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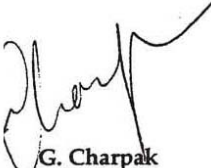
Dear friends,

We learnt with great pleasure that on next November 15 should be performed the launching ceremony of the German website *Sonntaler*, inspired from the *La main à la pâte*'s website, and jointly supported and developed by the *Freie Universität* of Berlin and the *Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften*.

Your initiative has become part of a international network of “mirror” websites for science education sharing the same commitment in favour of a deep renewal of the way science is taught at primary school : in China, in Egypt, in Serbia, in many Latino-American countries and possibly soon in Iran, contents and functionalities adapted from the *La main à la pâte*'s website have been largely shared in the past few years. Many teachers worldwide may now have free access to pedagogical and scientific resources, including step-by-step concrete activities to implement in the classroom. We hope it will provide them with a useful material to undertake the exciting task of changing the way science is taught, and will help them to build a reliable community of interest about science teaching, involving scientists and stake-holders into this great adventure.

This cooperation has also meant a mutual enrichment that helped us to improve our own platform and to learn from other experiences. Inspired by the open access philosophy, we are deeply convinced that this kind of collaborative project is very close to the true generosity of the scientific spirit.

I would like to conclude this short message acknowledging the great work accomplished by Mrs Schluepmann and her team in building this website, and to thank the *Freie Universität* of Berlin and the *Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften* for their decisive support. I wish to their project the prosperous future it deserves.



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