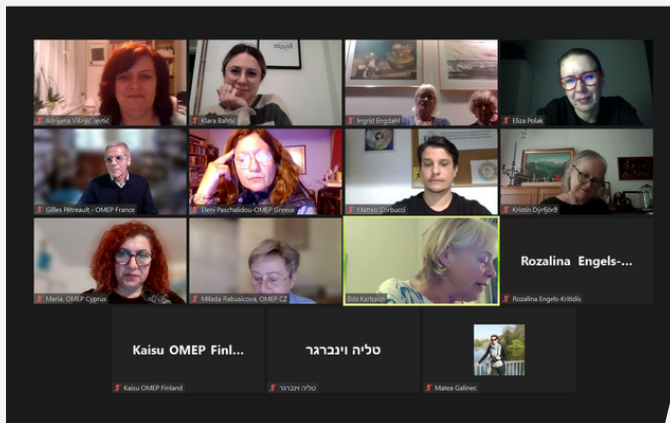


OMEPEUROPE NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL WEBCAFE

This year's first Regional meeting was held 21st of March. Twelve National Committees were present and shared their current activities and news.

There is numerous of activities and events ongoing in European countries. Some of the activities will be preseted in the Newsletter.

EUROPEAN OMEPE CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY 2023 "QUALITY AND EQUALITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE" 3 - 6 of May, 2023

Venues at Frederick University and Cyprus University of Technology



<http://omepe.com.cy/europeanomepeconference2023/>

NATIONAL

COMMITTEES NEWS



- Erasmus OMEP Europe project "ESD for ECCE" with the University of Aix-Marseille
- Organisation of the
 - webinar Mères médiatrices de paix;
 - continuation of the Poetry for Peace project; CR on line
- Participation in the Forum «Activons les sciences en classes !»
- International Day of Peace, September 21, 2022
 - Celebrated in Tolosa on September 17, 2022, with the Festival of Choirs for Peace where Lisbeth represents OMEP and leads a round table; a video was produced thanks to the NGOs involved in the Peace project supported by the UNESCO Liaison Committee;
- World Teachers' Day: October 6, 2022
 - <https://www.omep-france.fr/journee-mondiale-des-teachers-a-lunesco-5-october-2022/>





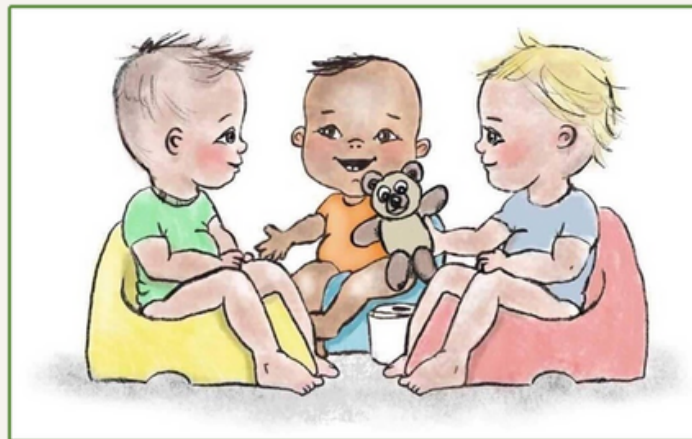
In order to mark the 75th anniversary of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education OMEP, Ruse University "Angel Kanchev" and the Bulgarian National Committee for Preschool Education – OMEP, organized a NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC-PRACTICAL CONFERENCE "75 YEARS OF OMEP: PRESCHOOL EDUCATION IN BULGARIA IN THE PERSPECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE".

The forum was held on March 16 and 17, 2023, at Angel Kanchev University of Ruse. The chairman of the Scientific and organizational committee of the conference was Prof. Yuliya Doncheva, DSc.

At the opening ceremony, held in Kaneff Center on March 16, 2023 at 2 p.m., congratulations were expressed by the Mayor of the City of Ruse, Mr. Pencho Milkov, the Rector of Ruse University, Prof. DSc. Hristo Beloev, DHC mult., Academician of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, and the Head of the Regional Board of Education – Ruse, Mrs. Rositsa Georgieva, PhD. The plenary speakers at the conference were: Prof. Elena Roussinova-Bahoudaila, Phd – ex-president of OMEP Bulgaria and a honorary member of the World Organization OMEP, presenting on the topic of "World OMEP – a tribune for peace and well-being for children around the world" and Prof. Rozalina Engels-Kritidis, DSc - president of OMEP Bulgaria, presenting on the topic of "Well-being and involvement in the pedagogical interaction in kindergartens: projections of the Leuven scale in the Bulgarian educational context". The day ended with a performance by children from different kindergartens in the City of Ruse.



Nappy free children earlier! Supporting toilet training at home and in preschool



Swedish children currently use nappies (diapers) much longer than they did previously. In the 1970's, children in Sweden were nappy free at around two. Now, the average age is 3.5 years daytime, and 4 years nighttime. This is not good for the children and it is not sustainable!

OMEP Sweden runs a campaign for homes, preschools, child healthcare/BVC, open preschools and family centres. We hope it will initiate many discussions about toilet training that may lead to changed routines, in the best interests of the child.

'Nappy free children earlier' brings many benefits for children, families, preschools, healthcare, the economy, and the environment.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states children's right to a healthy development. A strong collaboration between preschool and home around early toilet training supports such a development. The child's self-esteem grows. Urinary tract and constipation problems may decrease.

Earlier and improved toilet training has positive consequences for the environment and leads to reduced costs for homes and preschools. Thus, starting toilet training early is an urgent priority which at the same time contributes to a sustainable society.

The campaign includes folders in Swedish, Arabic, English, Somali and Spanish, two posters and three introductory video films.

ESD AWARDS

14 th ANNUAL EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

We are looking for outstanding projects that focus on play and learning for sustainability. We would like to see projects that are child-oriented where children are active in play and communication with other children, teachers, families, and communities, in a transformative change for sustainability. SDG 4.2 specifically asks for quality education for young children. We invite all OMEP members to submit their proposals for the 2023 award.

Submission Deadline: April 15, 2023

Submit your proposal as an email attachment to both of the following:

Ingrid Pramling Samuelsson at ingrid.pramling@ped.gu.se

and

Adrijana Visnjic Jevtic at adrijana.vjevtic@ufzg.hr

14 th ANNUAL EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDENT AWARD

5 tOMEP invites all undergraduate and graduate (Bachelor or MA level) 1 students to take part in this competition. We are looking for outstanding projects that focus on play and learning for sustainability. We would like to see projects that are child-oriented where children are active in play and communication with other children, teachers, families, and communities, in a transformative change for sustainability.

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**You may download application forms @
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