 2025
School of Science and Technology		Singapore	June 2025

Colours Included : Organizing conference-partners in **2026**:

Kopernik Lyceum	NEW	Rybnik	Poland	June 2026
Boroondara Gifted Network		Melbourne	Australia	Aug/Sept 2026

Pre-subscription procedures:

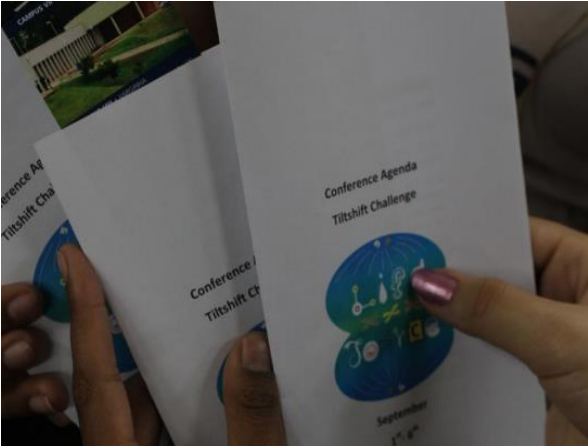
Official Pre-subscription for conferences starts app. 10-12 months before the conference by way of an Information Letter to our relations. Schools with a sustainable 'green logo' ('sustainable school logo', see website) have preference on any subscription list. Applications will be handled on a first-come-first-serve rule. Green logo schools can, *at any time*, communicate a preference for subscription in a future conference by way of sending a mail- request to : info@galess.org .

GALESS Conference in Brazil, September 2024

A swinging South American adventure !

Our first GALESS Conference in South America in September 2024 was one of a kind! Yes, you need an organizer who's prepared to hit many challenges in a unique country: Brazil. But the fact that Mrs. Christina Roscoe Vianna from CEFET was involved to make this conference happen made this adventure

possible, exceptional different and a swinging highlight! A travel experience between Belo Horizonte and Varginha, the site visits, home stays, swinging dance experiences and the focus on Brazil's, but also Polish and Colombian natural resources in the research efforts of the students. It made the conference so unique and colorful ! Thank you all, students, teachers, speakers, jury-team and CEFET so much for adding such an inspiration to our community.



GALESS / BGN Conference in Melbourne October 2024

All over exciting comments for the second time!

The BGN Network brought together 8 schools this year in October in the second edition of their conference in Melbourne - Australia. An extension of participating schools from abroad, a Thesis focused on research of Waterways, in the domain Life Sources, fabulous jury-comments, exciting student & teacher reviews : the organizing team with Michele Linossier, Charlotte Forwood and Wendy McCarry is a fixed asset now in our community. And they will be back ! Just read a little further in this newsletter.



Comments:

.....The effects of the hub- conf and research for the students is quite phenomenal. As teachers we are delighted.....

.....We've experienced an amazing conference with outstanding and very thoroughly researched presentations, a very appealing program incorporating everything from wildlife experiences, hands-on upcycling Maker Space experiences, and most of all very enriching personal encounters, both with fellow colleagues and -what might be even more- with/ among the students themselves...

.....My students made friends with several other students from Australia, Thailand and Singapore...and told me that they want to stay in touch with and maybe even revisit each other.

Graduation Fabris Mulindi – GALESS Strategy Taskforce



The GALESS community is excited to share incredible news with you. Our current nominated Ambassador on the African continent, Fabris Mulindi, has just graduated from the prestigious African Leadership Academy. Fabris participated in the GALESS conference in 2023 in Poland, where he and his team made an outstanding impression by presenting on renewable energy in Morocco. Fabris is described by his school as a well-rounded individual with a deep passion for sustainability and remarkable talents.



In his first year at the Academy, Fabris won the All-Rounded Student Award, followed by the Climate Change Leadership Award. In his second year, he was honored with the Best Social Entrepreneur of the Year award. Most recently, in 2024, Fabris graduated with the Sani Award, which is given to the students who are believed to have the most innovative ideas to transform

the African continent.

Fabris's contributions extend beyond his school duties. He was recognized as the winner of the Mitsubishi Challenges in 2024 for his groundbreaking idea of capturing carbon using irrigation water. Additionally, he has actively participated in the Water Challenge with Operation Water where he ideated how to clean water using



the sun and performed at the opening ceremony of COP28 in Dubai.

Growing up as a refugee, Fabris has exceeded all expectations and defied stereotypes. He founded SOLFA (Solve and Flourish Africa), an organization dedicated to empowering marginalized communities through sustainable agricultural practices. His exceptional work and leadership have earned him acceptance as an Anzisha Fellow in 2024.

Fabris's talents are not limited to academics and sustainability; he is also a gifted sculptor and performer, with skills in singing and theater. His diverse abilities and unwavering motivation make him a remarkable young leader. We eagerly anticipate the positive impact Fabris will continue to make in fostering our relationships with the African continent.

