



Organisation Mondiale pour L'Éducation Préscolaire
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EXCO-COMMUNICATION: May 18, 2022

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

As everyone knows, the 2022 World Assembly and Congress, **OMEP WAC 2022**, will be held in Athens in a short time. It has been three years since, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been able to meet face to face, so we are all looking forward to it and have great expectations for its development.

The members of the **OMEP Greece Committee** have made great efforts to organize this event and we all hope that many members and colleagues from all over the world will participate.

1. ASSEMBLY

We have already launched two calls, in accordance with the provisions of the OMEP Constitution, and uploaded the following documents to the shared folder: the annual balance, this year's budget, the minutes from the previous year, the tentative agenda and other documents necessary to carry it out.

If you have comments or corrections to make, please send us your message **before June 1st**.

Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/119xHPIWAsKJYMf_SrCj3eXhiWQPya6h?usp=sharing

Since I have received many questions, I inform you that I will stand for **re-election to the World Presidency**. I think we need more time to move forward on the Strategic Plan. Without a doubt, it has been a very atypical and difficult term and experience, working in a digital manner, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue serving OMEP and its membership in a "more normal" way, and at the same time achieve the goals that we set for ourselves.

During the next days, we will share the proposals for **eligible positions** (World President, Regional VP for Latin America, Regional VP for Asia-Pacific and World Treasurer), for honorary members, for preparatory committees and other information, within the same folder. For proposals, please use the following forms:

Nominations for EXCO positions: <https://forms.gle/gjH6x9wHubJVxb9W6>

Honorary members: <https://forms.gle/wKGQ5YJ3asQmMFiC7>

Preparatory committees: <https://forms.gle/He11vrXmZdYnQVDB6>

Host for the next WAC for 2023 and 2024: <https://forms.gle/pjfdfFGBymdYkgDv8>

Regarding **the possibility of participating virtually**, we inform you that **only the President** (or their representative) will have the option to participate by Zoom in the plenary sessions of the Assembly. For technical reasons, observers cannot be admitted. Access will be enabled on **Tuesday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. approximately (Athens time)**. The parallel sessions on Tuesday afternoon will not be broadcast.

Given that we face great time differences, which do not enable participation, and that Internet connections do not always work well, we remind you that you can **delegate the vote to another committee** using this link: <https://forms.gle/r2uwrSUzRuqw7sCg8>

Each Committee present at the Assembly may represent two absent national committees and the members of the EXCO may not represent either, unless they are also Presidents of National Committees.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE ASSEMBLY at: <https://forms.gle/6uswTeYSV3YwLCVbA> because this is a different registration than the Conference registration.

2. CONFERENCE

To find out about the main speakers and the program, visit the website: <https://www.omep2022.org/>. The Academic Committee reported that it will soon publish the final program.

To register for the Conference use the following link: <https://www.omep2022.org/es/registros/>

We hope to have a fruitful and happy WAC 2022. We have worked hard to achieve it!

OMEP is a great organization that hosts with love and respect the 68 national committees and each of their members. We will do everything possible so that this WAC is inclusive and that those present and also those who cannot reach Athens, for reasons that exceed their control, can participate. Each Committee knows that we know and recognize their value and commitment, and we hope to continue working in solidarity and see each other in person in other instances.

Lovingly,

Mercedes

News of the month

1. EXCO MEETING

→ **World Executive Committee Meeting (EXCO)**. It was held on April 29 and the following topics were discussed:

- OMEP WAC 2022
- Declaration OMEP 2022
- Ukraine conflict

2. EXCO ACTIVITIES AND OMEP COMMUNITY

→ **Book Presentation by Mercedes Mayol Lassalle and Gabriela Fairstein at the Buenos Aires Law School**. April 22.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wu9CtA6Neuc>

→ **Conference: ECCE Perspectives from a SUOMI Expert - Cazenovia College**. Main participation of Jessica Essary, OMEP Representative at the United Nations. April 26.

→ **Webinar OMEP-RTE: ECCE and Privatization**. April 8.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZllmyhrGXxo&t=224s>

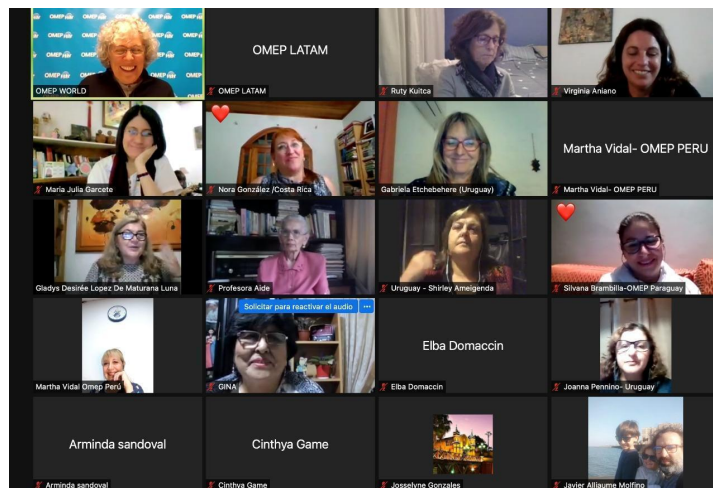
→ **Webinar OMEP France: YES to peace, NO to war**. April 12.

Link: <https://www.omep-france.fr/oui-a-la-paix-non-a-la-guerre/>

→ **Webinar OMEP Kenya: Management of a toy library**. March 29.



→ Latin American Assembly. April 29.



