

OMEP - Bratislava and Vicinity Regional Committee Annual Report 2011

Last year, the Bratislava and Vicinity Regional Committee of World Organization for Early Childhood Education - OMEP - pursued the goals and objectives defined in the plan for 2011.

In 2011, the Bratislava and Vicinity Regional Committee of OMEP was represented by:

Regional Director: Ing. Katarína Koledová, Bratislava

Executive Secretary: Mgr. Simonetta Došeková, Malacky

Financial Administrator: Anna Brániková, Bratislava

Other members of the Regional Committee: Mgr. Katarína Domastová, Gabriela Domeová

1. International activities

1.1. The goal to establish new international contacts was reached at the European Conference which was held in May in Syros, Greece. Slovakia was represented by Ing. Katarína Koledová who also participated in the OMEP Executive Committee Meeting which followed the European Conference.

1.2. Development of new international contact was also reached during the presentation of Wattsenglish language school from Liberec, Czech Republic in April. The presentation was held by Marek Kadlec who is an OMEP representative for the Czech Republic abroad and by Steve Watts who is the founder of Wattsenglish method. It was highly appreciated by all members and it should be followed by a visit to Liberec kindergartens. Although the 2-day visit was logistically prepared, it was not carried out and therefore postponed to 2012.

2. Activities aimed at improvement of educational activities in kindergarten.

2.1. Our members attended a joined meeting with their partners from the Czech Republic where they gained new knowledge about international educational methodology.

2.2. Our members also attended various expert seminars which were focused on methodology and were organized in cooperation with the methodological centre or founders.

2.3. Throughout the year, individual members maintained working relationships by the means of personal meetings, experience exchange and consulting.

3. Management improvement activities

To acquire this goal, our managers attended various conferences, seminars and lectures and personal meetings throughout the year. They deepened their knowledge in this area and they applied it in day-to-day work.

4. Activities for/with pre-school children

Various activities with children organized by OMEP members were carried out in individual municipal parts of the town, specifically:

Participation in artwork presentation "Dúhový kolotoč" ("Rainbow carousel")

Ceremonial academies at the occasion of the Mother's day

October activities – Respect for elders

Santa Clause evenings

Grand opening of the MŠ Malacky – Rakárenská kindergarten

5. Activities towards the public

OMEP has been presented to public as a highly qualified organisation, creating an important network of regional committees all around Slovakia whose role is to raise the standard of early childhood education and care. Various public activities contributed to this, including several public area performances (town squares and similar), handwork exhibitions, kindergarten open days, children's sport Olympiad and similar.

6. Activities inside the RC OMEP

6.1. Regular Committee Chair meeting

6.2. Members meetings

6.3. Preparatory information meeting for foreign visit participants

6.4. Regular informal meetings of OMEP members

6.5. Ambition to update the members' database and management of membership fees payments.

Bratislava, 10 December 2011

Ing. Katarína Koledová

Regional Director