



Organización Mundial para la Educación Preescolar
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Dear colleagues

I share with you the latest news we have posted on the website (available in all three languages) and on social networks Facebook and Instagram

1. Postponement of the 2020 OMEP World Assembly and International Conference

During the beginning of April, we held meetings with the Executive Committee (EXCO) and the Greek Committee in charge of the organization of 2020 Assembly and International Conference. We have decided to **postpone the 72nd World Assembly and International Conference** to be held in Athens from July 13th-17th 2020, **to July 12th-16th 2021**. The program and places will remain the same.

https://worldomep.org/spn/index.php?page=view&pg=1&idx=368&hCode=BOARD&bo_idx=7&sfl=&stx=&cate=

2. World Health Day

I did a note and video about World Health Day, commemorated in the middle of COVID-19 pandemic. Some key points were:

- the importance of a strong and effective State, that above all, ensures the care and realization of all the rights of children
- insist on the central importance of guaranteeing justice for young children, giving priority to the realization of their right to health, as well as to all other human rights.
- and thank the nurses, doctors, and all workers who are on the front line of COVID-19 for their work, dedication, and commitment with the realization of the human right to health.

https://worldomep.org/index.php?page=view&pg=1&idx=369&hCode=BOARD&bo_idx=1&sfl=&stx=&cate=

To watch the video in english:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttzkSsSIRns&t=1s>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/>

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/p/B-sA_lxjDeS/

3. Participation on the WEBINAR coordinated by the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) and Organization of American States (OAS)

"Going through early childhood in times of pandemic. What can we adults do to mitigate the effects of isolation and confinement on the psychosocial development of the youngest children?"



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Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEPE/photos/a.303438693141857/1630868290398884/?type=3&theater>

4. Communications from Regional Vice Presidents (VP)

4.1. Desiree Lopez de Maturana, VP Latin America.

Suspended the XI Latin American Assembly and Conference of OMEPE, to be held in Bogota, Colombia, from 20 to 24 April 2020

To watch the video with subtitles in english:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cROwOIsH3mw#action=share>

4.2. Ingrid Engdahl, VP Europa.

Newsletter OMEPE Europe, March 2020

https://worldomep.org/spn/index.php?page=view&pg=1&idx=365&hCode=BOARD&bo_idx=8&sfl=&stx=&cate=

5. World Projects

5.1. Project leader newsletter 3.

https://worldomep.org/index.php?page=view&pg=1&idx=376&hCode=BOARD&bo_idx=19&sfl=&stx=&cate=

5.2. New Scholar Award

-New Deadline: **May, 30th, 2020**

5.3. Color Your Rights

-New deadline: **December 18th, 2020**

6. Virtual coffees of OMEPE

During the month of April I began to develop regional virtual coffees by region, with the aim of sharing ideas, support and getting to know each other on these adverse times:

- **Latin American Coffee April 1st.**





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- **African Coffee, April 3rd.**



- **Europe Coffee, April 15th.**



7. Monday Campaign on social networks

Malala Yousafzai (1997-present) is a Pakistani activist, blogger and university student living in England.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEPE/videos/3005992822780951/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-ppsgnD4wG/>

8. We join the CLADE (Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education) in the campaign for the education we need

8.1. Care and education with adequate infrastructure, which has accessibility, security and protection.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEPE/photos/a.303438693141857/1614888601996853/?type=3&theater>



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Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-hl1yAj7jH/>

8.2. Valorization and fair remuneration and appropriate initial and continuing training for educators and educators.

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<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEPE/>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-0MfZADfyD/>

9. Campaign: COVID-19 more than a virus, in the framework of OMEPE's world project, WASH from the START

The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the weak points of the response capacity of many states in the face of major humanitarian crises

9.1. The State has the fundamental role of protecting Human Rights, the right to health and education, especially in early childhood.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEPE/videos/889179328189190/>

Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/p/B_Ae-drDUiR/

9.2. Confinement measures exacerbate problems of domestic violence.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEPE/videos/2560232384228184/>

Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/p/B_FWrwKDuDY/

9.3 One of the great challenges is the inequality in access to water of vulnerable groups, among these groups the most punished are children.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEPE/videos/177527780010397/>

Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/p/B_NF8O3DJRp/

10. Article "How to leave no one behind when school becomes the norm - thoughts from civil society" This article has been published on the UNESCO website and was carried out by the NGO COLLECTIVE CONSULTATION on EDUCATION 2030 (CCNGO) in which I am part of the coordination group since 2019, in representation of OMEPE.



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<https://en.unesco.org/news/how-leave-no-one-behind-out-school-becomes-norm-thoughts-civil-society>

11. Commemoration for earth day

Commemoration of Earth Day under the framework of Education for Sustainable Development in Early Childhood.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEPE/>

Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/p/B_SgZEADbWe/

12. In other news

12.1. Children's creativity in times of crisis.

Maria Vassiliadou, president of the Cyprus Committee of the World Organization for Preschool Education (OMEPE), reflects on the importance of creativity in the days of Covid-19. She also proposes artistic activities for children to travel through fantasy, "far from the bombardment of the news of contagion figures and the number of deceased."

https://worldomep.org/index.php?page=view&pg=1&idx=373&hCode=BOARD&bo_idx=5&sfl=&stx=&cate=Other

To watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3KH7tZIXNQ>

12.2. OMEPE signed with other 64 human rights, humanitarian and civil society organizations, so that the States of the European Union (EU) relocate unaccompanied children in the Greek Islands as soon as possible to safer places.

<https://refugee-rights.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Joint-Call-to-Action-European-Relocation-of-Children.pdf>

- EU Member States have started relocating unaccompanied children from the Greek islands to safety in their countries, showing that where there's a will there's a way. Join us in urging more countries to follow their example now...

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https://www.instagram.com/p/B_fDu9zlj/

https://www.instagram.com/p/B_nGFU0jYVV/

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