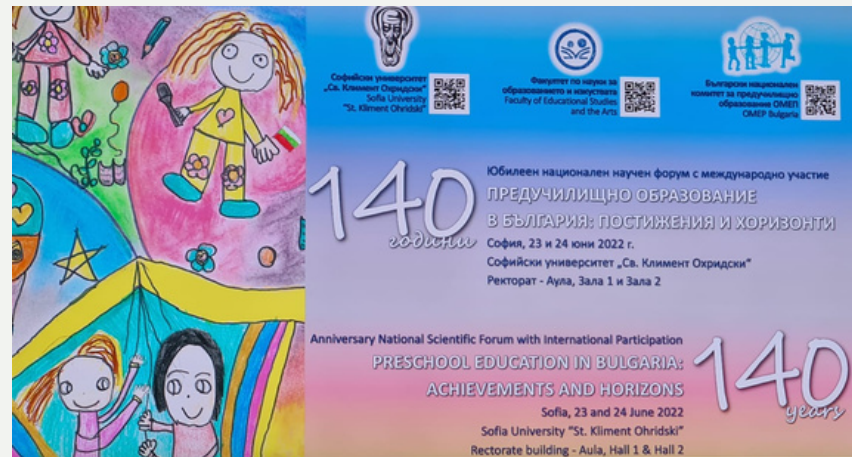


# News

## 140 YEARS OF OMEP BULGARIA

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From the 22nd to the 24th of June, President of OMEP Europe Adrijana Visnjic Jevtic, was on an official visit to OMEP Bulgaria.

During her stay, she visited two preschool institutions that are OMEP members, participated in and held a keynote speech at the Anniversary National Scientific Forum with International Participation: 140 years of preschool education in Bulgaria: Achievements and horizons organised in honour of 140 years of ECE in Bulgaria.





Adrijana Visnjic Jevtic also participated in a meeting with the Minister of Education and Science Academy Nikolai Denkov where the work of OMEP was presented and cooperation between OMEP Bulgaria and the Ministry was agreed on for the purpose of improving the quality of life of children in Bulgaria. It was evident that the OMEP is recognized as a partner that enables networking with experts from all over the world

## PROJECT "COLOUR YOUR RIGHTS"

Project "Colour your Rights" has reached one of the objectives formulated during OMEP's World Assembly in Panama in 2019. Due to the Pandemic, deadlines and related events had to be postponed but from 23rd to 26th of June the exhibition was inaugurated with artworks from children from 19 different countries from five continents.

The vernissage of the exhibition "Colour your Rights" took place on 23rd of June in the Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Strovolos, Nicosia, Cyprus with the presence of local representatives of politics, culture and education and different Embassies of countries whose OMEP country committees participated in the Project and caused enthusiasm among the assistants.

On Saturday 25th of June one day event for educators and interested people was held and counted with different communications of OMEP World president, Mercedes Mayol Lassalle, OMEP representative to the UNESCO Lisbeth Gouin, different local figures of the early childhood education and psychology and a conference by Maria Vassiliadou discussing the project and the artworks that form the exhibition.

On 26th of June, Sunday morning there were organized workshops for children with intention of guiding them through the exhibition and then drawing and painting interpreting the Rights of the Child.

The poster is for the "COLOUR YOUR RIGHTS" exhibition. At the top left is the OMEP logo with its name in multiple languages: "Organisation Mondiale pour L'Éducation Précoce", "World Organization for Early Childhood Education", "Organización Mundial para la Educación Preescolar", "Παγκόσμια Οργάνωση Πρώτης Αγωγής και Εκπαίδευσης", and "Εταιρεία Κύπρου". The main title "COLOUR YOUR RIGHTS" is in large, bold, red letters. Below it, the dates "23-26 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ 2022" and the time "Εγκαίνια έκθεσης 23 Ιουνίου 2022, 18.30" are listed. The venue is "ΠΟΛΙΤΙΣΤΙΚΟ ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΣΤΡΟΒΟΛΟΥ". The central part of the poster features a grid of colorful children's drawings. At the bottom, there are logos for the organizing committee "Ο ΦΙΛΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΟΣ", the municipality "ΔΗΜΟΣ ΣΤΡΟΒΟΛΟΥ", and sponsors "TORONTO pizza", "ENA", and "Αγρός".

