



Organisation Mondiale pour L'Éducation Préscolaire
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Dear colleagues,

With great joy we inform you that ALL OMEP members will have free access to the **INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD (IJEC)** through our new website: <http://www.omepworld.org>. The instructions and access codes were sent by email to the Presidents of each National Committee, for distribution among active members. We hope you are already enjoying your reading!

Apart from this, the goal of articulating and empowering our advocacy work based on solid knowledge is becoming a reality. Together with the NGO Right to Education (RTE), we launched a call for anyone who is interested in participating in meetings and research on the **PRIVATIZATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**. There is still time to continue adding volunteers. The link to enroll (which has already been sent by mail) is the following: <https://forms.gle/JNfdo1nkNJUmc6Qn6>

In this month of May, we also launched the **CALL FOR THE VIRTUAL WORLD ASSEMBLY 2021**, one of the central events of our Organization. With the experience of virtuality in 2020 and in face-to-face Assemblies around the world (which we hope can be resumed as soon as possible), the EXCO and we designed a journey that opens with an **Extraordinary Session**, on Saturday, June 19. Then the **Regional Assemblies** will follow, and the closing will be all together again in the **Virtual World Assembly** on Saturday, August 28. Documentation in the three official languages is available at the following link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13zhyoSwUdbF3yRfTWWN2Px-LUGy3WrJA?usp=sharing>

From 17 to 19 May 2021, UNESCO held a successful **GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** virtually from Berlin, in cooperation with the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and with the support of the German Commission for the UNESCO. More than 80 ministers and vice ministers and 2,800 stakeholders in education and the environment pledged to take concrete steps to transform learning for the survival of our planet, through the adoption of the Berlin Declaration on Education for Sustainable Development (EDS) at the conclusion of a three-day virtual World Conference, followed online by more than 20,000 viewers on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7WgHKmvweE>

The UNESCO Conference on Education for Sustainable Development concluded with the **Berlin Declaration on Education for Sustainable Development**, which outlines a series of policies to transform learning encompassing teaching, learning, professional training and civic engagement. It also highlights the need to apply ESD with a joint emphasis on cognitive skills, social and emotional learning and action skills. You can download it in: [English](#) [French](#) [Arabic](#) [Chinese](#) [Russian](#) [Spanish](#) [German](#)

On May 28, the **WORLD PLAY DAY** was celebrated. We posted a video on social media, recovering the World Declaration on the right and joy of children to learn through play (OMEP, 2010). We also received news from some National Committees that sent us photos, posters and news of the activities they developed to highlight the importance of the right to play. We will upload them in our www.omepworld.org

We continue to work together.

Warm regards,
Mercedes

EXCO MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of the World Executive Committee was held on May 21. The following topics were discussed:

- 1- **Virtual World Assembly 2021:** review of Agenda and procedures.
- 2- **OMEP Seminar Series 2021-2022:** review of proposal and schedule.
- 3- **World Projects:** creation of working teams for the accomplishment of OMEP initiatives.

May 2021 News

1. PARTICIPATIONS OF THE WORLD PRESIDENT

- **Beginning of The Latin American Regional Seminar: Education and care in early childhood: challenges for public policies.** May 3.
Organized by: OMEP, @red.clade @clacso_oficial
In alliance with: @iinoea_oficial and @educos_ong
Link: <https://www.clacso.org/la-educacion-y-el-cuidado-en-la-primera-infancia-desafios-para-las-politicas-publicas/>
- **Round table: “The dimension of quality in policies. The experience in early childhood programs.”**
Opening of the FLACSO Annual Seminar for the Human Development Program, Argentina. May 6.
Link: <https://www.flacso.org.ar/la-dimension-de-la-calidad-en-las-politicas-la-experiencia-en-los-programas-de-primera-infancia/>
- **Interministerial Meeting:** Advice for officials in the drafting of the **Care Law** in the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Gender and Diversity of Argentina. May 11.
- **World Bank Seminar: “Scaling up measurement of early childhood outcomes and quality of early learning environments”.** Participation as an active listener. May 12.
Link: <https://nurturing-care.org/events/world-bank-webinar-series-3/>
- **OMEP-Right to Education Alliance.** A meeting was held, in which OMEP’s community was invited to participate in meetings and research on ECCE and privatization, in alliance with RTE. May 19.

2. ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

- **Global Education Cooperation.** CCNGO meeting on Education 2030/UNESCO. Discussions on the global cooperation mechanism for education. May 10.
- **Meeting with OMEP representatives at the UN.** Periodic meeting to update and exchange news on current projects and ideas. May 7 and 14.
- **United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. “The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights”.** OMEP representative at the UN Lisbeth Gouin participated in this important international Seminar in the city of Geneva, Switzerland. May 27.
- **UNESCO. “Re-imagining the future education management information systems”.** International seminar. May 26, 27 and 28.
Link: <https://events.unesco.org/event?id=97607351&lang=3082>

3. PARTICIPATIONS OF EXCO AND OMEP COMMUNITY

- **UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development.** Berlín. May 17 to 19.
OMEP's representatives were Ingrid Pramling and Ingrid Engdahl.
Link: <https://es.unesco.org/events/ESDfor2030>
- **Virtual conference organized by the German association “Working group for the well-being of children and youth”** (Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe / AGJ Child and Youth Welfare Association). May 19 and 20. The OMEP members that participated were: Ingrid Engdahl, Regional VP for Europe; Eva-Lotta Bueren, OMEP Germany; Selma Simonstein, OMEP Chile; Milada Rabušicová, OMEP Czech Republic; Natalya Ryzhova, OMEP Russia; and Adrijana Višnjić-Jevtić, OMEP Croatia.
Enlace: <https://www.jugendhilfetag.de/en/what-is-the-djht>
- **CLADE. Early Childhood.** Costa Rica. Campaign presentation: Organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean promote mobilization for Early Childhood Care and Education. May 19.
Link: <https://redclade.org/noticias/organizaciones-de-america-latina-y-el-caribe-promueven-movilizacion-por-el-cuidado-y-la-educacion-en-la-primera-infancia/>
- **World Project related to toy libraries, play and resilience:** Meeting called by the World President with the participation of Lilian Okal y Madeleine Baillargeon. May 20.
- **Strengthening of the Strategic Plan by Regional VP for Latin America.** Meeting called by Regional VP Desiree Lopez de Maturana, with the participation of the World President and Jose Alejandro Mora Poblete, Director of International Relations of the University of La Serena, to articulate projects and activities with the University in order to strengthen the Regional work of OMEP. May 24.

4. CAMPAIGNS AND NETWORKS

- **May 4: ABIDJAN AND OMEP PRINCIPLES “RIGHTS FROM THE BEGINNING” (video 4).**
Facebook: <https://fb.watch/5WhvZjIEy3/>
- **May 10: World OMEP expresses solidarity with the families of the children murdered in Saudades, Santa Catarina.**
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/photos/a.303438693141857/1967606733391703/>
- **May 11: Responses to the coronavirus pandemic in early childhood services in five countries in the Asia-Pacific Region (IJEC).**
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/photos/a.303438693141857/1968288833323493/>
- **May 24: FLACSO Annual Seminar Broadcasting:** “The dimension of quality in policies. The experience in early childhood programs” with the participation of World President Mercedes Mayol Lassalle.
Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuWmZTn2WG4>
- **May 28: World Play Day.**
Facebook: <https://fb.watch/5WhEPu7pb-/>

OMEP BLOG “Rights from the start”

Space for reflection and defense of early childhood education, with the voices of great leaders around the world.

SUBSCRIBE AND SHARE!

