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Dear colleagues,

The month of August has ended, but there are still several months to continue working to achieve the goals that we have set in the Strategic Plan.

The **73rd World Assembly** (<https://youtu.be/BoUog6MhNAs>) has been very productive but also presents us with new commitments and challenges. It is important to note that, even in a pandemic, OMEP has managed to grow. Costa Rica joined as the Preparatory Committee for OMEP. Sierra Leone changed its status to National Committee. Proud new Honorary Members were approved. Adrijana Visnjic was elected as the new Vice President of Europe. Nyamikeh Kyiamah was re-elected in her role as Vice President of the Africa Region. All these pieces of news enrich us and give us value as militant members of this organization, which has advocated for the rights of children in early childhood for 73 years.

Now is the time to share our **2020 Annual Report** (<https://omepworld.org/annual-report/>) as well as the **OMEP 2021 Declaration "Supporting a holistic approach in early childhood care and education"** (<https://omepworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-DECLARATION-ENG.pdf>), highlighting key points for ECCE at this historic moment with recovery plans around the world. I have already sent the Report to the United Nations, UNESCO, UNICEF and other relevant organizations and foundations. We are especially grateful to those who participated in the drafting committee of the Declaration: María Elizabeth Vivaldi, Adrijana Visnjic and Sandie Wong.

In August, we also launched the **OMEP Seminar Series** with seminar N° 1: **Rights from the Start: how to advocate for early childhood.** (<https://youtu.be/mFpo8fAN6Gk>) The recording of the seminar is available in the 3 official languages on our YouTube channel OmepWorldTV. These videos should be used to mobilize debates within the Committees and boost constructive dialogues among the many people interested in changing the world and reversing the injustices that fall upon it. I would also like to anticipate that we have a full webinar agenda to share. As you already know, streaming times and languages will change, so that all regions have the opportunity to actively participate. Stay tuned and attentive!

Likewise, we are already summoning the working groups for OMEP's emblematic projects and initiatives. Check your emails and, if you are interested in participating, you can write to us.

In this Newsletter you will find, as always, a summary of the highlighted actions.

Have a pleasant reading!

Warm regards,

Mercedes

News for August 2021

1. PARTICIPATIONS OF THE WORLD PRESIDENT

- **PPPs focus group call 4. PEHRC (Privatization in Education and Human Rights Consortium).** August 2.
- **Meeting of the Coordinating Group of the CCNGO Education 2030/UNESCO: Technical Cooperation Group (TCG).** Updates for the follow-up and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda. August 3.
- **5th OMEP Chile Seminar: Emotional development and sustainability for the context.** August 4.
- **UNICEF Nicaragua.** Meeting for possible joint initiative. August 9.
- **Meeting of the Coordinating Group of CCNGO Education 2030/UNESCO.** Election of the representative of the CCNGO in the “High-Level Social Commission” (HLSC). August 12.
- **OMEP-Right to education.** Meeting about ECCE and privatization. August 13.
- **Meetings of the Drafting Commission for OMEP 2021 Declaration.** August 16th and 23.
- **Round table. Preschool education: Offering a safe, welcoming and inclusive living environment.** Conference by the World President. OMEP Canada. August 17.
- Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwFuByjIDWM&t=2s>
- **UNICEF Argentina.** Presentation of the UNICEF Cooperation Program 2021-2025. August 18.
- **OMEP Seminar Series N°1. “Rights from the start: How to advocate for early childhood.”** August 23.
- Link: <https://youtu.be/mFpo8fAN6Gk>
- **OMEP-Right to Education Initiative - RTE.** Meeting about ECCE and privatization. August 27.

2. ACTIVITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

- **Meeting with Representatives** for the annual report. August 13.

3. PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF EXCO AND OMEP COMMUNITY

- **OMEP Brazil National Assembly.** With the participation of the World President, the Regional Vice President Desireé López de Maturana and 36 attendees from different regions of the country. August 21.
- **OMEP Canada Monthly Newsletter:**
Link: https://www.canva.com/design/DAEoXP3Obo/qmUAU8l8Ln3kpJ2LMnO1g/view?utm_content=DAEoXP3Obo&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=sharebutton
- **60 years of Omep-Canada**
Link: http://omep-canada.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/OMEP_Web.pdf
- **Governing quality Early Childhood Education and Care in a global crisis: first lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.** Collaboration from Ingrid Engdahl, Vice President of Europe, for NESET. NESET is an advisory network of experts working in the social dimension of education and training, at the initiative of the European Commission Directorate General for Education and Culture. August 11.
Link: https://nesetweb.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/NESET_AR1-2021.pdf
- **Continuous development training program for teachers. OMEP Nigeria.** Training of more than 230 teachers in the 3-day Continuing Professional Development program organized by OMEP Nigeria between August 31 and September 2, 2021.
Link: <https://www.omepnigeria.org/professional-development-program/>

