

AMGEN Teach, what a find!

Despite my years of experience in a research laboratory, it is not easy to transmit the experimental method to a class. The AMGEN Teach Program has been, for me, an amazing discovery! Thanks to AMGEN Teach I discovered the IBSE method of teaching science through inquiry. During an activity of inquiry, you are all involved in testing ideas, experiencing them, discussing and sharing results. Students and teachers are equally engaged throughout the process. At the beginning of the course I was disoriented but also curious to understand and apply this new method of teaching with my students. The ANISN was selected as the National Italian providers program and thus organized IBSE courses to our training. Giulia Forni, Antonella Alfano and Maria Alfano (the trainers of AMGEN Teach nucleus in Naples), were enlightening, in guiding us into this new way of teaching. They were always very friendly, helpful and professional.

Once in the classroom, the first thing I noticed was that the emotions I had experienced during the training, was being experienced by my students. They were bewildered, faced with this new way of presenting a lesson, but also curious to try. It was a success! They are passionate and, guided by a teacher, no longer afraid to present and defend their ideas, experience them, experiment with them and finally, discuss and share them with their colleagues. In addition, this type of teaching has proven very inclusive. In fact, it managed to bring out the intuition of the individual pupil, even the least skilled. Finally, thanks to AMGEN Teach I have entered into a community of teachers of different local, national and European schools, sharing our ideas and experiences. I

relived my lab-meeting! This enriches me every day and pushes me to do more and give more and more to help my students to develop a love of science and begin to become European citizens.

I would highly recommend the program to other teachers!

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