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World Forum on Early Care and Education SPRING of 2014

Where in the world will the World Forum be?



World Forum Family Growing and Sharing Rare Knowledge

The National Representatives family is slowly and steadily expanding, covering more countries thanks to the efforts of the current members who want the World Forum to spread its wings worldwide. This family is also eager to share and learn from each other through the e-platform, thanks to the support of Bonnie Neugebauer and the World Forum Foundation officers. The current discussions, debates, and conversations are testimony to this; it is Bonnie's wish that soon this facility will be upgraded to make communication better and easier for National Representatives. It is hoped that the representatives of nations will optimize the use of this facility to the benefit of children, families, and communities in improving their different situations.

I take this opportunity to cordially welcome our new members: Mauritius — Kistamah Soonita; Lesotho — Lali Letsela; Mozambique — Iria Diana Collaco e Pereira; Zimbabwe — Barnadette Tachivona; Papua New Guinea — Isabel Salatiel; Southwest India — Reeta Sonawat.

The recruitment process is continuous and the doors are wide open for those individuals who are ready to give this service voluntarily for the benefit of children and communities in their respective nations.

— Henry Manani, National Representatives Coordinator



Roger Neugebauer represented the World Forum at the annual meeting of the Association of Childhood Educators International. Here he encountered members of the World Forum community from Malaysia (pictured), Singapore, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania, Uganda, Brazil, and China. While in Washington, DC for this meeting, Neugebauer also met with Junko Miyahara and Sheldon Shaeffer to plan ongoing work of Global Leaders of Asia/Pacific.

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JUNE 29

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International Working Forum of the Global Collaborative OnDesign for Children

June 26-29, 2012

Berkeley, California, United States

Be a part of in-depth discussions with global leaders about the latest trends and research in the development of environments and the integration of educational principles into spaces for young children.

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Global Working Initiative on Children's Rights

June, 2012 • Moss, Norway

During the 2011 World Forum in Honolulu, a group of delegates began talking about the possibility of developing a Working Group on Children's Rights.

Organizers are initiating this Working Group with a "Global Working Initiative." Goals for the Global Working Initiative include researching the work of existing groups surrounding children's rights, determining the mission and goals for this World Forum Working Group, and planning strategies for accomplishing these goals. The initiative will be held in Moss, Norway, from June 1-4, 2012. An article in the May/June issue of *Exchange*, titled, "A Conversation About Children's Rights," written by Ellen Hall and Alison Maher, with a response by Pam Boulton, elucidates current thoughts and questions of members of this fledgling group.

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WORLD FORUM STORY PROJECT

Christy Spencer, Coordinator



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Submitted by Caroline Hudicourt, Haiti:

"My involvement with the World Forum has, through the years, broadened my horizon and contributed to my participation in the elaboration of similar networks of colleagues in Haiti around common purposes.

"My involvement has helped me develop a better understanding of early childhood in general, of the effect of the environment on the development of children, and of our role in preparing children to be environmental stewards. I also gain confidence and faith in my role as an educator as I integrate the World Forum as a participant, presenter, performer, and moderator.

"I particularly enjoyed the World Forum in Hawaii where I evolved in an environment similar to the one I live in, and where there was a group of about four people involved through their work and/or nationalities with Haiti. So the networking hit closer to home and allowed me to make plans with others that I could eventually implement at home. I had also the opportunity to share choreography of a Haitian traditional folk dance to the rhythm of a contemporary Haitian singer during a plenary session in Hawaii. It was an intense experience that remains engraved in my memory.

"Although I truly believe it is hard to evaluate what such an intense effort in networking, learning, and sharing has on us, it is a mind-opening experience — an energy booster — that sometimes gives me a strong impression that frontiers of any sort are human made, and they can also be thorns for humans. Being human is a universal experience, shared worldwide on different sides of the same reality."