- **A video essay as a possibility to document and present preschool practice – Antonija Balić Šimrak, Croatia.** “The video essay has great potential to be used in practice and in the documentation, review, interpretation and dissemination of the process. Each educator, each person who is in charge of recording the material for a video essay and designing it can find great satisfaction with this process, since they can express themselves creatively and artistically through the choice of materials from different areas, of background music, of different types of short videos and even animations, and also through different fonts in advertisements, among other choices ”. To read more: <https://omepworld.org/video-essays-as-a-possibility-of-documenting-and-presenting-preschool-practice-antonija-balic-simrak/>
- **Children and the city: the urgent link for a new citizenship – João Armando Gonçalves, Portugal.** “The relationship between children and the city, on its most physical side, causes a series of important considerations related to the issue of citizenship and participation. The most elementary consideration refers to the fact, sometimes forgotten, that children use the city (the spaces assigned to them, but also others), and that is why they are influenced by it: in their behavior, in their activities, in the relationships they establish and in their personal development. ”. To read more: <https://omepworld.org/the-children-and-the-city-the-urgent-bond-for-a-new-citizenship-joao-armando-goncalves/>

ANNUAL FEE 2020

The World Treasurer requests National Committees that owe their 2020 Annual Fee to **make their payment** before **June 30, 2021**.

To pay via **bank transfer**:
Account name: OMEP World
Account number: 1250 05 97591
Bank name: DNB
BIC / SWIFT: DNBANOKKXXX
Bank address:
Dronning Eufemias gate 30, 0021 Oslo, N –Norway
IBAN: NO 0712500597591

To pay via **PayPal**:
Request your payment code from the World Treasurer
treasurer@worldomep.org
worldsecretary@worldomep.org

IMPORTANT DATES AND NEWS

VIRTUAL WORLD ASSEMBLY 2021

Call sent on June 1.

Important dates:

Extraordinary Session: Saturday, June 19, 2021 8:00 a.m. ART (Buenos Aires)

Regional Assemblies: between June 19 and July 15, 2021.

Virtual World Assembly: Saturday, August 28, 2021 8:00 a.m. ART (Buenos Aires)

TO PARTICIPATE: the Presidents of the National Committee **must enroll before June 15** in this form:

<https://forms.gle/eAUvHpEQ4dyZNv9f6>

Nominations will be received **until July 15** through the online forms detailed below:

- a. **Preparatory Committees or National Committees:** <https://forms.gle/7cBRYr8RuwaKFX57>
- b. **Honorary Members:** <https://forms.gle/U8kzbAwhbTUTw8bb7>
- c. **Election of Regional Vice President for Africa and Europe:** <https://forms.gle/AHsroLPS2xqWepRv5>

COLOR YOUR RIGHTS

NEWS: Book and Exhibition in Nicosia, Cyprus

Presidents can send a letter of intention informing of their willingness to participate **before June 10, 2021**, via email at vassiliadou@omep.com.cy

They must also select and send to OMEP Cyprus, between 2 and 4 original works by the children **VIA POST MAIL before July 23, 2021.**

Post Address: **Maria Vassiliadou, OMEP CYPRUS
P.O.Box 12106, Lakatamia, Nicosia, CYPRUS.**

All the information is available in:

https://omepworld.org/color_rights/

Series "VOICES OF OMEP"

Voices of OMEP is a strategy of the COMMUNICATION PLAN that aims to disseminate and give visibility to projects, work and reflections on current ECCE problems in the world through short videos on social media.

→ We will be calling on the **Presidents of the National Committees** to leave their testimony for this initiative.

→ To see the **videos made in 2020:**

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPTJHtD5j4cBRy3qU5dspfiEhiROtA6-1>

We hope that the voice of each OMEP National Committee can be heard by our community and by the entire world!

OMEP INTERNAL CALL - World Team of Volunteer Translators

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 translations of posts, short articles, statements and videos.

If you want to be part of the **World Team of Volunteer Translators**, please register using the form:

<https://forms.gle/xho1EKfvCk7qv7mQ9>