

## **ARGENTINA**

### **Fundación Argentina Maria Montessori (FAMM)**

#### **Events and Activities**

In 2016, Co-Founders of FAMM, Constanza Carballo, and Marisa de Sioli, signed the Affiliation Agreements with AMI President, Philip O'Brien and AMI Executive Director, Lynne Lawrence. Since this significant occasion took place, the Argentinian society has been busy organising many workshops, and arranged the first "Ageing and Dementia workshop" in Latin America. AMI Trainer Eduardo Cuevas was invited to give a workshop titled "Because no one was born a parent". FAMM also provided 24 workshops for illiterate parents in the public sector, three of which were titled "At home with Montessori", "Montessori basics" and "Montessori for all".

The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Assistants Children's House Courses were held this year, in the inner province of Santa Fe and in Buenos Aires city and an Annual Refresher course was offered to AMI Guides who trained at FAMM. The 'Montessori Solidarity Network' materialised in Argentina, which is a monthly meeting amongst members of FAMM and over 10 local non-profit organisations that run a Montessori initiative for underprivileged children.

Seminars were given to local non-governmental organisations and other private enterprises. FAMM was asked to speak at the Ageing Congress in Austral University under the module "Innovative experiences", at the National Early Childhood Forum on and at the Childhood Entrepreneurship Forum.

#### **Special Projects and Outreach**

Public teachers who have been undergoing AMI Training in Argentina opened their first two Montessori public Children's Houses. Four new initiatives were launched in underserved communities, partnering with local NGO's, all of which have AMI Guides and Assistants.

#### **Collaborations and Partnerships**

FAMM has collaborated closely with the Buenos Aires City government, and partnerships have been made with local NGO's in order to work further on the development of Montessori environments for children in need.

#### **Publications and Media**

FAMM was interviewed by *La Nación* newspaper regarding Montessori's vision on 'Order', and gave a radio interview on the Montessori approach for 'Ageing and Dementia'. FAMM's Facebook page has reached 20,000 followers and created a new Facebook page exclusively dedicated to their Ageing workshop and research called "Montessori para Tercera Edad".

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