



„so little is provided to parents
and so much is required from them “ *Virginia Satir*

Invitation

Let us cordially invite you to

the II. International Conference of the Union of Mother Centres

Under the auspices of Monika Jaeckel,
the First Lady of Mother Centre Movement

„Mother Centres as Academies of Practical Parenting “

20. - 23. November 2009,

Hotel Banik, Strbske Pleso, High Tatras, Slovakia, Europe

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There will be presented a **concept of academies of practical parenting**, which is the outcome of a long –term campaign: „How do we want to raise our children“and which solves a deficit of parental preparation for their most important occupation in the school system in the Slovak republic. There will be promoted **different approaches to parental education** in various countries and together we will try to find answers for the questions **what to do with parental education in future** and what are the main tasks and responsibilities of various actors in this field: state, self-help groups, professionals, NGO etc.

a detailed program below

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Languages:

English, Slovak. Interpretation will be provided.

Child care:

Child care is provided during a whole conference.

Exhibition:

Space for posters, pictures and materials from Mother Centres is provided in front of the conference room.

Friday, 20th November: participants gathering

16.00 – 18.00 h: **Registration and exhibition installation**
18.00 – 21.00 h: **Welcome drink in Mother Centre Bambino Poprad**

Saturday, 21st November „Introducing APP“

7.30 – 9.30 h: **Registration**
9.30 – 11.00 h: **Welcome speeches:**

Monika Jaeckel, Nederland; a mother of the idea and the concept of Mother Centres, a co-founder of the International Mother Centres Network **mine** and its first chair

Henriette Heimgaertner, INA Berlin, Germany, external evaluator of the UMC

Deputy of Ministry of Social Affairs and Family Slovakia

Jolanda de Haan, Bernard van Leer Foundation, Nederland

Andrea Laux, Germany, **mine** chair

Ivan Stur, member of expert team APP, Slovakia

11.00 – 11.30 h: **coffee break**

11.30 – 12.00 h: **Goals and the conference structure**
Eva Fiedlerova, a coordinator of the campaign “How do we want to raise our children”

12.00 – 14.00 h: **lunch “Together around the table”**

14.00 – 15.00 h: **introducing APP:**
- a way of the German network
- a way of the Austrian network

15.00 – 15.30 h: **coffee break**

15.30 – 16.30 h: - a way of the American network
- a way of the Slovak network

- 16.30 – 18.00 h: **presentations of parental education in other countries**
- 18.00 – 18.30 h: **discussion**
- 19.30 h: **traditional Slovak evening with creative presentations of other countries**

Sunday, 22nd. November: „Application of the APP model“

- 9.00 - 10.00 h Harvesting of the previous day
- 10.00 – 12.30 h **Workshops**
- 1) APP: an example of the discussion on the topic: “Obedience, or cooperation?”
 - 2) Ten commandments of the APP
 - 3) Cross sections of academic and parenting world in child raising issues
 - 4) Professionalising of self-help groups as a way of sustainability?
- 12.30 – 14.00 h **Lunch break**
- 14.00 – 15.30 h **Summarising of the workshop outcomes and preparation of creative reports for the plenary**
- 15.30 – 16.00 h **Coffee break**
- 16.00 – 17.00 h **Creative presentations of the workshop outcomes**
- 17.00 – 18.00 **Partners panel:** Tasks and responsibilities of various actors (state, professionals, self-help groups, NGO) in a field of parental education
- Free evening**
- **mine** meeting (for **mine** members)

Monday, 23rd. November: „How to go on“

- 9.00 – 9.30 **harvesting of the previous day**
- 9.30 – 11.00 **parallel workshops on the topic of the APP future**
- 11.00 – 12.00 **workshops leader meeting for a resolution formulation + parallel exhibition and open bazaar for participants**
- 12.00 – 13.00 **adopting the resolution and an official conference closing**
- 13.00 – 14.30 **good – bye lunch**