## POLISH OMEP COMMITTEE SUPPORTS UKRAINE

The Polish OMEP Committee supports children from Ukraine and their families, their educational environment and is involved in activities of providing financial and material support. They collect information, experiences, listen to refugees to provide assistance in the field of care and education. They talk, observe and learn to help adequate to the needs, especially in relation to school and preschool children. They also provide psychological support to children and parents.

They also organize free childcare. A common room at the primary school was established in Poznań. The classes are attended by Ukrainian and Polish children aged 2-6 with their parents. The program of activities includes music and art workshops, sports activities and language classes (Polish, English and Ukrainian). Classes are conducted by volunteers (preschool teachers - members of OMEP Polska).

The Polish OMEP Committee in cooperation with the Ukrainian OMEP Committee organizes children book libraries in Ukrainian. Libraries are created in schools and kindergartens.



### “Preschoolers for Peace”

The members of the Polish OMEP Committee in Poznań, moved by the fate of millions of refugees and victims of the war in Ukraine, including especially children, in the face of aggression and warfare by the Russian Federation decided to encourage Polish children to express their voice for peace. The action entitled Preschoolers for Peace was directed to kindergartens, schools, and individuals. Those who wanted to join the action were tasked to: talk to children about their feelings in connection with the tragic events in Ukraine, emphasize the value of world peace, encourage children to make a postcard with the image of a dove symbolizing peace, photograph the postcard(s), post photos on the educational facility's social media with the note #przedszkolakidlapokoju, put the postcard in an envelope and send it to the address of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Warsaw.

## OMEP FRANCE

OMEP France in partnership with AGEEM (General Association of Teachers of Public Schools and Nursery Classes) led a workshop at the Forum "Activons les sciences en classe!", organised by the Fondation La main à la pâte, on the theme "Nature as a place of humanity, scientific learning and citizenship".

A joint presentation on "Outdoor schooling in France and around the world: a chosen practice or a constraint", giving a brief overview based on concrete examples illustrating the implementation of these practices in France and in various countries around the world.



## OMEP CZECH REPUBLIC

OMEP Czech Republic had a representation in interdisciplinary group for preschool education at the Ministry of education as well as in group of specialists who are responsible for revision of Czech curriculum documents for preschool education in Czech Republic.

Dana Moravcová was named a chair.

OMEP Czech Republic is also included in sending financial help for OMEP Ukraine to support them.



## OMEP SLOVAKIA

Project "Veggie Madness" (2018) has a primary aim of preventing childhood obesity and undertaking the healthy lifestyle of preschoolers and children at an early age.

The target of the year-round experiential project is the effective establishment and support of healthy eating, hygiene and work habits of children, within which scope they acquire the concept of "HEALTH" and its value in human life at an early age, just like the importance of proper nutrition as part of caring for their own body.

During one school year the entire class participates in the project. On each vegetable day, as part of the all-day activities, children improve their fine motor skills, learn to clean and cut vegetables, have the opportunity to taste them and integrate all senses in the activity. The project also provides a helping hand in the socialization of children from Roma and socially disadvantaged communities by creating equal conditions for all children in kindergartens throughout Slovakia.

To date, 120 kindergartens joined in the Veggie Madness project.



We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Athens, where the OMEP European Regional Meeting will be held on 11th of July, one day before the 74th OMEP World Assembly and Conference.

You can check the Agenda for OMEP European Regional Meeting below:

**Venue: Athens Metropolitan College AMC,  
Athens Campus, 42 Akadimias Str., 106 72**

**Time: 14.30 – 18.00**

- 1. Opening**
- 2. Appointing chair, secretary, and 2 scrutineers**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Adoption of the Agenda.**
- 5. Minutes from European Regional Meeting (Virtual) in June 2021**
- 6. European VP Annual report 2021**
- 7. National Committees report (bring 1 page copies in writing)**
- 8. Ongoing Projects in Europe**
- COFFEE BREAK**
- 9. Preparation for World Assembly 2022**
  - 1. Nominations/Elections,**
  - 2. Changes of the Constitution/Administrative Guide**
  - 3. Any other business**
- 10. OMEP European Regional Assembly 2023**

**Candidates to present themselves in advance**
- 11. Any other business (to be brought up during point 4)**
- 12. Closure**

If you have any suggestions, please send them to [vpeurope@omepworld.org](mailto:vpeurope@omepworld.org)

Thank you!

