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Mothers Centers International
Network for Empowerment

Mother Center Conference: “How do we want to raise our Children”



Elizabeth Akpalu of WILDAF-Ghana and Gideon from Canada. Picture by Saskia Repcikova

Program:

Friday, November 17th: Arrival of Participants

16.00 – 18.00	Registration
17.00	Meeting of Workshop Facilitators and Panelists in Hotel
18.00 – 21.00 h:	Getting to Know Each Other Informal gathering in the Mother Center Ráčik, Bratislava

Saturday, November 18th: Introducing the Theme

- 7.30 – 9.30 Registration
- 9.00 – 9.30 h Press Conference
- Conference Facilitator: Michaela Galvankova, Slovakia
- 9.30 – 11.00 h: Welcomes and Introductory Speeches
- Silvia Gasparovicova, First Lady of Slovak Republic
 - Tatiana Mikusova, Vice mayor of Bratislava town
 - Emilia Krsikova, State Secretary of Ministry of Work, Social Affairs & Family
 - Jolanda de Haan, Bernard van Leer Foundation
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- 11.00 – 11.30 h: Coffee Break
- 11.30 – 12.30 h: Goals and Structure of the Conference
Eva Fiedlerova, chair of Union of Mother Centres, Slovakia
Monika Jaeckel, chair of **mine**
- 12.30h Lunch Break
- 14.00 – 15.30 h Hearing from Each Other
Country Reports on Content and Process of the Mother Centers How do we Want to Raise Our Children Campaign
- International Evaluation of Campaign Results, Lucia Lipovska, Slovakia
 - 8 minutes reports in alphabetic order of countries:
Argentina, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Ghana.
- 15.30 – 16.00 h Coffee Break
- 16.00 – 18.00 h Country Reports continued
Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, USA.
- 19.30 h International Party with Traditional Slovak Cuisine,
Primary school Tbiliska street

Sunday, November 19th: Harvesting Our Work

- 9.00 – 9.30 h Summarizing of Saturday's outcomes
- 9.30 – 12.30 h Workshops (2 parallel Workshops per Theme)
- 1) Visions and Values on Parenting: Commonalties and Cultural Differences
Facilitators: Joan E. Bishop and Barbara King Trinidad,
Margaret Jobita, Kenya.
- 2) MC as Universities of Parenthood
Facilitators: Zora Pauliniova, Slovakia,
Marieke van Geldermalsen, Netherlands.
- 3) Recognizing of the place of MC in the system of Public Welfare
Facilitators: Sarah Silliman, USA,
Dana Marekova, Slovakia.
- 12.30 – 14.00 h Lunch Break
- 14.00 – 15.30h Summarising Results of the Workshops and Preparing Creative
Reports for the Plenary
- 15.30 – 16.00 h Coffee Break
- 16.00 – 18.00 h Reports and Results of the Workshops + Panel Discussion I. with
Professionals on the theme:
**Productive partnerships between parents and professionals –
A partnership building dialog**
- Guests: Prof. Kadriye Yardakok, Turkey
Magda Helman, Poland
PhDr. Daniela Čechová, Slovakia
MUDr. Jana Nosková, Slovakia
- Facilitator: Zora Pauliniova, Slovakia
- 18.30 Dinner
- 19.30 **Mine** Networking Meeting
Possibility to visit Bratislava downtown at night

Monday, November 20th: The Way Forward

- 9.00 – 9.30 h Summarizing of the previous day
- 9.30 – 11.30 h Workshops
- 4) Elements of an International Mother Center Policy Paper
Facilitators: Monika Jaeckel, Netherlands,
Rhona Kave, USA.
- 5) Strengthening the Mothers Movement
Facilitators: Penny Irons, Canada,
Andrea Laux, Germany.
- 6) Publicity and Advocacy : Raising Public Awareness of Grassroots Voices
on Parenting
Facilitators: Arlene Bailey/Tamara Reynolds, Jamaica,
Apolonia Sejkova, Slovakia
- 11.30 – 12.30 h Summarizing Results of the Workshops and Preparing Creative
Reports for the Plenary
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00 – 16.00 h Reports and Results of the Workshops and Panel Discussion II on the
theme:
**How can we work together to strengthen an international
Mothers Movement?**
- Guests: Esme A.C.Raphael, Trinidad
Lorna J.Amutojo, Uganda
Viera Hanuláková, Slovakia
Prof. Iveta Radičová, Slovakia
Bishop Ján Lacho, Slovakia
- Facilitators: Dana Marekova, Slovakia and Michaela Galvankova, Slovakia
- 16.00 – 16.30 h Coffee Break
- 16.30 – 18.30 h Conclusion, Statement and Mission of the conference
- 20.00 h Good – bye evening