

IASWECE COUNCIL MEETING FOREST ROW, OCTOBER 6 -9, 2019

Essential Outcomes of the Meeting
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Outcomes of the World Early Childhood Conference: Out of the great variety of working tasks for the future formulated at this conference, we chose two on which we want to continue to gather reflections and research:

- Self-development and inner calm and its importance for early childhood caregivers. During this Council meeting, this theme was developed through study, discussions and artistic activities. It will be deepened also during a conference around the work with the child from pre-birth to three which will take place from June 10 – 13, 2020 at the Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland. IASWECE is a partner in the preparation of this conference organized by the medical and pedagogical section at the Goetheanum.
- Freedom in the realm of education and healthy forms of management of Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood settings.

Public Waldorf 100 Early Years Conference in the UK: Together with kindergarten teachers in the UK, social activists, caregivers and educators from other pedagogical movements, the IASWECE Council participated in this conference with the goal to defend the right of free play in kindergartens and other early childhood settings.

Use of the names “Rudolf Steiner” and “Waldorf”: We discussed how IASWECE can become more active and take more responsibilities in the realm of the protection and the use of these names for Early Childhood settings. Reminder of what has been decided in the past in collaboration with the International Forum for Waldorf education (Hague circle):

- Kindergartens in countries without country associations can apply for IASWECE recognition and figure on the world list of Waldorf schools and kindergartens.
- If they want to use the names Steiner or Waldorf they should apply for the official license (description of the process [here](#))
- In a country with a Steiner/Waldorf federation, they must apply to the country federation
- A Steiner/Waldorf country federation can apply to get a “sublicense” (giving them the legal right to give the license to use the names Steiner or Waldorf to kindergartens in their countries. (description of the process [here](#))

Projects supported by IASWECE (training, further, training, mentoring, conferences): We looked in detail at the social and pedagogical situation of some of the projects IASWECE will support in 2020 and we decided the amount of the project support. In Africa we support projects in Kenya, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Nigeria and South Africa with a total amount of 27 000€. In Asia we support projects in Armenia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kirgistan, Lebanon, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Vietnam with a total amount of 32 200€- In Latin America, in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and for a regional meeting in Central America a total of 7700€. In Europe, in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine a total amount 36 300€.

Budget 2019 and 2020: The Council decided to use half of the expected positive result in 2019 of about 30 000€ for project support in 2020. The Council approved a budget for 2020 with total expenses of about 331 000 and a total expected income of about 324 000 €. In 2020, we expect membership contributions with a total amount of ca. 265 000€.