EDITORIAL
Greetings to GAPMIL on Our First News Issue!

The International Steering Committee and UNESCO (Contact: Alton Grizzle, a.grizzle@unesco.org) bring greetings to GAPMIL community members. This Spring or the Autumn in parts of the Southern and Northern Hemisphere is gone.

This period will be remembered for the lockdown. Most of us has not had the chance to enjoy the corresponding season as we normally do. I have been doing home office for three months now, without visiting my children or my parents, as travel became difficult and not recommended by health authorities. I like very much the beach that is two blocks away from my home, but was not allowed to dip into the water during this time.

The world, in general, seemed to have come to a halt and the economy has been heavily affected. This long period has also been especially different with regard to the information and that has bombarded us about the COVID-19 pandemic day after day.

The World Health Organization has used the term ‘infopandemic’ for this information phenomenon to describe the pseudo-information impact. UNESCO proposed the term ‘disinfodemic’ to distinguish between the benefits of new information flows and access from the phenomena of disinformation and misinformation. Citizens of all walks of facilitation of webinars on the topic.

Thanks to UNESCO and those of you who have contributed. Concerning, the management of the network, UNESCO has taken a decision to reposition and relaunch GAPMIL. After consultation, several changes are underway, such as the modification of the name, logo, and the potential new thematic working groups. roles.

Among these initiatives is the first issue of the GAPMIL News Update that will be published monthly. Each issue will have an editorial piece. The editorial will rotate between the ISC and other members of GAPMIL. You will hear more about how you can submit your editorial and news items for set schedule, which will be in place in time for the next issue.

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NEWS

1. Check the UNESCO-MIL Alliance COVID-19 Response webinar series held so far and be ready to propose one - https://en.unesco.org/themes/media-and-information-literacy/gapmil/covid19

2. Name change and logo, UNESCO requested proposals. Thanks to those who have shared ideas. You can still suggest new ideas.

3. Youth Committee has been active in the COVID-19 Response, check out their five webinar recordings, among other actions - https://www.facebook.com/GAPMILYouth/

4. The Tenth UNESCO-led Global MIL Week is still planned as a virtual event for this year: Seoul, Republic of Korea, October 24-31, 2020 https://events.unesco.org/event/sessions?id=2213158806&lang=1033. You are invited to start preparing local events online or offline and registering these on the Global MIL Week website.


CALL TO ACTION

- If you are not a member of The UNESCO-led Global Alliance and Partnerships on Media & Information Literacy, visit our website, get informed and join us: https://en.unesco.org/themes/media-andinformation-literacy/gapmil/about .

- If you are a member, use the email gapmil@lists.unesco.org to communicate within.

- If you would like to offer an editorial to the MIL Alliance Newsletter or have a news item that you want to share, please send an e-mail to gapmil@lists.unesco.org .

The UNESCO-led Global Alliance and Partnerships on Media & Information Literacy is a multi-stakeholder initiative that aims to articulate actors in Media & Information Literacy field to develop a sustainable and fully literate society.

Meet the ISC:
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