

Introduction

European Conference titled Education from early childhood; a chance for every child, took place on 9th -12th of April 2008 in Bratislava in occasion of 60th Anniversary of Establish of the OMEP.

The Aim of Conference was to present equal opportunities in education, attitude, treatment and effects to each individual.

According to the title of the Conference, all lectures were aimed on these topics:

1. Relation between Education and Social- economical status of children.
2. Respecting individual educational needs of children (health and mental handicapped, equality of genders, equality of ethnical membership, religion etc.) in education.
3. Influence of economical status on quality of education (of children from early childhood until compulsory) with accent on commanding of demands of compulsory.
4. Presentation of diversity of methods in early childhood's education and training until crossing to primary school- presentation of national specifics, traditions and present innovative trends.
5. Relation between quality of education of pre-school teachers and quality of children's education.
6. Participation of family education on personal development of pre-school children – cooperation between family and organizations offering education to pre-school children

Conference took place under patronage of Ján Mikolaj - Minister of Education and Vice-President of Government of SR, Silvia Gašparovičová – First lady of Slovak Republic, Dušan Čaplovič Vice-President of Government of SR and of Slavomír Drozd-Mayor of Bratislava's City Part- Ruzinov.

Participants of the conference were pleased by attendance of World President of OMEP, prof. Ingrid Pramling Samuelson from Sweden and Vice-President for Europe, doc. Milada Rabušicová from Czech Republic.

For many years of active work in OMEP were awarded doc. PhDr. Zita Baďuríková CSc., doc. PhDr. Mária Podhájecká, CSc. and Dagmar Lapšanská.

Decision to organize European Conference wasn't easy, but it was very responsible choice. There were several reasons why:

First one was, that Slovakia as a part of Czechoslovakia was co-founder of OMEP, it all happened in Prague.

Second one was, that Slovakia has almost 180 years of preschool education history and our Kindergartens and pre-primary education is on high level.

Third reason was, that European Conference took place during the year of many changes in Education in Slovakia.

All these reasons were important and positive arguments in deciding and it took us to realization of the Conference.

Thank you belongs to all the people who cooperated on organization of European Conference, for help, advice, patience, because only thanks to them we showed ourselves positively in Europe.

We hope, that all the participants enjoyed their staying in Slovakia, that new knowledge about our education system, culture and traditions has enriched them. We hope, that Slovakia will remain in their remembers only positively and that they will come back again.

In text book are enclosed lectures, conclusions, list of participants and photo gallery. Lectures can be used as a scholar literacy, material for studying for experts and employees from theory and practice and also for university students.

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