



Creation of National Union -O.N.E.A.R.A.- by four national networks of Alternate System Education

Last Monday the 20th of June was formed the O.N.E.A.R.A. (National Organization of Alternate System Schools of the Republic of Argentina).

In O.N.E.A.R.A. are present 4 Argentinean Networks of Alternate System Schools: EFAs del Taragüí (with Alternate System Schools in the province of Corrientes) / FACEPT - Educational Centers for Total Production (with Alternate System Schools in the province of Buenos Aires) / Fundación Marzano - Rural Training Centers (with Alternate System Schools in the provinces of Buenos Aires, Mendoza and Santa Fe) and UNEFAM (with Alternate System Schools in the province of Misiones).

These four networks (bringing together 87 Alternate System Schools in different provinces, representing almost 75% of the educational offer of Alternate System in the country) have agreed to establish a structure at national level to represent them to various organisms - provincial, national and international without losing institutional identities and objectives of each network but purposing work together according to the Mission and Vision of this new organization.

Vision

A representative organization of the Alternate System networks of Argentina that, by joining forces and capabilities, works for the promotion of the Methodology of Educational Alternate System in Argentina and is linked with national and international organizations, to quantitatively and qualitatively improve educational offerings of Training by Alternate System in the Argentinean territory.

Mission

Preserve the unity of Alternate System Networks in Argentina, ensuring the proper use of the Educational Alternate System objectives and tools, available for the comprehensive training of rural youth with the support of families and other organizations working for the development of rural areas.

The first set of joint actions of the O.N.E.A.R.A. will be:

- Spread the creation of the O.N.E.A.R.A. among different Educational Institutions of Alternate System;
- Work on the development of the Institutional Statute and
- Establish contact with the various authorities and policy makers at the national and provincial levels (the Ministries of Education, Agribusiness and others) to publicize the O.N.E.A.R.A.

Each network has appointed two (2) persons to represent the structure in the activities listed above. Initially, they will be those who make up the Management Group of the O.N.E.A.R.A. Once organized, it will have its authorities according to the Statute.

These are the people designated by each network to form the Management Committee of the O.N.E.A.R.A.:

E.F.A.s del Taragüí: Inés González and Walter Benitez

FACEPT: Javier Prada and Gerardo Bacalini

Fundación Marzano: Matías Lestani and Juan Carlos Bregy

UNEFAM: Cristina Bandera and Gerardo Silvera