To European National Committees

Current issues

1. World Assembly and Conference

The 2015 OMEP 67th World Assembly and International Conference will be held in Washington, DC in July 27 – August 1, 2015. Its topic is “Early Childhood Pathways to Sustainability”. The Conference website is www.omep-usa.org. You are kindly requested to spread the information among your members and academia in your country.
2. European Regional Meeting and Conference

The European Regional Meeting and Conference is going to be held on September 2015 in Moscow. The Conference website is www.omeprusia2015.ru/en. For the time being we are trying to improve the website and have all the relevant information available to us all the sooner possible.

3. European website

I try to keep our website (www.euromep.org) informed and updated. I do apologize for not being able to have all the information in French and Spanish, but this is a very tough challenge for me. Please, send me information about your activities.

4. “Water ecoculture” European Project

I am happy to announce that six countries participate in the project. These are: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece and Poland. It would great if you could encourage our members to participate. More information:

http://www.euromep.org/omep/articles/article.jsp?context=103&categoryid=5926&articleid=6401

5. “What is Europe?” Project

You can find the presentations of the participating countries are available in the website: http://www.wattsenglish.com/comenius/

6. ILO publication

In the following website you can find the important text of International Labor Organization on “ILO Policy Guidelines on the promotion of decent work for early childhood education personnel” http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_dialogue/---sector/documents/normativeinstrument/wcms_236528.pdf As you know our Organization participated in this action and this text is of great importance especially this period during which the issue of quality in ECEC seems to be very “hot”.

7. Children’s Declaration of Rights


8. I am sending you the “Call to National Governments to Request that UNESCO Declare a Decade for ECEC”. You are kindly requested to translate into your language and send it to local authorities.
Once again, I am sending you, the members of your committee, the friends of our Organization, the children and their families my warmest wishes for Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With my warmest regards and looking forward to hearing your news

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A sustainable world begins with its children, all of whom have the inalienable human right to education from birth onwards. The foundation for later learning is laid during the first years of life through children's interactions and communication with parents and others who care for them, including early childhood educators.

Research from many fields, including psychology, education, and economics, clearly shows that early childhood care and education (ECCE) benefits not only the children who participate in preschool, but also their families and the communities in which they live, learn, and play.

Early childhood care and education (ECCE), in itself, is a vehicle for sustainable human and societal development. ECCE prepares children for later success in school and provides opportunities for them to participate in the creation of a sustainable world characterized by healthy environments, viable economies, and equitable, just societies.

To heighten awareness of the importance of early childhood care and education, we call upon our national governments to request that UNESCO declare a Decade for Early Childhood Care and Education.

A Decade for Early Childhood Care and Education will show that we take children's rights and their futures seriously and demonstrate that we are willing to act on their behalf!
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