Good Vibes ... 2025/2026

Upcoming: our new GALESS Conferences in **Vienna** and **Singapore** in **2025**. Both organizing teams are in full preparation for their conference week as you can imagine ! Research domain : Empty Pocket.

We often forget that the full preparation of a conference has a heavy impact on an organizing school, teachers, local agenda, supporting staff, parents, research efforts / meetings with the local team, providing information for international and intercontinental teams coming in, organizing a program & integrating activities, site visits and speakers, organizing accommodations and transportation, etc. etc...



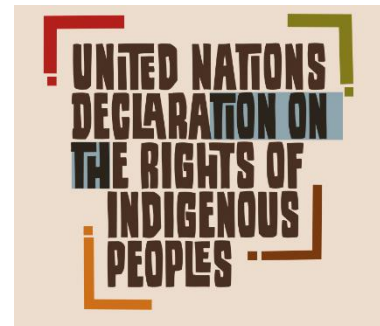
To be able to complete an international conference with smiling faces in this complex society these days..... It gives us, GALESS team, so much strength and inspiration to be close to you, organizing teams, each and every time again. A sustainable future for the next generation(s) is part of everybody's consideration we hope, but the organizers of these conferences expose the illumination of this treasure in the heart of our GALESS activities in the first place. *We take our hat off*



GALESS will adopt the research-domain Colors Included in **2026**. We put a TiltShift focus on minorities in our society, their position, the path to inclusion rather than expelling, promote diversity and equity as main values in bringing people together and bringing in respect for background, culture and opinion as a basic attitude connected to people's relations. We'll emphasize different sub-research-domains in different conferences in 2026 together with our organizing partners.

Colors Included 2026, the Australian way... Melbourne

Indigenous People.



The organizing team from the **Boroondara Gifted Network in Melbourne**. After a great introduction conference in 2023, a very recent new initiative this year with a new success-conference about Life Sources - Waterways, they will pick up the domain Colors Included in 2026 : a third conference in Australia putting a focus on the position of Indigenous People in our society this time. The team lifted 'Down Under' to the top of our geographical world-map with their incomparable creative and 'design thinking' approach in GALESS conferences. And they are fixed assets in our GALESS community these days !

Colors Included 2026, the East European Way... Rybnik - Poland

Minorities in perspective.



Poland has a strong compassion with minorities and victims of violence and war in our society. Recent history, where refugees from the Ukraine were very welcomed in this country, as well as the strong respect for victims in the Auschwitz memorial are just a few examples. We want to know a perspective on the position of minorities in/from every country participating in this conference. And exchange ideas to make us more aware of your nations background and history regarding this issue.

The Polish organization team from **Kopernik Lyceum** (IV Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Mikołaja **Kopernika** w Rybniku) has a proven track record with bringing together the GALESS learning experiences in a very special setting, and hosting students in family home-stays in a conference week where hospitality is the magic word. After a very successful conference in 2022 they will organize a conference again in 2026 !

GALESS People & latest News

Mrs. Sandra Gilchrist (GALESS Jury Board) from Sarasota – USA sent us a message about the impact of the last hurricane Milton in Florida. We wish her and her colleagues from New College Florida a quick and strong recovery – **Mr. Fabris Mulindi** (GALESS Strategy Task Force) brought in new contacts with schools in Africa and Egypt – **Mr. Chai Reddy** (GALESS Director) arranged the re-installation of an old contact in Nashville USA (Montgomery Bell Academy Nashville) and the school wrote us a message from their director about their interest to be part of GALESS again. - **Mrs. Theresa Lai** (GALESS Advisory Council) will assist the organizing team from SST in the conference in Singapore in 2025. - **Mrs. Yoko Natsume** (GALESS Advisory Council) organizes a new [SOLA event](#) in Japan in November 2024 – **Mr. Marc Drougel** (Detroit Country Day School USA) joined our Advisory Council. Like last year - **Mrs. Lim Lai Cheng** (chair Advisory Council) contributed in the opening of the Melbourne conference with a virtual video-recording – speech, **Mr. Huib Schilling** did the closing speech with the same “virtual helping hand - tool”.

Latest news from the GALESS Desk: More new schools joining our GALESS community.

New schools from *Australia, Italy, Germany, Uganda, Egypt* have joined our community or will join us soon as it looks right now. More news in Newsletter 8.

And we are close to the end of another very successful GALESS year! The next newsletter will be published in January 2025. We wish you all Happy Holidays and let’s meet again in 2025 !

From Life Sources
2024 to....:









**Happy Holidays from the
GALESS Direction Team**



To: _____

*All our GALESS
Relations all over
the world* _____

...Empty Pocket 2025