→ **The survey continues for the WASH from the start global project** to collect information on the current situations of WASH from the Start in ECCE Programs in OMEP member countries, led by **Udomluck Kulapichitr**, Vice President of Asia Pacific. For more information or to obtain the survey, reach out to: vpasiapacific@omepworld.org

→ **The survey continues to map the trends of privatization in ECCE** and analyze the challenges it poses in protecting the rights of young children to early childhood care and education by **OMEP and RTE**.

SHARE WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS!

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LF3LHM7>

3. FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

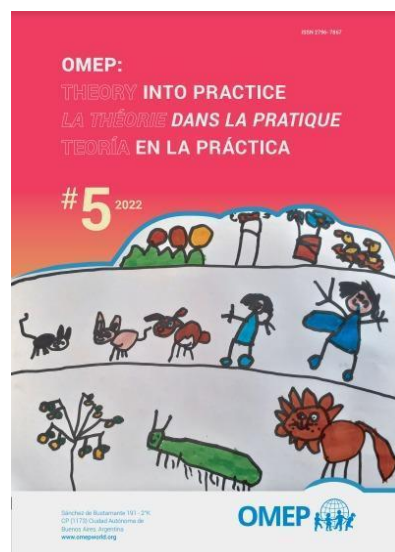
→ **International Journal of Early Childhood Education (IJECE): Special issue 2022: Education for Sustainable Development in Early Childhood.** Congratulations to the EDS OMEP team!

Access with your account as an OMEP member:

<https://omepworld.org/international-journal-of-early-childhood-ijec/>



- The **5th edition of Theory into Practice**, the OMEP journey, is out! The experiences published in this fifth edition emphasize the lessons learned in early childhood education during the pandemic and the most significant thing was to recognize that one learns from crises and uncertainty. Colleagues from Argentina, Colombia, Hong Kong-China, Israel, Japan, Russia, New Zealand and Uruguay participated. Do not miss it: <https://omepworld.org/omep-theory-into-practice-tip/>



4. ACTIVITIES OF THE WORLD PRESIDENT

- **Consultation with Stakeholders from UNESCO.** April 5.
- **PEHRC Global Call.** April 5.
- **Meeting with FLACSO.** 5 de abril.
- **Global meeting on political advocacy - RTE: towards strengthening the ECCE legal framework.** April 7.
- **Meeting: Community of Practice on Inclusive Education and Early Childhood - Global Campaign for Education.** April 13.

Link:

<http://campaignforeducationusa.org/blog/detail/inclusive-education-and-early-childhood-community-of-practice-update>

- **Webinar: Round table on the right to education and privatization in Latin America.** April 20.
Link: <https://www.gi-escr.org/mesa-redonda-educacin>
- **Meeting with the Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity in Argentina.** April 20.
- **Conference Other Voices in Education.** April 23.
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6kZj-ZC7uQ&feature=youtu.be>
- **Meeting: RTE -OMEP: ECCE Background for the Legal Framework: document.** April 26.

5. CAMPAIGNS AND NETWORKS

- **April 1: OMEP Seminar Series 2021-2022. 5) ECCE and Privatization: towards inclusive access for all .**
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2226172930868414>
- **April 4: Reminder OMEP Seminar Series 2021-2022. 5) ECCE and Privatization: towards inclusive access for all .**
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2228558650629842>
- **April 5: Extended deadline for the 72nd OMEP World Assembly and International Conference. GCE global movement for countries in crisis.**
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2229310053888035>
- **April 7: TOMORROW! 5) ECCE and Privatization: towards inclusive access for all.**
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2231293637023010>
- **April 11: WEBINAR: "YES to Peace! NO to War!"**
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2234287876723586>
- **April 18: Reminder to register for a round table on the right to education and privatization in Latin America.**
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2239948276157546>
- **April 21: OMEP Europe has a new fanpage on Facebook. Invitation to meet her.**
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/1294437861045499/>
- **April 22: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MOTHER EARTH. OMEP Education for Sustainable Development in Early Childhood.**
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/posts/2242472252571815>
- **April 28: Global Action Week for Education GAWE 2022. Early childhood care and education (ECCE) enables the comprehensive protection of rights.**
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldOMEP/videos/1695995150745247/>

OMEP BLOG "Rights from the start"

Space for reflection and defense of early childhood education, with the voices of great leaders around the world.

SUBSCRIBE AND SHARE!

- **Grief in preschool children, by Gabriela Navarrete Gallegos (Mexico).** "Childhood is the precious age in which the human being should be surrounded by affection, protection, education, health and mainly love; however, the COVID-19 pandemic that started at the end of 2019 has separated millions of families due to the hospitalization of one or more of its members because of this illness or, even

worse, some families have suffered the definitive loss because of the death of those people. This situation has caused thousands of children to resent the temporary separation from their parents or caregivers or, what's even sadder, it has caused them to become orphans." **Read more here:** <https://omepworld.org/grief-in-preschool-children-gabriela-navarrete-gallegos/>

IMPORTANT DATES AND NEWS

PAULO FREIRE ESSAY COMPETITION

Deadline: **June 9, 2022**

From the essays received, a winner and a second and third place will be selected, who will receive **USD 1000, USD 750 and USD 500** respectively.

The jury may award up to 5 special mentions.

More information: https://bit.ly/convocatoria_FREIRE_IIN

OMEP INTERNAL CALL: World Team of Volunteer Translators

To improve our ability to share and exchange OMEP's ideas and actions on our website, blog and social networks we are creating a group of volunteers to help with translations of posts, short articles, statements and videos.

If you want to be part of the World Team of Volunteer Translators, sign up in the following form:

<https://forms.gle/xho1EKfvCk7qv7mQ9>