

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **I. International Early Childhood Education Conference**

**Kaposvár, 05 - 06 February, 2015**

The conference is being organised within the framework of the project *TÁMOP-4.1.2.B.2-13/1-2013-0014*, under the title *'Development of Education-Training Assisting Networks in the Southern Transdanubian Region'*.

*Conference motto: "The child belongs to us; me, you and all of us."*

(Alice Hermann)

#### *The aim of the conference:*

Issues of early childhood education have recently moved into the focus of the research, training institutions, and socio-political decision makers. BA degree level training for infant- and early childhood educators started in Hungary in 2009. Not only did the training of experts reach a higher level but it also changed the area within which training took place: where previously the training took place within the field of social services nowadays it is carried out within the field of pedagogy. In order to implement a high-quality level of education in the field it is inevitable that a common platform or think-tank be created for researchers of early childhood, trainers and instructors of the the BA degree courses, experts employed in early childhood institutions, as well as for professional organisations. This is what our conference aims to create an opportunity for.

Professional organisations to be involved:

- National Programme Development Committee - Preschool Education and Infant- and Early Childhood Education Sections
- Hungarian Pedagogy Association - Early Childhood Education Section
- Association of Hungarian Preschool Educators
- Association of Hungarian Nurseries
- Non-profit Association of Hungarian Family Daycare Centres

CONFERENCE ORGANISERS:

President of the International Early Childhood Education Conference: Dr. Judit Podráczy

Secretary of the International Early Childhood Education Conference: Dr. Ágnes Nyitrai

Programme Committee: Dr. Judit Podráczy, Dr. Andrea Bencéné Fekete, Dr. Péter Gombos, Dr. István Takács, Dr. Ágnes Nyitrai

Webmaster: Erika Lakosné Makár

**Conference Sections and Workshops:**

1. Co-operation with parents – the relationship between the family and the institution
2. The methodological culture of early childhood education - play, tales and poems, music and singing, physical movement, creative activities, etc. (several sections may be possible depending on the number of accepted abstracts).
3. The evolution of the training of experts
4. Children with special developmental needs
5. English language section

We are pleased to receive presentations based on empirical research; however, it is also possible to present parts of one's own pedagogical practices or methodological solutions.

Abstracts will be assessed on the basis of the following:

1. Theoretical justification
2. The setting and formulation of objectives
3. The selection and implementation of methods
4. Presentation of results
5. Theoretical / practical significance
6. General quality, style, originality.

**Information on the most important deadlines of the conference:**

- *Deadline for the application and submission of abstracts: 10 January, 2015*
- *Notification of acceptance of the abstracts: 25 January, 2015.*
- *Deadline for submission of the final version of the presentation for editing and printing: 20 February, 2015.*

**The conference proceedings will be published online on the website of the conference.**

### **Preliminary Programme**

**Thursday, 5 February, 2015**

9.00 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.20	Welcome
10.20 – 12.40	Plenary Talks
12.50 – 14.15	Lunch
14.15 – 17.30	Discussion Forums and Workshops of Professional Organisations

Panel Discussions (Sightseeing for Foreign Guests).

19.00—23.00 Reception

**Friday, 6 February, 2015**

9.00 – 11.05 Plenary Talks

11.05 – 11.20 Coffee Break

11.20 – 12.10 Workshops

12.10 – 13.20 Lunch

13.30 – 16.00 Section Workshops (with refreshments: coffee, tea and snacks)

16.00 – 16.30 Closing of the Conference

**Conference Venue:**

Faculty of Pedagogy, Kaposvár University, 40 Guba Sándor street, Kaposvár 7400 - New Building

**Applications must be submitted on the website: [kisgyermeknevelés.ke.hu](http://kisgyermeknevelés.ke.hu)**

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Participation in the conference is free of charge but registration is necessary. The number of participants will be limited. Applications will be accepted in the order of arrival. Presenters will be provided with lunch and refreshments; accommodation expenses will not be provided.

Around 120 participants are expected at the conference. The conference papers will be published on a CD with an ISBN number. The proceedings will be proofread and peer-reviewed.