



**Reception Committee - 19th International Congress
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19th Extraordinary International Congress of FISE, December 9 and 10, 2019 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

Resolution

The 19th Extraordinary International Congress of FISE took place on December 9 and 10, 2019 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha state, India with the participation of teachers' unions from different countries of the world, from Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

The Congress took place in a particularly difficult period for workers due to the financial crisis and generalized anti-labor measures such as reducing wages and pensions, privatization in sectors critical to the peoples, reduction of budgets for education. All of these measures have a negative impact on pupils, students, parents and teachers.

The neo-liberal economic order, the directions of organizations such as the IMF, the World Bank and the OECD, agreements like the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade –GATT– promote the privatization and commercialization of education as well as the insecurity of teachers. GATT stipulates that education is no more under social sector, that it is a commodity to be traded by highest bidder, while the professional status, term and working condition of academic and other staff remain largely neglected and there are precarious employment conditions.

The militant trade unions of teachers affiliated to FISE organized great struggles throughout the world and demanded Universal, Public, Free and high quality education, dignified works and wages and trade union rights for all teachers.

The role of teachers and professors is crucial in shaping the personality of young people, we want the youth to participate, take action, be willing to learn and to struggle. We do not want the young people to be passive observers of the developments. Education not only plays a fundamental role in personal, social and national development, it also provides proper attitude, values, capabilities of knowledge and skills to the individuals. Teachers must fight against the distortion of history, the lies that the imperialists use in order to legitimize their own policy of serving monopoly groups at all costs.

In 2020 the WFTU celebrates 75 years since its foundation. 75 years of struggles on the side of the working class and the peoples against colonialism, imperialism, anti-workers policies. It struggles for life and work with dignity for all workers and for the end of the exploitation of man by man. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of WFTU, FISE can organize activities promoting the role and principles of WFTU and internationalist solidarity. We support and participate in all WFTU activities.

The line of FISE is diametrically opposed to the line of the IE, member of ITUC which is a mechanism of promotion and specialization of the capitalist policy. It elaborates and promotes the directives of imperialist forces such as the European Union and NATO.

The 19th Congress conveyed its solidarity with the Palestinian People and we decided to plan initiatives for the children of migrants and refugees.

In order to achieve the objective of a free public, universal and quality education, united and sustained struggle be launched to fight against global finance and its agents, the neo-liberal forces.

WFTU-FISE should take the global lead for a democratic, scientific and inclusive policy on education.

World Federation of Teachers Union to be the vanguard of people's struggle for a free public, universal and quality education, ensuring dignity of work and wages as well as protecting the trade union rights.

The Congress closed with the Election of Dr. Amiya Kumar Mohanty from AITUC – India as President of FISE and Dr. Hassan Ismael from Lebanon as Honorary President of FISE.

The Secretariat was also completed by two members:

Ram Kumar Rai as Member of the Secretariat from Nepal, USTAN

Rishi Ram Chapagain as Member of the Financial Control Committee from Nepal, UANTO

We take militant initiatives for the 8th of March- International Working Women's Day, 1st of May - International Workers Day, 3rd October-WFTU International Day of action and 4-5 October, International FISE and Teachers' Day.

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