

## Egon-Naef-Preis 1999 geht an EuroNICHE

mit sFr. 10'000.- dotierte Preis der Egon-Naef-Stiftung wird der studentischen Organisation EuroNICHE (*European work for Humane Education*) überreicht. EuroNICHE erhält die Auszeichnung für den 1. in Bologna vorgestellten Unterrichtsplan „*Alternatives in Education*“ (s. ALTEX 1/99). Der demnächst auch in deutscher Sprache erhältliche Videofilm fasst den momentanen Stand der im Unterricht der biologischen Fächer möglichen tierverwehrenden- und tierverbrauchsfreien Ausbildungsmethoden zusammen. EuroNICHE soll mit diesem Preis ausdrücklich ermuntert werden, den eingeschlagenen Weg fortzusetzen und weiter Aufklärungsarbeit auf allen Ebenen zu leisten. Bei der Anerkennung fanden die Bemühungen von EuroNICHE, alternative Unterrichtsmethoden in den osteuropäischen Ländern zu propagieren.

Aus der website von EuroNICHE ([www.euroniche.internetworking.de/EuronicheHome.html](http://www.euroniche.internetworking.de/EuronicheHome.html)):

1) *'Alternatives in Education - new approaches for a new millennium'. EuroNICHE - the European Network of Individuals and Campaigns for Humane Education - is a non-profit charitable network of students and teachers with contacts in over 20 European countries, the US, Australia and Japan. Working with teachers to introduce alternatives to harmful animal use and with students to support freedom of conscience. A full list of national contacts is available.*

2) *Products featured include computer simulation and learning packages, computer-linked human self-testing apparatus, waste organ surgical training apparatus, high-resolution video and a veterinary training model. Full details of the products and producers are available. Further alternative ap-*

*proaches for practical work requiring animal tissue are covered in the film with the screening and use of 'naturally-dead' or euthanased animals, and clinical practice.*

3) *At least 29 published academic studies evaluating the effectiveness of alternative methods have found that students using alternatives form at least as well as those using animal experimentation.*

4) *Worldwide, tens of millions of animals are killed each year for dissection and harmed in experimentation within education. Most students face academic and psychological difficulties for objecting to compulsory harmful animal use but recent legislation and legal challenges have often found in favour of student rights and the use of alternatives.*

5) *The film is currently available in English, Czech, Slovak, Russian and Japanese. It will soon also be available in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian, Ukrainian, and Romanian.*