4. CAMPAIGNS AND NETWORKS

- **August 2. IJEC: Call for papers.** The International Journal for Early Childhood (IJEC) is OMEP's globally recognized official academic journal. We appreciate disseminating the call in universities and research centers.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2035037166648659>

- **August 9. OMEP works on the definition of the UNESCO Global Partnership Strategy for Early Childhood Care and Education.** UNESCO article: https://es.unesco.org/news/estrategia-asociacion-mundial-atencion-y-educacion-primera-infancia-unesco-despega-y-se-arraiga?fbclid=IwAR1EanspZBM8HkyMGXwVuo_PVsUcl1J_YaKldqdFqNpibZuRDAGTx-rE6t0

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2040859472733095>

- **August 13. The Abidjan Principles: Protect the right to education together**

Last work in our 5 video series on the Abidjan Principles on the right to education. More information: <https://www.abidjanprinciples.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/552428002473048/>

- **August 16. OMEP Seminar Series.** Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) in debate.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/581180242931410/>

- **August 18. OMEP Seminar Series.** Seminar 1. Rights from the start: how to advocate for early childhood.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2048065735345802>

- **August 27. Asia-Pacific Regional Conference.** Organized by OMEP China. More information: <https://bit.ly/3gFKpUt>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2055092537976455>

OMEP BLOG “Rights from the start”

Space for reflection and defense of early childhood education, with the voices of great leaders around the world.

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- **Advancing Young Children’s Well-Being: What Can and Must We Learn From Each Other? - Sharon Lynn Kagan. USA.** “As pressure mounts to promote child welfare around the world, the question remains how to address it. In some countries, investments are chosen (OECD, 2020a); in others, it is committed to new direct services that include childcare, family leave, home visits and health activities (OECD, 2020b; UNICEF, 2019); and in others, great importance is attached to improving the quality, capacity and salary of workers (OECD, 2021).” To read more: <https://omepworld.org/advancing-young-childrens-well-being-what-can-and-must-we-learn-from-each-other-sharon-lynn-kagan/>

- **Intersectoral approach as a condition for a comprehensive care of children's rights - Vital Didonet. Brasilia.** "In common language, boys and girls are defined, from an external observation, by a characteristic, a personality trait, a behavior:" this child is intelligent, that is lively, this is a sweet and tender girl, that is slow to understand, this girl is agitated, this one is nervous..." To read more: <https://omepworld.org/intersectoral-approach-as-a-condition-for-a-comprehensthe-ive-care-of-childrens-rights-vital-didonet/>

ANNUAL FEE 2021

NATIONAL COMMITTEES can now pay the **2021 membership fee**
EXTENSION until September 30, 2021

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www.omepworld.org

Direct link:

<https://omepworld.org/national-committees-2/>



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IMPORTANT DATES AND NEWS

WORLD PROJECTS

Thanks for joining!

We are already in contact with the coordinators and the people who signed up for each project, to advance OMEP's emblematic initiatives and share them at the WAC Athens 2022.

"VOICES OF OMEP" Series

Voices of OMEP is a strategy of the COMMUNICATION PLAN that aims towards the dissemination and visibility of projects, work and reflections on current ECCE problems in the world through short videos on social media.

We will be calling on the Presidents of the National Committees to send their testimony for this initiative.

To see the videos made in 2020, enter here:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPTJHtD5j4cBRy3qU5dspfiEhiROtA6-1>

We hope that the voice of each OMEP National Committee can be heard by our community and the entire world!

OMEP INTERNAL CALL: World Team of Volunteer Translators

To improve our ability to share and exchange OMEP's ideas and actions on our website, blog and social media, we have created a group of volunteer translators to help with translations of posts, short articles, statements and videos.

If you want to be part of the Global Team of Volunteer Translators, please sign up using the form:

<https://forms.gle/xho1EKfvCk7qv7mQ9>