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### **Message from the President**

It is autumn, and the school year is in full swing on both sides of the Atlantic. The summer is but a wonderful memory. I would like to extend my best wishes to all in recognition of World Teachers' Day which was celebrated on Sunday, October 5th. It is gratifying to see the incredible contributions that teachers make publicly acknowledged.

The "Call for Proposals" for A.P.P.L.E.'s twenty-fifth Summer Program should be posted on our website shortly. Thank you for all you have done and are doing to make A.P.P.L.E. the unique organization that it is

Best wishes for a wonderful October.

Sincerely,

*Karl*

Dr. Karl P. Janowitz  
President

#### **Mission Statement:**

"The American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (A.P.P.L.E.) is a volunteer international non-profit educational organization. With the support of the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, A.P.P.L.E. partners with Lithuanian educators to foster the implementation of innovative educational approaches that contribute to the development of a democratic society."

#### **Save the Dates - A.P.P.L.E.'s 25th Celebrations**

At this time, we don't have dates or locations, but we are planning celebrations of A.P.P.L.E.'s 25th anniversary in both the U.S. and Lithuania. We will publish more information as soon as it is available. We hope you will be able to join us for one of the events.

#### **Science Strand Reflection - John Trimble**



John Trimble

### **The Art and science of Teaching in the Biology Classroom**

My two week-long strands focused on Robert Marzano and his nine strategies for successful student learning and achievement. I believe that the Lithuanian teachers appreciated that these teaching techniques are backed by meta-analytical research. His books, including the 2001 "Classroom Instruction That works" and "The Art and Science of Teaching," are widely used in schools of education in the US and have sold over a million copies. In addition, I employed several active learning techniques including Model building (an icosahedral virion), One minutes papers, Think-pair-share, Mild competition, Civil discourse, and Brainstorming.

My opening PowerPoint on Relational Learners was an appeal for teachers to share more of themselves and serve as role models for their students. I consider it an essential aspect of my strand to have the teachers share their own successful experience among themselves, so time was reserved for this. I asked that they consider my pedagogical advice as something they may "adapt, not adopt" in their own classrooms. One subject that I found they knew little about that is a mainstream technique in the US is rubrics. Given another opportunity with an A.P.P.L.E. summer strand, I would present rubrics for formative and summative assessment and offer a half day workshop on developing and using rubrics. Lastly, I introduced them to sites such as Freerice.org, raffled off my four Marzano textbooks, and created eight new international financiers at KIVA.org. In sum, it was a productive and fun two weeks as an A.P.P.L.E. volunteer.

John J. Trimble, Ph.D.  
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**Lithuanian President Congratulates Teachers**



Dalia Grybauskaite

Dear Lithuanian teachers,

You are strong, creative and you help to establish a civil Lithuanian society - You show the way for others and each day the eyes of many look upon you.

It is thanks to your work that these eyes are stimulated to learn, discover, and understand. It is through your daily efforts that those eyes reflect upon the fundamental human values and perceptions of what is hard work, responsibility, and respect for yourself and for others.

You light up the eyes of young Lithuanian citizens and the flame of civic pride. The future of Lithuania is created thanks to you - create it responsibly, fostering loyalty to our language, concern for our history, and with respect and loyalty to our country.

I congratulate you all on the occasion of International Teacher's Day, and I wish that you remain creative, patient and full of energy. Every day, proud of yourselves, your extraordinary work and your students' achievements. Lithuania is proud of you!

Dalia Grybauskaite

## Fundraising Corner

You still have an opportunity to make a donation to honor A.P.P.L.E. and the many volunteers who have served A.P.P.L.E. over 25 years. All donations will be expended towards 2015 programs including A.P.P.L.E. Scholar's Fund. You can make a direct donation to A.P.P.L.E. by [clicking here](#) and using PayPal. Make sure to add a note if you wish that your donation be specifically used for a Lithuanian Scholars' Fund grant.

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- For \$200, you can provide a stipend for a translator.
- For \$450, you can underwrite the distribution of our newsletter.
- For \$500, you can sponsor a Scholar's Fund Grant. Lesser amounts will be

combined to fund a grant.

A minimum donation of \$25-individual or \$40-family will enroll you as a member of A.P.P.L.E. for one year. Of course, donations are still welcome by mail: A.P.P.L.E., 105 Sturbridge Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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Increasing communication and the exchange of ideas among our members increases the strength of our organization and our ability to be relevant to our Lithuanian constituents. Exciting and pertinent events occur all year round, and we want to keep all of you abreast of what is happening, when it's happening.

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