

THE DEVELOPMENT OF AULAGEA'S WEB PAGE: A NECESSARY TOOL

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An educational reform has been developed in Argentina since 1995. This reform introduces the Geosciences subject as a specific area, which was underconsidered in the previous curriculum. The scarce or sometimes inexistent knowledge about Geosciences in the precollege educational levels, causes as a consequence the lack of interest in the geological university careers. These two aspects, together with the insufficiency of Spanish educational contents, in general, and in particular in the World Wide Web driven to the idea of developing an Internet site. This Web site was created in the Department of Geology of the University of Buenos Aires page, and it is called Aulagea (URL: <http://157.92.20.135/aula-gea/AulaGEA.html>). Its main object is to assist Argentine science teachers in their practice. This proposal has three specific targets: facilitate interactions between university researchers and members of the school community; contribute to students' formation and teachers' training in the comprehension of geological aspects; and show students the professional fields that these careers proffer. This Web site offers teachers subject matter contents and methodological tools developed by the scientific community taking into account a proper knowledge's transmission. This type of interchange not only helps teachers and students but also states a new challenge to university researchers to work in different aspects than the ones they are used to.