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Let me begin by reminding you of some important issues concerning the future of OMEP:

1. I hope all National Presidents have sent their annual reports to the Vice President of their region. If not, you need to do so immediately. Late national reports will not be included in the international annual report, thus preventing us from gaining an over all picture of developments in OMEP world wide.

2. Forms for nominations, proxy votes, participation in the World Assembly, and for suggestion of honorary members are all sent out together with this Newsletter. The elections this year are for the Vice President of Latin America and the World President. Please, keep the deadline of May 31. All the forms are also available on: http://www.omep.org.gu.se/English/about_OMEPElections_2010/

3. Make sure that someone from your country, who works with children in the area of ESD, sends in an application for grants for participation in the congress in Gothenburg in August (see <http://www.omep2010.org/?type=static&id=77&mo=116>). You can also get inspiration from http://www.omep.org.gu.se/English/projects/sustainable_development/.

4. Hopefully, all of you have noticed the invitation to the OMEP film festival and the *call for films* from OMEP USA, an opportunity to share some DVD's from your ECE in various countries (see http://www.omep.org.gu.se/English/news/news_detail//OMEPEFilm_Festival_2010.cid919081).

5. Don't forget that Springer has taken over IJEC and that they need the up-dated lists of subscribers no later than March 1, as well as the payments.

On <http://327sustainability.wordpress.com/2010/02/09/shouldnt-we-be-aspiring-to-create-a-generation-of-charlies/> you can see how Charlie, a young boy in the UK, managed to raise a lot of money for the Unicef's Haiti earthquake appeal. He expected to raise £500 but has raised more than £160,000! I do not expect OMEP to generate as much money, but we all look forward to having the total sum which will be calculated at the World Assembly. Then, we shall decide on how this money will be used. We hope to have representatives from Haiti with us at the World Assembly. They are invited on behalf of the Swedish Institute, as

are nine other OMEP National Presidents. News from Haiti is also posted on <http://www.omep.org.gu.se/>.

As the World Assembly and Congress *Children – citizens in a challenged world* (www.omep2010.org) takes place at my University this year (which was decided before I was elected WP) daily, I am closely associated with the planning and organizing of this important event. The National Committee of the Swedish OMEP, under the leadership of Ingrid Engdahl, is working hard and hopes to meet as many of you as possible at Gothenburg in August. Then, we hope and expect that the weather will be quite different from what it is today, with the snow coming down heavily, as it has during the last few months.

With this short letter I hope ESD will be a strong theme at the congress and that all of you will be inspired by lecturers, seminars, exhibitions, posters etc. to continue your hard work so as to increase and enhance young children's involvement in their own future world.

Finally I would like to inform you that our homepage is under reconstruction. The start page, where you choose the language, will look quite different since the University's web now has a new design and structure. You will find the navigation menu at the top instead of the left side as it used to be. Otherwise it will work as before and the address is the same. From now on it will be easy to find the Newsletter on the homepage, so future issues of the Newsletter will not be sent out as attachments any longer. We will only send out information about when and where to find it, that is, on: www.omep.org.gu.se under "News". We advise you to check under News regularly for current information.

In the writing moment the information about a disastrous earthquake and tidal wave in Chile reaches me, but it is too early to tell about the consequences. When we get more information we will put it on the web site News.

Ingrid