

## **Deutsche Montessori Vereinigung (DMV)**

The German Montessori Association (DMV) was founded in 1961, educators, teachers, scientists and interested people have joined the association to support and develop the Montessori pedagogy on a scientific and practical basis. The DMV is affiliated with the "Association Montessori Internationale – AMI" since its founding. It entertains a co-operation with the European Montessori Association Montessori Europe. Furthermore, the DMV works closely with the associations of the German federal states.

### **Events & Activities**

Our General Meeting was held on 26 September 2015. The report of Mr Joachim Cuyppers accounts that the executive board of directors will develop the DMV's profiling and the public image in the following areas:

- Quality of training
- Promotion and support of scientific projects
- Publication of reports from theory and practice
- Public image through homepage, flyers, exhibitions

Study conference at the Thomas-Morus-Acadamy Bensberg

Since the founding of the Montessori Association, the view of Montessori-pedagogy on fundamental, as well as on current pedagogical questions is given in annual public symposiums. Our traditional study conference takes place at the Thomas-Morus-Acadamy in Bensberg near Cologne, attended by 400 participants, since 1990. The 25-27 September conference was entitled "Changed childhood and youth – A challenge for Montessori pedagogy".

### **Publications & Media**

The DMV regularly publishes the journal *MONTESSORI* including articles about theory and practice of Montessori-pedagogy. This is where writings about Montessori pedagogy and the results of the study conference are published. An editorial team, under the leadership of Dr Allmann and Dr Klein-Landeck, is responsible for the publication of the journal Montessori. Edition 1/2015 dealt with the topic of "Observing Tracks of the child's learning" and edition 2/2015 emphasized the topic of "Understanding the world – Cosmic education".

Montessori-edition

Under the leadership of Professor Harald Ludwig the Montessori-centre of Münster has been working closely in cooperation with publishing house Herder and Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) on a scientific-critical edition of Maria Montessori's works for more than ten years. Almost all of the published works and parts of not yet published material of the pedagogue are made available within 21 volumes. The DMV is a staunch supporter of this academic series.

## Memberships

Currently, the German Montessori Association e.V. (DMV) has a total of 1030 members.

## Board & Committees

The current board of members is composed as follows:

- Chair Joachim Cuypers
- Deputy Chair Maria Kley-Auerswald
- Managing Director Hildegard Amelunxen
- Committee Members Horst-Dieter Gerold, Gretel Moskopp, Johannes Elsner, Dr Silke Allmann

Joachim Cuypers  
Chair