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Dear colleagues,

One of the purposes of the Strategic Plan is to “consolidate international cooperation with organizations of the United Nations system, States and their education systems, civil society organizations and universities, in order to create synergies to collaborate in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.” To that end, during April I have continued offering guidance to governments and working hard with UNESCO (on the CCNGO and the GPS) and other NGOs, such as the Global Campaign for Education and EDUCO.

Between April 26th and 30th, we advocated for the **Global Action Week for Education: One Million Voices**, organized by the Global Campaign for Education (<https://campaignforeducation.org>) with the objective to get financing to ensure inclusive, quality and egalitarian education and promote learning opportunities for all.

I have also met with **Right to Education (RTE)** in order to articulate and boost the impact of our work. This NGO has recently published a document with UNESCO, called “Right to pre-primary education. A global study”, which I strongly recommend everyone to read:

<https://www.right-to-education.org/resource/right-pre-primary-education-global-study>

OMEP and RTE are working on the idea to conduct research on the **Privatization of Early Childhood Education**, so I will be grateful to get any **information and studies** published on this topic, as well as **volunteers** that would like to participate in this initiative. You can write to me at: worldpresidency@worldomep.org

As regards the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**, this month Springer published the book **Young Children in the World and their Rights**, coordinated by Adrijana Višnjić Jevtić, Alicja Sadownik and Ingrid Engdahl, where there are articles written by OMEP colleagues from all over the world. I am proud to have taken part in such a great collective work, which we hope will prove useful to understand the different visions on the CRC, as well as the policies, research and practices in different countries.

About the OMEP Education for Sustainable Development World Project, I would like you to know that OMEP applied for the **UNESCO Japan Prize 2021** with the project “Sustainability from the Start: an online ESD Curriculum for Early Childhood Education (ECE).” In February 2021, Lisbeth Gouin, our OMEP representative in Paris, sent us the news about the open call, so I worked on the application for OMEP. The team in charge of the ESD World Project, led by Ingrid Engdahl and Ingrid Pramling, drafted the application form, which was presented on April 28th. **Let’s cross our fingers and hope that UNESCO grants the Japan Prize 2021 to OMEP!**

Take care! Warm regards,

Mercedes

April 2021 News

1. PARTICIPATIONS OF WORLD PRESIDENT

- **Cycle of conferences: “Talks about Early Childhood Education in 2020-2021”** commemorating *National Sovereignty Day and Children’s Day* in Turkey. Organized by **OMEP Turkey**. April 23rd. Link: <https://www.acaport.com/kongreler/omep-tr>
- **Interministerial Meeting:** Guidance on the drafting of a **Care Law** with officials from the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity in Argentina. April 30th, 2021.

2. ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

- **UNESCO / Global Partnership Strategy for Early Childhood.** On April 7th, the last comments and inputs on the strategy created by the World President and the OMEP team were sent.
- **UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW-UP ON THE AGENDA 2030 / 2021 Ministerial Declaration from the High-Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development** “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, that promotes social, economic and environmental aspects of sustainable development.” The forum is held annually in July, to follow up on SDG achievements. For several months, the World President has been participating in the NGOs Global Organizing Member Committee. The UN representative Jessica Essary has recently come on board. Guidance was provided for the ministerial declaration and OMEP presented a 500-word statement given its special consultative status before the High-Level Segment at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It is also being considered to participate in a parallel event with other organizations.
- **UNITED NATIONS / NGO Committee on the Status of Women NY.** April 27th. OMEP’s representative Jessica Essary participated in the Working Advisory Group “Generation Equality Forum Towards a Feminist Agenda

3. NEXT WORLD EVENTS

- **UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**, will be held in Berlin on May 17th to 19th, 2021. OMEP’s representatives are Ingrid Pramling and Ingrid Engdahl
Link: <https://es.unesco.org/events/ESDfor2030>
- OMEP will participate in the virtual Conference organized by the German association “**Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe / AGJ Child and Youth Welfare Association**”. May 19th and 20th. OMEP’s participants are: Ingrid Engdahl, Regional VP Europe; Eva-Lotta Bueren, OMEP Germany; Selma Simonstein, OMEP Chile; Milada Rabušicová, OMEP Czech Republic; Natalya Ryzhova, OMEP Russia; y Adrijana Višnjić-Jevtić, OMEP Croatia.
Enrollment: <https://www.jugendhilfetag.de/en/what-is-the-djht>

4. CAMPAIGNS AND NETWORKING

- **Abril 7th: Presentation of Dr. Ali Kemal Tekin** as new Editor in Chief for IJEC.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/1941730179312692>
- **April 20th: Sharing of the Document “The Role of Civil Society Organizations in 2050 and Beyond”**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/1952172614935115>

→ **April 22nd: Earth Day**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/1377716169291776/>

→ **April 25th: Presentation of Matteo Corbucci (OMEP President, Italy) in RAI**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/1954761884676188>

→ **April 26th to 30th: Global Action Week for Education 2021.**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/1959442770874766>

OMEP BLOG “Rights from the start”

It is a space to reflect upon early childhood education and defend it, with the voices of great leaders around the world.

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→ **“Thinking how to involve families in their children’s education” – Odet Noa Comans, Cuba.** “The first thing I would like you to do when you read this text is to ask yourselves: Why is it necessary to prepare families for quality education care? And what is even more important: What do we need so that families get more involved and in a better way in childhood development? Was a pandemic necessary to give families their educational role?” To read more:

<https://omepworld.org/thinking-how-to-involve-families-in-the-education-of-their-children-odet-noa-comans/>

→ **“Why and how to teach sciences today?” – Daniele Perruchon, France.** The current sanitary crisis forces us to confront reality, to put science back into everyday life, to develop curiosity for the world around us. Science is making progress, but the use of these discoveries can also lead to new risks. It raises questions which are relevant to society, but which are filled with controversy and uncertainty. To read more:

<https://omepworld.org/why-and-how-to-teach-science-today/>

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

We would like to inform that, out of the 64 OMEP National Committees, **56** have already sent their Annual Reports.

THE EXCO THANKS THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR THE EFFORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE:

- ★ **Africa:** Nigeria, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Kenya
- ★ **Asia-Pacific:** Hong Kong-China, Korea, New Zealand, China, Japan, Australia, Pakistan, Thailand, Singapore
- ★ **North America and the Caribbean:** Haiti, United States, Canada
- ★ **Latin America:** El Salvador, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Panama, Argentina, Paraguay, Mexico, Ecuador, Chile, Venezuela, Uruguay, Brazil
- ★ **Europe:** Spain, Portugal, Czech Republic, France, Sweden, Greece, Bulgaria, Belgium, Poland, Russia, Germany, Lithuania, Italy, Croatia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Finland, Norway, Slovakia, Cyprus, Ireland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Latvia

ANNUAL FEE 2020

The World Treasurer reports that **only 38 active National Committees have paid their 2020 Annual Fee.** For this reason, before sending the **2021 payment request**, the EXCO is conducting a campaign to invite Committees to get up to date **with the payment.**

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To improve our ability to share and exchange OMEP's ideas and actions on our website, blog and social media, we are creating a group of volunteers to help with the translation of posts, short articles, statements and videos.

If you would like to be part of the **World Team of Volunteer Translators**, please register here:

<https://forms.gle/xho1EKfvCk7qv7mQ9>