Dear members,

**ACTIVITY PRESENTED BY OMEP-CANADA**

I am pleased to invite you to the next activity organized by the Canadian committee of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education at the pre-convention of the AÉPQ in Chicoutimi on October 4, 2018. During dinner, Elisabeth Jacob, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Education at the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi, will tell us “Stories of preschool education from elsewhere and here: to observe, play, listen, and accompany.”

Through her presentation of stories of travel, work, and research in different cultural contexts, the speaker will invite participants to reflect on the role of play, the integration of the cultural dimension, and the establishment of government policies to enhance the education of young children around the world. This presentation will continue with a reflection on the training provided for young children education in Quebec and elsewhere and on the willingness of adults to offer quality education to children.

Professor Jacob’s cross-cultural background includes international cooperation projects in Senegal, work with teachers from Quebec’s indigenous communities, early childhood research projects in New Zealand and Australia, special projects in education in Bolivia and Timor-Leste, and visits to several preschool schools and classes in various countries, including Guatemala and Honduras.

For more information and to obtain the registration form, please visit: [http://omep-canada.org](http://omep-canada.org).

**OMEP-CANADA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The OMEP-Canada General Assembly will precede the dinner conference. This assembly is an opportunity to come and see the actions that OMEP-Canada is taking to achieve its mission. Whether you are a representative of an organization or someone working in the fields of preschool education, child care, and family support, you will meet passionate and engaged people, invested in the way of promoting the education and the well-being of children from 0 to 8 years of age.
**PRAGUE**

I will undertake my trip to Prague in June and July with great excitement. For the first time, I will be representing North America and the Caribbean as Regional Vice President. I will chair a regional meeting where the representatives of Canada, the United States, and Haiti will meet. This meeting will allow us the opportunity to discuss the different preoccupations and to identify the different issues related to children from 0 to 8 years of age in our respective countries.

**SYMPOSIUM**

Several OMEP-Canada members will participate in a French Symposium in Prague as part of the World Conference. Madeleine Baillargeon and I will act as moderators with our OMEP representative at UNESCO, Lisbeth Gouin. We will find the following presentations:

- Development of the Oral language of children in multilingual environments: Findings, challenges, and interventions by teachers of 4 and 5 year olds preschoolers. Christian Dumais, Professor, University of Quebec at Trois-Rivières, Canada.

- A new vision of childhood following the offer of interactive training given by an occupational therapist in an educational service. Manon Boily, Ph.D., Early Childhood Education program director and Professor, University of Quebec at Montreal, Canada and Sylvie Martel, Managing Director of a Childhood Educational Service and Graduate Student, University of Quebec at Montreal, Canada.

- Abilities of 5 years old children related to emergent writing. Krasimira Marinova, Professor, University of Quebec at Abitibi Témiscamingue, Canada and Christian Dumais, Professor, University of Quebec at Trois-Rivières, Canada.

- Understand preschool education with a view to sustainable development: for the children of today and those who will come. Jean-Yves Lévesque, Professor, University of Quebec at Rimouski, Canada.

- How to develop attention in preschool children through play. Rakia Laroui, Professor, University of Quebec at Rimouski, Canada.

- Play or teach? Elisabeth Jacob, Professor, University of Quebec at Chicoutimi, Canada.

**NEW FEATURE IN THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Since the fall 2017 issue, the *International Journal of Early Childhood* (IJEC) includes a new section called “OMEP Policy Forum.” The new section will focus on current issues of global policy and advocacy. IJEC publishes three issues each year (April, August, and November). Manuscripts are due 2 to 3 months in advance. Topic suggestions and abstracts of proposed submissions should be sent to the World Executive Committee at this email address: secretaryworld27@gmail.com using this subject line: IJEC Policy Forum.

In closing, rest assured that I will be pleased to share with you my discoveries, my meetings, and especially what contributes to the advancement of preschool education in the world. Follow us on Facebook and on our website omep.org@videotron.ca

Have a nice summer everyone!

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News...

**...from Quebec**

Each year, OMEP-Canada celebrates the World Play Day, also called the World Play Celebration. The aim of this day is to advocate for the recognition of play activity as a learning tool, an expression of cultural exchange, and a source of pleasure.
Last spring, many events were organised in Quebec on the occasion of the World Play Day, all in the spirit of the Play Celebration, namely the free, universal, and diverse character of play. These activities took place on May 26 and 27 almost everywhere: in public sites such as the Gamelin Gardens in Montreal, and on school grounds such as the Quebec City 9th edition of the World Play Celebration on Rochebelle high school grounds in Quebec City.

Today’s libraries give greater attention to play throughout the year. In Laval, workshops on board games and the support of a specialist of games librarian are offered. In Quebec City and Lévis, in addition to toy libraries, parent-child free play mornings are provided. Finally, in Montreal, during the February-March school break, the Montreal plays Festival offers over 300 play activities across the city’s 45 libraries.

The adults’ consideration of children’s play results in the respect of children’s right to play. In his book Le jeu de l’enfant : progrès et problèmes (Child’s Play: progress and issues), André Michelet claimed: «For the child, play is a unique path to maturity and balance, and the best way to develop children’s play is to convince adults of this value.»

Have a nice summer of play!

Ginette Beauséjour
Quebec Representative

… from the Prairies

May 9th, has been proclaimed as Early Childhood Educator Day in Saskatchewan.

For more information, you may consult the Facebook page of the Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association (SECA).

Liliana Sulikowska-Klebek
Prairies Representative

Events

June 20, 2018, Lyon, France
The professionals of childhood. How professionals working with young children (0-6 ans) work together?
http://calenda.org/426861

June 25 - 29, 2018, Prague, Czech Republic
70th OMEP World Assembly and Conference
Regular Registration Deadline: June, 15
Information: conference2018.omep.cz/home

July 5 - 6, 2018, Gercy-Pontoise, France
7e colloque international du RIFEFF
Impact des recherches sur les pratiques et les politiques
colloque2018.rifeff.org

From July 16 to August 3, 2018, Online Event:
Breakthroughs in Education: Innovations in Equity, Access, and Quality
A virtual self-paced learning event.
gacei.org

September 21, 2018, International Day of Peace (Peace Day)
un.org/peaceday; internationaldayofpeace.org

October 4, 2018, Saguenay, Quebec, Canada
OMEP-Canada General Meeting and Dinner-conference (in French)
www.omep-canada.org

Elisabeth Jacob, Ph D.
Professor, Education Department, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi.

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Through the presentation of travel, work and research stories in different cultural contexts, the speaker will invite participants to reflect on the role of play and the integration of the cultural dimension into the preschool classroom, as well as the role of government policies to promote the education of young children around the world. This presentation will conclude with a reflection on training for early childhood education in Quebec and elsewhere, and the desire of adults to offer children a quality education.
CTREQ (2018). Pour une école riche de tous ses élèves : un premier outil disponible !

Un napperon sur lequel on retrouve un résumé des principes et des orientations à la base de l'éducation inclusive accompagnés d'exemples d'actions réalisées dans les écoles du Québec.

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Issue Authors – Kristi L. Lockhard and Frank C. Keil
onlinelibrary.wiley.com

Title for Inaugural Issue : Constructing Early Childhood Cultures of Peace, Rights, Play, and Participation
This first issue will be launched at the 2018 World Assembly and Conference in Prague, Czech Republic in Celebration of OMEP’s 70th Anniversary


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OMEP-Canada’s Newsletter is published in March, June and November. We expect your news by the middle of September for the next issue. Please send them preferably by e-mail to: Denise_Doyon@uqac.ca and in c.c. to omep-canada@videotron.ca

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