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### Exciting times!

In little more than three weeks, we will meet for a **European meeting and conference in Lisbon, May 16–18**. As of today, there are 14 countries represented, and I hope that some more national committees will decide to register.

The Portuguese Committee is working hard to meet all our expectations and answering all questions. They have just posted news about the social programmes for the Saturday and Sunday. Lucky for us, Saturday May 18 is declared to be The Museum Day, free entrance, a yearly event since 1977, from The International Council of Museums (ICOM), with possible continuation on the Sunday. Read more on <https://omepportugal.wordpress.com/euroconf19/>

On the next page, you will find the Agenda and Scedule for the European meeting. Contrary to what I wrote in the March Newsletter, there will not be an open OMEP chaired seminar about Children in Migration on the Saturday. Of course,

there will be presentations during the conference, but the OMEP discussions around this theme will take place on the Thursday, May 16.



April 17–18, I represented OMEP at the General Assembly of **Eurochild** in Brussels, a network of organisations working with and for children throughout Europe, striving for a society that respects the rights of children. Eurochild has 176 members in 34 European countries.

Three strategic goals for the next coming years are 1) end child poverty in Europe, 2) ending institutional care of all children and 3) highten the status of children in political arenas. Recent projects address Opening doors for children in institutional care, A EU Child Guarantee to free education, health care and childcare, with adequate nutrition and decent housing, Child participation including an on-line survey European Kids Want, Investing in Early Childhood Development, and a Campaign for child rights champions during the European Parliament elections in May. More on [www.eurochild.org](http://www.eurochild.org) and [Bitly.com/EuropeKidsWant](https://bitly.com/EuropeKidsWant)

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# Agenda for the European OMEP Annual Meeting 2019

**Time:** May 16, 2019, Registration starts at 9 am, Meeting starts at 9.30 am and ends at 5 pm

**Place:** MUSEU JOÃO DE DEUS, Ave. Alvares Cabral, 69 – 1250-069 LISBOA (OMEP Portugal head office)

- 9.30            1. Opening and Welcoming  
                  Sen António Ponces de Carvalho, President of OMEP Portugal and Ingrid Engdahl, VP Europe
2. Roll call and appointment of scrutineers
3. Adoption of agenda, chair person and secretary
4. Minutes – Prague, Czech republic, 2018 World Assembly (See OMEP Newsletter 1-2019)
- 10.00           5. OMEP Action Plan 2018–2019 (See OMEP Newsletter 1-2019) Ingrid Engdahl introduction
6. Reports
- a) VP for Europe (5 minutes) b) National Presidents (4 minutes) c) 2019 ESD Awards d) Other
- 11.00           Coffee and tea
- 11.30           Group discussions start– delegates will participate in one of three groups:
7. Children and Migration (group discussions)
8. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 30 years (group discussions)
9. ESD Project – a restart (group discussions)
- 12.30           Lunch Break
- 14.00           Group discussions continue
- 15.00           Presentation from the three groups, discussions, decisions
- 16.00           10. European on-going projects
- a) Transitions from preschool to school (A. Višnjić–Jevtić) b) Other projects
11. Membership issues, preparatory committees, new members
12. OMEP World Assembly and Conference in Panama, July 22-26, 2019
- a) elections World President, World Treasurer, VP Latin America, VP Africa
- b) Information about National OMEP initiatives c) Any other business
13. Declaration OMEP Europe (possible content on children held as prisoners in Syria)
14. Next European meeting . Who will host the next European OMEP Conferences?
15. Any other business a) Call for papers to a book on Child Rights in ECE
- 17.00           16. Closure

Comments to the Agenda:

**4. Reports** Each National Committee prepares a short presentation (4 minutes) about OMEP activities in their country. Please, prepare a ONE PAGE SUMMARY and bring 20–50 copies, so we all will have correct notes about what is going on in Europe.

**7, 8 and 9. Group discussions** All countries should be prepared to present about the situation for children in migration, and/or what is planned for the UNCRC 30th anniversary, and/or what is planned to re-start the ESD project in your country.

**15. Any other business** Please, send me your ideas in advance, and I will prepare a revised agenda, to fit in the schedule for the meeting.

**There is no joint dinner this evening. There is a possibility for delegates to meet, visit Lisbon and have dinner together or on their own. WELCOME!**

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## **“The Rights of the Child - Educational practices after 30 years“**

The European meeting Agenda, point 15, will discuss the following

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The National Committees of OMEP in Europe cordially invite all preschool teachers, teachers, principals, pedagogues, psychologists, special educators, health workers, social workers, and other experts who are involved in educating and caring for children, from birth to eight years, as well as academics, researchers, postgraduate students and policy-makers at international, national and local levels to contribute to rethinking early childhood by submitting papers connected to the following topic

#### **“The Rights of the Child - Educational practices after 30 years“**

The aim of this publication is to discuss **early childhood educational practice** in relation to the rights of the child and the UN Convention on the rights of the child. The publication will be an on-line book, available for free on an OMEP website.

Papers should be prepared as follow:

- **Papers should present good educational practice in early childhood education institutions, related to the aim of the publication**
- **The length of the papers should be 1500 - 2000 words**
- **On the first page, there should be name(s) & affiliation(s) of the author(s) and the title of the paper**
- **Photos are allowed (in case of children photos approval is needed)**

Please, submit your proposal by sending the paper in English by **1<sup>st</sup> of September 2019** to **Eva Årlemalm-Hagsér** [eva.arlemalm-hagser@mdh.se](mailto:eva.arlemalm-hagser@mdh.se) President OMEP Sweden and to **Adrijana Visnjic Jevtic** [avisnjic.jevtic@gmail.com](mailto:avisnjic.jevtic@gmail.com) President OMEP Croatia

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